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Student Spotlight



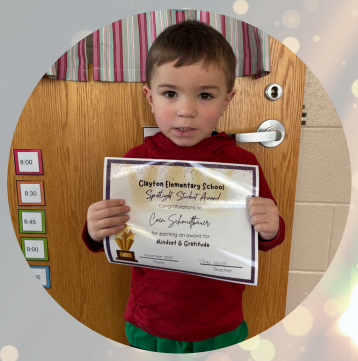
High School Student Spotlight
Nathan Peterson

Middle School Student Spotlight
Abigail Bylander



Elementary Student Spotlight

Mindset & Gratitude





This month, we focused on Mindset and Gratitude!

Students learned how their mindset and attitudes impact learning and their interactions with others! Through different activities and discussions, students practiced working through challenges, practiced demonstrating a growth mindset when faced with a challenge, and developed an understanding that effort helps them grow! Alongside mindset, we focused on the meaning of gratitude and the importance of recognizing positive moments, appreciating others, expressing kindness and finding ways to be considerate and thoughtful to the people, places and things around us!











A Note from Mr. Sturzl

Another great start to the school year in Clayton. The first quarter is complete, parent-teacher conferences occurred, and we are well into the 2nd quarter. The holiday season is here already. School had two outstanding Christmas programs highlighting the musical talents of our students. I would like to thank Danielle Zebro and Natalie Maino for their tremendous efforts organizing the Christmas programs. I would also like to thank the people behind the scenes that helped make the programs a success, the custodial staff and the music parents who are always there to lend a hand to our music department.

Families have many exciting times planned over this holiday season. However, find some time to emphasize academics for your children while at home during the holiday break. The semester ends on January 16th, which will be quickly upon us. Students can check their grades, possibly make up some school work, review or preview work in their classes, or read for enjoyment. We were very glad to see many parents meet with their teachers during parent/teacher conferences. Please continue to monitor the progress or grades of your child/children. Feel free to contact your child's teacher if you see an academic or social concern.

Final certifications for the property value and state aid have been released by the Department of Public Instruction. District property values have again increased this year. The State aid certification indicates the Clayton School District had a decrease compared to last year's budget. The district's tax levy is a small amount higher than last year. Additionally, the mil rate of 9.45 per $1,000 property value is lower for the 2025 –26 school year compared to the mil rate of 9.83 per $1,000 property value for the 2024-25 school year. Like last year, the property tax portion for the school district will be close to the 2024 tax bill. There are many factors that affect your tax bill, and each property is uniquely assessed.

In November, the Department of Public Instruction released the school report cards. The Clayton School District, the elementary school, and the high school Met Expectations on the state report card. I am proud to say that Clayton Middle School Exceeded Expectations on the state report card! This is a very positive reflection upon our school and community! I am impressed by the community and staff with their dedication and commitment to the success of every student in the Clayton School District. Thank you for the support of our children, our school, and our community.

I wish all the Clayton families a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Inclement Weather

School may be closed at times due to inclement weather or other emergencies. Even though there are ways to provide off-site learning when we have inclement weather, we will not plan to use virtual learning days when we call a snow day. However, if we have an excessive amount of snow days, we will consider that option to allow us to meet the state requirements of school hours.

If a school closing should occur, preventing students from attending in the building, it will be announced over the following radio and TV stations. An announcement will also be sent and will reach you as a text, email, or voice message, depending on how you set up receipt of notifications. Please be reminded that every family should also have a plan, which has been practiced, reviewed, and communicated with the school, in the event that there is a need to dismiss school early for an emergency.

WJMC 96.1 FM
WCCO 830 AM & WCCO Channel 4 TV
KSTP Channel 5 TV
KMSP Channel 9 TV
KARE Channel 11 TV

In addition to local media, be sure to access the Clayton School District website and Facebook for updated school closing information.

A Note from Mr. Schradle

As we enter the final month of 2025, I take a moment to reflect on all that we have accomplished together so far this year. This time of year is always filled with joy, gratitude, and a sense of togetherness, and I'm proud of the strong community we continue to build here at Clayton. The first half of the school year has been filled with growth and learning. From engaging classroom projects to impressive performances in arts and athletics, our students have shown incredible dedication and creativity. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our staff and families for their support and encouragement – your partnership is truly what makes our school thrive.

As we prepare for the new year, we're excited about the continued learning and growth that awaits. January will bring new units of study, extracurricular opportunities, and more chances to celebrate student successes. In the spirit of the season, I want to express my deepest gratitude to each of you. Your support, involvement, and care for our students make this school a truly special place. Whether you're volunteering at events, cheering on our students, or simply ensuring your child comes to school ready to learn, your contributions matter more than you know.

On behalf of the entire staff, I wish you a joyful holiday season and a peaceful start to the new year. Thank you for being part of our Clayton Schools family. Together, let's finish the year strong and look forward to all the possibilities that 2026 will bring.

Warm regards,
Mr. Ryan Schradle



2025 Magnuson/Schradle Teammate Award

The MJ Magnuson Teammate of the Year Award and The Grace Schradle Teammate of the Year Award were established following the 2019 fall sports seasons. The awards are intended to recognize an athlete in the respective football and volleyball programs who ultimately reflect being an exceptional teammate, which is really what MJ and Grace were.

The recipient of the MJ Magnuson Teammate of the Year Award for the football program was Brody Curtis. Brody is the type of athlete who rarely ever misses an off-season lifting or training session, is quick to support any player on the team without being asked to, and is willing to play whichever role is needed on the team to help achieve overall team success. Like MJ was, Brody is studious in the classroom and a hard worker on the field. What Brody brings to the Clayton Football Program can't be measured or counted. Brody is a person that everyone can trust and count on, truly making those around him better. Congratulations, Brody!

The recipients of the Grace Schradle Teammate of the Year Award for the Volleyball Program are Isabelle Schradle and Addyson King. Isabelle and Addyson are the type of athletes who take advantage of all the opportunities given to them, both in and out of season. They demonstrate the true characteristics of what it means to be a competitor and team player through the eyes of Grace. Isabelle and Addyson always work hard. They hold themselves accountable and never ask for more than they are willing to give themselves. Reflecting on the values that Grace thought to be important: Be humble, Always choose kindness, and Be Legendary, Isabelle and Addyson not only honor these qualities but hold others to the same standards. Isabelle and Addyson are the definition of an exceptional teammate and should be proud of all they have brought to our program. Congratulations, Isabelle and Addyson!



Christmas Program











Thank you to Mrs. Zebro, Ms. Maino, and the wonderful students for all their hard work.



Holiday Meal

The Kitchen Staff made another wonderful Holiday Meal for the students and staff!

We appreciate all the hard work that goes into it!














NONDISCRIMINATION AND ACCESS TO EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

The Board of Education is committed to providing an equal educational opportunity for all students in the District. The Board does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, sex, (including transgender status, change of sex or gender identity), or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability ("Protected Classes") in any of its student program and activities.

Board Minutes

Clayton Board of Education
Closed Session
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2025
President Jeff Young called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

President Jeff Young took the roll call. Present were, Roger Olson, Jacob Fall, Jeremy Grosskreutz, Rebecca Mumm.

Closed Session per section 19.85(1)(c) of Wisconsin Statutes for the evaluation of the District Administrator. Motion by Rebecca Mumm, second by Jeremy Grosskreutz to move to closed session.
4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.

Regular meeting called to order at 6:04 pm. In addition to the Board, Present are: Pat Sturzl, Ryan Schradle, Jeremy Schradle, Mark Hendrickson, Valerie Fall, Jayden Fall, Elsie Fall, Terri Magnuson, Patrick Gehrman, Jeremy Meyer, Sara Meyer, and Tammy Polta.

Board Forum, Student recognition:

November's Students of the Month are Jaden Fall in MS, and Jeremy Meyer in HS. They appeared and were recognized by the Board.

Comments included that the Robotics Club has started and initial outlook is very good. Also, congratulations to fall sports for their results.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Rebecca Mumm, second by Jeremy Grosskreutz to approve the Consent Agenda with the December meeting being on the 17 th with a closed session at 5:00pm, regular meeting at 6:00 pm. The January meeting will be on the 14th at 6:00 pm due to the WASB State Convention... 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.

District Resident Participation:

None.

Action Items:

Archery Club.
A motion was made by Roger Olson, second by Jeremy Grosskreutz to approve the proposal and development of the Archery Club. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.

Co-Curricular Assignments.
A motion was made by Rebecca Mumm, second by Jacob Fall to approve the assignments for Emilie Springsteen and Sara Meyer for FAA and yearbook.

PFC Head Football Coach.
A motion was made by Rebecca Mumm, second by Jacob Fall to approve Richard Croes as Head Football Coach for 2026. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.

Discussion Items:

Enrollment Report.
Policy 5772, 7217 and Student Handbook Language.
Sports Co-op Update.
DPI School Report Card-Ryan Schradle gave a presentation.

District Resident Participation.
Tammy Polta voiced her support for the new Archery Club, and the yearbook. Terri Magnuson had positive comments on seeing students working together and Community Ed.

Administrator Reports:

Mark Hendrickson reported that the District is ready for winter.

Principal's Report.

The ¼ has ended and Honor Roll will be out soon.
Mechatronics will hopefully have a new instructor soon.
Sports-the last Clayton Bears games have been concluded PFC is the new tradition.
Wrestling has started.
Robotics Club has started with good results and good numbers participating. 6 girls and 10 boys.
Fall concert was very good and now the holiday concerts will soon begin.

Superintendent Report.
Veteran's Day Program is Monday the 10th .
Thanks to Danielle Zebro for concerts and NHS Breakfast and Natalie for Choir,
State Budget update.
WASB State Convention.
Bussing contract update
Happy Thanksgiving.

A motion was made by Rebecca Mumm, second by Jeremy Grosskreutz to adjourn. 4-yes, 0-no. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Olson, Clerk