

# Cub Community News - 1: 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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REMINDER: ***School resumes for all students on Monday. January 6th is no longer a staff professional development day due to smoke/fire closures earlier this school year.***



## 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

### Happy New Year!

We hope you had a joyous holiday season! We look forward to welcoming students back to school on **Monday, January 6th** and starting the next semester strong.



### iReady Diagnostic Completed

Almost all of our students completed the iReady Middle of the Year (MOY) Diagnostic assessment in Reading and Math. This is a universal screening that all students complete three times a year to track student progress over the school year. We use this information to help us plan instruction and provide students with academic support or intervention classes. This year we plan to send home a report for families for both Reading and Math diagnostic assessments.

Your student can log-in to iReady through [Clever](#) to show diagnostic results. We are printing reports for families that shows your student's results in both reading and math. We are working with our district's print shop to print the individual reports in each area for all students. You can expect those reports to be sent home with students later this month.

We created a [page](#) on [our website](#) in the Our Families and Community section with more information and links about understanding [iReady Diagnostic results](#).



### Schedule Changes at the Semester

Many students will see changes in their schedules at the beginning of this new semester. This happens by intentional design. We have set up our schedule for this flexibility to increase elective opportunities for students and helps us make changes based on individual students' academic progress based on iReady Diagnostic results.

Some students will move from an elective choice like art to another semester-long course like PE. Music electives are year-long so you should not expect to see changes in those classes. Also, we had 72 students (11%) that qualified for a schedule change based on iReady Diagnostic results. Of the 72 students, thirty-three (33) students demonstrated enough progress to move out of our 7th period Extra Support class into an Enrichment class. We are also able to open space for an additional 26 students to be scheduled for an Extra Support class.

We are completing these changes over the next couple of days. You can log-in to the [Infinite Campus parent portal](#) to view your child's semester schedule. We will communicate students' schedules and related changes on Monday, January 6th through advisory.

### ACCESS Testing Begin

Each year, we are required to administer the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA). The assessment is called ACCESS (Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English) and is given to students identified as multi-lingual. Students sit for tests in Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking.

This year, the assessment will begin on January 15th. We plan to test students on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. All sections of the test should be completed by February 7th.



## Community Connectedness Information and Events

### Student Connection

#### **Athletics**

Girls Volleyball begins when we return from Winter Break. All interested 7th and 8th grade students can sign-up through our PBIS Rewards app (log-in through [Clever](#)). Athletic packets and fees need to be paid prior to trying out. If students have already participated in athletics this year, they do not need to pay additional fees. Families can access the athletic packet and more information on our [Athletics Program](#) webpage in the [Our Teams and Programs](#) section of [our website](#).

We would like to thank our coaches ([Ms. Aherne](#) and [Mrs. Hettinger](#)) for supporting this sport!

#### **Join a Club**

Our afterschool clubs and activities are growing! If your student would like to participate in a club or activity and transportation is an issue, consider joining our Boys & Girls afterschool program. Here is a list of Clubs that are available to our students:

- *Mondays:*
  - Crafts (2-3pm) - Dixon & Romo
  - Dungeons and Dragons (2-3:30pm; Full) Habdas
  - Choir (3-3:45pm) Li
- *Tuesdays:*
  - Minecraft & Coding (2-3pm) Haley
- *Wednesdays:*
  - None (due to early release)
- *Thursdays:*

- Art (2-3:30pm) Habbas
- *Fridays:*
  - Choir (3-3:45pm) Li

## Family Connection

### 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.rodriquez@washoeschools.net](mailto:cristina.rodriquez@washoeschools.net).

### Cub Visit Interest Form



## 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

We wrote a lot about iReady in this edition and we wanted to give you some good news about the impact of this program on our students and instruction at our school. One area that we track is projected proficiency on our state Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) that begin March. Here is what the iReady Diagnostic assessment data is telling us:



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- *Reading*

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- *Projected proficiency at the beginning of the year = 38%*
  - *Projected proficiency after middle of the year = 44% (+6%)*
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- *Math*

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- *Projected proficiency at the beginning of the year = 16%*
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– *Projected proficiency after middle of the year = 24% (+8%)*

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## Calendar & Events

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

- **2025!**
  - **1/6:** School Resumes
  - **1/7:** Athletics – Girls Volleyball Begins (7th/8th; Fees due)
  - **1/9:** Quarterly Attendance Reward (0 Tardies: Q2)
  - **1/9:** Semester Attendance Raffle (0 Tardies: Q1 & Q1)
  - **1/9:** Attendance Reward Event (0 Tardies: 12/2-12/19)
  - **1/15:** ACCESS Testing Begins
  - **1/16:** WCSD Honor Jazz Band Concert (Hug Gym)
  - **1/17:** January Spirit Day – THEME TBD
  - **1/20:** MLK, Jr. Holiday – No Classes (Building Closed)
  - **1/30-2/1:** All-State Music Festival (Las Vegas)
  - **2/6:** Attendance Reward Event (0 Tardies: 1/7-1/31)
  - **2/17:** Presidents Day Holiday – No Classes (Building Closed)
  - **2/19:** Orchestra Zone Concert (8th Only; McQueen)
  - **2/24-2/25:** 7th Grade Signs of Suicide (SOS) Screening
  - **2/26:** WCSD Honor Band Concert (Pioneer Center)
  - **TBD:** Orchestra Zone Concert (Reno HS)
  - **3/6:** Attendance Reward Event (0 Tardies: 2/23-2/28)
  - **3/7:** Band Festival (4:00-9:00p; NVHS)
  - **3/7:** Student Dance
  - **3/10-11:** WCSD Orchestra Festival (Nightingale Concert Hall)
  - **3/14:** March Spirit Day – THEME TBD

- **3/17-28:** Spring Break

## Contact Us

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

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