

Clayton Huey Community Happenings

EARLY DISMISSAL:
Wed. 6/26 - 11:45
Thurs. 6/27 - 10:15
NO CHAMP LAST DAY THURS. 6/27

Letter from the Principal

Dear Clayton Huey Family,

Another incredible year at Clayton Huey is coming to a close as I compose the final Community Happenings of the school year! Please allow me to start by thanking everyone who came out to support us at the candlelight vigil for Mrs. Hardwick, and an even bigger thank you goes out to all of the parents, staff, and community members who volunteered to make the event special.

On a lighter note, I want to thank you for your role as a parent, guardian and community member in supporting us through a successful school year. We couldn't have made this year as special as it has been without your support. We've accomplished feats such as learning how to multiply, read familiar words and even put on musical performances to wow our family and friends. While these are the things that are not always highlighted in a newspaper, they are the foundation of your child's school career.

Please take the time this June to select some "trophyies" that have come home (artwork, class projects, or simply a story that sprung from his/her imagination) and place them in a special box as they will be priceless to you one day.

There are several items in this newsletter dedicated to summer reading and I hope you find the information valuable as we continue to implement summer reading for all children. It is an expectation that every student engage in reading throughout the summer and complete our summer reading program before returning to school in September.

During the summer I hope you find time to relax and enjoy the special season with family and friends. I wish you a safe and peaceful summer!

Warm regards,
Dennis Ricci
Principal of Clayton Huey



June 2019

Special Upcoming Events:

- 6/2 CMPTA & CM Music Dept.-Music & Pizza Day 12-3pm Alitalia Restaurant
- 6/3 Gr4 Science Assessments Cont'd.; Safety Patrol A&B
- 6/4 Kindergarten Orientation: APR 1-2pm; Community Bus Ride @ 2:30; PTA/SEPTA Mtg. 7:30 pm
- 6/5 Gr2-5 Reading Celebration (details to follow)
- 6/6 Ride-For-Life Welcomes Mr. P-Bus Loop 9:30
- 6/7 **Field Day Opening Ceremony 9:30** (Field behind Main Street Gym); Art Club; Newspaper Club
- 6/9 PTA LI Ducks Game 12:30pm (This is the Rain date from May 5th game cancellation)
- 6/10 Kind. In-House "Bubble Pop" Blacktop (APR if rain) 10-12N; Gr3 Field Trip: Bronx Zoo 8am-5:30pm
- 6/13 Mrs. Russo's 12:1:1 Reunion 9-10:30 am Playground; Gr1 Field Trip: LI Aquarium 9:30-2pm
- 6/14 **Flag Day Celebration** 9:30-10am (Field behind Main Street Gym)-**Wear Patriotic Best!**; Art Club; Technology & Coding
- 6/15 PTA Family Day Pancake Breakfast @ Applebee's, Shirley 8-10:00 am
- 6/17 PTA Volunteer Dinner HS Cafe 7pm
- 6/18 Kind. Field Trip: Cornell Cooperative Exten. Yaphank (9:30-1:00 pm); Gr 2 Field Trip: CM Public Library (11:45-1pm)
- 6/19 Gr3 Field Trip: CM Public Library (9:30-11am); BOE Mtg. 7:30pm
- 6/20 Gr4 Field Trip: Nassau Co. BOCES Brookville Ctr. (8:30-3 pm);
- 6/21 Gr4 Field Trip: CM Public Library (10-11:50; Gr5 PTA Picnic (during the day); Kinc Celebration
- 6/24 Band/Chorus & Gr5 Rehearsal @ HS 9:15-12N; Gr1 Field Trip-CM Public Library 9:15-10:45; Kind. Field Trip-CM Public Library 11:15-12:30; **CH Grade 5 Moving Up Ceremony - HS Auditorium 7pm**
- 6/25 STEAM Day
- 6/26 **Early Dismissal 11:45 a.m.**
- 6/27 **Last day of School!** Report Cards Distributed **Early Dismissal 10:15 a.m.**

Volunteers Needed for Our STEAM Field Day On Tuesday, June 25th

On Tuesday, June 25, there will be a STEAM Field Day where all students will engage in a variety of STEAM activities facilitated by our fourth and fifth grade students, under the direction of our amazing high school students. The high school students will be volunteering their time to work with our young leaders as they implement these activities. To assist us with this event, we are looking for at least 7 parent volunteers from EVERY class who will circulate through the various stations with a small group of students. Some parents may also be asked to assist at specific stations if the children require extra assistance. *If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know by returning the volunteer form sent home earlier this week (also on website) or email me directly at dricci@cmschools.org.* Thank you in advance for working in partnership with our learning community to maximize the opportunities we are able to provide for your child.



JUNE Word of the Day

- Week 1: approximate, label, concentration, principal, series
- Week 2: predicted, summary, attitudes, cycle, ethic
- Week 3: professional, status, conference, annual, obvious
- Week 4: apparent, commitment, debate, promote



Young Artists Create Impressive Art Show

The Art Show, organized by Mrs. Blumberg, was an outstanding display of the hard work the children have put into their projects throughout the year. The artwork, ALL completed by the elementary students, is always organized in a manner that rivals the galleries in SOHO. The annual event is one the entire community looks forward to and one our learning community is extremely proud of!



Below you will find the **EARLY DISMISSAL TIMES** for the last **TWO DAYS** of the school year:



Date	Buses Depart DISMISSAL	Gr.1-5 (Gazebo) Pick-Up	Kindergarten Pick-Up
Wed. 6/26	11:45 a.m.	11:35	11:30
Thur. 6/27	10:15 a.m.	10:05	10:00

Reading Logs should have all been returned to school by May 29th containing a brief book review stating whether or not you recommend the book to a friend and why. Students were challenged to read 25 books or 2,500 pages (each 100 pages will equal a book) to earn an invitation to this exciting celebration. Our festivities will take place on **Wednesday, June 5, 2019**. There will be lots of goodies and rewards distributed to our readers, compliments of our wonderful CMPTA, as we continue to promote and celebrate literacy!



Summer Reading Survival Guide for Parents: Getting EVERY STUDENT to Complete Summer Reading



As some parents know, getting children to read over the summer can be exhausting and frustrating but it doesn't have to be! To ease this task, here are a few helpful tips so it can be enjoyable for all involved:

- #1: Have your son/daughter read a book in intervals of a few pages at a time when reading a chapter book. Once your child has finished 5-7 pages, suggest s/he write a few lines about what was read. A child's comprehension will be improved if they are able to understand the plot as it unfolds. This process will certainly assist with enhancing a child's ability to follow and comprehend the events in the story. A graphic organizer might also be used to accomplish this and they are on our website under summer reading.
- #2: Do not avoid a book because of its size at the intermediate level. If your child finds a synopsis of the book interesting, but is discouraged by the number of pages in the book, perhaps you can find the book on tape/CD. This format of the book can be enjoyed by the whole family on long car trips, or will transform a trip to the beach into an educational experience. My only recommendation would be to have your child read along while s/he is listening as it is critical that students visually experience the text as well and read at the same time they are listening to the phrasing on the tape/CD.
- #3: Have your child go online to research some of the topics mentioned in the book. This will build the background knowledge necessary to make more sense of the events in the book. It is critical to have knowledge of the context of the book such as the setting and time period. As we know, characters and plots differ based on the setting of the book so a child can research the time period or a specific item mentioned that s/he is unfamiliar with. An exploration at the library may be the perfect activity on a rainy day!
- #4: Chat with your local librarian who can recommend a handful of wonderful choices that will be interesting to your child based on his/her hobbies and interests. The CM Public Library is familiar with a leveled system and can assist in finding a "just right" book.
- #5: Focus on the ENJOYMENT of reading. During the school year, children read for knowledge and information, but summer reading is solely focused on entertainment. If a child happens to learn new and wonderful information from a book they are reading that is a bonus (and one that happens often). It is more important that a child learns that having a good book to read is a relaxing and fun activity when it is the RIGHT book!

Reading is not meant to be painful for anyone! It is our hope that your child will find a number of books which speak to his/her interests as well as abilities. As our students prepare for the academic challenges that lie ahead, independent reading will help them achieve success in the future.

JUNE CMPTA EVENTS:

- Sat. 6/2 – Music & Pizza 12–3pm Alitalia
- Sun. 6/9 – Lil Ducks 12 30pm
- Sat. 6/15 – Family Day Pancake Bkfst.
– Applebee's, Shirley Sam
- Mon 6/17 PTA Volunteer Dinner HS Cafe 7pm
- Fri. 6/21 – 5th Grade Picnic

Attn. Parents: If your child will be absent on Wed. 6/26 and/or Thur. 6/27, PLEASE NOTE:

Report Cards ONLY will be mailed home on or about June 28th. All other belongings left in classrooms, desks or lockers will be discarded on Friday, July 5th. Students need to bring all personal belongings home the last day they are PRESENT in SCHOOL.



Important Medical

Information for the 2019-2020 School Year

All children new to the district, and all those students entering Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd and 5th grades are required by law to have a health examination by a physician. Health forms completed by family physicians must be submitted to the Health Office by **October 1, 2019**. All newly registered students and students entering our Pre-Kindergarten OR Kindergarten must submit an updated immunization record on or before the 1st day of school.

Please note that if a family physician's report is NOT submitted by **October 1, 2019**, our school physician will perform the exam. A copy of the Health Appraisal Form (Rev. 5/4/2018) will be sent home with each student in the beginning of June and the physical form will be available on the school website as well. Please check website for additional medical forms @ www.cmschools.org.

Just a reminder...**NO FLIP FLOPS!** We ask that students do NOT wear flip flops as this is a safety hazard while walking in the hallways and playing at recess.

Field Day: Friday, June 7th

Flyers have been sent home with details for our big event and you are welcome to check *Backpack News* if you have not received one by now. This year promises to be just as successful as past events and we are looking forward to it! If you wish to sign your child out after the activities, please see the classroom teacher(s) who will have a sign-out sheet. All students must be signed out with his/her classroom teacher during field day.

Lost & Found Items Available During Field Day:

There are many items remaining in the "lost & found" bins that are located in the cafeteria. Since many are missing jackets and other articles of clothing, you are welcome to access the "lost & found" to find lost/misplaced items on Field Day as we will set up multiple tables with the clothing so they are easier to peruse. At the end of the year, any clothing that remains will be donated. I can assure you that there are beautiful coats, sweatshirts and other clothing just waiting to be claimed. (Reminder: We can easily return articles of clothing that have a student's name written somewhere inside.)

IMPORTANT!

Please pick-up all medications by **Wednesday, June 26th**. All medications remaining in the Nurse's Office on the last day of school will be discarded at 9:30 a.m.