

East Side Elementary

Newsletter

2025

# February

January 20–February 10: ILearn Checkpoint

February 3: Celebrate January Superheros & 5th Grade  
Mental Math until 3:15 pm

February 4: Robotics Club until 3:45 pm

February 6: 4th Grade Mental Math until 3:15 pm

February 10: 5th Grade Mental Math until 3:15 pm

February 11: Robotics Club until 3:45 pm

February 12: All Pro Families, Meet in the Cafeteria

February 12: Newspaper Club, Meet After School

February 13: 4th Grade Mental Math until 3:15 pm

February 17: Teacher Inservice Day, No School for Students

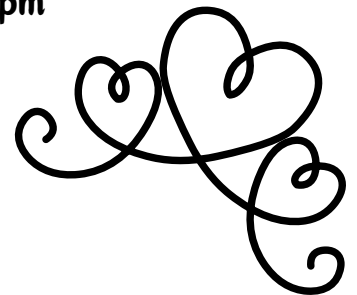
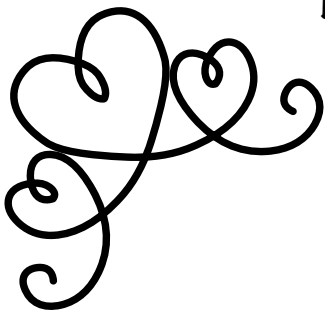
February 18: Robotics Club until 3:45 pm

February 20: 4th Grade Mental Math until 3:15 pm

February 24: 5th Grade Mental Math until 3:15 pm

February 25: Robotics Club until 3:45 pm

February 27: Robotics Competition, Held At Van Buren  
Elementary & 4th Grade Mental Math until 3:15 pm



# What is Groundhog Day?

Groundhog Day comes from the Pennsylvania Dutch superstition that if a groundhog comes out from its burrow on this day and sees its shadow, it will return to its den and winter will go on for six more weeks. If it does not see its shadow, spring will arrive early.

Every February 2nd, a crowd of thousands of people gather at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania to see the forecast predicted by a groundhog named Phil.

In 2024, Phil did not see his shadow and predicted an early spring.

Phil has only been right 39% of the time going all the way back to his first recorded prediction in 1887.

What will be Phil's prediction for 2025? What do you predict will happen?



Groundhog Day is Sunday, February 2nd

## Valentines Day Fun Facts

*Teachers receive the most Valentines Day cards*

*Sweethearts are the best selling candy for Valentines Day*

*36 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate are sold each year*

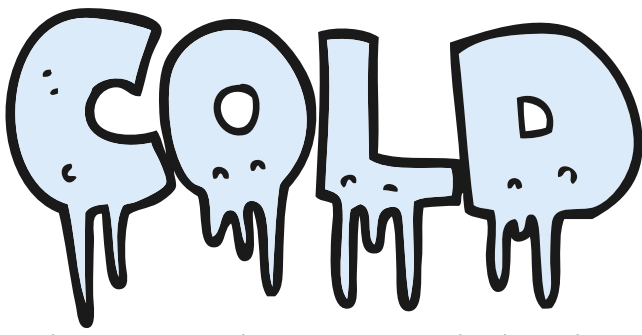
*Men spend more money on Valentines Day gifts than women*

*People in Hong Kong spend the most money on Valentines Day*

*Japan has two Valentines Days*

**Valentines Day is Friday, February 14th**





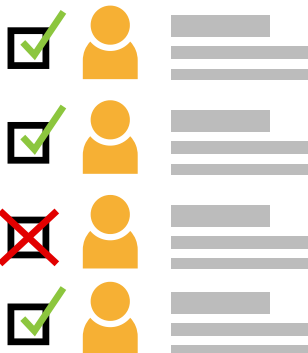
Please have your students come to school ready for outside recess. It is advisable to send students in layers with a sweater or hoodie for the classroom, and a heavier jacket for outside recess. We will plan to go outside for recess when temperatures allow. Hats, gloves, and socks are suggested. Due to outside recess, we request that students refrain from wearing shorts to school from November 1 to March 23, 2025.

Following current practice, any parent working in a school will need to have a completed background check on file. Parents or guardians dropping off lunches or any student item for delivery will be let into the school's vestibule and asked to leave the item for delivery. Parents or guardians coming to pick up their child will be asked to show their photo ID and asked to wait in the vestibule while school personnel get their student. Clay Community Schools takes student and school safety very seriously and these measures further enhance the current safety practices at each school. We hope you share the same feelings with us!



**Safety is our number one priority at East Side. Please plan to line up alongside our building on Davis Avenue. Students will be dismissed at 2:30. Busses will leave first from the front parking lot. Cars are never allowed in the front parking lot in the morning (7:00-8:00 a.m.) while busses are dropping off, or in the afternoon (2:00-3:00 p.m.) while busses are loading. After car riders are dismissed, walkers will be permitted to walk home. All car line parents need to turn right on HWY 40 as they exit the car line so that the line does not back up. While students are loading cars, all cars need to be in park and students enter cars on the passenger side only. Parents should remain in their cars and school personnel will be on hand to help younger students with the process. Patience in the car line is very important for the safety of our children. Never move ahead in the car line or go around another car without being waved on by supervising teachers. We appreciate your cooperation in helping keep all students safe and free from danger.**

## ATTENDANCE



If students are late for school, a parent must walk the student into the office and sign them in for the day.

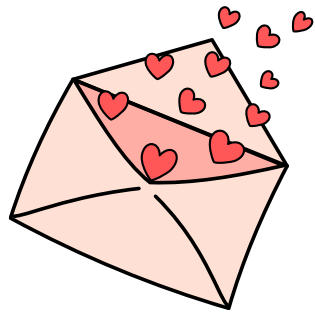
With any absence, parents are required to send a note or phone the school stating the reason for the absence. (call 812-448-8755 or email Mrs. Patterson at [pattersonash@clay.k12.in.us](mailto:pattersonash@clay.k12.in.us)).

Absences in excess of three days in a row will require a doctor's note.

Students who exceed 5 absences in a rolling 10-week period will be placed on attendance probation. Probation requires a parent to provide a doctor's note or pre-approval for any additional absence for the remainder of the semester. An attendance conference will be held following the 5th absence. Failure to meet these requirements will result in an unexcused absence. Ten or more unexcused absences will result in a report being filed with the Department of Child Services and the county prosecutor.

Please see the complete attendance policy in the CCS Elementary Handbook.

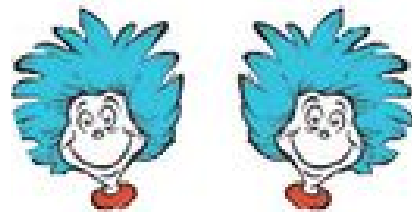
# Even More Dress Up Days!



February 14th  
Valentines Attire



February 21st  
Hat Day



March 3rd

Celebration of Dr. Seuss' Birthday  
Wear Your Favorite Book  
Character Attire



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- March 3-March 14: ILearn Checkpoint
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  - March 10: Celebrate February Superheros
  - March 12: All Pro Families, Meet in the Cafeteria
  - March 12: Newspaper Club, Meet After School
  - March 17-21: Spring Break, No School
  - April 3: Robotics Competition, Held At Van Buren Elementary
  - April 7: Celebrate March Superheros
  - April 9: All Pro Families, Meet in the Cafeteria
  - April 9: Newspaper Club, Meet After School
  - April 14 - May 9: ILearn Summative Assessment
  - April 18: Good Friday, No School
  - May 7: Newspaper Club, Meet After School
  - May 14: All Pro Families, Meet in the Cafeteria
  - May 22: Last Day for Students



# Let's Beat the Winter Blues!

We have added a couple of dress up dates for this week and now...the entire week is a special dress up week!

Monday, February 3  
Superhero Attire



Tuesday, February 4

Pajama Day for \$1.00 (more if your wish)  
Raising Funds for an ESE Family that Experienced  
a House Fire



Wednesday, February 5  
Wear Red for Education

Thursday, February 6  
East Side Shirt Day



Friday, February 7th  
Western Wear

