



*Clay Elementary*

**SOUTHEAST POLK SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Phone: 967-4198**

*Parent Newsletter #01*

*September 06, 2019*

### **Welcome to Clay Elementary**



We look forward to working with your child(ren) during the 2019-2020 school year. As a staff we are committed to engaging all students in learning a challenging curriculum delivered through quality instruction. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Lea Morris, Principal, at 967-4198 or [lea.morris@southeastpolk.org](mailto:lea.morris@southeastpolk.org).

### **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](http://www.southeastpolk.org). If you need a paper copy sent home with your student, please call the office at 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. 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. **\*The lot north of the school is reserved for preschool pick up/drop off.**

### **Bike Riders/Walkers**

Bike racks are located in front of the building. Once students turn toward the building from 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S., they should get off their bikes and walk them to the bike racks.

For students walking or riding bikes to school from the housing development south and west of Clay Elementary, please direct students to take the sidewalk by the playground to the front of the building.



### **Crossing Guard**

Clay Elementary crossing guards are on duty at the corner of 30<sup>th</sup> St. SW & 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S., and the tunnel south of the school from 8:10-8:40 each morning and again from 3:35-4:05 each afternoon, (Wednesdays from 1:35-2:05). **No students should be crossing from the north parking lot across 30<sup>th</sup> St. SW unless they are at the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave where the crossing guard is posted.** Students who live east of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S. are reminded to walk south to the tunnel and cross through the tunnel.

### **Cell Phones Stay in Backpacks**

We've communicated to all students that their cell phones and/or technology devices need to stay in their backpacks until they leave school grounds. Students do a great job turning their cell phones off and keeping them in their backpack during the day, but the second the bell rings, they take it out of their bag to call, take pictures, etc. We can't monitor the pictures students take and/or post on social media. At Clay Elementary, we have families who do not want pictures publicized, so for safety reasons, we ask students to keep their cell phones/technology devices in their bags.

### **Lunch Accounts**

Please remember to periodically check your student's meal account. Deposits can be made through the district website, [www.southeastpolk.org](http://www.southeastpolk.org), and selecting RAM Mall under the Parents tab. You may also send cash or checks with your student to the Clay Elementary office. Students whose balance falls below -\$12.50 will be given an alternate lunch and a courtesy call will be made to the parent. Free and Reduced Meal Applications can be filled out online at [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com). If you have any questions you can call the office at 967-4198.

### **Fun Run Fundraiser**

Clay students should have brought home some information on the Fun Run. We are raising money for the school to help pay for field trips, activities, classroom supplies and more. See the PTA newsletter for more information.

### **Homecoming Week**

We will have Spirit Days to celebrate homecoming the week of September 9-13.

Monday: Character Day (Dress up as your favorite book or movie character)

Tuesday: Team Sport Day (Wear your favorite team attire)

Wednesday: "Out of this World" (Dress like an alien or in space attire)

Thursday: Crazy hair/sock day

Friday: Black and Gold

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

We are **Respectful** of everyone

We are **Always Responsible**

We are **Motivated Learners**

We practice **Safety**

#### **School Hours**

Regular hours: 8:45-3:35

Wednesday hours: 8:45-1:35

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.



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## Dates to Remember!

9/5 – Over The Top Restaurant Night

8/28 – 9/20 – Fall Fundraiser

9/9 – 9/13 – Homecoming Week

9/10 – September PTA Meeting

9/20 – Fall Fundraiser Fun Run (Rain Date – 9/27)

9/27 – Family Fun Night! Board games in the cafeteria! 6-8pm

10/2 – National Walk to School Day

10/7 – October PTA Meeting & Book Fair Setup

10/15-10/17 – Book Fair and Parent Teacher Conferences

## Fall Fundraiser and Fun Run August 28th Kick Off!

Last year we had another great year of success with the Fun Run! This year we will once again be holding the direct donation fundraiser and celebration fun run. Please watch for information to come home with your student soon!

We'll accept donations online and at school from August 28 – September 20. The fun run will be held at Clay on Sept. 20. Rain date is Sept. 27.

Fundraising money pays for field trips, classroom and teacher enrichment, family activities, and more. We appreciate your participation!

## AmazonSmile

Speaking of fundraising ... here's an easy way to earn cash for Clay. If you buy anything on Amazon, consider shopping through AmazonSmile: <https://smile.amazon.com> Just choose Clay Elementary PTA as your designated charity. You don't pay any more, but the AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the PTA.

## September PTA Meeting

### Tuesday, Sept. 10 @ 6:30pm

Join us for the First PTA meeting of the year. Meetings are held in the Clay Library and last around an hour. Childcare is provided. We hope to see you there!

## Box Tops

Some exciting changes are happening this year!

Box Tops is going digital! You will be able to double dip with clipping and scanning!

Right now, Wal-Mart is DOUBLING all Box Top amounts on receipts scanned!

Be sure to DOWNLOAD the Box Tops for Education app TODAY and start scanning receipts!

Clip and send them in baggies or attached to collection sheets, marked with your child's name and their teacher's name.

Please note we do not collect Labels for Education



Questions? Email us:  
[ptaclay@gmail.com](mailto:ptaclay@gmail.com)

## Restaurant Nights

Throughout the year, we'll have chances to support our school through restaurant nights.

Thank you for your support at our first restaurant night at **Over The Top in Pleasant Hill, held Sept. 5th!** 20% of the Clay sales will be passed on to Clay PTA!