

Clark Connection

James Clark School

September 2011

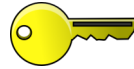


Choose Your Words

Respect Your School

Clark Keys to Success

Like Yourself



Accept Differences

Kindness Is The Key



A Note from Mrs. Russell

Welcome

Dear Clark Parents,

I am thrilled to be the principal of James Clark Elementary School. Change is always hard, and I hope to make the transition as easy as possible for all of you here.

I have had the opportunity to work at Clark as a primary preventionist and literacy coach. The warmth that the teachers and students extended to me when I was in the building always impressed me. Clark has a reputation to be a warm, welcoming place, and I plan to continue with that tradition.

One of the important qualities of a principal is to be a good listener. It is important for me to make time for students, families, and staff. You are all an essential part of this school community. Without you, we will not be successful.

My door is always open, and I look forward to getting to know all of you as the year moves forward.

Sincerely,

Shelley Russell

Principal, James Clark Elementary School



Dates to Remember:

- ◇ September 12: PTO Meeting
- ◇ September 22: Welcome Back to School Night
- ◇ October 21 : School Pictures

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**PTO Meeting**

**Monday**

**September 12th**

**6:30 p.m.**

**School Cafeteria**

Any parent interested in helping with the Harvest Festival should attend this month's PTO meeting.



**Welcome Back to School Night**  
**Thursday, September 22nd**  
**6:30 ~ 8:00 p.m.**

Please join us for our Back to School Night. **This program is strictly for PARENTS. Children are NOT TO ATTEND this evening event. A GENERAL MEETING for ALL PARENTS** will be held in the cafeteria from 6:30 - 7:00 pm.

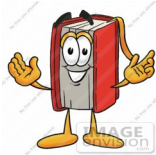
This meeting will explain some of our programs being offered at Clark School. Mr. Donah, our school adjustment counselor, will speak briefly, as well as Valerie Mulka, our PTO president. At 7:00 pm, all parents will report to classrooms where the teacher will give a presentation. This is an important meeting that will help you understand your child's program. At 7:30 pm, the teachers will give the exact same presentation that was given at 7:00 pm; this should assist if you have two children in different classrooms.

Back to School Night is **not** a conference night, but you will be informed about upcoming activities and events.

**Library Volunteers Needed  
Grade K—3**

Parents or Grandparents interested in helping out in the library may call Mrs. Chase, Library/Media Assistant, at 786-8203.

Volunteers help shelve returned books, assist students to find books and may read during storytime.



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**SCHOOL PICTURE DAY—  
Friday, October 21st**

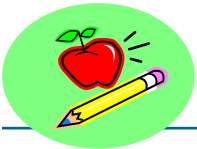
**More info to come in  
October!**



**ABCs of Student Success**

Attendance is a critical factor in any child's school success. Children should attend school every day, except in cases of illness or emergency. It is impossible to replace the learning that happens on any day in school with make-up work. Regular attendance and promptness are good habits that are expected and appreciated at all level of schooling and in the workplace. This year make school a priority in your household. Commit to excellence in attendance.

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| 4   | 5<br><b>Labor Day</b>                                  | 6<br><b>First Day of School<br/>Grades 1 ~ 4</b> | 7   | 8<br><b>Kindergarten Orientation</b>      | 9<br><b>Kindergarten Orientation</b> | 10  |
| 11  | 12 <b>First Day Kindergarten</b><br><u>PTO Meeting</u> | 13                                               | 14  | 15                                        | 16                                   | 17  |
| 18  | 19                                                     | 20                                               | 21  | 22<br><b>Parents Back to School Night</b> | 23                                   | 24  |
| 25  | 26                                                     | 27                                               | 28  | 29                                        | 30                                   |     |