

Welcome!
Clear Creek Elementary
2023-2024 School Theme: **Igniting our Spark for Continued Excellence**
School Mascot: Dragon

Vision: Clear Creek Elementary creates an environment that promotes success for all students by developing the intellectual, social-emotional, and physical attributes of every child.

Mission Statement: Every child, reading, writing, listening and speaking every day!

As the proud principal of Clear Creek Elementary, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Clear Creek Elementary School for another great year. We are excited to have students back in our classrooms and hallways as they fill them with energy and excitement for learning. As a school family, our goal is to make every child feel welcomed, connected, and a special part of Clear Creek Elementary. Additionally, we strive to challenge each student to grow his or her academic abilities. Many exciting opportunities await the Clear Creek Dragons we feel so honored to serve.

Our school's theme this year is "Igniting our Spark for Continued Excellence". The theme is inspired by our quest to make teaching and learning an energetic educational journey that fosters collaboration, critical thinking, communication and creativity. At Clear Creek Elementary, our goal is to build a strong foundation for learning in each student's life, as students read, write, listen and speak every day.

Our sensational school staff is committed to providing a safe learning environment as we strive to make learning authentic, engaging, and meaningful for all students. As a result, we have worked to build systems of support to meet the diverse academic and social-emotional needs of our students.

The following information is intended to assist you in helping your child get off to a great start for the 2023-2024 school year!

The first day of school is Monday, August 28th. Our students' day begins at 7:40am with the morning announcements. Our instructional day begins at 7:45am. Car line/morning arrival begins at 7:15. All students must remain with their guardians until school personnel begin unloading cars. Student dismissal begins at 2:35pm with our younger students. All other students are dismissed by 2:45pm.

Our "Back to School In-Person Open House" will take place on Thursday, August 24th from 12:00-2:00 and from 4:00-6:00 for students in grades Pre-K-5th.

Kindergarten Staggered Entry

Kindergarten entrance is staggered during the first four days of school. As a result, Kindergarten students will only attend one of the first four days of school. All Kindergarten students will return on Friday, September 1st. We also encourage you to attend the Kindergarten drop-in Open House on Thursday, August 31st, from 3:30-4:30pm. Kindergarten parents and students are also welcome to attend the "Back to School Open House" on August 24th from 12:00-2:00pm or 4:00-6:00pm. A staggered entry schedule is included in this packet for Kindergarten students.

Supplies

- A grade level specific school supply list is available on the Clear Creek website:
<https://www.cmsk12.org/clearcreekES>

Connecting with the School

Collaboration between home and school is one important key to student success. As a result, please engage in the following with your child's teacher:

- Communicate on a regular basis via phone calls, emails, conferences and Parent Square
- Provide opportunities to learn about, and become comfortable with, online platforms
- Create a learning space for your child to work with limited distractions
- Communicate regularly with the counselor about the social emotional needs of your child
- Make attendance a PRIORITY, to include arriving to school each day ON TIME

Social and Emotional Support

Clear Creek Elementary will continue to prioritize the social-emotional health of our students. This will take place through community building, morning meetings and utilization of the Caring Schools curriculum. In addition, we will continue to offer additional support and guidance as needed. Our counselors and school psychologist will be available to students and families to provide support with counseling or resources.

School Forms

Teachers will send information home with your student on the first day of school explaining which forms to access from the CMS Website, complete, and return to school.

Class Assignments

Individual student classroom assignments are being finalized this week. Our teachers will contact families prior to Open House to introduce themselves and let you know your child's assigned room number in order for you to visit during Open House. Kindergarten students will be notified of their class assignment on September 1st, after the staggered entry days. ***Please also note, all class assignments will be considered temporary, pending an increase or decrease in enrollment as calculated on the twentieth day of school. This is a state procedure and our teacher allotments are funded by the state based upon enrollment. Any changes in class assignments will be communicated to parents prior to changes taking place, if necessary.***

After-School Enrichment Program (ASEP)

We are pleased to inform you that ASEP will again be available at Clear Creek Elementary! After School care occurs from **2:45-6:00pm**. Our ASEP Site Coordinator is Ashley Mason. If you have any questions, please contact the ASEP Central Office at 980-343-5567.

Transportation

.Please be flexible with the bus schedule during the first few weeks of school. Be sure to arrive at least 10 minutes early to your posted stop. During this time, the CMS transportation department evaluates bus routes and makes changes as necessary to provide the best transportation possible for your child. In addition, if you've moved over the summer, please call the school for information as to how you can update your address. CMS will provide transportation to alternative stop locations, including licensed daycares, only if it is within your child's school boundary. If you have questions please do not hesitate to call us for assistance.

We look forward to an exhilarating year together, as partners in your child's education. Clear Creek Elementary is an incredible school and I could not be prouder to serve as a leader in such an amazing community. Please feel free to call 980-343-6922 if you have additional questions about Clear Creek or the new school year. I look forward to meeting you at our Open House. Please introduce yourself in the days and weeks ahead.

Go Dragons!



Educationally yours,

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