

CLAYMONT

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents:

Welcome Back! The school year is off to a wonderful start. The students have been fantastic! I am very proud of them and you can be too. The staff and I are very excited to be working with your children. I can promise you that we will do our best to see that your son/daughter is successful and that we meet their educational needs.

The mission statement for our building is to have students that want to Learn, are Respectful and Show Compassion.” As you enter the building by the office, you can view the mission statement for the entire building, as well as the mission statement for the district. You will also see throughout the building our Matrix for the **PBIS** (Positive Behavior, Intervention, and Supports) program that has been implemented throughout the district. The district chose the slogan **C.A.R.E.** (Cooperation, Accountability, Respect and Effort). As part of this matrix, the staff developed expected procedures for the classroom, hallway/locker, cafeteria, restroom and recess for students to follow. I have attached a copy of that matrix for you in this newsletter. The goal of the program is to model and recognize good behavior. Students are given purple and silver slips for good behavior and red for inappropriate behavior. Since August, we have had only 10 red slips and 234 purple/silver sheets.

The district statement is “**The Claymont Community.... Preparing Every Child for a Lifetime of Success.**” We at CIS want to foster a love for learning, while instilling the characteristics of being good citizens, which is incorporated throughout our C.A.R.E. program. Our hope is that you as parents and community members will join us in reaching our mission. By working together, this will make a greater impact on our/your children’s lives.

On-line forms must be completed in order for your son or daughter to attend any after-school activity (Art Club, Choir, Modeling & Design, Big Brothers, or tutoring). All of these activities will begin this week. If you need help with this, please stop in the office.

The Home & School Association has agreed to provide the students with good behavior field trips and rewards. Any new suggestions or ideas for the trips and rewards would be deeply appreciated. Our first 9 weeks celebration trip will be to ALPA Lanes for bowling on Nov. 6th and 7th. (**If on-line forms have been completed**)

Please note with the new highly qualified law, I am very proud to say that **all** the teachers at CIS are highly qualified according to state standards and that we are a school-wide facility under the **Federal Title I program**.

Open House was held August 23rd and was a Great Success! We had approximately 90% of our students’ parents and grandparents show up.

Math Day was September 27th. A big “Thank You” to everyone who participated. Watch for pictures in the Times Reporter and our CIS home page.

Handbooks---Please remember to go over the student handbook with your child. It has the rules and regulations, as well as the dress code for the building.

Picture Day will be October 12th. This year, Buckeye Career Center will be helping us out. They will be offering free haircuts to any student wishing one. Order forms will go home Friday, October 6th.

Library Book Donations- Over the years, we have been asked if books could be donated to the CIS in memory of the death of a loved one or a friend. The answer to that question is yes. We would be much honored to place books in our library that can be read by our students. If you are considering doing such a thing, we ask that you make a donation to the Home & School Association and that money will be used to buy books for the library. A special sticker will be placed in the book as to who purchased it and whom it is in memory of. You will be notified as to what was purchased with your donation.

Box Tops-CIS will once again be collecting Box Tops for building rewards. Prizes will be awarded monthly for the students who bring in the most.

Progress Book-As we begin our tenth year of progress book, I wanted to emphasize to you that this is a great way for you to keep track of your son/daughter's progress. The program is designed to inform you about not only your child's grades, but also missing assignments and homework. Please remember that after the first grading period, you may not have access to this program if you have not paid your child's school fees. School fees are **\$25.00 fourth grade and \$55.00 for fifth grade**. The difference in price is due to the fact that each fifth grader has his/her own chrome book to use. Partial payments can be made! Please make checks payable to Claymont City Schools. **This year all mid-terms and report cards will be on-line!**

Free Lunch/Free Breakfast will be offered to every student this year. Even if they are late, we can give them a breakfast bag to go. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of this program.

Up-Coming Events:

- October 2-5---4th Grade Gifted Testing
- October 3rd---6th Bullying Program (Compass 5th Grade)
- October 12th---Fall Pictures
- October 13th---No School for Students
- October 16th-20th---Right-to-Read Week/Scholastic Book Fair
- October 18th---Reading Day (9:50-10:50)
- October 27th---End of 9 weeks
- October 31st--- Halloween Parties (1:45 p.m.)/ Dodgeball/Movie Fundraiser 5.00 (Please note if this is a financial problem. We can work something out, just contact me.)
- Nov. 4th---**Parent-Teacher Conferences (4:00-7:30) Report cards on-line!**
- Nov. 5th--- **Parent-Teacher Conferences (12:00-7:30) No school!**
- Nov. 6th---No School for students.

Attendance-Please call your son or daughter off as soon as possible. They must have a note when they return. If they go to the doctor, dentist, etc, please get an excuse so that the days do not count towards the **21**-day attendance policy. See your handbook for specific details concerning the attendance policy here at Claymont. Keep in mind the tardy bell rings at 7:55 a.m. **Please note: New Attendance Policy states 5 unexcused absences means a plan must be developed with you the parent and improvement must be shown, if not, truancy charges will be filed (HB 410).**

School Closings: School closing will be announced on the following radio stations: **WJER, WTUZ and WBTC**. It will also be announced on **WTOV-9**. Please do not call any staff members. All students will be notified by phone prior to notifying the media. **PLEASE make sure you have a current phone number on file.**

Fire & Tornado- New signs are being posted throughout the building instructing teachers and students on the proper procedure for handling these types of events. Practice sessions will be held monthly. A disaster plan has been drawn-up should an emergency occur.

Once again, we the staff at CIS are looking forward to meeting the educational needs of your children. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard Page, Principal

