



Clark Lane Connects

Clark Lane Middle School

April 2024

glows & grows

GLOW:

We have noticed improved overall conduct in the cafeteria for all three lunch waves!

GROW:

Parents/Guardians and students, please continue to review the CLMS Matrix to support the school climate and culture!

Hello CLMS Parents and Guardians!

Trimester 3 is off to a great start as many students have set goals for each class and met with their teachers to discuss how they plan to show what they know, as well as how they have grown throughout the school year! Please use our many forms of communication to reach out to our staff for additional support as our students continue to do their best academically and socially. *As always, Together Everyone Achieves More!* Please enjoy this newsletter!!!

Mr. Sachs & Mrs. Howard



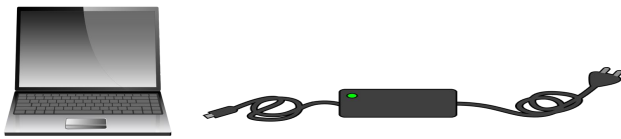
James M. Sachs
Principal



Tomeka K. Howard
Assistant Principal



REMINDER for ALL STUDENTS!



Bring your school-issued device with you to school **EVERY DAY!** Be sure to charge your device or bring your charger with you!

Also, don't forget to bring a refillable water bottle with you to school **daily!**



Thank you for your attention! 😊

CONTACT US



Clark Lane Middle School

- Main Office, Press 1
- Report Absence, Press 2
- Nurse (Health Office), Press 3
- School Counseling Office, Press 4
- Assistant Principal, Press 5



To reach teachers by email: first initial, followed by last name @waterfordschools.org
For example: thoward@waterfordschools.org

To view Clark Lane's staff directory:



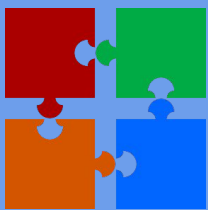
NOTE: To report your student's absence, you can also email: clms-attend@waterfordschools.org

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Mark your calendars!



- Tues., April 2 – Prof. Dev. – **No School**
- Mon., April 8 – Fri., April 12 – School Holiday, **No School**
- Mon., April 22 – Fri., April 26 – SBA testing week (more info to follow)



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Due to the rescheduling of the Presidential Primary from April 30, 2024 to April 2, 2024, there was an adjustment made to the April Professional Learning Day. **April 30th will now be a full day of school for staff and students** and **April 2nd will be a Professional Learning Day for staff and no school for students.** See revised calendar.

February 2024					March 2024					April 2024				
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<i>(19 days - 115 cumulative)</i>					<i>(20 days - 135 cumulative)</i>					<i>(16 days - 151 cumulative)</i>				
■ 2/19-2/20 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)					■ ** 3/7 - P/T Conferences: Early Dismissal PK-12					■ 4/2 - * PD No School for Students - PK-12				
					■ 3/29 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)					■ 4/8 - 4/12 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)				

May 2024					June 2024					
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<i>(22 days - 173 cumulative)</i>					<i>(8 days - 181 cumulative)</i>					
■ 5/27 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)					■ 6/6 - 6/11 - ** Final Exams: Early Dismissal 9-12					
					■ 6/11 - ** Early Dismissal PK-12					
					■ 6/12 - Last Day of School Early Dismissal 9-12					



NOTE: Snow days will be added onto the school year as needed.
BOE Approved: December 8, 2022
Revision Approved: December 19, 2023

Please note: The last day of school is also now *Friday, June 14th.*



Mid Trimester 3 is April 29th!

Be sure to check your student's progress on PowerSchool!

SPEAK UP FOR SAFETY

Share concerns about your classmates or school safety.



EMAIL, CALL OR TEXT



Email: speakup@my.waterfordschools.org



Call or Text: 860-909-4004

Easily Report:

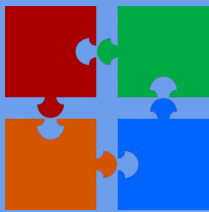
- = Bullying
- = Threats of Violence
- = Planned Fights
- = Weapons in School
- = Students in Crisis
- = Other Urgent Situations



DID YOU KNOW...April is Arab American Heritage Month?

For resources or to find out more, click the code.





Clark Lane Middle School...

Connecting with Parents

April 2024

CLMS Students Celebrate World Down Syndrome Day

On Thursday, March 21, 2024, Clark Lane Middle School celebrated World Down Syndrome Day to raise awareness about Down Syndrome and to promote inclusion and acceptance within our school community. To show support, staff, as well as students, wore mismatched socks. Mr. Nevins shares, "This simple act symbolizes the uniqueness and diversity of individuals with Down syndrome and sends a powerful message of acceptance and inclusion." Thank you, Mr. Nevins, for initiating this school-wide day and for all you do with the Explorer's Program here at CLMS.



NOTE: The color at the top of each page has changed a little. We've noticed when making non-color copies to share with families, the darker blue color made it difficult to read each heading. *Thank you for reading our school newsletter! Enjoy!*

DID YOU KNOW...there are a few of these water fillers around the school for students to refill water bottles? *As the weather gets warmer, be sure to bring your water bottle to school! Stay hydrated!*

DID YOU ALSO KNOW...that water is your body's principle chemical component and makes up 50% to 70% of your body weight? *Who knew?*



Drop off Procedures/Times

Parents may drop off students no sooner than 7:15am. Students wait in the cafeteria before proceeding to Homeroom.

Students who arrive after 8 am MUST be signed in at the Main Office (in the back of the building) by a parent/guardian. Please accompany your student into the building.



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Early Dismissal Procedure



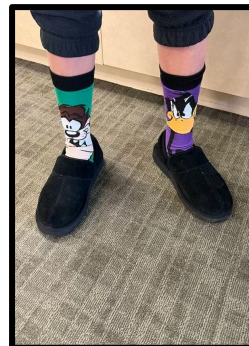
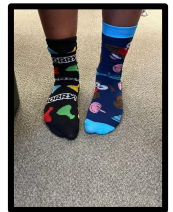
We ask that you *make every attempt* to NOT dismiss your student after 2:15 pm, unless a note was given in the morning. It is a disruption to the end of the school day and traffic management.

Clark Lane Middle School Celebrates World Down Syndrome Day

To help raise awareness of Down Syndrome, we wore mismatched socks!

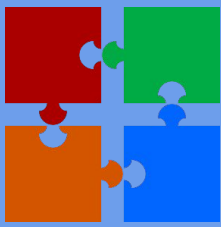
The crazier, the better!

Check out some of our mismatched socks below!



ROCK YOUR SOCKS

Photos courtesy of CLMS staff



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As we approach the end of the school year, *please help us by reminding your student(s) of the expectations we have for them at Clark Lane Middle School.* These are the **behaviors and expectations** we have for them in the different areas of our building like the hallways and bathrooms, and in various situations like on the school bus, for instance. The expectations at the top of this chart (in the gray box) represent those expectations which we at Clark Lane Middle School consider to be the **non-negotiables** and include: **no cell phones, no hurtful or abusive language and no rough-housing or horseplay, to name a few.**

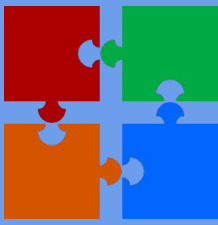
For a more clear copy of our expectations, you may refer to the **Clark Lane Student Handbook**. Should you have questions, *we encourage you to reach out to our Administration.* *Your support and encouragement are crucial to our success here at Clark Lane and to a successful end of the school year!*

All students will be held to the following expectations:

- Respond respectfully when any adult speaks to you or makes a request of you.
- Keep your hands to yourself, no rough-housing or horseplay.
- Ensure that your face is visible - pull back hats and hoods when requested.
- Follow the acceptable use policy for technology. Do not touch other people's devices.
- Use appropriate language (no swearing, sexually explicit comments, etc)
- Do not engage in hurtful or abusive behavior targeted at another's race, gender, ethnicity, sexuality, etc.
- Cell phones, smart watches, personal devices, headphones, earbuds are off and away during the school day except with *teacher permission*.

Individual classroom behavior expectations are located in each classroom and communicated by each teacher.

Homeroom	Bathroom	Cafeteria	Hallway	Bus	Assemblies/ Field Trips	Evacuation Procedures
<p>Homeroom is a class. It sets the tone for the rest of the day.</p> <p>Be in homeroom on-time.</p> <p>Get breakfast before homeroom.</p> <p>Be seated in a chair.</p> <p>Be respectful during the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p>Listen attentively to announcements.</p> <p>Bring materials for first class.</p> <p>Finish all food and beverages by the end of homeroom. After homeroom, only water is allowed in classrooms.</p>	<p>Sign in and out from the classroom.</p> <p>Bring bathroom pass and hang on hook outside door.</p> <p>Do not exceed the maximum number of students allowed.</p> <p>Keep phones out of the bathroom.</p> <p>Avoid horseplay.</p> <p>Respect privacy of others.</p> <p>Flush.</p> <p>Wash your hands with soap.</p> <p>Keep the area clean.</p> <p>Use trash cans.</p> <p>Return to class promptly.</p> <p>Report any graffiti or vandalism to teacher.</p>	<p>Come in, find a seat, and remain seated.</p> <p>Respect all staff and follow procedures for getting lunch and cleaning up.</p> <p>Be kind and inclusive.</p> <p>Keep voice at conversational level.</p> <p>Do not throw food or make a mess.</p> <p>Keep phones off and away.</p> <p>When an adult signals for attention, stop, look, and listen.</p> <p>Do not leave the cafe without permission.</p> <p>Make healthy food choices.</p> <p>Clean up your area.</p> <p>Return to class quietly- remember classes in session.</p>	<p>Walk on the right to keep hallway traffic moving</p> <p>Get to class promptly.</p> <p>Be considerate of your own and others' personal space.</p> <p>Keep your hands to yourselves.</p> <p>Keep voice at conversational level.</p> <p>Show respect for classes in session. (Do not distract classes by standing in doorways, looking through windows, signaling for someone's attention, etc.)</p> <p>Avoid gossip; speak kindly.</p> <p>Remove headphones/earbuds.</p> <p>Keep belongings in your own locker.</p> <p>Take turns with your locker neighbors.</p>	<p>Be respectful of bus driver and the driver's responsibilities.</p> <p>Follow directions and expectations of driver.</p> <p>Ensure safety for yourself and others.</p> <p>Sit in your assigned section and remain in your seat.</p> <p>Use appropriate language.</p> <p>Keep voice at conversational level.</p> <p>Keep conversations considerate and kind to all who may be listening.</p> <p>Use technology appropriately and respectfully.</p> <p>Use headphones/ No speakers.</p> <p>Do not take photos or videos.</p> <p>Keep hands and feet to yourself.</p> <p>Keep your area clean and damage-free.</p>	<p>Represent our school with a positive attitude.</p> <p>Participate with respect.</p> <p>Follow directions.</p> <p>Clap at appropriate times.</p> <p>Wait patiently and quietly during transitions.</p> <p>Listen attentively.</p> <p>Allow others to listen and learn.</p> <p>Enter/exit by walking quietly.</p> <p>Stay with your group.</p> <p>Use restrooms before the presentation.</p> <p>Have an attentive posture.</p>	<p>Ensure safety for yourself and others.</p> <p>Walk quietly on the sidewalks.</p> <p>Do not cut through the parking lot or touch staff cars.</p> <p>Find your homeroom teacher; line up alphabetically.</p> <p>Stand silently in line.</p> <p>Listen for further instruction.</p> <p>Be respectful of emergency personnel.</p> <p>Re-enter building with your homeroom.</p> <p>Return to class quietly and promptly.</p>



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IMPORTANT REMINDER

Wondering how your student is doing in his/her classes? Curious what grades your student has? Is your student coming to class prepared? Is your student missing assignments? Not completing assigned work? **Be sure to check PowerSchool for comments. For most teachers, this is their means of daily, sometimes weekly communication.**

For help logging in to PowerSchool, check out the page on our website shared here:



DID YOU KNOW... that they very first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970? According to EarthDay.org, since that time, Earth Day has evolved into the largest civic event on Earth, activating billions across 192 countries to safeguard our planet and fight for a brighter future.

For more information, click the code!



ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!!!

"I'm so glad I didn't buy a yearbook," said no one, ever! Why wouldn't your child want the important school memories with them forever?

BUY A YEARBOOK NOW!

There's nothing else like your school yearbook. Get your hands on the limited edition collection of our stories from the year. Share it with your friends today and hang on to it for years to come!

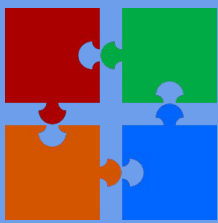
ORDER YOURS TODAY!

www.jostens.com



Misplaced something?
Think you left it at school?
Check the
LOST & FOUND
table in
Clark Lane's cafeteria!





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April 2024

2024-2025 Calendar

Approved by BOE

Waterford Public Schools 2024-2025

August 2024					September 2024					October 2024				
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26	27	PD 28	29	30	30					28	29	30	PD	

(31 days - 3 cumulative) *(30 days - 27 cumulative)* *(25 days - 45 cumulative)*

- 8/26 - Staff Convocation
- 8/27 - * PD - No School - PK-12
- 8/28 - First Day of School
- 9/2 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)
- 10/14 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)
- 10/31 - * PD Early Dismissal PK-12

November 2024					December 2024					January 2025				
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25	26	School Holiday								27	28	29	30	31

(30 days - 61 cumulative) *(15 days - 79 cumulative)* *(21 days - 97 cumulative)*

- 11/3 - PD No School for Students - PK-12
- 11/11 - School Holiday (Schools Closed for Students) *PT Conferences
- 11/27 - 11/29 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)
- 12/20 - Early Dismissal PK-12
- 12/23 - 12/31 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)
- 1/1 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)
- 1/9 - * PD Early Dismissal PK-12
- 1/20 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

February 2025					March 2025					April 2025				
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24	25	26	27	28	31					28	29	30		

(18 days - 112 cumulative) *(20 days - 132 cumulative)* *(17 days - 149 cumulative)*


- 2/17-2/18 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)
- 3/6 - * PD Early Dismissal PK-12
- 3/7 - * PD No School for Students - PK-12
- 3/20 - **PT Conferences Early Dismissal PK-12
- 4/14 - 4/17 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)
- 4/18 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

May 2025					June 2025				
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(23 days - 173 cumulative) *(8 days - 181 cumulative)*

- 5/15 - * PD Early Dismissal PK-12
- 5/27 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)
- 6/10 - ** Early Dismissal PK-12
- 6/11 - Last Day of School Early Dismissal PK-12

NOTE: Snow days will be added into the school year as needed.
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† Staff Convocations for all staff of the Waterford Public Schools
* Professional Development for Administrators, Teachers, Paraprofessionals 8 AM-2 PM
** Full day for Paraprofessionals


DID YOU KNOW... April 6th is National Library Day? Here at Clark Lane Middle School we are grateful for Ms. Goldberg, who helps our students daily in the Clark Lane Library! As the influence of the Internet grew, some people thought there would no longer be a need for libraries; however, *thankfully*, libraries continue to do well and are now more popular than ever! We, at Clark Lane Middle School, are grateful for our well-stocked library, which introduces our young readers to many new worlds and helps them become more informed citizens. Celebrate National Library Day by checking out a book from our library or by getting a membership at your local library!

To get to our school's online library resources, click the code: You'll find websites and passwords for use at home!



For information about the Waterford Public Library, please visit: <https://www.waterfordct.org/158/Library>



DID YOU KNOW... Sections 10-15 and 10-16 of the Connecticut General Statutes require public schools to attend a minimum of 180 days of actual school sessions per year. In Kansas, students are required to attend 186 days, while in Colorado, only 160! *Who knew?!* 



Clark Lane Middle School...

Connecting with the Community



April 2024

Clark Lane Players

Fiddler on the Roof JR.



Tradition... Matchmaker... Sunrise, Sunset... Anatevka

Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 7 p.m.

Clark Lane Middle School, Waterford, Connecticut
Tickets available at the door \$10 cash only

DID YOU KNOW... according to Wikipedia, the original Broadway production of *Fiddler on the Roof*, which opened in 1964, had the first musical theatre run in history to surpass 3,000 performances? *Fiddler* held the record for the longest-running Broadway musical for almost 10 years until *Grease* surpassed its run. *Good to know!*

Connecting with the Community



April 2024

We need your help! Quaker Hill custodian, Billy Krajewski, was just announced as a **Top 10 Finalist** for the **Cintas National Custodian of the Year** award. The next phase of the contest is a public vote. Please help us support his nomination by voting for Mr. Krajewski once per day:



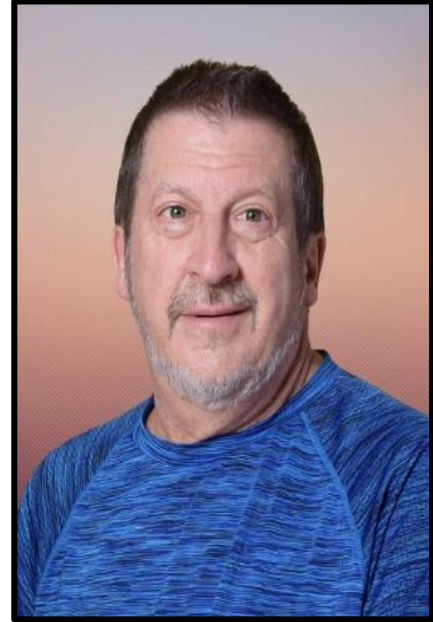
<https://www.custodianoftheyear.com/submissions-2024/>

Anyone can vote! The public vote ends on April 12th.



If you've ever seen Mr. Krajewski in action, you would instantly know that he is deserving of this recognition. He is professional, dedicated and amazing with our students.

Thank you, Mr. Discordia, for sharing!

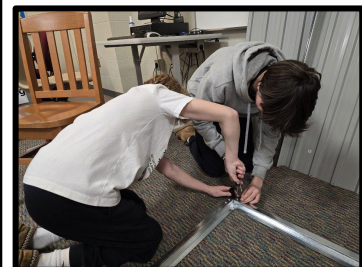
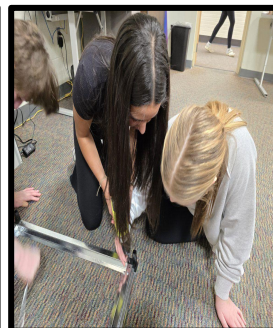
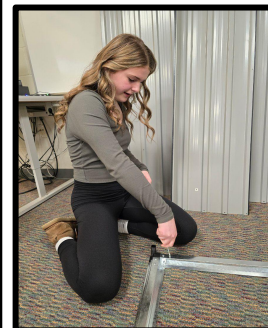


*Billy Krajewski
30 years at
Quaker Hill Elementary School*

Update from Leadership Class on Community Greenhouse

Thank you to Mrs. McCaffrey, Mr. Gionet, Mr. McNeil, Mr. Sachs, the maintenance department and the custodial staff at Clark Lane Middle School for all of your assistance getting the greenhouse project up and running. The students in the Leadership class are currently building a tool shed for all of their supplies (*photos to the right*) and have started plants from seeds. They have started tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers, to name a few things.

If you have anything related to this project you would like to donate, please reach out to Ms. Barnes or Ms. Dinatali. Thank you in advance for your support!



*Photos
courtesy
of Ms.
Barnes*

Clark Lane Middle School
Celebrates National
Assistant Principal Week
April 1st-5th

Thank you, Mrs. Howard!



National Assistant Principals Week, April 1–5, 2024, is a celebration of the unsung heroes in our education system. These dedicated professionals work tirelessly to bolster teachers, motivate students, support their principal, create a positive learning community and face the many unpredictable challenges that land on their desks every day!


Assistant Principals play a crucial role and this week is a dedicated time to recognize them for their hard work and commitment to our schools, students and profession. Please join us in celebrating our incredible Assistant Principal, Mrs. Howard, for all she does for the community of Clark Lane Middle School.

Happy National Assistant Principal Week!

THANK YOU!



On April 23, 2024, we want to say THANK YOU to all our school bus drivers, not only for School Bus Driver Appreciation Day, but for every day they safely get our students to and from school! This is a well deserved tribute to all of the men and women who devote their lives to ensuring that children go to school every day while remaining patient, helpful and upbeat on every trip around the block!

We thank you for all you do for the students of Waterford! 

Help all of us at
Clark Lane Middle
School

Say Thank You
to all of our
wonderful para
educators!

Paraprofessionals work tirelessly each day to support students & teachers, so we honor them for their service.



♥ we
appreciate
you ♥ ...

on *National Paraeducator Day* celebrated
on April 3, 2024 and every day!

DID YOU KNOW...Administrative Professionals Day is celebrated on Wednesday, April 24 this year and is a day to recognize and celebrate the work of secretaries, administrative assistants and other office professionals for their contributions to the workplace?

At Clark Lane Middle School, we know we couldn't get through our day without the help of our terrific administrative assistants! They make all our jobs that much easier!

Please help us thank them and show them our appreciation!

Thank you to Mrs. Rochester, Ms. Abate and Mrs. Briggs for all you do for our school!



WE APPRECIATE
ALL YOU DO!

Connecting with Clark Lane Middle School's School Counseling Office

April 2024


CAREER DAY

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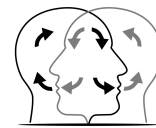
THANK
YOU

Thank you to all our presenters from the community who shared information about their careers with our 7th grade students on Career Day! *Without you, this day would not be possible!*



Special *thank you* to Grade 7 School Counselor, Ms. Dolce, for all that went into making this event possible. 

DID YOU KNOW...

school counselors at Clark Lane Middle School deliver a comprehensive school counseling curriculum for students in grades 6-8 that covers three primary domains: academic, career and social-emotional learning? Some of the topics covered include: *growth mindset, empathy, self-advocacy, stereotypes and coping skills*, to name a few.

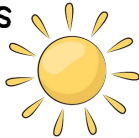



Reminder!

SBA testing will take place from April 22-26. Get a good night's sleep!  Eat a good breakfast! Bring your charged Chromebook with you every day! 

ASK THE COUNSELORS...

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT SPRING?

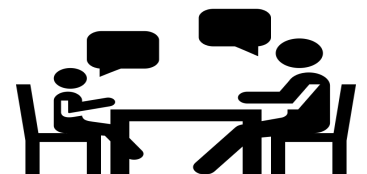
Ms. Dolce shares, "More sunny and warm days and it's getting closer to summer!" 

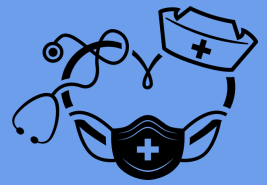
Ms. Dinatali says, "Getting outside, going for walks, playing tennis. I do walk in winter too though!" 

Mrs. Lloyd explains, "Sunshine!" 

Need to see your
counselor?

Stop in the School Counseling Office and set up an appointment with Ms. Abate.





April is National Stress Awareness Month

Because April is **National Stress Awareness Month**, let's all start by being more stress-aware and looking for ways to overcome it. It is easy for middle schoolers to feel overwhelmed. It's a time filled with academic demands, increased social pressures, physical changes and emotional growth. Stress can present in sneaky ways such as mood changes, feeling overwhelmed, wanting to avoid others, headaches, stomachache, trouble sleeping, grinding teeth, biting fingernails, trouble focusing and forgetfulness. *Examine the strategies below to help keep stress in check!*

- **Sleep well.** Experts recommend nine to 12 hours of sleep a night for 6- to 12-year olds.
- **Exercise.** Physical activity is an essential stress reliever for people of all ages. The Department of Health recommends 60 minutes a day of activity for children ages 6 to 17.
- **Talk it out.** Talking about stressful situations with a trusted adult can help kids and teens put things in perspective and find solutions.
- **Make time for fun—and quiet.** Just like adults, kids and teens need time to do what brings them joy.
- **Get outside.** Spending time in nature is an effective way to relieve stress and improve overall well-being.
- **Write about it.** Research has found that expressing oneself in writing can help reduce mental distress and improve well-being.



To directly contact the School Health Office, call:

860-437-6977

or email:

Cl_nurses@waterfordschools.org

Confidential faxes may be sent directly to the Health Office

860-437-2179



UCFS Healthcare

Don't forget! Clark Lane Middle School has a School-Based Health Center (SBHC). For more information, click the code:



If your child has any injuries, please make sure you report it to the Health Office.

Literally connecting us all...

News from IT



April 2024

especially for Clark Lane Middle School

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION:

What is considered improper use of a technological device?

Use of any such device for an improper purpose is prohibited.

Improper purposes include, but are not limited to:

- Sending any form of harassing, threatening, or intimidating message, at any time, to any person (such communications may also be a crime)
- Gaining or seeking to gain unauthorized access to Board technological resources
- Accessing or attempting to access any material that is obscene or contains pornography
- Cyberbullying
- Using such device to violate any school rule, including the unauthorized recording (photographic, video, or audio) of another individual without the permission of the individual or a school staff member
- Taking any action prohibited by any Federal or State law
- Using technological devices in a manner that disrupts the educational process



Students are REMINDED to bring their devices to school every day, preferably **charged and ready to go!** There is a limited number of Chromebooks for students to borrow throughout the day on a *first come, first serve* basis.

Students who need to borrow a Chromebook should go to **library** after **checking in at homeroom!**

DID YOU KNOW... your student's school device is protected by **Securly**, helping keep them safe when they go online? *What a great feature!*

With the **Securly Home** app (*included with your district's Securly partnership*), parents can safeguard their child's online activity when devices come home!

Click the link to connect you to the **WPS district website** for more information!



Problems with your Chromebook?

Email:

techsupport@waterfallschools.org

REMINDER

Students are **not allowed** to put any stickers on the school Chromebooks. When the device stops working and it is sent in for repair, it is really difficult to remove the stickers. *Thank you!*



Attention Parents and Guardians!

Parents and Guardians,

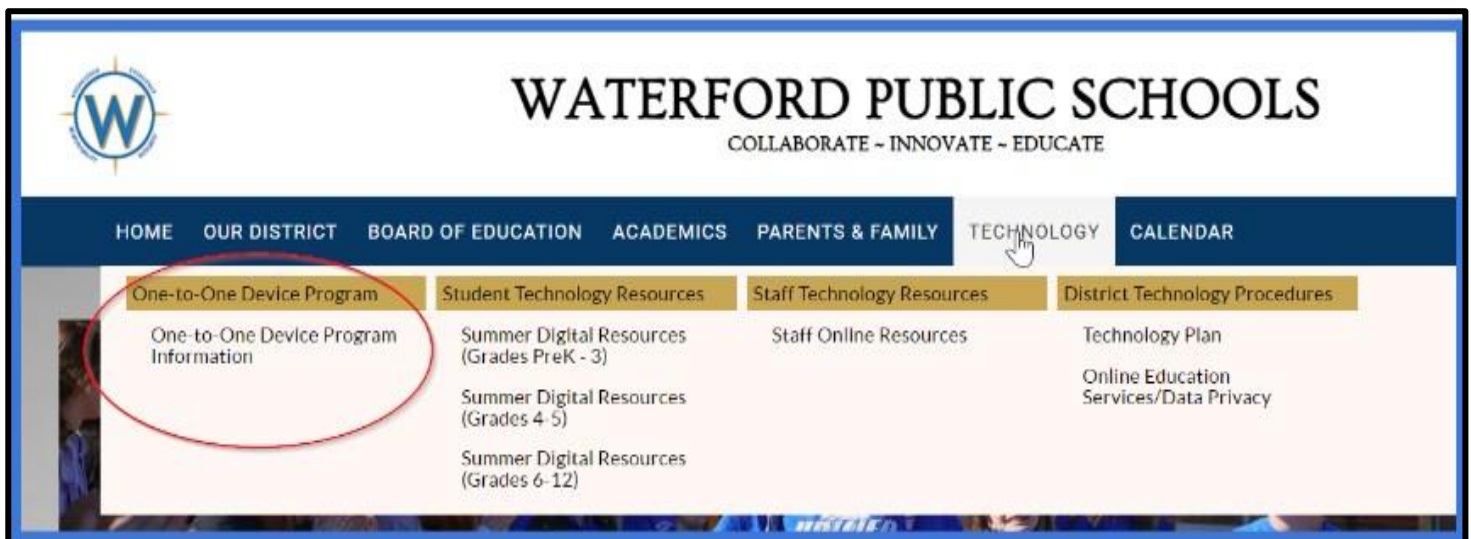


The **Waterford Public School district** is excited to announce its partnership with **Securly** in safeguarding our students, your children. **Securly** was chosen because we shared a vision of a safer, more productive digital world for our students. From web filtering to device management to self-harm detection, **Securly** is dedicated to keeping young minds healthy, engaged, and inspired. Additionally, we chose **Securly** for its strong adherence to data privacy and management laws.

Securly protects more than 10 million students across the US at school and at home, plus has over 2 million parents engaging in their child's activity on school devices. Now parents of students in grades 4-12 can get the same peace of mind when school devices come home. See your child's online activity during after-school hours, pause your child's device, and turn off online access.

Through this partnership, the students of Waterford will be protected everywhere, on any school-issued device. You will be receiving a welcome email in the coming weeks that will provide you with instructions on how to download the app and connect with your child's online activity, so be on the lookout! Further information about **Securly Home** can be found on our WPS district website (Technology > One-to-One Device Program Information). There are resources there to help you become more familiar with **Securly Home** and how to use it.

<https://sites.google.com/waterfordschools.org/wps-one-to-one-device-program/securly-home-parent-portal>



Lost your charger?

How to order a replacement charger.

UPDATED POLICY FOR PURCHASING A CHROMEBOOK CHARGER

Replacement Chromebook chargers for school-issued devices should now be purchased from MySchoolBucks. Once payment has processed, the charger will be delivered to the student's school. Please allow for fee processing and delivery time.

Store
Shop your school for books, clothes, and more.

Featured Items
Replacement Charger
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The Student Device Protection Program does not cover lost chargers, so there is a fee. With or without Device Protection, the current replacement cost is \$22. Once payment has processed, the charger will be delivered to your student's school. *Please allow for processing and delivery time.*

MY SCHOOL BUCKS



Connecting with our 6th grade



Egret Team



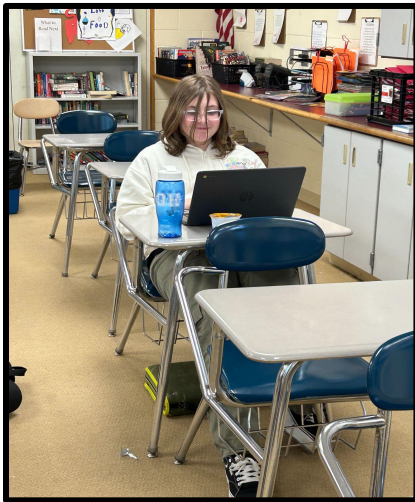
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Egret Team News



The Egret Team has its very own creative writing club. Students have been staying after school each week to write creative stories and share their work with one another. *Any Egret student who enjoys writing is welcome to stay.*



Photos courtesy of the Mrs. Morgan



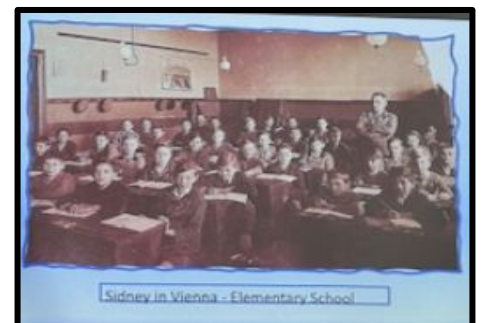
6th grade Social Studies News

Sixth grade students recently had the opportunity to continue their exploration into family migration stories by attending a presentation by **Dr. Arthur Dean**. Dr. Dean, a resident of Waterford and *proud father of four WPS graduates*, spoke about his family's history from about 1900 to today. He shared their incredible journey moving from Poland to Austria to London, then to the USA! Dr. Dean had a very calming and engaging way of describing the family journey, with tales of travel, minor miracles, fleeing the growing Nazi threat and other fascinating aspects typical of many families during the last century.

Ms. Goldberg, who works in the **Clark Lane Library**, was instrumental in setting up this presentation for the students of **Ms. Corazzelli & Mrs. Devito**. She reached out to Ms. Ella Sackett, Program Coordinator for the Jewish Federation of Eastern Connecticut, who suggested **Dr. Dean** as a presenter. **Dr. Dean's** presentation complemented the work that students participated in while studying their own family history earlier in the school year. Additionally, students just finished reading the novel **Refugee** by *Alan Gatz*, which is a story about three different children in three distinct eras and their refugee experience - *Isabel*, a Cuban girl fleeing upheaval in 1994, *Josef*, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany and *Mahmoud*, a Syrian boy leaving a war torn nation in 2015.

Sixth grade teachers hope to make this visit from **Dr. Dean** a yearly event. This presentation could only be made possible through the teamwork of our wonderful community! *We are so grateful!*

Thank you to *Mrs. DeVito & Ms. Corazzelli* for sharing!



Photos courtesy of *Ms. Corazzelli*

Connecting with our 6th grade

Heron Team

April 2024



Heron Language Arts Update



Ms. Galvin reports, "The following Heron Team students participated in and completed the Trimester 2 Reading Challenge: Kayla Hogan, Ava Wren, Tyler Maryeski, Anna Huoppi, Lucy Foss, Savannah Ballestrini, Kelsey Conigliaro, Lena Baldi, Hope Fagan, Maria Pirruccello and Luca Neyarapally. These students read 4 books of different genres to push themselves out of their reading comfort zones. As a reward, they got an ice cream party!" *Way to go, Heron stars!*



Photos courtesy of Ms. Galvin

DID YOU KNOW... it is a proven fact that reading can help reduce stress? Reading can be a wonderful (and healthy) escape from the stress of everyday life. Reading can even relax your body by lowering your heart rate and easing the tension in your muscles. A 2009 study at the University of Sussex found that reading can reduce stress by up to 68%. It works better and faster than other relaxation methods, such as listening to music or drinking a hot cup of tea. *Good to know! Go grab a book!*

Connecting with our 7th grade

Osprey Team



April 2024

7th grade Science News



Clark Lane Middle School students participated in an after school Science Bowl with WHS students, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Steady, Mrs. Quiles and the regional coordinator, Mr. Smith. Students competed against one another answering science trivia questions. CLMS is practicing for the state competition in the future. CLMS Science Bowl members include: Adriano Varsen, Samantha Olokodana, Bella Tattersall, Ivanka Haglund, Aisha Solanki, Zackary Prepetit, Avi Carey, Aubrey Messoré & Pranav Sharma. *More students are welcome to join!*



For more information about Science Bowl, see Mrs. Quiles in M114.

Scientists at Work

After studying the cardiovascular system, one student volunteer from each core class created a model of blood and its components. Blood models were created using the ratio of: 180 plasma cells to 88 red blood cells to 1 white blood cell to 1 platelet. *Pictured (on right) are Osprey scientists Zackary Prepetit and Fiona Wertz.*
Great job!



Photos courtesy of Mrs. Quiles

Connecting with our 7th grade

Osprey Team



April 2024

7th graders Enjoy Project Oceanology

On March 4th and 20th, Osprey science students went on a field trip to Project Oceanology. Mrs. Quiles shares, "During this trip, students dissected squid and studied seal adaptations by participating in an eight station lab. Students learned about seal anatomy, the marine food pyramid, vibration of different shaped whiskers, how the seals hold their breath underwater for long periods of time, how seals maintain their body temperature even in cold waters, how a seal's fur is designed to retain heat and the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). Students learned the ways humans continue to impact seals due to habitat degradation, oil spills, marine debris and hunting. While aboard the Project Oceanology boat, students counted 85 seals in Long Island Sound! Students took note of each seal's location, pose and whether the seal was in or out of the water." *Very cool!*

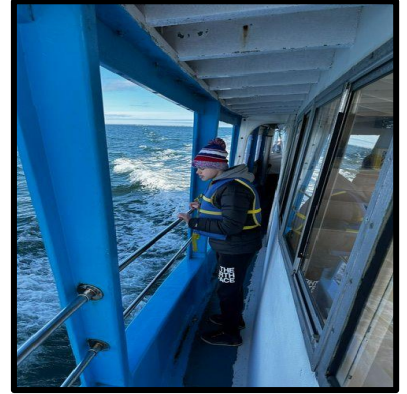


DID YOU KNOW... according to the National Wildlife Federation, ospreys have an oily waterproof coating on their wings and can close their nostrils when they plunge into the water? They also have slender bodies and long wings that are bent at the "wrist." Their strong wings give them extra lift to fly up and out of the water with a heavy fish. Once they catch a fish, they consume it using a black bill with a sharp hook. *Who knew?*



Photos courtesy of Mrs. Quiles

More Photos from Osprey Team's trip to Project O



Photos courtesy of CLMS staff

Connecting with our 8th grade



Sea Star Team

April 2024



Sea Star Language Arts News



Recently in language arts class, students wrote, edited, and revised a 10-15 page original one-act play. The final drafts of the plays circulated among classmates and were read by peers. Students cast secret votes for their favorite plays, and the students listed below wrote one of the plays selected as "Best in Class"!

Through class auditions, playwrights cast classmates to perform a "staged" reading of their play, which were completed in class. The selected plays were featured in a hallway display outside room S115. *Thank you for sharing, Mrs. Stahl!*

Congratulations to these distinguished young writers!

Voted Best in Class 2024

A Period

Full Steam Ahead by Jake Czekala

The Job by Elia Perruccio

The Necklace of America by Sal Bonnano

The Swamp of Mysteries by Brianna Regalado

Waterfall Beach by Gulianna McDonald

Voted Best in Class 2024

D Period

Stranded Carter Huhn

The Final Escape by Natalie Moore

The Message by Caroline Bassett

The Night by Joziah Rivera-Perry

To Be Forgiven by Alex Lansing

Voted Best in Class 2024

B Period

Injured by Addie Saylor

Polluted by Presley Pezzello

Repeat Offender by Carter Kasse

The Mystery of Lakewood Manor by Carson Gallerani

What Remains of Us by Cayleigh Hooker

Voted Best in Class 2024

E Period

A Hole Lot of Problems by Collin Webster

Photographer by Heart by Chris Bernardo

Reincarnated by Abby Eggers

The Nanny Conflict by Brady Wiseman

25 Pounds by Cooper Myers

DID YOU KNOW...sea stars, commonly called, "starfish," are not fish? They do not have gills, scales or fins. And, sea stars only live in saltwater!

Hmmm...who knew?!





April 2024

Waterford Students Celebrate Youth Art Month

Mrs. Provo-Parker shares this message from the Art department:

Every March, in honor of Youth Art Month, the Waterford students display artwork at the Waterford Public Library and Central Offices and their respective schools. Youth Art Month is an annual observance to emphasize the value of art education for all children and to encourage support for quality school art programs.

Art class is not only about making art but about seeing the world from a different perspective. Art class helps students strengthen the parts of their brain that aid in creative thinking and problem-solving. This is an important area to maintain as it lends to breakthroughs in medicine, science, and other fields of study that affect our daily lives.

Please stop at the Waterford Public Library and Central Offices to view some of the original pieces created by our students. Since space at these locations is limited, and we have many talented artists to showcase, we have created a virtual art show to share with families and friends around the globe. Click the code to view the virtual art show!

Sincerely,

The Waterford Art Department



Art News

The CLMS Community Murals located in the M-Wing of Clark Lane Middle School is a dedicated space for 8th grade students and staff to purchase an individual mural space for \$10.00. The donation helps to offset the costs of paint and materials involved in preparing and producing this mural. Contact Mrs. Provo-Parker at CLMS for details.

Looking to make a

donation?



**CLMS Art
Department**



has a wish list!

Gift certificates for paints and painting supplies are always welcome!

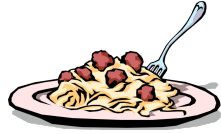
Connecting with Family & Consumer Science

@ Clark Lane Middle School

April 2024



Mangia!



Mrs. Loguidice shares, “Culinary Skills students prepared an Italian Dinner Buffet recently, complete with spaghetti & meatballs along with a fresh garden salad and a tasty dessert.” *Bravo, kiddos!*



Frying Their Way to Excellent Food

Mrs. Loguidice reports, “Stir Fry cooking is a great way to preserve important nutrients in food while preparing quick & tasty meals.”

Culinary Skills students practiced their stir fry techniques in class this past month. *Job well done!*

Yum!



DID YOU KNOW... according to Mrs. Loguidice, middle school students often struggle with tying their aprons before participating in their cooking labs? Mrs. Loguidice continues, “Do you know what an “apron train” is? Well, neither did I until a short time ago! Recently I observed problem-solving in action during class: a group of Culinary students formed a train to get the job done. Clark Lane Middle School students are so clever!” *Simply the best!*



Photos courtesy of Mrs. Loguidice

Connecting with Clark Lane's



Music Department



April 2024

Mark Your Calendar



CONCERT DATES



Spring Concert for Grades 7 and 8 will be held **Tuesday, May 14th.**

Spring Concert for Grade 6 will be **Thursday, May 16th.**

More information will be shared as those dates get closer.

Students Attend Jazz Festival at WHS

On Wednesday, March 27, the Clark Lane Middle School Jazz Band attended the Waterford Jazz Day at Waterford High School. They performed, while working with top-notch clinicians and were able to see fellow middle and high school musicians perform from across Southeastern Connecticut.

Thank you for sharing, Mr. Robarge!



Reminder!

Clark Lane Middle School's Jazz Band meets on Tuesday mornings before school. If you play a band instrument, guitar, piano or bass, see Mr. Robarge for more information!



DID YOU KNOW... studies show that those who study music perform better in a variety of subjects, including math, science, reading and language? Students in music appreciation courses also tend to perform better on the SAT, earning an average of 63 points higher on the verbal section and 44 points higher on the math section. *Good to know!*



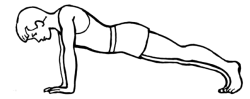
Connecting with Clark Lane Middle School's



Physical Education Department

April 2024

A message from the PE Team at Clark Lane



Students will be participating in the CT State Physical Fitness Test throughout the spring. (pushups, curl ups, mile run and sit and reach)



Spring is here! We will be heading back outside for PE classes-including hiking at Stenger! Please remember sweatshirts, sweatpants, jackets, etc.

-PE Team

Ms. Shannon, Mrs. Livingston & Mr. Lloyd



Come support our Team!

Girls Volleyball Jamboree @ Waterford High School hosting BDJMS, Groton, ISAAC, Norwich, & Lebanon, 3:30 pm on Tuesday, April 2, 2024! *Join us!*

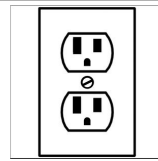


DID YOU KNOW...the Connecticut Physical Fitness Assessment (CPFA) is Connecticut's annual assessment of public school students' physical well-being? Students in Grades 4, 6, and 8 are assessed annually and are evaluated using age and gender appropriate standards in four components fitness, which include: *aerobic endurance; flexibility; upper body strength and endurance and abdominal muscle strength and endurance. Interesting!*



Connecting our corner of the globe to yours

April 2024



Dans la classe de français



6th graders have already learned so much in our short time together! We've reviewed cognates like: *la tomate, le professeur, l'éléphant & la famille*. We've read one story completely in French! We've learned how to pronounce the letters of the French alphabet, which will help the students with pronunciation. We're just learning greetings and practicing dialogues, which will be included on our first quiz! We've recently also discussed some interesting facts about France and the French people! *Ask them what they know about the French president, for instance! And, ask them where croissants are from!* Surprisingly, it's not France!

7th graders are working with prepositions and will soon learn the irregular verb *aller* and place vocabulary to talk about places in town. They'll even be following a map and giving and following directions in French to get from one place to another! Then we'll be moving on to our final unit of the school year, *if you can believe it!*

8th graders are still focusing on "big four" irregular verbs: *avoir, être, aller* and *faire* and are working on preparing an oral presentation, which they'll record, about activities they do!

A classe linguae latinae

6th graders will begin the trimester by looking at Latin root words and cognates, to recognize how much Latin they already know! They will soon begin learning some geography of Ancient Rome, and about Mt. Vesuvius.

7th graders are working on their Hercules unit. They are learning the true mythology behind Hercules and his 12 labors that the Romans and Greeks believed, and will create a project that showcases a few of them. The culminating assignment of the unit is where students compare and contrast the mythology with the Disney movie and then write a persuasive paper to give Disney a grade based on the accuracy of their portrayal of the myth.



8th graders students are about half way through reading the famous epic, the "Aeneid". Students follow Aeneas, the main character, as he faces obstacles and monsters of mythology to found what will become Rome. Students are continuing to see the imperfect and perfect tenses used in the context of the story, as well as various personal pronouns in Latin.



En la clase de español

6th graders have already learned greetings, introduction and farewell expressions in Spanish! In the next few weeks, they will learn to spell their names using the Spanish alphabet and they will research Spanish speaking countries, their foods, location, flag, etc.

7th graders have just started a new unit. In this unit they will learn to talk about their school day. They will describe and compare their schedules, classes and teachers. In this unit, students will explore schools in Spanish speaking countries, and compare their school day!

8th graders have just finished reviewing personal pronouns and regular verb conjugations. They are now ready to start using a few irregular verbs, such as *jugar, poder* and *querer* to talk about leisure activities and sports they play. In this unit they will learn about Hispanic athletes, such as Rafael Nadal as well as popular sports in Spanish speaking countries.

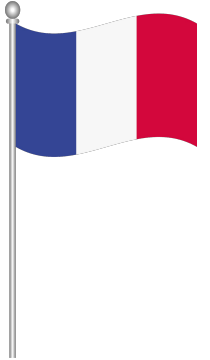
Clark Lane Middle School celebrates

National French Day

Sponsored by the **French Club**



On Wednesday, March 20, 2024, students, including students from the **French Club**, gathered after school to celebrate **National French Day**. *How, you ask? By eating crêpes, of course!* French Language Day is a day to celebrate French culture, language and history and to *respect multilingualism and cultural diversity in general. Bon appetit!*



*BON
Appetit*



DID YOU KNOW...the term *crêpe* is a French word that comes from the old French term “*crispe*”, that originates from the Latin word “*crispa*” or “*crispus*”, meaning “*curled*”? Flour, eggs, milk and butter are typically the primary ingredients used to make a traditional *crêpe*.



Photos courtesy of Madame Desjays

Clark Lane Middle School Celebrates World Language Week

During the week of March 18-22, 2024, students at Clark Lane Middle School celebrated World Language Week! In our increasingly globalized, interconnected society, it has never been more crucial to promote the value of language learning. Every year, *National World Language Week* serves to highlight and honor all languages. The students in French, Latin and Spanish Clubs planned Spirit Days to get the whole school involved in celebrating all languages! See the calendar below.



World Language Week Spirit Days
March 18th - March 22nd

MONDAY: ANYTHING SOCCER ⚽
Soccer is the most popular sport in France, Italy and Spain

TUESDAY: COLOR WARS DAY
Wear **blue** for French, **purple** for Latin, **red** for Spanish, and **yellow** for any other languages!

WEDNESDAY: FLAG DAY 🇫🇷 🇺🇸 🇮🇳
Dress in the colors of your favorite flag!

THURSDAY: DUOLINGO APPRECIATION DAY 🦉
Wear green

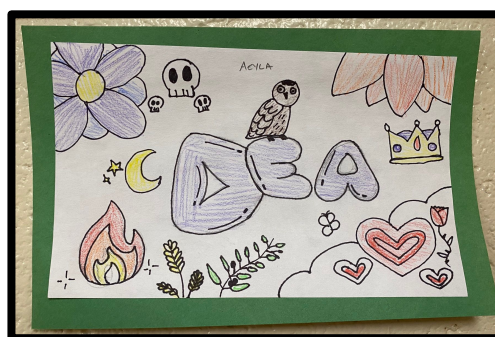
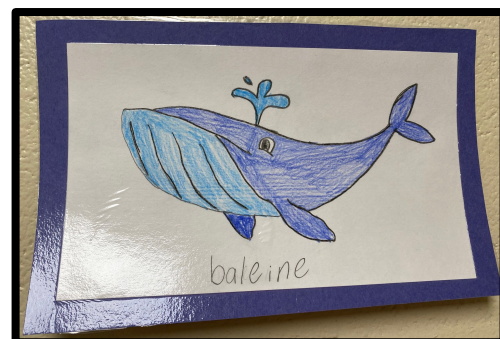
FRIDAY: HAT DAY 🎩 🧢 📵
Wear a traditional hat to celebrate all languages!



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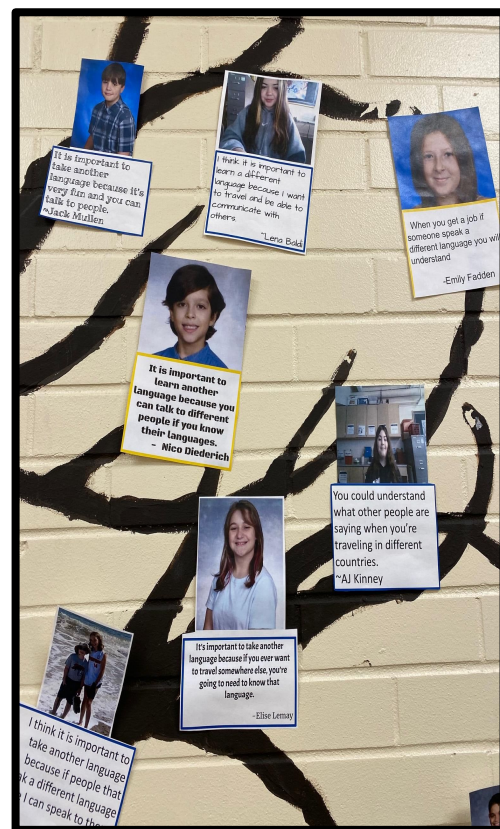
Clark Lane Middle School Celebrates World Language Week

All eighth grade World Language students participated in poster contests while seventh grade students created word walls with their favorite word in French, Latin or Spanish. Sixth grade students shared their opinions about the importance of learning another language!



Congratulations to the 8th grade poster contest winners!

- 1st place:** Violet Melton
- 2nd place:** Aubrie Willis
- 3rd place:** Arianna Hermoza
- Honorable Mention:**
Autumn Price



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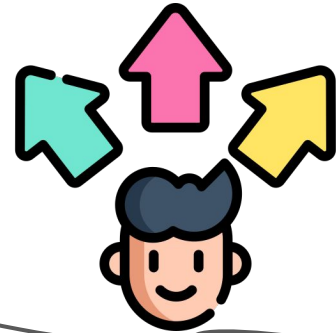
Attention 6th Grade Parents

Helping your 6th grader choose a language

Prepared for you by the CLMS World Language Teachers

6TH GRADE STUDENTS

in the Waterford District are fortunate to have the opportunity to try three different languages in their first year of middle school. This gives them a unique opportunity to not only meet the teachers that they will potentially have for the next two years, but also to explore and discover new vocabulary and new cultural experiences.

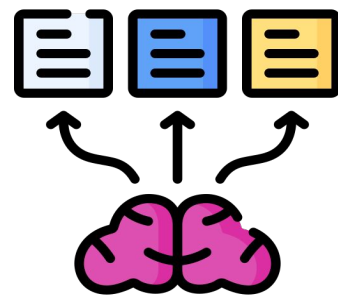


HOW IT WORKS

6th grade students will soon be choosing their World Language class for the next two years. This means that whatever language they choose for 7th grade, will be the same language they will study in 8th grade and they cannot change their choice once 7th grade has begun.

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT AND PERSONAL DECISION!

While we encourage parents to discuss the options with their sixth graders, we kindly remind parents to please honor the decision of your student as they have had the experience of learning each of the languages this year, interacting with the teachers, and following class dynamics that will be similar in the next two years.



At this early stage of language learning, we find that students who actually choose the language they enjoyed the most in 6th grade bring a positive attitude with them to class and tend to perform better.

JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETIES

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



There are currently three World Language Junior Honor Societies open to students in 8th grade at Clark Lane Middle School. Students are selected at the end of Trimester 2 based on their current overall grade in French, Latin or Spanish. In fact, potentially eligible students are invited by their teachers at the end of seventh grade to participate in the club associated with their language of choice for eighth grade.

The French Junior Honor Society (*Jeunes Amis du Français*), the Latin Junior Honor Society (*National Junior Classical League*) and the Spanish Junior Honor Society (*La Sociedad Hispánica de Amistad*) are honorary clubs that take part in special projects and/or events that promote interest in the study of French, Latin and Spanish and create enthusiasm for the respective language and culture in the school community and community at large.

To be eligible for membership in each individual honor society, candidates must:

- Be a current eighth grade student who is enrolled in a full academic year of French/Latin/Spanish
- Have completed two full trimesters of French/Latin/Spanish in middle school
- Have an A- or higher in all trimesters in French/Latin/Spanish (including in 7th grade)
- Exemplify good citizenship and maintain a record free from serious behavioral offenses, such as cheating and offensive language or actions.
- Participate in **two** language-related activities over the course of *this academic year* promoting the aims of the JAF, JCL or SHA: stimulating interest in French, Latin or Spanish and creating enthusiasm for and an understanding of Francophone culture, the Classical World and/or Hispanic culture AND attend more than 50% of the meetings prior to the induction.
- Submit the completed application to the World Language teacher by the deadline
- Pay a one-time membership fee of \$10 (Fee is used for induction cost and membership fee.)
- Be recommended by the French/Latin/Spanish teacher

If your student is eligible, s/he will receive a letter by the middle of March with an application and instructions for applying. Application requirements must also be met in order to be considered. There is a formal ceremony, which takes place in the spring.

NOTE: The formal induction ceremony is in late April or May. Rehearsal for the ceremony can be after school or during the school day. If students miss class to attend the rehearsal, they are responsible for missed work. Rehearsal is mandatory.

This is an extraordinary honor reserved for the highest achieving students. We encourage all eligible students to participate.

For more information, please contact your child's World Language teacher.



CONNECTIONS CLUBS

After School Clubs @ Clark Lane Middle School April 2024

Get involved.



The Connections Program offers a variety of afterschool clubs for students here at Clark Lane Middle School. These clubs offer students the ability to get involved in activities they enjoy after school and to meet new people and *connect* with the school.

Generally, club meeting days & times are announced over the morning announcements; however, **there is also a bulletin board outside of the Assistant Principal's office where staff members post club flyers!** Students: *be sure to check this out!*

Come join the Hogwart's Club!



Hogwart's Club meets on Wednesdays in the back of the library with Miss Koning. *Listen for announcements! Come join the fun!*



Baking Club Update

The Clark Lane Middle School Baking Club, under the direction of Mrs. Loguidice, meets twice a month to bake some tasty seasonal treats.

Listen to the morning announcements for meeting sign-up information!

Photo courtesy of Mrs. Loguidice



Late Buses...What you Need to Know

Late buses run Mondays, Tuesdays and **Wednesdays** unless there is a faculty meeting, which is typically the first Monday of the month. *If late buses are not running on a particular day, it will be announced.* Students take the late bus that goes to their area of town.

Students **will be issued a bus pass** from the adult they are staying after school with, or they can get picked up *in lieu of* taking a bus. Late buses arrive at school at 3:40 pm.



Join us for Rubik's Cube Club!

This club meets **Mondays** after school. Come to work on a mosaic, learn how to solve a cube or race others for fastest times. See Mrs. Joyner for more information!



CONNECTIONS CLUBS

After School Clubs @ Clark Lane Middle School

April 2024

Come join

CLARK LANE UNITED



This group is dedicated to fostering a sense of belonging and community. We are currently writing a script for a public service announcement that will air on the morning announcements soon. We have a good core of regular attendees, but we are always looking for more members, to increase perspective in our conversations. Come join us Wednesdays after school in S106.

Coming soon!



Mr. McNeil's Archery Club will be starting up soon!

Listen for announcements or see Mr. McNeil for more information on how to join!



Come join us for Perler Bead Club



Perler Bead Club meets on either Tuesdays or Wednesdays this spring, depending on the week. Each week, there is a different theme. Students can make something related to the theme or choose a design on their own. The upcoming meeting dates are: April 15th & April 23rd

Come join us! Sign up in L200.



Listen for announcements for more information!

Student Council

Student Council is still selling Waterford baseball hats! Get yours today in the Main Office. For information about joining Student Council, listen to the announcements or see Ms. Barnes in S112.



Clark Lane's GSA Club meets every other Tuesday after school for the entire school year. Mr. Higgins and Mrs. Heller are co-advisors. Listen to the morning announcements for more information or just stop in to join us!

Connecting with Staff

April 2024



Meet *the* Staff

In each of our monthly issues, we'll introduce you to our staff here at **Clark Lane Middle School** and give you a little *up close and personal*.

DID YOU KNOW...there are over 3,842,796 teachers currently employed in the United States. Of those, 74.3% are women, while 25.7% are men. *Wow!*

This month's **STAFF** *spotlight*




Mr. Higgins

8th grade, Social Studies
S110

Mr. Higgins has been a teacher in WPS for about 25 years. He grew up in nearby Stonington, CT. Mr. Higgins reads and collects comic books. He shares, *"Started when I was in 7th grade and never stopped."* He also enjoys learning about/caring for local and tropical plants and spending time with *Stanley*, his one year old border collie mix. When asked about his spring break plans, Mr. Higgins shared that he'll be traveling somewhere and definitely reading comic books! This summer, he plans to spend time with Stanley, his dog, his husband, read, take care of his plants and relax! *Cool!*

Some of his favorites include:

Favorite Subject in Middle School? **Art** 
(US History was a close second!)

Favorite Candy? **Reeses cups**

Favorite Food? **SUSHI** 

Favorite Season? He likes them all! He said, *"Just when I start to get tired of a season, a new one begins."*

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This month's

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spotlight



Mr. Williams

8th grade, Science
S116

Mr. Williams has been in WPS for 22 years, but has been teaching 34 years overall! **Wow!** Mr. Williams grew up in Mystic, CT and enjoys *birdwatching* (by far his biggest hobby), *seeing live music*, *baseball* (and all sports Boston and UConn) and *spending time with Alfie*, his brindle Miniature British Bull Terrier. This spring break, which isn't too far away, Mr. Williams plans to catch up on yard work.

Some of his favorites include:

Favorite Holiday? **Thanksgiving**

Favorite Subject in Middle School?



History

Favorite Food? **Lobster in any form!**



Favorite Day of the Week? *The back half of*

Friday!

Favorite Season? **Summer for his whole life!**

Fall starting in 2024!

NOTE: Mr. Williams will be retiring at the end of this year! *Congratulations, Mr. Williams!*

This month's

STAFF
spotlight



Ms. Galvin

6th grade, Language Arts
C101

This is Ms. Galvin's 6th year teaching in WPS. For fun, Ms. Galvin enjoys *running*, *quilting*, *knitting*, *roller blading* and *reading*. In fact, her favorite book of all time is Another Country by James Baldwin and East of Eden by John Steinbeck. Ms. Galvin has one cat named **Coco**, seven chickens and two fish at home, while here at school, in her classroom, she has one leopard gecko named **Tikka**. Over spring break, Ms. Galvin is looking forward to *spending time with her two sons!*

Some of her favorites include:

Favorite Day of the Week? **Saturday**

Favorite Season? **Fall**



Favorite Food? *Her dad's steak*

Favorite Hot Beverage? **Vanilla Latte**



Favorite Subject in Middle School?

Language Arts, of course!





What's Cooking?



in Clark Lane Middle School's cafeteria

April 2024

BREAKFAST

Please visit www.myschoolbucks.com to add funds to your child's account.

APRIL 2024
WATERFORD SCHOOLS K-12

One daily Breakfast at no charge to all students this 2023-24 school year!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mini French Toast Or Assorted WG Muffin Or Cereal Choice Assorted fruit 100% fruit juice_Milk	NO SCHOOL	"Early Riser" Bacon & Egg Hash brown Patty Or Assorted WG Muffin Or Cereal Choice Milk Assorted fruit 100% fruit juice	National Orange juice day Egg & Cheese breakfast sandwich Or Assorted WG Muffin Or Cereal Choice Milk Assorted fruit 100% fruit juice	Breakfast pizza Or Assorted WG Muffin Or Cereal Choice Milk Assorted fruit 100% fruit juice
8	9	10	11	12
SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK
Sweet Potato breakfast Roll Or Assorted WG Muffin Or Cereal Choice Milk Assorted fruit 100% fruit juice	Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich Or Assorted WG Muffin Or Cereal Choice Milk Assorted fruit 100% fruit juice	National banana Bread Day String Cheese Or Assorted WG Muffin Or Cereal Choice Milk Assorted fruit 100% fruit juice	Mini French Toast Or Cereal Choice Milk Assorted fruit 100% fruit juice	Breakfast pizza Or Assorted WG Muffin Or Cereal Choice Milk Assorted fruit 100% fruit juice
Yogurt mini muffin Cheese stick Or Assorted WG Muffin Or Cereal Choice Milk Assorted fruit 100% fruit juice	Mini pancakes Or Assorted WG Muffin Or Cereal Choice Milk Assorted fruit 100% fruit juice	Sweet Potato breakfast Roll Or Assorted WG Muffin Or Cereal Choice Milk Assorted fruit 100% fruit juice	National Zucchini Bread day String cheese Or Assorted WG Muffin Or Cereal Choice Milk Assorted fruit 100% fruit juice	Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich Or Assorted WG Muffin Or Cereal Choice Milk Assorted fruit 100% fruit juice
Mini Pancakes Or Assorted WG Muffin Or Cereal Choice Milk Assorted fruit 100% fruit juice	Sweet Potato breakfast Roll Or Assorted WG Muffin Or Cereal Choice Milk Assorted fruit 100% fruit juice	*Yogurt/string Cheese & Goldfish Graham with Fruit &/or 100% juice Alternate Choice also available daily		

All grain-based items offered are whole-grain rich which means that at least 51% of the grains in the item are whole grain (WG), all other grains are enriched
A VARIETY OF FRESH FRUITS OFFERED DAILY **Thoroughly cooking meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs reduces the risk of foodborne illness**
*Allergy Warning: Menu items may contain or come in contact with wheat, eggs, soy, nuts, and milk *Menus are subject to change
THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY



Friendly Reminder
Students can purchase snacks from the cafeteria if there is money on their lunch account. All food in the cafeteria is for sale and must be purchased.



LUNCH

Please visit www.myschoolbucks.com to add funds to your child's account.

APRIL 2024
WATERFORD SCHOOLS K-12

LUNCH PRICES
Elementary \$3.25
CLMS \$3.50
WHS \$3.75
*Second Meal-\$4.25 - Adult Meal \$5.00

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
"April Fool's day" "Crispy Burger" (Chicken Fatty on a WG Roll) Emojii fries baby carrots Diced pears Milk	No School Professional Development	Chicken Meatballs In brown gravy Mashed potatoes Corn Dinner roll Applesauce Milk	Beef & Cheese Nachos Brown Rice Salsa Fiesta beans Orange smiles Milk	French bread Pizza Garden salad Fresh apple Mango- wango Juice Milk
8	9	10	11	12
SCHOOL HOLIDAY	SCHOOL HOLIDAY	SCHOOL HOLIDAY	SCHOOL HOLIDAY	SCHOOL HOLIDAY
Wellness Tip: Start your day right-with a healthy breakfast!	Wellness Tip: Get some fresh air Go for a Bike ride!	Wellness Tip: Get plenty of exercise in your day Talk a long walk!	Wellness Tip: Stay hydrated Drink plenty of water!	Wellness Tip: Limit Blue light before bed Get plenty of sleep!
Cheeseburger Baked beans Sweet potato fries Apple juice Milk	"Brunch for lunch" French Toast sticks/ syrup cup Potato puffs sausage links Sliced strawberries Mango juice Milk	Pasta with meat sauce Cheese stuffed breadstick Garden salad Diced pears Milk	Chicken Nuggets Rosemary Roasted Potato Wedges Peas Dinner roll Diced pears Milk	Pizza Cheese bite dippers Marinara sauce Steamed Broccoli Orange smiles Milk
Meatless Monday! "Big daddy's" Pizza Slice Green beans Baby carrots Fresh Apple Milk	Yang's orange chicken (k-5) Gen Tao's Chicken (6-12) Vegetable fried rice Edamame Diced peaches Milk	Chicken & Pasta Alfredo Steamed broccoli Garlic knot Orange smiles Milk	Turkey /Cheese/lettuce On a WG Grinder Roll WG Goldfish Cucumber wheels/Ranch Cup Apple juice Milk	Mozzarella Sticks Marinara Sauce Dipping Cup Garden salad Diced peaches Milk
Chicken & Waffles/syrup cup Sweet potato fries Golden Steamed Corn Apple slices Milk	Hot dog Oven baked fries Mozzarella string cheese Cucumber wheels/Ranch Cup Grape juice Milk	For the 23-24 school year, students qualified for Reduced status will receive one lunch at no cost per day		

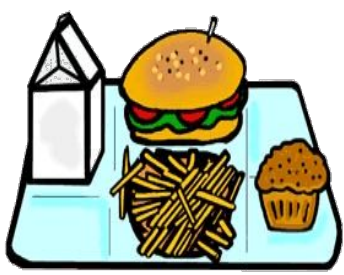
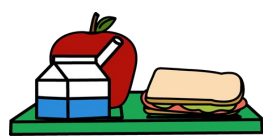
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Yogurt Meal=Yogurt, Mozzarella string cheese, baby carrots, oranges, goldfish crackers, dinner roll, milk Salad Meal=Garden salad with egg, cheese stick garlic knot, fruit choice, milk
Allergy Warning: Menu items may contain or come in contact with wheat, eggs, soy, nuts, and/or milk *Menus are subject to change
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Students riding the bus who want breakfast in the morning **should report directly to the Old Gym once they get off the bus** and then immediately head to Homeroom for attendance. If your student is a parent drop-off in the morning, those students wait in the cafeteria until the bell and can get breakfast there as they come in before Homeroom.



Breakfast is **FREE** for all students.

For information about Free/Reduced Price School Meals, click here:



Join the CLMS PTO

Connect with us!

April 2024

Huge thanks to Jen Juliani and all of the volunteers who helped to make the 2024 CLMS Basket Bonanza such a success. We also want to extend our gratitude to all of the families, CLMS teachers/staff and businesses who donated items and baskets for the event!

We appreciate you!

Continue to follow us on Facebook!



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. We appreciate your support of the CLMS PTO and appreciate all of your participation! Thank you!



~Kate McDonald, President kste78@hotmail.com



WE NEED YOU

The CLMS PTO is looking for new officers for the 2024-2025 school year!

We will need a President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer.

Without these positions filled, CLMS will not have a parent/teacher organization.

To learn more, please come to the next CLMS PTO meeting or reach out to

Kate McDonald, PTO President!
kste78@hotmail.com



Our next meeting is
Tuesday, May 21st
at **5 pm**
CLMS Library or
on Zoom

All are welcome to attend!

ATTENTION Current
5th grade/rising 6th
grade Parents!

Please join us!

We REALLY need
new officers for the
2024-2025 school
year.

GET
INVOLVED!



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