

CLERMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2021-2022



Clermont Community Connections

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8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Visits to the office are welcome, and please call ahead so we avoid large crowds in the office and lobby.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Grades K-6
Doors Open at
8:50 am
School Hours
9:05 am - 3:50 pm

Students are considered
Tardy after 9:05 am

The 2021-2022 School
Calendar [Calendar](#)



PARENT - STUDENT VIRTUAL HANDBOOK NEWSLETTER

The information contained in this newsletter should answer many of your questions regarding school policies. Parents and guardians will receive school communication via email using eNotify and News You Choose. Please be sure to check your email for any information sent home on a weekly basis.

Attendance

Daily attendance is **MANDATORY** as per the code of Virginia. All online classes will begin with a Morning Meeting at 9:05 AM. If your child is going to miss school for any reason, please inform the school by using our attendance email, including the reason for the absence, @ ClermontESAttendance@fcps.edu. A message can also be left on the "attendance line" by calling 703-921-2424. Please call before 9:05 a.m. In addition to notifying the front office, it would be helpful if you email your child's teacher if your child is going to be absent from school for illness or any other reason. Parents of students with excessive absences will receive notice of their child's Record of Attendance through notification from the principal or Clermont's Attendance Team. It is our goal to have 100% of our students engaged in learning.

The Standards for Accrediting Schools in Virginia, specifies that schools provide 180 days of instruction for elementary students. In accordance with FCPS School Board Policy #2232.4, reasons for Approved Absences for elementary students are the same as for secondary school students. These include: illness of the student, death in the family, medical or dental appointment, observance of a religious holiday, or any reasons for which the principal considers that exemption from attendance is in the best interest of the student. Reasons for Unexcused Absences include: family and/or student vacations, childcare situations, non-school related activities, missed school bus, or other reasons unacceptable to the principal.

Visitors

Security is an essential part of student safety, and safety is our number one priority at Clermont ES. Upon ringing the bell outside the front door, office personnel will ask you to identify the purpose of your visit. **ALL VISITORS**, including parent volunteers, are required to report to the main office to sign in with the date and time of their arrival and departure. A sticker/badge, identifying that you have checked in on our Visitor Response System **MUST BE WORN** in the building at all times. Visitors who are not wearing an approved ID badge will be considered "trespassers" as per FCPS School Board Policy #1360.2. The doors throughout the building are locked. The building is facilitated by a keyless entry system monitored by the office staff. Those enrolled in SACC should use the buzzer designated for SACC.

Positive School Behavior through our C.A.R.E. Program

At Clermont, we encourage children to develop and exercise self-control during all activities in a positive and caring environment. Our C.A.R.E. Character Ed Program emphasizes Clermont's 4 core values: COOPERATION, ACCEPTANCE, RESPONSIBILITY and EFFORT. Positive school behavior is manifested in the manner in which children pursue their daily tasks. The school and home are partners in encouraging students to work toward higher levels of self-discipline.

Technology

This school year, FCPS is providing all students with laptops to use for online learning.

- Students will have access to FCPS gmail accounts.
- The school's computer will already have shortcuts on the desktop to the frequently used programs.
- Please contact your child's teacher first for guidance if there is an issue with a school-issued computer.
- FCPS personnel are not permitted to help fix personal computers.
- Students in K-2 will leave laptops at school overnight. Students in 3 - 6 will be allowed to take laptops home overnight.

Students will be encouraged to contribute to a positive and caring environment. We will work together to help enforce appropriate Digital Citizenship. Parents and teachers will work together to ensure that all students are following all appropriate digital behaviors while in school and at home. .

Things to remember in class:

- Respect for self
- Respect for others
- Maintain a positive learning community
- Use kind and appropriate language in class

PTA

The PTA actively supports the school through many activities. Each parent can find many ways to contribute to our school, whether it is for one special activity or on a regular basis. Please join our PTA and plan to attend any meetings. Check out the PTA website at <http://www.clermontpta.org>.

Breakfast and Lunch Meals

FCPS will be providing free breakfast and lunch to all students this year. Breakfast will be available in Grab-and-Go bags as students enter the building. Lunch will be available by going through the lunch line in the cafeteria during the designated lunch time.

Communications/Emergency Messages

FCPS wants to keep you well informed. *Fairfax County Public Schools use five different communication systems to reach parents with accurate and timely information. These systems are:*

Radio and TV

When appropriate, FCPS will notify all radio and television stations in the Washington, DC Metropolitan area to encourage the publication of emergency information through media channels, such as snow days and school closures.

The Internet - www.fcps.edu

In an emergency, the words Emergency Announcement appear in red at the top of the home page. Click on those words to see the latest announcements and schedule changes as well as messages from the Superintendent, and links to helpful parent resources.

News You Choose E-mail Message System

When you provide us with your email address on your child's emergency care card you are automatically signed up for all school News You Choose messages from Clermont ES.

Red Apple 21

Emergency messages are scrolled across the screen on the school division's cable channel 21. (Only available to Cox Cable customers.)

Connecting with Staff

Email is the best way to reach out to your child's teacher. At the start of the school year, your child's teacher will call you to introduce himself or herself. Weekly newsletters will be emailed home on Fridays from your child's teacher.

Thursday Folders will come home as needed which will include student work and anything that may need your signature. We are going to post most flyers and information in the Friday electronic newsletter.