



Clay Elementary

SOUTHEAST POLK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Parent Newsletter #02

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Parent Newsletters

Clay Elementary will send out Parent Newsletters on the first Friday of each month via Campus Messenger.

Newsletters will also be posted on the Clay page of the Southeast Polk website, www.southeastpolk.org. If you need a paper copy sent home with your student, please call the office at 967-4198.

Rams Way Assembly and Clay Clubs

Our September Rams Way assembly was held on

Wednesday, September 25th. Kindergarten through 2nd grade participated in the assembly while our 3rd through 5th graders went to Clay Clubs. During the assembly our PTA honored our custodial superheroes Mr. Woodley, Mr. Jim, and Mr. Dave. As a thank you for all their hard work here at Clay they received personalized engraved tumblers and cookies. Our grand prize for the assembly was a classroom tailgate party. Frederick C. won the grand prize for Mrs. Roger's 1st grade class. They will have treats and play fun games during their party.

Clay Clubs made their debut allowing kids across 3-5th grade to work together in different areas depending on their interests. If you have students in these grades be sure to ask them about their experience. It was a huge success! This month our K-2nd grade students will get to try out Clay Clubs and 3-5th graders will have the Rams Way Assembly.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences are Tuesday October 15th from 4 to 8pm and Thursday October 17th from 12:30-7:30pm. **We will have an early dismissal on Thursday at 11:35 am. There is NO SCHOOL Friday Oct 18th.**

You can sign up for a conference online using these links. [Clay K-5 Tuesday Conferences](#) [Clay K-2 Thursday Conferences](#) [Clay 3-5 Thursday Conferences](#) [Mrs. Erdahl Preschool Conferences](#) [Mrs. Malloy Preschool Conferences](#) If you have any questions about conferences you can reach out to your child's teacher or call the office at 515-967-4198.

Parent Drop Off and Pick Up

ALL parent drop off and pick up will be in the parking lot north of the main entrance with 2 loops available for parking. All K-5th grade students enter and exit the building from the main doors only. There is a large sidewalk that separates the north lot (parent parking) and the south lot. The south parking area is for **school buses and daycare vans only**. When picking up students in the parent parking area, **please do not park in the circular area** because other vehicles are not able to get around parked cars/trucks. All students will use the sidewalks to walk to their vehicle.

Lunch Accounts

Please remember to periodically check your student's meal account. Deposits can be made through the district website, www.southeastpolk.org, and selecting RAMall at the top. You may also send cash or checks with your student to the Clay Elementary office.



NEWS

Dates to Remember!

- 10/1 – Father Daughter planning meeting
- 10/2 – Walk to School day
- 10/7 – October PTA Meeting & Book Fair Setup
- 10/8 – Clay night at Culver's Restaurant
- 10/15-10/17 – Book Fair and Parent Teacher Conferences
- 10/16 – Grand Event at the Book Fair (2:00 – 4:00pm)
- 10/18 – No School

Fall Fundraiser and Fun Run

THANK YOU Clay families and friends for making the Fun Run a HUGE success!

We raised \$26,833.00 this year! 21 classrooms had ice cream treats for meeting their goal. 73 students reached SuperStar status by raising \$150 or more. 367 students registered online. 245 students raised \$50 or more. Our fundraising efforts will help assist Clay Elementary with field trip expenses, classroom enrichment, teacher resources, technology and more!

Walk to School Day: Wednesday, Oct. 2

Clay will join schools from around the world to celebrate International Walk to School Day. Drop off is from 8:10-8:20 at 24th St SW and 1st Ave S (Casey's side of 1st Ave). We'll begin walking to school at 8:20. Hope you can join us!

Conference Week Meals

During Parent Teacher Conference week, we like to provide Clay staff with meals and snacks to show our appreciation and make it easy for them to eat during their breaks. Please consider signing up to donate supplies, snacks, drinks, desserts and other items. You can also contribute cash or gift cards.

- Friday, Oct. 11: <https://signup.com/go/HpvnORW>
- Tuesday, Oct. 15: <https://signup.com/go/xgfdCbC>
- Thursday, Oct. 17: <https://signup.com/go/ePiXGAz>

Book Fair: Oct. 15-17

Calling all book lovers! The Book Fair will be open during conferences on Oct. 15 and 17 and after school on Wednesday, Oct. 16. Want to work at the Book Fair? Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/uJySrbB>

PTA Meetings: Oct. 7 @ 6:30

Our next meeting is Monday, Oct. 7. Immediately following we will be setting up for the book fair. There are still openings available to help at the book fair! Meetings are held in the Clay Library. Childcare is provided. We hope to see you there!

Box Tops

We have collected **\$376.10** in clipped and scanned Box Tops! 25% of our \$1,500 Goal! All students have earned an extra 10 minute recess for exceeding Sept. goal! Sept. Top Class was Copley with 354 Box Tops!

October Incentive: Top Class gets a NO LINE ORDER in the lunchroom and the traveling Box Tops Trophy for the next month!

IMPORTANT UPDATE: Box Tops is phasing out clipping! DOWNLOAD the Box Tops for Education App, scan your receipts, AND assign CREDIT to your student! After you scan your receipt, click the star to assign credit to your student in this format: **Grade-Teacher-Student Name.**

Want to help with the Father Daughter Dance?

Mark your calendar! The Father Daughter Dance is set for Jan. 18, 2020, and you can get involved. The first committee meeting will be **Tuesday, October 1st** at Fireside in Altoona. Can't make it to the meeting but want to help? Email ptaclay@gmail.com. There will be lots of opportunities to lend a hand.