



Clay Elementary

SOUTHEAST POLK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Parent Newsletter #04

December 6, 2019



November Rams Way Assembly

Congratulations to Tyler V. who was our November Grand Prize Winner of 4 tickets to a UNI basketball game. K-2 students participated in the assembly and 3-5 grade students enjoyed Clay Clubs. This month 3-5 will participate in the assembly with K-2 doing Clay Clubs.

Changes to Student Dismissal Plans

To ensure your child knows what he/she is to do at the end of the day, please discuss dismissal plans with them before they come to school. Clay Elementary is home to 600+ students and the end of the day can be very busy. While we realize plans can change throughout the day, if at all possible, please contact the school no later than 3:00 p.m. with your change of plans.

Car Riders/Walkers

All Clay kindergarten through 5th grade students who walk to/from school and those who are car riders should **only exit through the main front doors** at the end of the day. Students are not allowed to leave through any other doors including the north/preschool doors. Thanks for your helping in keeping Clay students safe!

Lost and Found

The lost and found table at Clay Elementary is piled high with student clothing, lunch bags, and water bottles. Please pick up any items that might belong to you or your child. All items left over winter break will be donated to charity.



Dress for the Weather!

The temperatures are starting to drop! With temperatures fluctuating, please make sure your child(ren) is dressed appropriately to be outside before school and for recess. Students will be outside when the temperature and wind chill are above 10 degrees!

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. Free and Reduced Meal Applications are available upon request from the office.

**Winter Break – No School
December 23, 2019 – January 1, 2020
School Resumes January 2, 2020**

The Clay Way is the R.A.M.S. Way!

We are **Respectful** of everyone

We are **Always Responsible**

We use our **Manners**

We practice **Safety**

Clay Elementary students have been taught the R.A.M.S. expectations in the classrooms, hallway, restrooms, cafeteria, bus, and on the playground. The students will receive RAMS tickets for demonstrating behaviors that follow school-wide expectations. We will have monthly assemblies, random drawings, and whole class incentives to motivate and acknowledge students.

School Hours

Regular hours: 8:45-3:35

Wednesday hours: 8:45-1:35

Upcoming Events

December 12

4th grade Music Concert @ 6:00pm

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5th grade Music Concert @ 7:00pm

December 17

5th grade Band Concert at the High School 6:00pm

December 23-Jan 1

Winter Break

January 18

Father/Daughter Dance 6-9pm

January 20

No School – Staff Work Day

Reminder: All parents and visitors to Clay Elementary need to check in at the office if you need to go to a classroom. Thanks!



NEWS

Dates to Remember!

12/5 – December PTA meeting, 6.30pm

12/10 – Father daughter planning mtg @ Fireside, 6pm

12/16 – Clay fundraising night at Raising Canes, 5-8pm

12/23 – 1/1 – Winter break

1/10 – Mother & son Tae Kwon Do night at Clay, 6-8pm

1/18 – Father Daughter Dance, 6-9 p.m.

2/16 – Skateland Special \$1 pre-order admission, 2-5pm

Father Daughter Dance: Jan. 18, 2020

Get your GLOW on at Southeast Polk's annual Father Daughter Dance hosted by the Clay PTA! We welcome all young ladies, pre-K through 6th grade, and their fathers or special caregivers in the SEP school district. Girls may wear formal attire, themed outfits or anything in between.

You may purchase admission and raffle tickets online at <https://tinyurl.com/2020glow>. Tickets will also be available for \$20 (cash only) at the event. One ticket covers admission for the family.

If you'd like to help in planning this fun event, please come to our meeting on 12/10 at Fireside at 6:00pm!

Ornament painting with Bulldog Ceramics

Thanks to everyone who came to Clay to paint an ornament. We had a great turn out with over 166 ornaments sold. We hope to make this an annual event.

Clay Cookies for the staff

Bring your favorite holiday cookies, they can be store bought or homemade for the Clay staff to take home and enjoy over break. Please bring them to the school on December 17th. Any extras will be donated to the Altoona PD and FD. Follow this link or our Clay PTA Facebook page to sign up!
<https://signup.com/go/RBfukRD>

Clay Mother & Son Tae Kwon Do night

East Coast Tae Kwon Do will be hosting a class in the Clay cafeteria on Friday, January, 10th from 6:00 – 8:00pm. We hope you can join us for a fun evening!

Box Tops

DOWNLOAD the App! 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 name in this format: **Grade-Teacher-Student-Name.**



Questions? Email us:
ptaclay@gmail.com

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news and events:
<https://www.facebook.com/ClayElementaryPTA>

Raising Canes Restaurant Night: Dec. 16th, 5-8 p.m.

You **MUST** mention Clay family night when placing your order! Raising Canes will donate 15% of your purchase to the PTA.