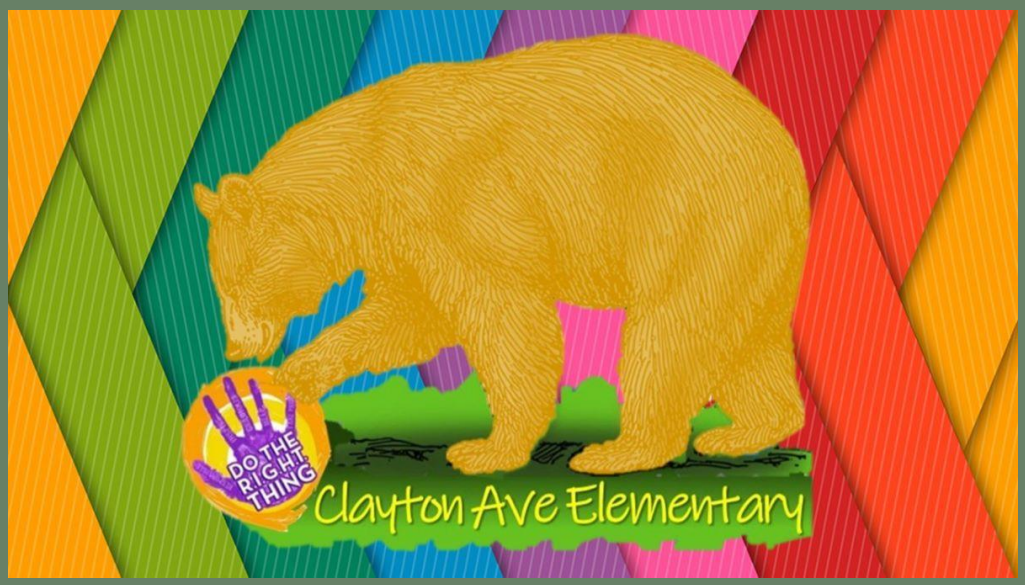
December, 2019
Clayton Ave Newsletter
Bradley J. Bruce, Principal



As a Staff at Clayton Ave this year, we learned about a man named Edward Lorenz who, in 1963, asked this question--"Does the flap of a butterfly's wings in Brazil set off a tornado in Texas?" His theory was that a very small change in initial conditions can create a significantly different outcome. This later became known as "The Butterfly Effect".

At Clayton Ave, we explored how this theory can influence those around us. We have discussed how small actions both positive and negative can have a ripple effect on our school culture. We began to speak with our students about how their actions (both positive and negative) can have a ripple effect on how people treat one another. We discuss often how, as a Clayton Ave community, we all have an influence in what makes Clayton Ave such a wonderful school.

I would encourage you to discuss with your own children how their actions have a ripple effect in their lives both inside Clayton Ave and in our community. It's a joy to have your students here and support them to take ownership over our school community.
Sincerely,

Brad Bruce-Principal

DECEMBER, 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 REPORT CARDS DISTRIBUTED	5 CAE BOOK FAIR 3:30-8:00pm & FAMILY FUN NIGHT 6:00-7:30pm	6 11:00 EARLY DISMISSAL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES	7
	CAE HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE 12/2 TO 12/13					
8	9	10	11	12	13 11:00 EARLY DISMISSAL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES	14
15	16 11:00 EARLY DISMISSAL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 NO SCHOOL Christmas Day	26	27	28
29	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL New Year's Eve				

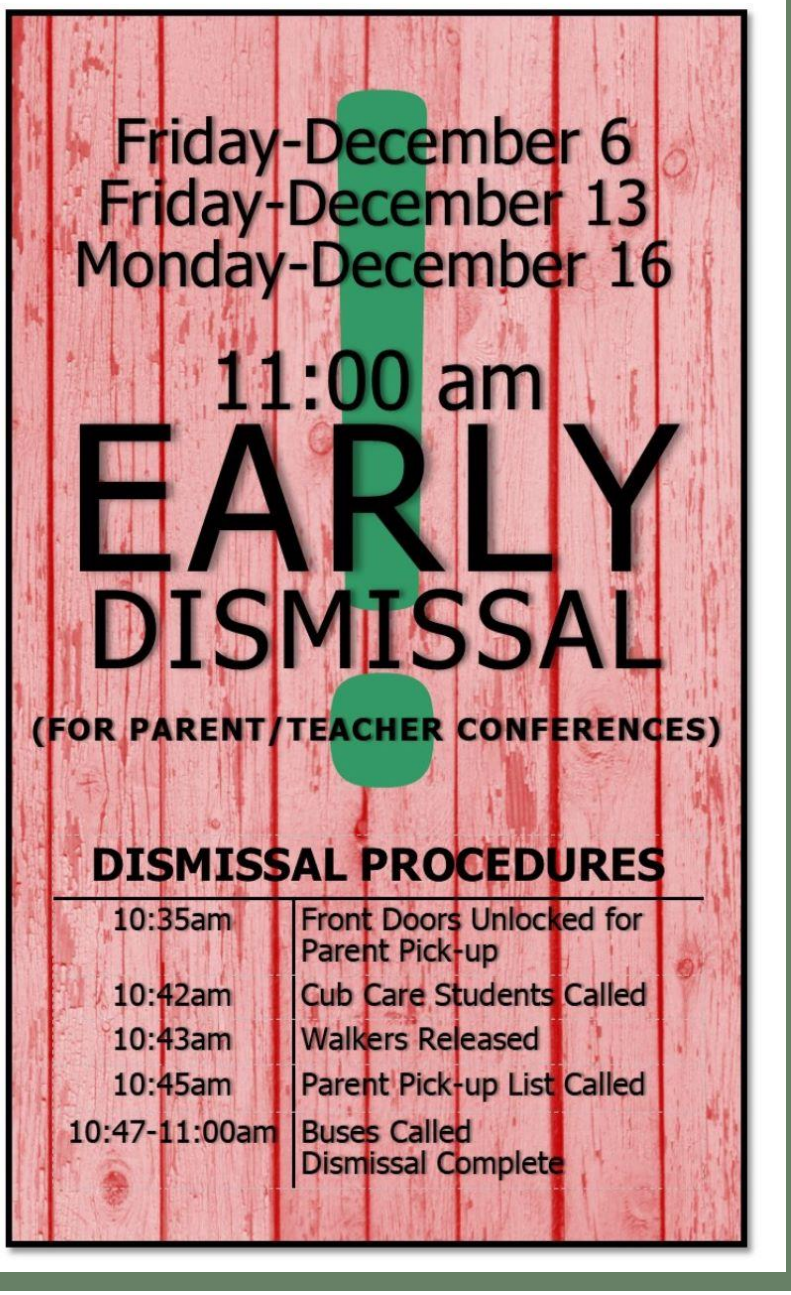
JANUARY, 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 NO SCHOOL New Year's Day	2	3	4
5	6	7 BOE MTG @ GLE 6:00pm	8	9	10	11
12	13 CAPTO BLAZE PIZZA FUNDRAISER	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Day	21	22 DATE CHANGE CHORUS CONCERT	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 CAE WINTER CONCERT (Orchestra/Chorus/Band) 7:00pm (CAE Auditorium)	30	31	

PLEASE NOTE—

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
FRIDAY, 12/6/19; FRIDAY, 12/13/19
AND MONDAY, 12/16/19

THERE WILL BE AN 11:00 AM EARLY DISMISSAL ON EACH OF THESE DATES



From Our Counselor...

Hello Families!

I hope this newsletter finds you warm and healthy!

We've been staying busy at Clayton Ave! Safety Patrol started for students in grades 3-5 who have been nominated by their teacher. We add to Safety Patrol periodically throughout the year. We are always looking for more students to be good role models, supervising the hallways and sidewalks during the morning and at dismissal!

Play Groups for students in Kindergarten and First grade will be switching soon. These groups meet seven times. Remember, everyone has an opportunity throughout the year to be a part of our groups. These present wonderful and fun ways for every child to build and develop problem-solving skills!

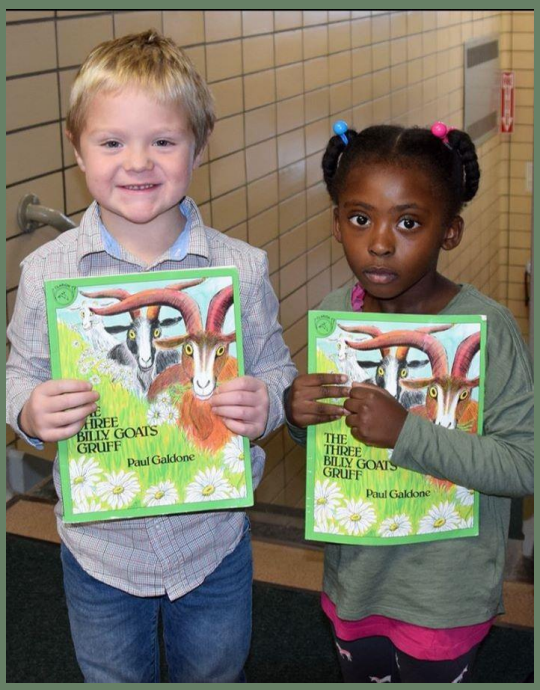
Banana Splits Groups are still going. I have extended them this year for fifteen meetings, instead of my normal nine. These groups have shared many inspiring conversations about changing families, and I have loved working with everyone! In order to allow for other groups with other children, I will have to close these out after fifteen weeks.

As always, should you have any concerns regarding your child, please contact me. Parent-Teacher conferences are a wonderful time for you to stop by, and I will be popping in to many conferences as well. Thanks for everything!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Colleen Ferratella
School Counselor

Kindergarten reading parade!

celebrating the completion of their 1st reading unit!



CAPTO UPDATES

Contact CAPTO (captoboard@yahoo.com) or Follow CAPTO on Facebook!

CAPTO Meetings--Please note that the Monday, January 6 meeting is CANCELLED.

Blaze Pizza Fundraiser--CAE Pizza Night on Monday, January 13 from 5:30 to 8:30pm. You will receive a flyer to present when placing your order or show a picture of the flyer from your phone. 20% of the proceeds from your meal go to CAPTO!

ARCTIC ADVENTURE
PLUNGE INTO COOL BOOKS!

Thursday, December 5, CAE Gymnasium

Join us for this family event and Scholastic Book Fair on Thursday, December 5 in the Clayton Ave gymnasium. The Book Fair will run from 3:30 to 8:00pm, with activities held from 6:00 to 7:30pm.

- Arctic Adventure Activities:
- Stay warm with cookies and hot chocolate
- Fun scavenger hunt through the hallways of decorative doors
- Storytime in the Library every 15 minutes with our special guest readers
- "Ice Fishing" for stickers and work together to reveal a magical mosaic poster
- Polar Selfies with the Arctic Bear Mascot and your family or friends
- Plunge into cool books at the Scholastic Book Fair

(Note--Class Book Browsing will be held on December 3 and 4 during school)

At our Veterans Day Ceremony, Clayton Ave Staff and students were proud to honor approximately 30 Veterans, who are family members of Clayton Ave students. We collected non-perishable items for donation to the Vestal Elks. The Vestal Elks then took these donations and made three boxes to ship overseas to soldiers. Mr. Liberty, from the Vestal Elks, thanked staff and students for their donations. After the ceremony, some veterans talked to our 4th and 5th grade students about their experiences while in the military and as a veteran

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Thank you, Veterans and family members! We thank you not only on Veterans Day, but every day!

Physicals are still needed for some students in grades kindergarten, first, third and fifth grade. If you haven't sent in a permission form for a physical to be done at school, then a completed physical form (from your child's physician dated on or after 9/1/2018) is needed. Endwell Family Physicians is scheduled to come to the school shortly.

We are beginning our collection of non-perishable goods here at Clayton Avenue. CAPTO, parents and CAE staff always do a wonderful job with helping provide our own families with some food over the Holidays. Thank you to all who contribute to help make this possible. Not only do our families help out, but we have some local merchants who help CAPTO by assisting with our supply of food. I am thankful to be part of such a loving and caring community.

Recently, I have received many donated clothing items to have on hand in the Health Office. Thank you to all who donated these slightly-used items. Gently-used sneakers, socks, shirts and pants are put to good use by students who need a change of clothing during the day at school. Should you have a child who borrowed something, please wash it and return the item. If you need that article of clothing, please feel free to keep it. We are happy to share what we have here in the Health Office, and our supply is replenished frequently by many giving people.

Thanks for your kindness to our students,
Mrs. Jan Forsberg
School Nurse

Clayton Ave Holiday Food Drive

CAPTO will be sponsoring a Holiday Food Drive from Monday, December 2 through Friday, December 13. This is a voluntary-donation program. This year, we are again planning to create and donate holiday food baskets for families in our Clayton Avenue community. The following is a list of items that are needed. The list is divided up by grade level, and an option for our staff is also included. Collection boxes will be in the lobby during the above dates.

This year we are also offering families the opportunity to send in a cash donation to help offset the cost of items not received in our food drive. This will help us to create a bountiful food basket that will include everything needed for a holiday dinner. Monetary donations (cash or check--made payable to CAPTO), can be sent in with your child in an envelope marked CAPTO--Holiday Food Drive.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

Kindergarten ……..Boxed or Bagged Cereal, Instant Oatmeal

Grade 1……Instant Potatoes, Stuffing Mix, Rice, Macaroni & Cheese

Grade 2 ……...Brownie Mix, Cookie Mix, Quick Bread Mix

Grade 3 ……Canned Fruit, Applesauce, Cranberry Sauce

Grade 4 ……Hot Chocolate, Canned Soup, Peanut Butter

Grade 5 ……Canned Vegetables, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Juice

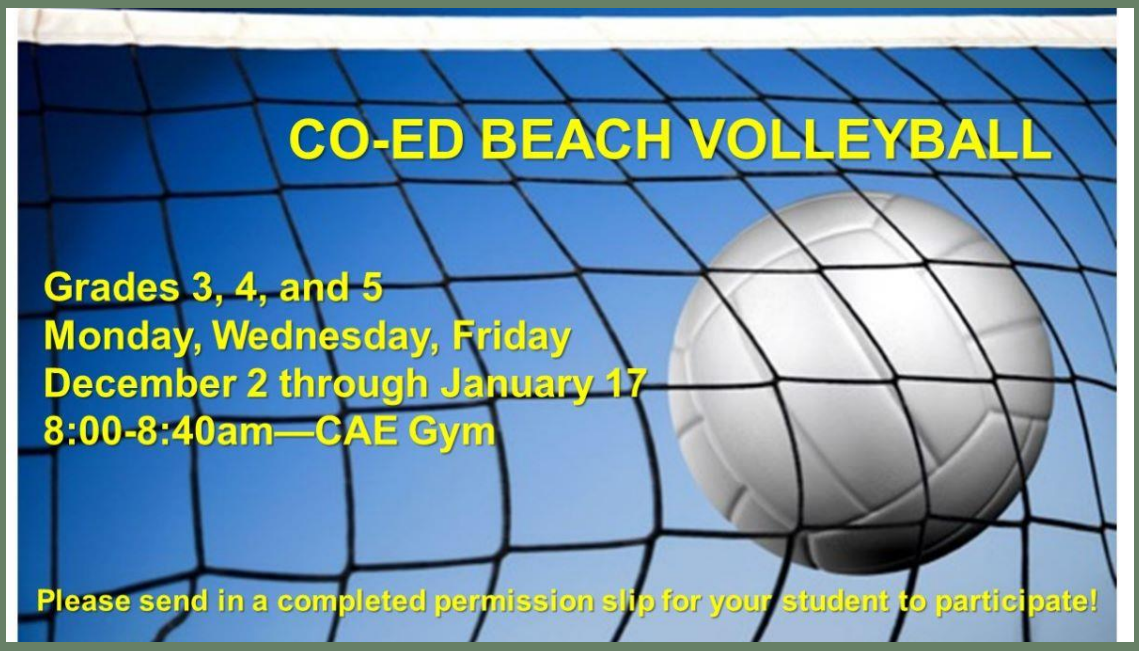
Staff…… Paper Towels, Napkins, Nuts, Trail Mix, Crackers

NO GLASS CONTAINERS, PLEASE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

to sort & package boxes on **December 13 and 14**!

If you would be able to help, please email captoboard@yahoo.com



School Spirit Wear Sale!

Thank you for your purchases! All orders should be ready on or by December 6. If you chose the free, individual customer pick-up at Zappia's in Vestal, then you will receive a phone call and/or email when your order is ready. Otherwise, your items will be shipped to the designated area if you paid for that method. Please contact Zappia's with any questions at (607)748-9795.

Look out for our Spring Sale if you missed this one!

NO SCHOOL
December 23 through January 1

WHEN-January 29, 2020 at 7:00pm
WHERE-CAE Auditorium
WHO-All Ensembles!
4th & 5th Grade Orchestra
4th & 5th Grade Chorus
5th Grade Band
PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE TO ONE DATE
2020 CAE Winter Concert

KEEP CLIPPING TO EARN CASH FOR CAE!!
VOID
BOX TOPS
EDUCATION

Each Clayton Ave 3rd-Grader
Received the Gift
of a New Dictionary!
Thank you, Vestal Elks!

THE Dictionary Project

BLAZE PIZZA FUNDRAISER!

Monday, January 13 from 5:30 to 8:30pm

Flyers will be distributed at school to present at BLAZE PIZZA when you purhcase dinner. CAPTO will receive 20% of proceeds from your meal. Plan a fun dinner out with classmates or family and friends!

Clayton Ave continues to participate in the Coca-Cola Give program! This opens up Clayton Ave to new funding opportunities to help improve learning environments for students.

CAPTO is now collecting Coke reward codes for the Coke Gives program. You can send in codes or enter them at: https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/ just select Clayton Ave, scan or enter the code and our school will get a donation.

**Other Option (If you do not want to create an account): Please save your Coca-Cola products bottle caps that contain the codes and send them into the school. CAPTO will submit the codes for you.

Thank you!

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SPOTLIGHT ON CAE
Featuring...Mrs. Amy Panella, CAE Art Teacher
November 4, 2019

NOVEMBER, 2019

Golden Sneaker (PE)---Gr 1--Ms. Gensler
Golden Trashcan (Classroom Neatness)--Gr 2--Mr. Olson
Golden Hallway--(Hallway Behavior)--Gr 3--Mrs. Hall
Golden Spork (Cafeteria Manners)--Gr 4--Mrs. Liberty
Golden Book (Library)--Gr 3--Mrs. Arnold
Golden Palette (Art)--Gr 3--Ms. Gollogly
Golden Microphone (Music)--Gr 4--Mrs. Liberty
Golden Whistle (Recess)--Gr 1--Mrs. Braman
Golden Apple (Class in Building)--Gr 2--Ms. Scarapicchia

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