

Clara Barton Elementary



May 2023 Newsletter

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Save the Date

- May 1-5: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 2 & 3: Math PSSA (3rd grade)
- May 3: 2nd grade field trip to Heinz Hall
- May 4: 2nd grade field trip
- May 8-12: Book Fair
- May 9: PTA Meeting 7:00 pm
- May 10: Grand Event
- May 11: CBI trip to Round Hill Park & K Queen of Hearts Visit
- May 12: 1st grade field trip
- May 15: Western Cookout & Math Olympics
- May 16: Election Day—Remote Learning Day
- May 17: Title I Parent Involvement
- May 18: Spring Concert at Middle School
- May 19: Fun Day
- May 22: 3rd grade Wax Museum
- May 23: 3rd grade field trip
- May 24: 1st grade Poetry Picnic & 3rd grade cupcake party
- May 25: 3rd grade Ryan Hacke & Kdg. Awards
- May 26: Student's last day—early dismissal and Kindergarten readiness testing



A Note from the Principal

It is not unusual for teachers to arrive to school in the month of May to be pleasantly surprised to find a bouquet of fresh flowers placed upon his or her desk, left there by an appreciative parent or child. We are pleased by such gestures of support for our dedicated classroom teachers-however-in this letter we wish to remind parents of people in our school who are occasionally overlooked but are extremely important to the mission of our school. In recognition of these individuals we offer a bouquet of May "Flowers" to the following:

Our School Support Staff...Without the support of our secretarial, custodial, clerical or instructional assistants it is unlikely that our school could or would function. These people really are the life of the school that assures that the important functions within the classroom will continue.

Our Students...Students are the reason that schools exist! The opportunity to work with young people who have a positive attitude, are motivated to learn and a pleasure to work with is a benefit.

Our Community Members...Schools are supported not only by the parents of students who attend them but also by all members of the community. Without the support of the entire community there would be no facilities, no staff and faculty, no textbooks and materials, no services, in short no schools.

Our Parents...You, our parents, cannot be thanked enough for your role in your child's education. Parenting, and the support of the educational process, is time consuming and difficult work. On behalf of our staff, and your children, we thank you and hope the seeds you plant and nurture during your child's school year will produce flowers of joy and appreciation for years to come.



Counselor's Corner

You can help your child stay emotionally healthy with these summer activities:

- *Give your child a new responsibility
- *Nurture creativity with arts and crafts
- *Keep a consistent sleep schedule
- *Reduce screen time
- *Think positively and be grateful to help reduce stress

Enjoy your summer—see you in the fall!

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Terry Whalen - Clara Barton whalent@wmasd.org

Students of the Month for April

106-Brielle McElrath

110-Ali Salih

102-Rakaiha Reese

104-Lauren Gaines

105-Kalvyn Wilson

200-Devin Maraugh

207-Ruby & Harlow Stoecker

204-Mavis Lynch

206-Colton Chelosky

208-Victor Alston

101-Richard Palko & Aleena Weir

103-Adrian Gamret




Respectful, Responsible and Ready to Learn!

Teacher Appreciation Week—Thank you to our PTA!



A huge thank you to our PTA today for a delicious Dunkin' Donuts coffee and breakfast, fruit, and dessert display and our amazing hot dog and nacho bar for lunch! The teachers are all so excited to have a stocked fridge of drinks and lots of snacks, as well! We are all so very grateful!

Stop the Summer Slide—Summer Learning Opportunities



ENROLL TODAY!

CAMP BOOK IT!

SUMMER READING


June–August • PreK–6 • Ages 4–12

Hey Parents!

Help beat the summer slide and enroll your children in Camp BOOK IT! Students earn one Personal Pan Pizza® a month for June through August for meeting reading goals. This program is totally free to families with students in PreK - 6th grade (ages 4-12).

Enroll now at bookitprogram.com to join in on the fun!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO ENROLL



Visit: [Summer-Reading \(scholastic.com\)](http://Summer-Reading(scholastic.com))

Summer Reading Program runs May 4th - Sept. 7th



WEST MIFFLIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT K-6 SUMMER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

West Mifflin Area School District will offer a variety of summer learning experiences for our elementary children.

Online Reading and Math Instruction: Students will complete a 5 week online program where grade level essential skills in reading and math are reviewed and reinforced. Students will receive live, online instruction Monday-Thursday from 9AM-10:30 AM. Students will use their school laptop to participate. This is a voluntary program for all K-6 students.

Sign up at wmasd.org - Titan Cyber Academy - Summer Learning.

Summer Bridge Activities Book: Current K-5 elementary students can receive a Summer Bridge Activities Book to help prevent learning loss and prepare them for back-to-school success! If you are interested in a free copy of the Summer Bridge Activities Book, please scan this QR code and complete the survey:



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Each student is eligible for one book. The Summer Bridge Books include daily academic activities across all subjects. The Summer Bridge Activities Book is a voluntary activity for the summer.

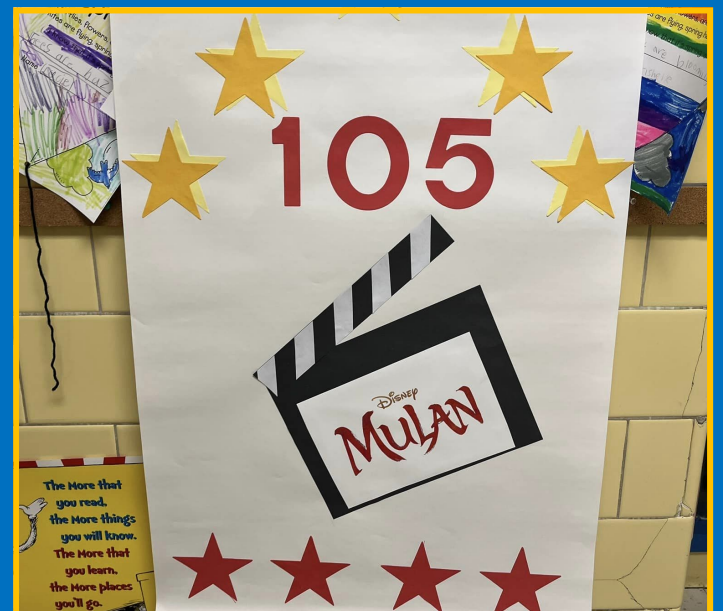
Deadline to complete the survey is Wednesday, May 10th.



Essential Skills: K-5 students will continue to have access to the Essential Skills Program to reinforce their math and reading skills. Essential Skills can be accessed by going to www.wmasd.org - Students - Student Links.

*For more information, ask your child's homeroom teacher, counselor, or principal.
You may also visit www.wmasd.org*

PBIS Movie Reward Day was a HIT!



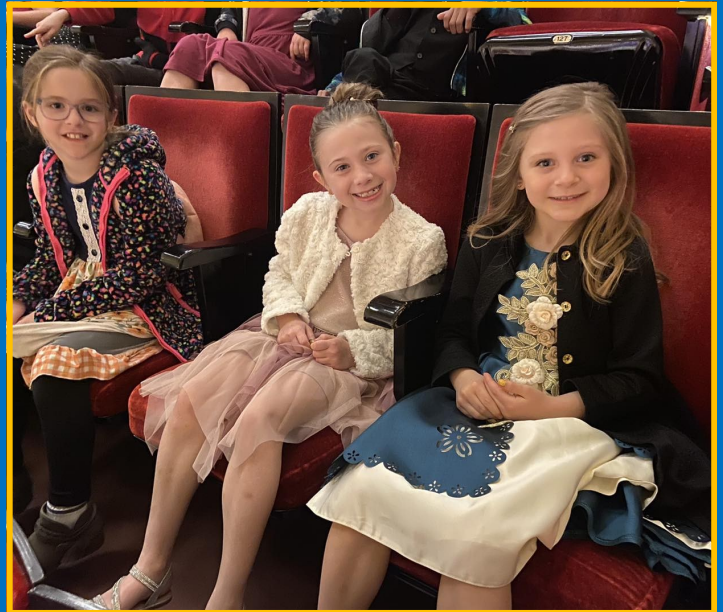
First Grade Science Center Assembly



Power Up for the PSSAs with the Super Mario Bros!



2nd Grade Field Trip to Heinz Hall



2nd Grade Field Trip @ Carnegie Science Center



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Purse Bash



Thank you to everyone who attended Clara Barton PTA's Annual Purse Bash!

It was a wonderful night supporting the students at Clara Barton.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who made the evening possible. Without the volunteers, their time and involvement, we wouldn't be able to do what we do for our school!

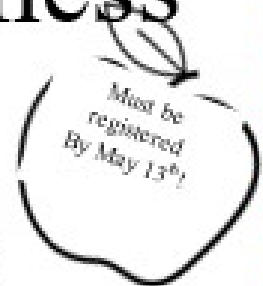


Kindergarten Transition Night



Kindergarten is where the ADVENTURE begins!

Kindergarten Readiness Testing!



Friday, May 26, 2023

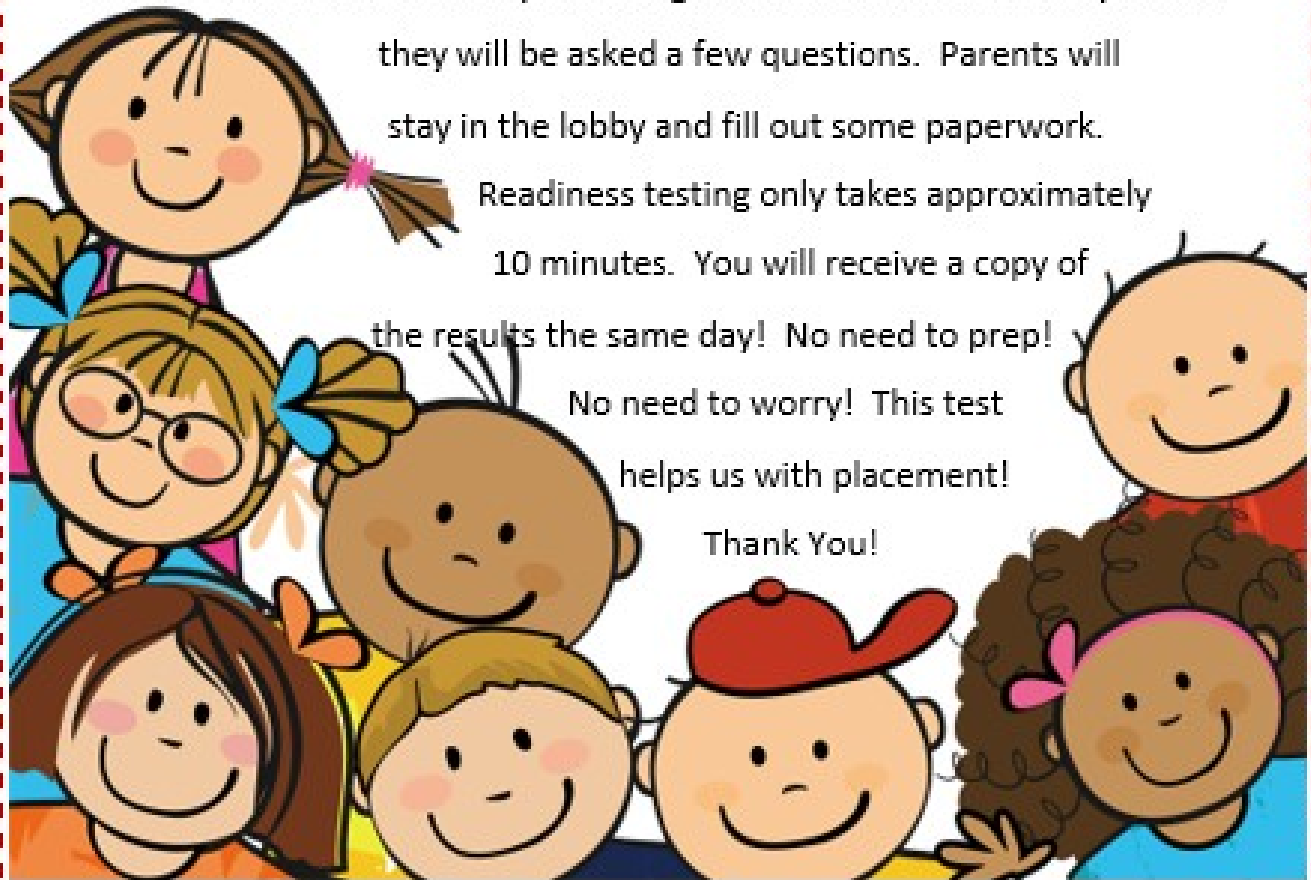
- Last Name starting with A-G ~ 8:30-9:05am
- Last Name starting with H-M ~ 9:10-9:45am
- Last Name starting with N-R ~ 9:50-10:25am
- Last Name starting with S-Z ~ 10:30-11:05pm

Students will be escorted by a kindergarten teacher to the library where they will be asked a few questions. Parents will stay in the lobby and fill out some paperwork.

Readiness testing only takes approximately 10 minutes. You will receive a copy of the results the same day! No need to prep!

No need to worry! This test helps us with placement!

Thank You!



Kindergarten Registration for 23-24 is OPEN



REGISTRATION FOR
2023 ~ 2024
Now On Line



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WMASD Registration Now Open 2023~2024



~ Fill out Pre-Registration
WMASD.ORG



~ You will receive a PowerSchool
set up email. This will be in your
spam folder. Follow this email to
set up PS account and fill out
enrollment forms ~



- ⇒ **THREE** Proofs of Residence
- ⇒ Lease or Mortgage
- ⇒ 2 Full Utility Bills
- ⇒ Birth Certificate
- ⇒ Driver License
- ⇒ Immunization Records



Kindergarten registration is now open for the 23-24 school year!

Children must be five years old by August 31st. Applicants need to apply on-line at www.wmasd.org, click registration and scroll down to the online pre-registration link.

Summer Library Resources

E-books and More at our School Library!

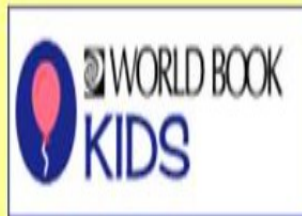


Looking for a good book to read? Want to learn about your favorite sports star or singer? We have all that and more at our library! Our online Library Portal has links to eBooks, audiobooks, databases, and online educational games.

This month, all students will be bringing a Summer Reading Packet home. It has all the details for using the Library Portal. Our second and third grade students are already familiar with the Library Portal and there are several links that will be great for younger students!



Check us out at library.wmasd.org



Teacher Feature

Specials: Mrs. Bandik, Ms. Monzark, Mr. Milko, Mr. Galiyas, Mr. Smith

Feature Teacher: Mrs. Bandik

Alumni of: University of Pittsburgh
Birthday Month: January

Favorites

Subject: Science
Book: *The Magical Yet*
Movie: *I don't have a favorite*
Color: Green
Restaurant: Atrias

This or That

Coffee or Tea: Tea
Starbucks or Dunkin': Dunkin'
Salty Snacks or Sweet Treats: Sweet Treats
Beach or Lake: Beach
Cats or Dogs: Dogs



Feature Teacher: Ms. Monzak

Alumni of: Penn State University
Birthday Month: November

Favorites

Subject: Reading
Book: *Where the Wild Things Are* (& so many more)
Movie: *Goonies*
Color: Navy Blue
Restaurant: Arlecchino

This or That

Coffee or Tea
Starbucks or Dunkin'
Salty Snacks or Sweet Treats
Beach or Lake
Cats or Dogs



Feature Teacher: Mr. Galiyas

Alumni of: Edinboro University & Westminster
Birthday Month: June

Favorites

Subject: Art & Gym
Book: *The Crossroads of Should & Must*
Movie: *The Goonies*

Color: Navy Blue
Restaurant: 1933 in Belle Vernon

This or That

Coffee or Tea: Coffee
Starbucks or Dunkin': Starbucks
Salty Snacks or Sweet Treats: Salty
Beach or Lake: Lake
Cats or Dogs: Dogs



Feature Teacher: Mr. Milko

Alumni of: Duquesne University
Birthday Month: February

Favorites

Subject: Music
Book: *Dog Man*
Movie: *Coco*
Color: Black
Restaurant: Mallorca (I think they're closed now)

This or That

Coffee or Tea: Coffee
Starbucks or Dunkin': Starbucks
Salty Snacks or Sweet Treats: Salty
Beach or Lake: Beach
Cats or Dogs: Dogs



Feature Teacher: Mr. Smith

Alumni of: Central Catholic High School
Slippery Rock University
Birthday Month: March

Favorites

Subject: Physical Education
Book: *The Bible*
Movie: *Meet Joe Black*
Color: Blue
Restaurant: Ruth's Chris

This or That

Coffee or Tea
Starbucks or Dunkin'
Salty Snacks or Sweet Treats
Beach or Lake
Cats or Dogs

