

Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year

Dear Clearwater Families,

Welcome to the inaugural year of Clearwater Elementary! After several years of meetings and planning, it feels so good to finally be able to welcome you here! We are certain you are going to be as impressed with our new school as we are. The facilities, technology, atmosphere and equipment are all state of the art and it is such a privilege to be able to share this with your children!

The 2019-2020 school year officially begins on Thursday, August 1st at 8:30 a.m. with dismissal at 3:30 p.m. On the first day of school, Kindergarten car rider students will gather in the gym where they will meet their assistant teacher and be escorted to their new classroom. Students who ride the bus will report directly to their classrooms. Volunteers and staff will be available that morning to direct students to classrooms.

Incoming Kindergarten students and families will have the opportunity to meet individually with their teachers on Monday, July 29th. Parents will receive an email inviting them to register for a meeting time on a *signup genius* link. This will give each student and family the opportunity to see their classroom, as well as share some one-on-one time with their new teacher!

I would like to invite all families to attend the Clearwater Ribbon Cutting/Open House on Tuesday, July 30th. This will be a great opportunity to meet your teachers and classmates, and tour the new school. Staff from Transportation, Nutrition Services, AYS and the School Nurse will also be available to answer questions.

We are #Huskyproud!

Sincerely, Maravene Inman Principal, Clearwater Elementary School



You're Invited!

Please join us for our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & Backto-School Blast!

Tuesday, July 30th

Ceremony at 5:00pm

Back-to-School Blast from 5:30-7:00pm

Come meet your teacher, tour the new building, and see your new friends as we start the new school year with #huskypride!

Questions? The school office will be open Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – noon and 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Beginning July 11, 2019

Daily Schedule 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

If you are dropping your child off in the morning, please be mindful of the busy morning traffic and lengthy drop-off lines.

Parents can begin dropping off students in the car line at 8:05 a.m. at door 1. Staff members will be present when the building is open to accept students. Please do not park and walk your child into the building. Our traffic patterns cannot accommodate walkins during drop off or pick up.

Students must be in their classrooms, ready to learn, by 8:30 a.m. If your child is late/tardy or returning from an appointment, you **must** park and escort them into the building to sign them in at the front office.



PARENTS

Please help us by encouraging your child to ride the bus to school. Our morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times are extremely congested, making for long lines and added stress for students and parents.

Transportation

Your child's bus information can be found on Skyward. <u>THERE WILL NO LONGER</u> <u>BE A POSTCARD SENT IN THE MAIL</u> <u>WITH THIS INFORMATION.</u> Please contact us if you do not have access to Skyward and we can assist you with logging onto the website.

Car pick-up students will be stationed at door 1 on the north side of the building. Please join the car line and follow the marked directions until you reach the sidewalk. <u>You may not park and come</u> <u>into the building at arrival or dismissal</u>.

Unfortunately, we <u>cannot</u> accept transportation changes over the phone, by email, or by fax. Please make sure you communicate any changes with a written note to avoid any confusion at dismissal. Unless we receive written notice from the parent/guardian, your child will be sent home on their assigned bus

Students without a written note will be sent home via their regular transportation, without exception.

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Attendance

Absence is defined as a student missing all or any portion of the school day, for any reason.

A student's absence is only excused if he/she is sick **and** the parent calls the attendance line to alert the school. According to the guidelines set by the state of Indiana, students are allowed <u>10</u> excused absences per year and then require a doctor's note to excuse any further absences. Please note, the only other excused absences are for a funeral, court appearance (for child) and religious holiday. In addition, students are only allowed <u>8</u> unexcused tardies before a referral must be made.

Should your child be absent for any reason, please call the attendance line at (317) 259-5480 before 9:00 a.m.

If your child is arriving late or leaving early for an appointment, please request a note from the dentist, doctor, etc. All notes should be given to the front office for recordkeeping. Medical offices may also fax notes to (317) 259-5469.

From the Nurse

When to Stay Home - Please keep your child home if their temperature is at or above 100 degrees.

Life-Threatening Allergies must be reported to the nurse prior to student enrollment. Appropriate medications must be received before the student may attend class.

Medication at School – Parents must bring in student medication, in person, for the nurse to administer. The medication must be in its original container with prescription information. Students may never transport medication to school.

Financial Assistance

Applications for meal and textbook assistance are available in English and Spanish on the district website

– <u>www.msdwt.k12.in.us</u>

Click on: Quick Links Child Nutrition Apply Online

Paper applications are also available in the school office.

Only one application per family is necessary. We encourage families in need to complete these applications as soon as possible. All charges incurred before application is approved are the responsibility of the parent or guardian.

Book Rental and Instructional Fees

Book Rental and Instructional fees will be collected in the fall. Below are the fees collected for the 2018/2019 school year. As of publishing time, the 2019/2020 fees were not available. Please budget accordingly.

Kindergarten	Textbook	Instructional	Total	Student Receiving
	Rental	Fee	Due	Financial Assistance
	\$141.00	\$41.00	\$142.00	Kindergarten \$41.00
First Grade	\$162.00	\$27.00	\$189.90	First Grade \$27.00
Second Grade	\$150.00	\$23.00	\$173.00	Second Grade \$23.00
Third Grade	\$165.00	\$24.00	\$189.00	Third Grade \$24.00
Fourth Grade	\$147.00	\$28.00	\$175.00	Fourth Grade \$28.00
Fifth Grade	\$147.00	\$28.00	\$175.00	Fifth Grade \$28.00

Cafeteria Information

The cafeteria serves breakfast and lunch. If your child has any food allergies, please provide a doctor's note to the office or nurse. This includes students who require juice instead of milk.

	Breakfast	Lunch	Milk
Full Price	\$1.25	\$2.35	\$.50
Reduced Price	\$0.30	\$0.40	\$.50

Parents/guardians are responsible for all cafeteria expenses in advance. All payments may be made by cash, check or money order to the cafeteria. Please make all checks payable to Clearwater Elementary School. Online payments can be made at <u>www.MyPaymentsPlus.com</u> for your convenience. Parents are always welcome to join their children for lunch.

NOTE: Parents visiting their child for lunch <u>may NOT</u> bring outside food for their child or themselves. You are welcome to purchase a lunch from the cafeteria.

Important Information:

Parents, please be sure to visit the following link: <u>www.msdwt.k12.in.us/back-to-school</u> MSDWT offers this convenient 'one stop'

website with necessary forms and important safety information that must be updated by each Washington Township family annually.

Volunteer Background Checks

In an effort to keep our children and our school safe, all classroom and general field trip volunteers are required to complete a Limited Background Check prior to volunteering/visiting the classroom or attending any field trip. Forms can be requested from your child's teacher or from the office. You can also access them on our website at:

www.msdwt.k12.in.us

Click on:

For Families

For Parents

Classroom Volunteers

Clearwater welcomes parents to volunteer in the classroom. <u>Please schedule with your child's</u> teacher prior to your visit.

Teachers will share with parents available volunteer opportunities on Parent Information Night on August 15, 2019.

All classroom volunteers must have completed a Limited Background Check.

Birthday Celebrations

All birthday treats are shared during the lunch period and must be passed out by an adult family member. No treats, edible or non-edible, are passed out in the classroom. Parents, please also understand that being left out hurts. Therefore, students are not permitted to pass out party invitations at school.

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2019-2020 School Calendar

<u>July</u>

30th - Back to School Blast

<u>August</u>

1st – First Day of School for Students 15th – Parent Information Night 29th – Early Release Day – School dismisses at 2:15pm

<u>September</u>

2nd – No School – Labor Day 11th – Vision Screenings 17th – School Pictures 26th – Early Release Day – School dismisses at 2:15pm

<u>October</u>

4th – End of First Quarter Grading Period 7th – 11th – Fall Break 14th – School Resumes 17th – Delayed Start Day- School starts at 9:00am

<u>November</u>

5th – No School – At home learning 21st – Early Release Day – School dismisses at 2:15pm 25th – 29th – Thanksgiving Break

December

12th – Delayed Start Day – School starts at 9:00am 19th – End of Second Quarter

Grading Period 20th – Teacher Workday (No Students) 23rd – Jan. 3 - Winter Break

<u>January</u>

6th – School Resumes 20th – MLK Jr. Day, No School 30th – Early Release Day – School dismisses at 2:15pm

<u>February</u>

17th – Presidents' Day, No School 18th – No School –weather flex day 27th – Delayed Start Day – School Starts at 9am

<u>March</u>

13th – End of Third Quarter Grading Period 19th- Delayed Start Day – School starts at 9:00am 30th-Apr 3rd – Spring Break

<u>April</u>

6th – School Resumes

16th – Delayed Start Day – School starts at 9:00am

<u>May</u>

7th – Fine Arts Night 7th – Delayed Start Day – School starts at 9:00am

21st – Last Student Day 22nd – Teacher Workday (No Students)

Clearwater Kindergarten Supply List

Kindergarten

Please **DO NOT** put names on any Kindergarten supplies; they are shared supplies for everyone to share.

- 1 backpack or tote bag (large enough to hold a folder and papers) Please label this with your child's name.
- 1 container of disinfectant wipes
- 1 box of THICK markers
- 1 box of dry erase markers
 - Girls variety of colors Boys – all black
- 1 box of pencils
- 1 box of Kleenex in 1st semester; one 2nd semester
- 1 set of headphones (either ear buds or headphones)
- 1 box THICK markers LABEL ART
- 1 container of baby wipes LABEL ART ROOM

- 2 boxes crayons
- 5 glue sticks at start of year; 5 glue sticks in January
- 1 Large Hand Sanitizer (Boys)
- 1 Roll Paper Towels (Girls)
- 1 Pair Rounded End Scissors
- 2 plain 2-pocket folders (without prongs)

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First Grade

2 boxes crayons, 24 count 1 roll of paper towels (Boys) 1 bottle of hand sanitizer (Girls) 3 dozen #2 pencils 1 box of quart or gallon zip-lock bags 4 large pick erasers 2 boxes of tissues 4 two-pocket folders: blue/red/green/yellow (1 each) 1 plastic pencil box 3 glue sticks 1 pair kid scissors, pointed tip 4 black dry erase markers, thick chisel tip 2 containers of disinfecting wipes 1 pair personal ear buds/headphones 1 Cravola water color set – fine tip (LABEL ART ROOM) 1 box THICK markers (LABEL ART ROOM)

Second Grade

- 2 boxes crayons, 24 count
- 2 boxes colored pencils
- 3 dozen #2 pencils
- 4 glue sticks
- 2 composition notebooks, wide ruled
- 1 box quart zip-lock bags
- 1 bottle hand sanitizer
- 1 container of disinfecting wipes
- 1 pair kid scissors, pointed tip
- 2 boxes tissues
- 2 large pink erasers
- 5 two-pocket plastic folders: blue/red/gr/yw/purple)
- 4 black dry erase markers
- 1 pair personal ear buds/headphones
- 1 package of glue sticks (LABEL ART ROOM)
- 1 package of large pink erasers (LABEL ART ROOM)

Third Grade

- 2 boxes crayons, 24 count
- 2 boxes colored pencils
- 3 dozen #2 pencils
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 white school glue
- 1 pair kid scissors, pointed tip
- 1 two-pocket plastic folders: blue or red
- 4 spiral notebooks: blue/red/green/yellow (1 each) wide ruled
- 2 boxes tissues
- 2 large pink erasers
- 1 plastic pencil box
- 1 package dry erase markers, chisel tip, assorted
- colors
- 1 container disinfecting wipes
- 1 brown clipboard
- 1 composition notebook, wide ruled
- 5 two-pocket folders: blue/red/green/yellow/purple
- 1 pair personal ear buds/headphones
- 1 package of pink erasers (LABEL ART ROOM)
- 1 package of glue sticks (LABEL ART ROOM)

Fourth Grade

- 1 plastic 12" ruler 2 boxes colored pencils 3 dozen #2 pencils 3 glue sticks 1 box crayons 1 pair kid scissors, pointed tip 16" protractor 1 package filler paper, wide ruled 2 boxes of tissues 1 container disinfecting wipes 1 pencil pouch 4 two-pocket folders: blue/red/green/yellow 1 blue two-pocket plastic folder 1 pink eraser 1 pair personal ear buds/headphones 2 black Sharpie markers (LABEL ART ROOM) 1 package of glue sticks (LABEL ART ROOM) 1 brown clipboard
- 5 composition notebooks, wide ruled

Fifth Grade

- 1 box colored pencils
- 1 package dry erase markers: assorted colors
- 3 dozen #2 pencils
- 6 glue sticks
- 1 pair kid scissors, pointed tip
- 1 2" 3-ring binder
- 1 pencil bag, 3 holes with grommets
- 3 post-it notes (3"x3", yellow)
- 2 large pink erasers
- 1 set dividers, 3-ring, 5-tab
- 1 container of disinfecting wipes
- 1 package sheet protectors
- 2 red ink pens
- 1 package filler paper, wide ruled
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 7 two-pocket folders, 3 hole punched:
- 2 red, 2 blue, 1 green, 1 purple, 1 yellow
- 3 spiral notebooks, wide-ruled: blue, red, green
- 2 composition notebooks, wide-ruled
- 1 pair personal ear buds/headphones
- 1 box tissues (LABEL ART ROOM)
- 1 dozen #2 pencils (LABEL ART ROOM)



11,072 students attend Washington Township Schools

Each day 10,315 meals are served to our students

Each day **5,513 miles** are driven by our buses

There are 71 athletic facilities in Washington Township

Almost **2,635 students** participate in co-curricular athletic programs

Since 2009, state funding to our schools has been reduced by \$42,000,000

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Federal financial aid is determined by elected officials

The level of taxes you pay are determined by elected officials

The minimum wage is determined by elected officials

Elected officials make **decisions about national security**



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