

Cub Community News - 09: Issue 1

Welcome to our Cub Community Newsletter. We send periodic updates to keep our community informed and involved. This newsletter is posted to [Our Important Announcements](#) on [our website](#) and sent directly to families through email.

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In This Issue

Welcome to our community newsletter. We hope that you find the information timely and helpful. Topics in this edition of Cub Community News include:

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School Updates and Information

Positive Classroom Culture

We are enjoying a positive start to our school year and want to praise our students for working with our teachers and staff to contribute to our focus on a positive classroom and school culture. During the first three weeks of school our staff has taught (and re-taught) and practiced routines that will help students focus on their classwork throughout the school year. We are hoping that your student has come home to

share that teachers are greeting students at the classroom door each period and providing work that can be started right at the bell.

Whenever we notice students practicing our Cub Core 4 (Responsibility Integrity, Engagement and Empathy) or following one of our routines, students receive recognition in the form of Cub Buck stamps in their planners. Each student will have the opportunity to spend those Cub Bucks at our student store. We also like to surprise students that we see in uniform throughout the day. We have been passing out fresh-baked cookies from our Cafe and Rice Krispie Treats to students that are showing their engagement by being in uniform. See more information about our uniforms in the update below.

We are excited to be off to such a great start and look forward to continuing the feeling throughout the quarter, semester, and school year.

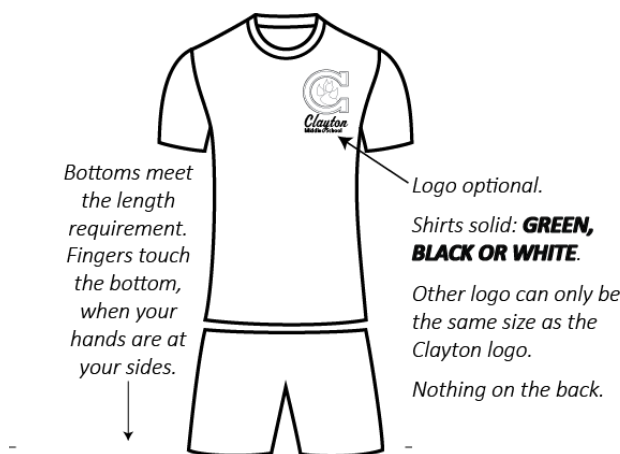
Uniforms

Thank you for sending your student to Clayton in uniform this year. We have seen an increase in participation in students wearing our uniform colors and it has raised our spirits on campus. Each day we welcome students onto campus and conduct a uniform check at the door. Items that we generally see that students should keep at home are:

- Shirts that do not extend below the waistline.
- Shirts that are not crew neck or collared (including drop neckline or V-neck).
- Shirts with print on the back or that are not considered solid.
- Sweatshirts that are not solid and black, green or white.

Our uniform is an important way that we help students remain focused here at school. We help students that are not in uniform each morning by providing them a replacement item that meets our dress code. While we try to solve the problem at school, we may reach out to parents at home for assistance.

Our school social worker, [Ms. Rodriguez](#), is here to help if you need uniform assistance. She can be reached by calling 775-746-5860, Option 7. See more information about MS. Rodriguez below.





Middle Schoolers at High School Sporting Events

McQueen High School and Reno High School are requiring middle school students be accompanied by an adult to all events and/or games on their campuses. Entry into football games, especially, will require an adult to accompany them. No adult, no entry. Students will be escorted to sit with their parents if they are not being respectful while in attendance.

Thank you for your support of our students, sporting teams, and broader community.

Community Connectedness Information and Events

Student Connection

Fall Dance

Our first student dance is September 27th from 5:30-7:00. Our student leaders are planning the event and we look forward to an announcement with the theme of this dance. We want you to plan ahead and save the date. All students with no major behavior referrals or incidents in the month of September qualify to go. Tickets are \$7. There will also be tickets on sale at the dance for the Photo booth, snacks and games. Our first dance of the year is in the courtyard. Keep showing us your Cub Core 4 and we will see you at the dance.

Spirit Days

We had our first spirit day this week. Each grade level had a specific color to wear to show their grade level spirit. Our school spirit was impressive. Students showed up in their colors and chose school-appropriate items to wear (choices that we always appreciate). Each spirit day will have a different theme chosen by our student leaders and will be announced ahead of time. Usually they are scheduled for specific Fridays through the school year. Our next spirit day is October 4th.

Family Connection

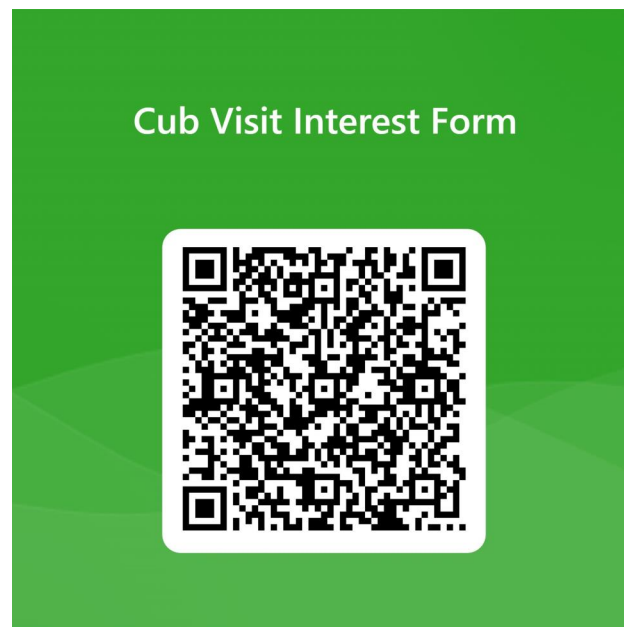
Our School Social Worker: Cub Visits, Food Pantry and more!

My name is Cristina Rodriguez, and I am the School Social Worker here at Clayton. I am also coordinating Cub Visits this year. If you are interested in having staff visit, you can fill out our Cub Visit Interest Form or email me at cristina.rodriguez@washoeschools.net.

The purpose of Parent Teacher Home Visits is to build positive relationships with families and partner together to support your student's educational success. Parents, teachers, school admin, and counselors come together for 30 minutes, in a unique setting at your home or another location of your choice, to get to know one another and talk about your student's academic future, personal goals, and interests. It is completely voluntary, and appointments are always scheduled beforehand. It is never a surprise or unannounced visit.

During these visits, we take the time to share your Hopes & Dreams for your student, academic expectations, and school resources. This is not a parent/teacher conference. It is meant to "get to know each other" and to build a viable relationship with each other for the academic benefit of your child. Studies show that these Parent Teacher Home Visits have increased student academic achievement and improved parent engagement in schools. They have brought teachers and families closer together and created opportunities for better communication between home and school. Last year we visited 30 families, and we hope to meet more this year 😊.

I am also involved in running our school food pantry. It is open every Friday from 2:00-3:00 pm, or by appointment only. We stock it with hygiene items such as deodorant and shampoo, as well as non-perishable food items. Feel free to contact me to schedule a visit.



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Parent Club

We invite you to join our Clayton Parent Club this year. Our Parent Club helps us support our students and school. One way our Parent Club supports our school is by giving our administrative team feedback

and ideas about how we can improve. If you are interested in participating in our Parent Club visit www.claytonparent.club.

Our Parent Club is organizing a Panda Express fundraiser on Oct 4th. It is an Online Order only fundraiser and orders can be made at any Panda Express anywhere in the Country when participants use the code: 924928. A portion of the sales will benefit our Parent Club. [Click here for an informational flyer](#).

Clayton Data Point

In each of our Cub Community News editions, we will include a data point from our school. It could be related to our general demographics, student achievement and assessment, school programs and services or school goals.

Today, we want to celebrate positive student attendance! Showing-up is the first step to success at school. Thank you for helping your student build the good habit of coming to school each day.



82% of our students are meeting attendance expectations! This percentage is 8 percentage points higher than last year.

Overall, our average daily attendance is more than 95%!

Calendar & Events

Stay connected with our Cub Community. Here is what is happening:

- **9/2:** Labor Day Holiday – No School
- **9/3:** Sixth Grade Soccer v. Vaughn MS @ Clayton (B: 2:30p; G: 3:45p)
- **9/3:** Cross Country @ Swope (3:00p)
- **9/4:** Early Release Wednesday (Students out at 1:15p)
- **9/5:** Sixth Grade Soccer @ Pine (B: 2:30p; G: 3:45p)

- **9/5:** Cross Country Invitational@ Shadow Mountain (3:00p)
- **9/6:** Attendance Reward Event (0 Tardies: 8/19-8/30)
- **9/9:** Sixth Grade Soccer v. Cold Springs MS @ Clayton (G: 2:30p; B: 3:45p)
- **9/10:** Athletics – Girls Basketball Begins (7th/8th; Fees due)
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- **9/11:** Early Release Wednesday (Students out at 1:15p)
- **9/12:** Fall Picture Make-Ups (AM)
- **9/12:** D. Smith Acad. and AACT CTE Presentation (in Gym, Advisory; 8th grade students)
- **9/13:** D. Smith Acad. and AACT CTE Presentation (in Gym, Advisory; 8th grade students)
- **9/18:** Early Release Wednesday (Students out at 1:15p)
- **9/23-9/27:** Book Fair (Library – Before/After School + Lunch)
- **9/25:** Early Release Wednesday (Students out at 1:15p)
- **9/27:** Harvest Dance (5:30-7:30p)
- **10/4:** Attendance Reward Event (0 Tardies: 9/3-9/30)
- **10/4:** October Spirit Day – THEME TBD
- **10/7-11:** Fall Break – No School
- **10/14:** Staff Professional Development Day (No Students)

Contact Us

We are always here to help. Please contact us with your questions.

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