

Dear Families,

October is here, the weather is starting to change, the leaves are beginning to turn, and the bees are buzzing. Soon we will be able to see the full beauty of autumn. The school year is underway, new routines are in place, and learning is in full swing. This newsletter is full of information. Please read carefully and contact the office if you have any questions. Thanks for a great start. I know this year is going to be amazing. GO EAGLES!



All students in grades K-5 will or already have received an i-Ready report for both reading and math with your child's beginning of year results. While STAR assessment (which we used in the past) assessed primarily reading comprehension, i-Ready tests a broader range of English language arts skills and will provide us with better data to support and help your child specifically where help is needed. i-Ready considers, all of the reading domains, and identifies where there may be gaps in each. i-Ready math assesses numbers and operation, algebra and algebraic thinking, measurement and data, and geometry. It then provides individualized learning paths to correct and close the gaps. If you are concerned that your child's scores are different than in years past, please keep in mind that this is a different assessment, and more comprehensive than STAR. The national normed percentile on the left-hand side of the family report is the best representative score of your child's overall performance.

If you would like to access i-Ready at home, below are the instructions. This is strictly voluntary. i-Ready is compatible with most Windows operating systems. **Google Chrome** is recommended. It will not work on iPhone's or android devices, but **can** be accessed on some iPads. Here are the steps:

Access the Clever Portal Login at <https://clever.com/in/colonel-crawford-local-sd-b3c3c78>
Alternatively go to www.cck12.org and at the bottom left under quick links is the clever portal.

Option #1. If your device has a camera and your child was provided with a QR code, go to Clever Badge Login. Your child can scan the QR code and click on the i-Ready icon.

Option #2. If you don't have a camera, then go to the Google login and your child can put in their school issued username and password and click on the i-Ready icon.

Third grade fall ELA state testing will be Tuesday, October 19th, and Wednesday, October 20th in the mornings. Please make sure your third-grade students are in school on this day. Students tend to feel more comfortable when they are testing alongside their peers rather than on makeup days.

The state mandated Third Grade Reading Guarantee (TGRG) has many implications for our students in grades K-3. It also creates much confusion and concern for families. This law (Senate Bill 316) mandates all students entering third grade must demonstrate a certain level of competency in reading before fourth grade. All students were given an i-Ready assessment at the beginning of the school year. This state approved assessment provides a *snapshot* of your child's reading level and overall performance in English Language Arts. This includes key instructional reading domains including 1. phonemic awareness, phonics, and high frequency words; which are all key predictors for success in reading. It also assesses vocabulary, and the ability to comprehend information from literary and informational text.

If your child scored as **Not on TRACK** in grades K-3, he/she was placed on a RIMP (Reading Improvement Monitoring Plan). It is also possible that your child may have scored **On Track** but based

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on other assessments or recommendations, the district also placed him/her on a RIMP. This simply means, we will continue to monitor your child's progress very closely throughout the year and provide additional supports when needed. Our school uses an Orton Gillingham approach for phonics instruction called Phonics First in grades K-3 for all students. Here is how you can also help at home: 1. Read to or with your child every day; 2. Practice letter naming, and letter sounds every day if that is a weak area for your child; 3. Practice sight words every day if your child is struggling in that area, 4. Ask your questions about the text he/she is reading to ensure understanding. For additional information about the Third Grade Reading Guarantee go www.education.ohio.gov and search Third Grade Reading Guarantee.

The Fall Party will be held according to the schedule below. Unfortunately, families will not be able to attend this school year due to COVID-19. Please understand we only accept pre-packaged foods only. Please be cognizant of students with food allergies. Please refer to your child's classroom newsletter for specific classroom guidelines in addition to the following guidelines established for the entire school: *All costumes must follow the dress code; *NO colored hair / face paint; *NO blood / guts or weapons; *All costumes must allow full participation at school; * NO costume masks during the day; *If a costume is distracting to the learning environment, students may be asked to take it off; *Students must still be able to wear a facial covering if required.

Eagle Excellence is being respectful, responsible, and ready to learn. So far this year more than 192 awards have been distributed. Our students have done a super job following everyday classroom and building rules as well as going above and beyond. The children are excited to be recognized. Students receive a small token for the nomination. When you enter the building, you may notice the names of students that have signed the office window. These students have moved to the top of the "E of Excellence". The "Hip Hip Hooray, Your Eagle Excellence is showing today!" level, earns them this privilege along with signing the special book. Congratulations to all our *little eagles* for demonstrating Eagle Excellence! Keep up the good work!

Please let me know if you have any questions of concerns.

Cindy Voss

Principal, HCES

OCTOBER

October 5 – Raemelton
 October 11 – Fire Prevention Week
 October 14 – End of Q1 / Raemelton
 October 15 – No School / Teacher Inservice
 October 19 – 3rd grade ELA TESTING
 October 20 – 3rd grade ELA TESTING
 October 21 – Raemelton
 October 22 – Report cards go home
 October 25 – Red Ribbon Week / B.O.E. meeting @ 7:00
 October 26– PS M/T Halloween party
 October 28 – PS W/Th and PK Halloween parties / Raemelton / Spook Alley 6-7
 October 29 – Halloween Parties K-5

NOVEMBER - TENTATIVE

November 2 – CLOSED – No school
 November 4 – 1-hour early dismissal / Parent Teacher conferences 4:00-7:30 / Raemelton
 November 5 – Ron Derry assembly – 4th
 November 10 – Picture retakes
 November 11 – 1-hour early dismissal / Parent Teacher conferences 4:00-7:30 / Veterans Day
 November 18 – PK Thanksgiving / 4th grade Family Arts Night
 November 22 – B.O.E. Meeting @ 7:00
 November 24-29 – Closed for Thanksgiving

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