FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents:

This is an exciting month for our students. This month we reach 100 days of school which means we have made it halfway through the school year. Even though we are battling cold temperatures and spending a lot of time indoors we are not letting the gray skies ruin the sunshine going on within Clarendon. Recently we had two events at CES I would like to take a moment to highlight.

The Snowball Dance was a huge success and a great evening of dancing, games and conversation. It warmed my heart to see our Clarendon families enjoying each other’s company while our students were dancing machines. Thank you to all the parents who attended the dance or volunteered to help work the event.

Also, the Best Buddies meeting had standing room only at the parent informational night. It is evident our Clarendon families believe in kindness and respect by the outpouring support we are receiving with the start of this new club. I highly encourage all parents to look into this program.

As we look ahead to the month of February, there are many exciting activities happening at within our building. These activities include the kick off for our One Book-One School campaign, our Coins for College initiative, a performance by the Park View Middle School Jazz Band, Parent-Teacher conferences and we celebrate our favorite men at an honorary breakfast. As you can see having a positive connection with our community is a priority for the faculty and staff here at Clarendon Avenue.

Respectfully,
Andrea Kaplan

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See attached Press Release for additional information regarding Kindergarten registration.
**4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN**

If you have a child who will be four years old by September 1, or you know a family with a three-year-old, please check out the school district website for information regarding the 4K program.

Main District Website: [http://www.masd.k12.wi.us/](http://www.masd.k12.wi.us/)
4K Information Webpage: [http://www.masd.k12.wi.us/learning/masd-4kinformation.cfm](http://www.masd.k12.wi.us/learning/masd-4kinformation.cfm)

**EARLY ENTRANCE**

The Mukwonago School District is accepting applications for early entrance to 5 Year old Kindergarten through March 1, 2017. Early Entrance eligibility evaluations will be conducted for children who are not 5 years old by September 1st only if the child will be 5 years of age by October 1, 2017.

To be eligible for early admission to kindergarten the child must be age 5 by October 1, 2017 and meet criteria set by the District in the areas of social-emotional, academic and intellectual levels. More information can be found on the district website, [www.MASD.k12.wi.us](http://www.MASD.k12.wi.us), in Board Policy 5112. To apply, parents must send a letter of request stating the child's name, date of birth, parent name, address and phone number to Mukwonago Area School District, Pupil Services Department, Attn: Laura Stroika, 385 E. Veterans Way, Mukwonago, WI 53149.

**OPEN ENROLLMENT LAW**

The State of Wisconsin has a public school open enrollment law that allows non-resident students to apply for either full-time or part-time enrollment in district schools. This means that students who live outside of the Mukwonago Area School District may apply to attend Mukwonago schools, and students who live in the Mukwonago district may apply to enroll in other districts.

Districts will set criteria for acceptance based on space available, disciplinary records, educational needs, and requests of resident students to attend other schools within the district. Part-time enrollment is limited to high school students who may take up to two courses at a high school. Criteria for granting part-time requests will include the cost to the home district. Transportation for either full-time or part-time enrollment is the responsibility of the parent. Open Enrollment applications will be accepted February 6 - April 28, 2017. Open Enrollment forms are available on the Wisconsin D.P.I. website: [http://sms.dpi.wi.gov/sms_psctoc](http://sms.dpi.wi.gov/sms_psctoc)

**INTRA-DISTRICT STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS**

Requests for a student to attend a school outside of the home attendance area will follow the following criteria. Written transfer requests for the next school year are to be filed between January 1st and May 1st. Forms are available at each elementary school or online. The request is to be presented to the principal of the student’s home school. The sending principal will share the information with the requested receiving principal. Parents will be informed of the decision by June 1st.

Alternate plans should be made for the upcoming school year should the request be denied. Transportation to attend a school outside of the home area is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. Student enrollment in the receiving school involved is the primary consideration in granting a transfer request. If the request(s) would require the hiring of an additional teacher or an instructional aide the request will be denied. Siblings will be given preference in transfer requests. Siblings of students transferred due to program needs, ex. EEN, have first preference. Approved transfers are for the duration of the elementary grades unless enrollments cause overcrowding resulting in the need to hire an additional teacher or redistricting occurs. If there are more requests than seats, students will be selected on a lottery basis.

**SCHOOL HOURS**

Our school hours are from 8:30 a.m. until 3:35 p.m. The first bell in the morning rings at 8:20 a.m. Students should not arrive until 8:20 a.m. and if they do, they need to wait in the lobby area until the bell rings. This area is unsupervised. Students need to be on their best behavior in this area. Please remind your child of this if you drop them off early. There should be no running or loud voices in the lobby. If need be, day care is available in the cafeteria starting at 7:00 a.m. until 8:20 a.m. and again at the end of the day from 3:35 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

**INDOOR OR OUTDOOR RECESS**

The following simplified guidelines will be used for determining indoor vs. outdoor play at all recesses.

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YEARBOOK ORDERS
Clarendon Yearbook Orders are being taken through February 17th. Checks are payable to Network Photography ($11.25). These Forms and envelopes went home with your child in early January. There will be NO Extra Yearbooks for Sale in the School Office if you forget to order. Remember to get your order form in by February 17th!

VISION AND HEARING SCREENING
Vision and hearing screens will take place at your child’s school this winter. First graders will receive vision and hearing screenings, and third and fifth graders will receive vision screening.

Your child will receive a copy of the screening results. The form will indicate if no further evaluation is needed or if follow up is recommended with Physician, Optometrist, or Audiologist for further evaluation. Results will be documented in your child’s school health record and available to parent/guardian upon request.

If you have a child in second, fourth, and sixth grade, and feel they would benefit from a vision or hearing screen at this time, please contact your child’s school health assistant to request a vision or hearing screen for your child.

Thank you, Laura Heidelmeier RN, BSN, Mukwonago School District Nurse, (262) 363-6292 x27515

MOVIN’ AND MUNCHIN’ SCHOOLS UPDATE
Clarendon students, families, and staff have now earned over 9,589 movin’ and munchin’ miles so far this school year. Way to go! We are currently visiting Burlington, Vermont, as we travel to the largest city in each state. In order to reach our goal of 10,913 miles by year’s end, 1,324 miles are still needed. Keep up the hard work and do not forget that exercising with a family member always counts double the miles. Miles can also be earned by making healthy food choices. One week without soda is worth 15 miles! Blank record forms are available on the gymnasium stage or by visiting the Movin’ Miles link on the Clarendon Physical Education website at http://www.masd.k12.wi.us/faculty/portztr/

READ TO SUCCEED - - - SIX FLAGS SIX-HOUR READING PROGRAM
Clarendon is taking part in an exciting program that is designed to get children reading for fun! Every child who reads just 6 hours during a specified period will earn a coupon good for free admission to a Six Flags Theme Park. The Six Flags Six-Hour Reading Program ends Wednesday, February 15. All forms must be here on February 15. There are no exceptions.

BRING YOUR FAVORITE MAN TO BREAKFAST- THURSDAY, FEB. 23rd
Clarendon Avenue School’s annual "Favorite Man Breakfast" will be served on Thursday, February 23rd in the Cafeteria from 6:30-8:00 a.m. This event gives students an opportunity to bring their favorite men to school for a pancake and sausage breakfast. There will be a charge of $5.00 per person. Reservation forms have been sent home and should be returned with your payment by February 10th. If you come early your students can stay at school after eating and monitors will supervise them until school starts. Begin to make plans now so you won’t miss it!

PARK VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION
FOR PARENTS OF 6th GRADE
Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017 (6:30 p.m.) - Information Meeting for 6th grade parents at PVMS

Weeks of February 22 thru March 10, 2017 - 7th Grade Registration (current 6th graders) online.

Tuesday, April 4, 2017—Ice Cream Social at PVMS-6th grade students and their parents are invited to an informal gathering sponsored by the Parent Advisory Group (6:30 p.m.).

Friday, April 7, 2017 (6:30-10:00 p.m.) - PVMS F.A.M.E. Night open to 6th graders. Tickets will be on sale to 6th grade parents at the April 4th Ice Cream Social.
PTG NEWS

FALL FUNDRAISER PURCHASES:
We are pleased to announce that the PTG has purchased the following items for our school with our exceptional fall fundraiser, Invest in Your Child, proceeds:

- A full Chromebook Card of 30 Dell Chromebooks with the latest technology. This includes a charging station on wheels for every classroom to use as needed.

- Kore Wobble Chairs. One chair was provided for each classroom. These chairs are designed to improve focus while children learn. For more information on the Kore wobble chair you can go to the website: [http://www.wobbleseat.com/](http://www.wobbleseat.com/)

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Favorite Man Breakfast February 23rd: Enjoy a fun morning of all-you-can eat Pancake breakfast with that special man in your child’s life.

- Parent Lunch and Spring Book Fair Week March 6-10

- Mukwonago YMCA Family Swim night March 17

- Art Fair/Candy Bar Bingo March 23rd: MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Students are working on Chocolate/Candy themed artwork for display that ties into our One School One Book this year: The Chocolate Touch. To celebrate the completion of this unit and the student’s artwork pieces we will be having our very first Candy Bar Bingo! Students and families can participate in a game or two of Bingo to win Candy Bars as prizes! Pizza and Sweets will also be sold that evening. If you would like to volunteer to help with the many activities that evening, please contact the PTG.

- Raffle Baskets: Our annual raffle baskets will be on display and for ticket purchasing during Parent Lunch Week and the Art Fair/Candy Bar Bingo night. All cash donations to help purchase basket items can still be turned in.

- High Interest Day April 12th: We are still looking for more volunteers to help coordinate this fun event.

Box Tops and Kwik Trip Milk Caps: This is a classroom competition for a pizza party. Please turn in all Box Tops and/or Kwik Trip Milk Caps by February 24th to your child’s classroom. Class winners will be announced in the March newsletter.

Thank you for all your support! If you have any questions please email Amy German at amysgerman@gmail.com or Beth Schwader at eavanlei@aol.com

Next PTG meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00pm in the School Library.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

FEBRUARY
See District Website for dates.
[www.masd.k12.wi.us](http://www.masd.k12.wi.us)

See the District Website “Community Bulletin Board”,
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**IMPORTANT REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT INFORMATION**

2017-2018 4K and 5K KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

4-Year-Old and 5-Year-Old Programs

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Parents must bring two items in addition to the registration forms:

1.) Original, certified birth certificate (used for age and identity verification)
2.) Proof of residency – driver’s license, lease, tax document, or accepted offer to purchase

If you are interested in having your child attend Eagleville Elementary Charter School for grades 5K-6, please indicate that preference when you register at the school district office. In addition, if you wish to attend a school other than your “home school” please indicate that desire when you register. An intra-district transfer request must be made.

Students residing out of the school district boundaries must also apply for open enrollment through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction prior to registering with the school district. More information is available on the district website: [http://www.masd.k12.wi.us/prospective/masd-enrollmenttuition.cfm](http://www.masd.k12.wi.us/prospective/masd-enrollmenttuition.cfm).

If you have questions or are unsure of your home school, feel free to contact Laura Stroika (ext. 24101) or Sue Brezovar (ext. 24115) at the school district office at (262) 363-6300.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. 4K Parent Information Night
   Come to Clarendon Avenue Elementary School on Thursday, January 26, at 6:30 pm to hear information about the 4K program, meet the community partners, and register your child.

2. Site Preference for 4K
   The priority registration period for 4K site preferences ends on Tuesday, February 28. The district will then begin assigning students to one of our partner sites. Families who register after that date will be assigned to sites as space permits.

3. 5K Screening and Parent Orientation
   Students not enrolled in the district 4K program need to participate in five-year-old screening. Information about screening, parent orientation and the beginning-of-year calendar will be shared at a later date.

**Extended Registration Hours**

*Monday, February 27 through Thursday, March 2 until 7:00 pm*

*AND*

*Thursday, January 26 at the 4K Parent Meeting until 8:00 pm*
School Counselor Note

Conflict Resolution

Conflict seems like a natural part of life for elementary school children. It can range from a misunderstanding about turns on the swings, to exclusion from play and activities, to angry outbursts of words and physical aggression. These conflicts are not confined to school alone, of course. Parents maneuver the explosive sibling conflicts on a daily basis. However, conflict does not always have to result in tears and further disagreements. Conflicts can be a healthy way to invite change and learning into the daily lives of children. Through conflicts, siblings learn valuable interpersonal skills that they will utilize in every aspect of their lives. Parents and teachers can teach and role model healthy and responsive ways to resolve conflicts and children can practice using them at home. Instead of acting as dictatorial figures in kids’ lives by telling them what to do or to “just stop it,” we, as parents and teachers, can take on the roles of mediators and coaches as we teach our kids to consider the other people’s perspectives, listen to their messages, and come up with mutually acceptable ways for resolving the conflict.

Once everyone has had a chance to take a moment and relax, ask one of the children to state their need or part of the conflict. Child A: “I want to play with the Legos right now.” Then ask the other child if they can restate what Child A wants or needs. Once they do, you double check with Child A if that is all they want to say on the topic. Once, they’ve had an opportunity to be listened to and heard, it is Child B’s turn to state their side of the problem (“It’s my turn with the Legos!”) and Child A’s turn to restate it to show their understanding. This allows children the opportunity to consider the other person’s point of view and to engage their empathic understanding. Once both parties have had a chance to be heard, you can then ask for any ideas for resolving the conflict that can be acceptable to everyone. This does not mean that everyone will love the solution, but they all do have to agree on it.

This basic process can be adjusted and expanded for the needs of each individual conflict and your children, but the basic premise of the method is to allow everyone the opportunity to be heard and understood and then offered the option of deciding on the solution together.

Sources and resources:


As always, reach out to your school’s counselor with any questions or great resources you have found!
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