

# C-L-K Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2010-2011 educational progress for the CLK Elementary School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Mary Niebuhr (K-2 Principal) or Karyn King (3-5 Principal) for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <http://www.clkschools.org/elementary-school> or you may review a copy obtained from the Elementary office.

For 2010-2011, CLK Elementary made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English language arts and mathematics. While we are pleased to have reached this important goal, we are continuously working to improve. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff and our community in this effort.

**New students** enrolling at CLK Elementary are asked to register immediately. Those arriving in the summer should register as soon as possible to assure appropriate placement. Parents must present a state-certified birth certificate, immunization verification and proof of residency upon enrollment.

Children are eligible for kindergarten if they reach their fifth birthday on or before December 1 of the given year and their parents/guardians live in the district.

In order to ENROLL at CLK, each child must have at least one dose of:

DTP	(Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)
OPV/IPV	(Oral or injectable Polio)
MMR	(Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
Varicella	(Chicken Pox)
HepB	(Hepatitis B)

Additionally, in order to ATTEND school, the following doses are required:

- 4 doses of DTP (the 4th dose must be given after 4th birthday)
- 3 doses of OPV or IPV (if dose 3 is given after 4th birthday; otherwise 4 doses)
- 2 doses of MMR
- 2 doses of Varicella
- 3 doses of HepB

The school district is required to exclude students who do not comply with the state's immunization laws. Parents objecting to mandatory immunizations must sign an Immunization Waiver. This statement will be kept by the school as part of the child's immunization record. Custodial parents are encouraged to inform school officials of any concerns or situations related to their child(ren). Release of a child to a non-custodial parent can be prohibited only when an official court document is on file in the elementary office stating the child may not be released to the non-custodial parent. Unless otherwise stated in official documents, non-custodial parents have the right to attend IEPs and parent-teacher conferences and to receive report cards, newsletters, etc. Please be sure to request such information at the beginning of the school year and verify your mailing address.

The district **School Improvement Plan** is developed by school and community members and is reviewed and communicated to the public annually. This plan serves as an overview and a compilation of our specific building plans. Based on our district strategic plan and on-going analysis of individual school and district data, the district plan expresses the philosophy and fundamental goals of our entire organization. The district School Improvement Plan is submitted to the Michigan Department of Education each year by June 30th. Copies of the district plan are available at the CLK District Office. Building goals and the school improvement plan are developed by staff throughout the year, fully aligned with the district plan and are submitted to the Michigan Department of Education each year by September 1st. Copies of the **CLK Elementary School Improvement Plan** are available through the CLK Elementary School office.

Curriculum is at the heart of every school district and CLK is no exception. Students in our district receive a rich and diverse academic program. We promote a balanced education that meets our students' intellectual, social and personal needs and we strive to prepare our students to be thoughtful, active citizens who can function productively in a multi-cultural, rapidly changing interdependent world. Creating and modifying curriculum is a challenge due to the ever-changing expectations for student learning. We continue to strive for "complete" curriculum alignment: external alignment with our Michigan state standards and benchmarks and internal alignment by subject and grade level and by matching instructional activities and assessments accurately to learner objectives. Our goal is to assist in creating an environment where all students experience and receive powerful teaching and learning every single day.

Curriculum guides for the core subject areas are available for review at any time through the appropriate classroom teacher, the CLK Elementary School office or the district curriculum director.

**Parent Involvement** is a priority here at CLK. Research shows that academic achievement improves significantly when parents are involved in school and at home. Families are invited to be involved in the following ways:

- Attend parent/teacher/child conferences
- Assist your child with schoolwork and learning activities at home
- Participate in school and district Title 1 parent events
- Join your school's Title 1 program planning team
- Volunteer in your child's school or during school events
- Engage your child in conversations about what he/she is learning
- Communicate with your child's teacher and school staff when you have questions

In the 2009-2010 school year, 400 out of 454 (88%) of our CLK Elementary students were represented at our parent-teacher conferences. In the 2010-2011 school year 668 out of 718 (93%) of our CLK Elementary students were represented at our parent-teacher conferences. We strive to make that number 100% in the coming year!

CLK Elementary's quality of instruction and dedication to students and families continues to remain outstanding. We are proud of the many accomplishments at CLK Elementary School and we look forward to another exciting, successful school year!

Sincerely,



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