

# Cub Community News - 11: 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.

To view this newsletter in Spanish [click here](#).

REMINDER: ***No School for students tomorrow due to election day. Our school is a polling place for the community.***



## 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

### Report Cards Distributed

Report cards were delivered to us later than planned this quarter. We wanted to let you know that your child's report card was distributed at the end of the day on Friday. Hopefully, your child shared the first quarter report with you. If not, ask to see it. Many times, we find the report card at the bottom of the backpack or shoved in a binder.

If your child was not at school on last Friday or did not receive a report card, please have your child check with the teacher assigned to our Enrichment /Extra Support class (your child's last period on Thursday and Friday).



### Hand-Held Metal Detectors in Use

We are diligent in keeping our campus safe and free of items that impact our community's health and security. During any given school week, we follow-up on student reports of items that should not be at school. The most reported issue is a student with a vape. The second most reported is technology violation, when a student is concealing a phone that was used to disrupt a classroom.

Last week, we started using a hand-held scanner (like the one pictured) to help identify items that might be in student's possession. This makes our investigation of reports more efficient, less invasive than traditional searching methods, and accurate. In many cases, items are passed from student to student to conceal the item and make it more difficult to find. These wands will help us find and deter the use of items that don't belong on our campus.

See our data point below for more information on our efforts to ensure our campus is organized, focused, and safe.



## Clayton Clubs & Activities Offer More Engagement Opportunities for Students After School

Washoe County School District and Clayton Middle School are introducing more ways that students can be engaged on our school campus after school. In addition to a full array of [sports options with our athletics program](#), we are hosting a growing number of clubs:

- Our choir club meets Mondays and Fridays from 3:00-3:45 in room F103.
- Our Craft Club with Ms. Dixon and Ms. Romo gathers every Monday after school from 2:00 to 3:00 PM in D204. Come learn to sew, bead, and make other fun crafts!
- Come to Art Club Thursdays after school in G101. Paint, do mosaic tile work, be creative, lots of projects. Ideas accepted. 2-3pm.

Many of our club ideas have come from students. We look forward to adding more clubs soon.

## Community Connectedness Information and Events

### Student Connection

#### Winter Dance

Our Winter Wonderland Dance will be held on December 6, from 5:30-7:00pm. Tickets are \$7 and go to support our Student Store and Positive Behavior Rewards like our Zero Tardy Parties. Students with no major behaviors will be invited to join us at your Winter dance.



### **Spirit Days**

Our next Spirit Day is November 8. We will be wearing our finest Hawaiian shirts and leis. We are challenging our students to warm up our community with their best tropical shirts.

### **Family Connection**

#### **4th Annual Clayton Family Pizza and Bingo Night!**

Join us on November 21, from 5:30-7:00 for food and games. Admission is \$10 or \$5 with a food donation to our Clayton Food Pantry. Our pantry is asking for beans, rice, plain pasta, granola bars, juice, instant oatmeal, cereal, and fresh fruit. If you would like to donate a prize, please sign-up [here](#). Please

make sure all prizes are dropped off on 11/20 so we can organize them before Bingo Night. Your help is greatly appreciated. All proceeds will go to feeding our Clayton families through the holiday season.



### Cub Visits

The purpose of our Cub 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 and 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.

If you are interested in having staff visit your home, fill out our Cub Visit Interest Form or email Ms. Rodriguez at [cristina.rodriguez@washoeschools.net](mailto:cristina.rodriguez@washoeschools.net).

## Cub Visit Interest Form



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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](http://www.claytonparent.club).

### 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 highlight our efforts to communicate and support our Cub Core 4 expected behaviors. We use the hand-held wand (mentioned above) to detect items that should not be on campus or that are creating a disruption to the learning environment that students regularly hide on their person to avoid turning it in. The wands assist us when working with students to identify items in a student's possession.





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- *Confirmed Events this school year*

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- *Possession of a vape pen = 13 events*

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- *Technology violations:*

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- *Minor classroom events = 56*

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- *Major behavior events = 4*

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- *Administrative investigations = 38*

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## Calendar & Events

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

- **11/4:** Athletics – Girls Soccer Tryouts/Practices Begin (7th/8th; Fees due)
- **11/4:** Athletics – Boys Basketball Tryouts/Practices Begin (7th/8th; Fees due)
- **11/5:** Election Day – No School for Students
- **11/8:** November Spirit Day – Tropical Shirt
- **11/8:** WCSD Honor Orchestra Concert (Pioneer Center)
- **11/11:** Veterans' Day Holiday – No School for Students and Staff
- **11/14:** Fall Orchestra Concert (6:30pm; Gym)

- **11/15:** Student Art for Yearbook Cover Contest Due
- **11/21:** Boys Basketball Game v. Desert Skies Middle School @ Clayton – 7th Home; 8th Away; Games at 2:45(A) & 3:45p(B)
- **11/21:** Girls Soccer Game v. Desert Skies Middle School @ Clayton (Game at 3:00p)
- **11/21:** Family Pizza and Bingo Night (5:30-7:00p)
- **11/25:** Boys Basketball Game v. Sparks Middle School @ Clayton – 8th Home; 7th Away; Games at 2:45(A) & 3:45p(B)
- **11/25:** Girls Soccer Game @ Sparks Middle School (Game at 3:00p)
- **11/27-29:** Thanksgiving Break – No School for Students and Staff
- **12/3:** Boys Basketball Game v. Vaughn Middle School @ Clayton – 7th Home; 8th Away; Games at 2:45(A) & 3:45p(B)
- **12/3:** Girls Soccer Game v. Vaughn Middle School @ Clayton (Game at 3:00p)
- **12/4-6:** iReady Reading Diagnostic
- **12/5:** Boys Basketball Game v. Pine Middle School @ Clayton – 8th Home; 7th Away; Games at 2:45(A) & 3:45p(B)
- **12/5:** Girls Soccer Game v. Pine Middle School @ Pine Middle School (Game at 3:00p)
- **12/6:** Winter Wonderland Dance (5:30-7:00p; Doors close at 6:00p)
- **12/9:** Boys Basketball Game v. Cold Springs Middle School @ Clayton – 7th Home; 8th Away; Games at 2:45(B) & 3:45p(A)
- **12/9:** Girls Soccer Game v. Cold Springs Middle School @ Clayton (Game at 3:00p)
- **12/11-13:** iReady Math Diagnostic
- **12/9:** Boys Basketball Game v. Traner Middle School @ Clayton – 8th Home; 7th Away; Games at 2:45(B) & 3:45p(A)
- **12/9:** Girls Soccer Game v. Traner Middle School @ Traner Middle School (Game at 3:00p)
- **12/16:** Boys Basketball Game v. Dilworth Middle School @ Clayton – 8th Home; 7th Away; Games at 2:45(B) & 3:45p(A)
- **12/16:** Girls Soccer Game v. Dilworth Middle School @ Clayton (Game at 3:00p)
- **12/20:** Teacher Workday – No School for Students
- **12/23/2024-1/3/2025:** Winter Break - No School for Students and Staff
- **1/6/2025:** School Resumes



## Contact Us

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

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