

# CLOVIS COMMUNICATOR



April 2024

## ISSUE 7

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello Clovis Families,

This year we are acknowledging our students who do extraordinary things that demonstrate kindness, bravery, empathy, perseverance, etc. with BRAVO! cards. Here are some of our students who have earned BRAVO cards during the month of February. These students and more will be recognized in our monthly assembly.

Your Partner in Education,  
Principal Richter

Vera demonstrates her kindness every day when she shares a friendly smile, treat, or yellow heart with Mrs. Henkel.

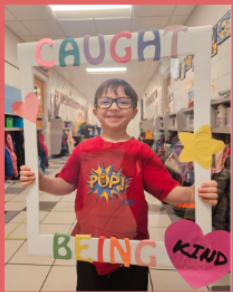


John was brave and kind when he helped a younger Clovis Grove family member who was sad. He cheered him up and became his friend at lunch!





♡  
Kayden gave his shared reading book to a friend who didn't get one.



♡  
Joe chose a student who did not have a turn and really wanted a turn.



Emily was caught being kind when she put a friend's things away that went home early!



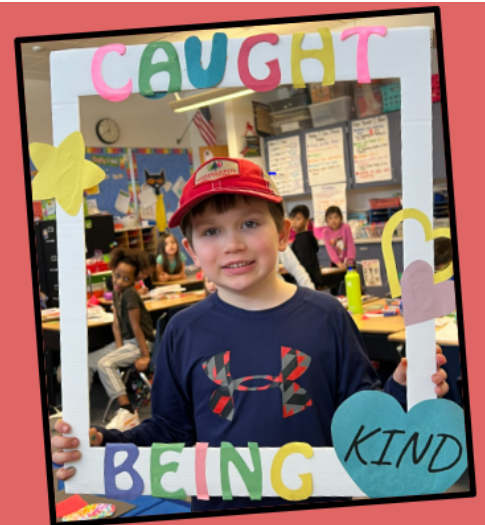
Caleb was caught being kind outside at the end of recess when he went and put away a bunch of balls that he did not play with!



Ophelia was kind by helping a friend clean up their cubby area when they dropped everything on the floor! Thanks for being helpful Ophelia!



Harper gave her dry erase marker to another student who could not find his.



Liam was caught being kind when he helped Ethan find a pair of scissors to use.

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### April

1 - Classes Resume  
12 - Maplewood Teachers visit  
5th grade  
16 - Spring Concert Rehearsal  
9:00 AM - 10:45 AM  
16 - Spring Concert Grades 3-5, 6:00  
PM @ MHS  
17 - No School Staff  
Development  
17 - 4K Family Event - Building for  
Kids - Children Museum 10:00  
AM - 2:00 PM  
24 - Grade 5 Visits Maplewood  
8:45 AM - 10:40 AM  
26 - KG Field Trip to Bay Beach Wildlife  
Sanctuary 9:00 AM - 2:15 PM  
30 - 3-5 BRAVO Assembly 10:45  
30 - K-2 BRAVO Assembly 12:30  
30 - Grade 3 Heckrodt Wetlands 8:20  
AM - 11:20 AM



### Links

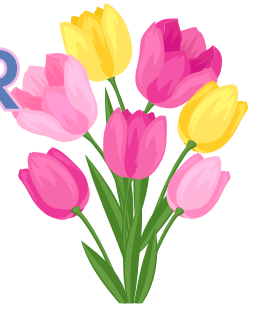
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[Too sick for school?](#)

### May

2 - Grade 5 Maplewood Family  
Night 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM  
3 - 5th Grade Field Trip to the  
PAC - Dog Man Musical 8:45 AM  
- 11:00 AM  
3 - 4K Family Outreach Day  
Bombastic Bubble Show Menasha  
Public Library  
14 - All City Track Meet  
14 - Fang Reading Club Timber  
Rattler Game  
15 - 4th Grade Field Trip Milwaukee  
Brewers 9:00 - 5:30  
23 - 4K AM & PM Heckrodt Wildlife  
Preserve  
24 - No School  
27 - No School- Memorial Day  
30 - Celebration of Learning 1:30 -  
2:50

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## Spring Concert



April 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM is our Spring Concert for our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students at the Menasha High School Auditorium. Doors Open at 5:30 PM.



# Baseball

## ATTENTION 4TH GRADE PARENTS!!



**Wednesday, May 15th** our 4th grade students will be traveling to Milwaukee to watch the Brewers vs. the Pirates. Game start is 12:10 PM. \*Potential Chaperones, be sure your background check has been completed and/or volunteer cards are still valid.

Link: [Secure Volunteer](#)

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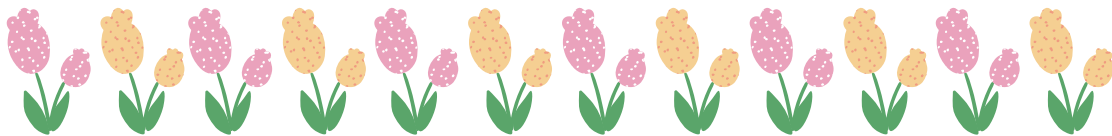


### MJSD- 2024-2025 School Calendar

K-12 2024-2025

4K 2024-2025

Links above or on the MJSD website



### PBIS NEWS

A lot of Clovis students are being respectful, responsible, and safe and are earning a lot of Bluejay Bucks! Some students are using them to buy items from our School Store that is run by our awesome students in the Leadership Club. Other students entered their Bluejay Bucks to try to win one of 4 prizes on display during March..

*We are so proud of our March winners for earning those Bluejay Bucks!*

The winner of the Jumbling Tower (Jenga) Game and Disney Trouble Game goes to... Elliot from Mrs. Laber's class.

The winner of the Sketchbook and Gel Pens goes to.... Daxsyn from Mr. Viotto's class.

The winner of the Scented Putty and Clovis BlueJay Shirt goes to.... Jasmine in Mr. Viotto's class.

And the winner of the Yoda Easter Basket, Stuffed Duck and Plastic Eggs with surprises inside goes to.... Alex in Mrs. Fritsch's class.

Keep up the good work and we are excited to see who our April winners will be.

HELLO  
SPRING



♥♥♥  
March 21 2024  
we celebrated  
World Down Syndrome Day  
by wearing bright colored  
mismatched socks!!

**ROCK  
SOCKS**  
YOUR  
SOCKS



## APRIL Elementary Food Fun Days

19<sup>th</sup> – Mood Boost “I am Confident”  
\*Trading Cards – collect them all!

24<sup>th</sup> – Lucky Tray Day!



\*Have school lunch and receive a  
Mood Boost Trading Card!  
Collect them all!

chartwells  
serving up happy & healthy

**YOUR SCHOOL PRESENTS:**

# MAPLEWOOD FAMILY SOCIAL

**A CELEBRATION OF STUDENT SUCCESS FOR  
CURRENT MAPLEWOOD STUDENTS AND 5TH GRADE  
STUDENTS**

FREE • PIZZA AND COOKIES • RAFFLE FOR ATTENDANCE •  
SCAVENGER HUNT • PRIZES! • BOOTH DISPLAYS OF STUDENT  
WORK AND ACTIVITIES • FACE PAINTING • PHOTO BOOTH •  
Q&A FOR 5TH-GRADE FAMILIES

**THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024  
5:00-6:30 PM**

**MAPLEWOOD**

1600 Midway Rd, Menasha, WI 54952

**ALL STUDENTS MUST  
BE ACCOMPANIED BY  
AN ADULT FROM HOME**

**TITLE 1 COMPACT**

Families will have the  
opportunity to provide  
their input on our Title 1  
Compact



**Attention Menasha Early Learners Families -  
mark your calendars for these upcoming events!**

Early Childhood and 4K students, along with a caregiver, are welcome to join us for any of these events. Regular classes are in session most days so stop in before or after your class time and stay for as little or as long as you'd like.

**Building For Kids - Children's Museum**  
**Wednesday, April 17 - 10:00am-2:00pm**

100 West College Ave. Appleton

Hands on activities with teachers and classmates, including -  
water play, art, climbing, trucks and construction play!

Drop in anytime between 10:00am-2:00pm.

Caregivers / siblings are welcome - \$3 (cash) per child, adults FREE



**Friday, May 3 - SAVE the DATE - 4K Family Outreach Day**  
**Bombastic Bubble Show - Menasha Public Library**

Morning and afternoon shows followed by hands-on activities!  
More details to be sent home soon.



**DON'T MISS OUT  
ORDER NOW!**



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ARRIVAL BY THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!**  
TO GUARANTEE **DELIVERY BY THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR**

Visit: [www.harman.com/ordering](http://www.harman.com/ordering)  
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# MJSD SUMMER EDVENTURE 2024



<https://www.mjssd.k12.wi.us/schools/summer/>

## GENERAL SESSION 4K-5TH GRADE

June 11th-June 28th, 7:45-12:15  
Clovis Elementary School

Registration opens  
April 2nd!

## GENERAL SESSION 6TH-9TH GRADE

June 11th-June 28th, 8:00-12:15  
Menasha High School

## CREDIT RECOVERY COURSES

June 10th-July 3rd, 8:00-12:15  
Menasha High School

## MINI-CAMP SESSION 4K-12TH GRADE

July 8th-July 12th, 8:30-11:45  
Menasha High School

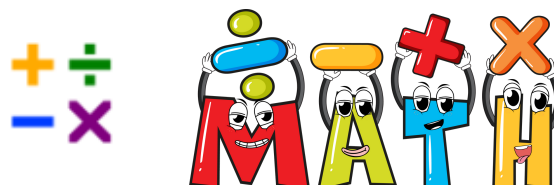
## BLUEJAY JUMPSTART 4K-5TH GRADE

August 5th-August 9th, 8:00-12:00  
Clovis Elementary School

The Coaches Corner: Math at Home

By Katie Fugar and Elise Bushweiler

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## ***Fact Fluency***

Do you remember the days of flashcards and timed tests? It's possible that you loved them. It's also possible that they created a lot of anxiety for you. That's why, in school, we use a wider variety of strategies to help students become fluent when solving basic addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts.

We teach students to be strategic and use what they know about numbers to solve problems. This means that to be fluent, they are flexible, efficient, and accurate. Flexible is probably the word that is most different from how many of us learned to solve problems. We just memorized. Fluency is very different from memorization.

For instance,  $11 - 3$  might sound like, "Well, I know that  $8 + 2 = 10$  and then one more would get 11, so the answer is 8. 8 is 3 away from 11."

Or,  $6 \times 7$  might sound like, "5 groups of 7 is 35, so I just need to add one more group of 7.  $35 + 7 = 42$ , so  $6 \times 7$  is 42."

Even though that is a lot of words, students who solve this way are usually very quick in solving so it may even look memorized. But ask them, "How did you know?" Their explanation will show a lot of number sense.

So how do we do this in school:

1. Explicit teaching of strategies (see your Bridges Newsletters for hints)
2. WorkPlace Games
3. Visuals such as ten frames, bead racks, arrays

But most importantly, how can you help at home?

1. Play games with your children that have them use facts. Honor their strategies.
2. Encourage students to explain their thinking about numbers.
3. K-2 families can help students know their 5 and 10 facts and partners that equal 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9.
4. 3-5 families can help their students know their 2, 5, 10 and square number facts. Then encourage them to use those to figure out the others.

Questions? Game ideas? Please feel free to contact us!

# CAREGIVER CORNER

## WAYS TO NURTURE WRITING AT HOME

Setting children up to write is helping them make something meaningful. Whether it's a book or a short note, words carry a message that matters. Think of writing time as a makerspace, where the process of making is just as powerful as the product!

All you need to get started is something to write *with* and something to write *on*! Some possibilities include colorful pens, pencils, markers, chalk, cardstock, unlined paper, doodle boards, dry erase boards, paper of any shape, or cut to any size, stapled booklets, and sticky notes. You might also add revision tools such as scissors, tape, glue sticks, and a stapler.

### MAKE TIME AND SPACE FOR WRITING

Display materials in an easily-accessible space in your home. Then, provide time and space for kids to create. Think aloud, "Hmm.. I wonder what you'll make! I can't wait to find out..."

Step away and allow the magic to unfold. Be a captivated audience when they are ready to share. Ask lots of open-ended questions. Marvel at their process and celebrate their approximations.

\*And if not much happens, don't worry! It can take time to build those "maker muscles." Below, you'll find more directed writing ideas that, in time, kids will incorporate on their own.



### BE PENPALS

Leave a small note somewhere for your child to discover. Include a blank piece of paper and encourage them to write back!

You might set an older child up to do this digitally as well.

## INFUSE WRITING INTO PLAY

Leave blank paper or sticky notes and pens beside a play kitchen or building blocks.

You might nudge the child by saying things like: "Oh, you were playing 'restaurant?' Would you like to make a menu? What will you put on it?! I hope there will be milkshakes!"

"You can label the parts of your building. I'll show you how!"

"Are you playing a game? Do you want to keep score? You can keep track on this notepad."

## SPREAD KINDNESS

Point out how writing can spread kindness and show that we care for others. Make greeting cards to celebrate, invite, or connect with friends and relatives. Then, mail or deliver them together!

You might also invite your child to compose an email or text message with you and attach a hand drawn picture.

## DISCOVER WRITING IN THE WORLD

Notice the variety of writing in the world and the purpose each serves. Suggest that your child might make a sign, a note, or a list of things to remember, especially for an authentic purpose like a trip to the grocery store or a reminder to wash your hands. Emphasize these purposes out loud. "Oh! I keep forgetting ingredients at the store. Will you help me make a list?"

## USE FAVORITE BOOKS AS INSPIRATION

After reading a book your child loves, suggest that they make a book just like it! They might feel inspired to write about a similar character or setting. Or, they might write an information book with a similar structure or topic.

Fold paper or cardstock and staple a spine to create a blank book.

Encourage your child to think about the things they loved most about the book and to fill the pages with their own ideas.

## FREE Child Developmental Screening for MJSD Children 2.5-5 Years Old

From birth to age 5, a child's brain develops faster than any other time in life. Screening is a quick check to make sure your child is developing on schedule.

Scan the code or click the link to complete a 10-15 minute questionnaire to find out your child's strengths and areas that may need support. Menasha Early Learning staff will follow up with you to address concerns and answer any questions you may have.

You will also receive additional resources through First Five Fox Valley.

To schedule an in-person screening, call 920-967-1431 or email [holtzs@mjsd.k12.wi.us](mailto:holtzs@mjsd.k12.wi.us)



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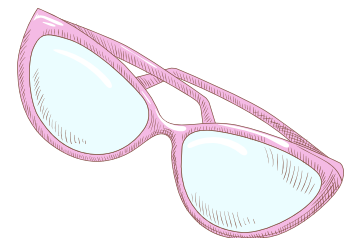
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## GRATIS - Evaluación de desarrollo infantil para niños de 2½ a 5 años de MJSD

Desde el nacimiento hasta los 5 años, el cerebro de un niño se desarrolla más rápidamente que en cualquier otro momento de la vida.

La evaluación de desarrollo consiste en una verificación rápida para asegurarse de que su hijo se está desarrollando normalmente. Por favor, escaneen el código o hagan clic en el enlace para contestar el cuestionario de interés, el cual solo les tomará de 10 a 15 minutos. Con él podrán descubrir las fortalezas de su hijo y las áreas en las que él pudiera llegar a necesitar apoyo. El personal de Menasha Early Learning se comunicará con ustedes para dialogar acerca de sus inquietudes y responder a cualquier pregunta que puedan tener. También recibirán recursos adicionales a través de First Five Fox Valley.

Si desean programar una evaluación en persona, por favor llamen al 920-967-1431 o envíen un correo electrónico a [holtzs@mjsd.k12.wi.us](mailto:holtzs@mjsd.k12.wi.us)



### Missing Eye Glasses??

We have collected numerous pairs of glasses over the years. Prescription, safety and readers. If your child has lost a pair of glasses, please call the office, describe the pair you are missing. Hopefully we have them!



**Mark Your calendar!!**  
**MJSD 4 Year-Old-Kindergarten**

**Online enrollment for 2024-2025 opens Monday, February 5, 2024**

**Menasha's 4-Year-Old Kindergarten offers:**

- Curriculum that focuses on social and academic skills
- All classes are taught by DPI Certified Teachers
- Hands-on, play based curriculum focusing on academic and social skills
- Educational and social family outreach activities
- 4K classes located in neighborhood elementary schools: Clovis Grove, Butte des Morts, Gegan and Jefferson
- Classes run 5 days a week - half day sessions
- \*Community based extended day Head Start Program option - limited enrollment, enroll early.
- Low school year fee (approximately \$50)
- Before School Program available to AM 4K students / After School Program available to PM 4K students

**If you have a child or know of a child that will be 4 years old before September 1st please enroll into our 4K program. Clovis will be offering 1 morning session and 2 afternoon sessions. Classes are filled on a first come first serve according to the enrollment date. Our AM session is filling up fast!! Enroll online today!!**

**Link: [New Student Enrollment](#)**



**REGISTER  
NOW!**

# 2024-2025 Open Enrollment

Open enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year opens on Monday, February 5, 2024. Applications will be available on the **DPI website**.



**APPLY  
NOW**

**CLOSING  
SOON**  
APRIL 28, 2024