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For the parents, students, staff, and community of Clay Middle School

# CLAY NATION NEWS

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Clay Nation,

As we quickly approach the end of third quarter next week and then spring break, I am happy to report that our Clay students and staff are gearing up for our "final lap" of the school year. Our superintendent Dr. Beresford has said before that the school year can be viewed a lot like a race. We are well over the mid-way point of the school year and with third-quarter coming to an end very soon, we will be in the final stretch of the school year once we get back from spring break. Having said that, the final lap can often times be the most difficult lap of the school year (race). Through the first three laps of the race we have worked to build up our endurance and learn how to pace ourselves, but now we all have to work together even harder to ensure that we all bring motivation and effort to school each and every day. As I have often said to our students and staff, "Don't count the days, make the days count".

This time of year, is always a little extra busier because we begin to transition our 8th graders to high school, while transitioning and preparing our incoming 5th graders to be ready for middle school.

Throughout each and every month I typically always take time to highlight some of the wonderful things that have taken place in at Clay over the last month and throughout our Clay community. Since our last newsletter, Clay performing arts department had an awesome month of February with ISSMA state solo and ensemble contests. Our students earned gold ratings as collective groups and our also brought were fortunate enough to bring home several individual accolades. I would like to say thank you to all of our students that have performed at a very high-level and I would also like to thank our teachers who dedicate a great deal of their time and effort to help our students achieve their GREATNESS.

## THE CLAY WAY

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### ADMINISTRATION

Todd Crosby, Principal  
Brooke Cole, Assistant Principal  
Mark Smith, Assistant Principal  
Mike Wilpolt, Athletic Director

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE *continues...*

### THE CLAY WAY

During this past month Clay had an opportunity to host Carmel Clay Schools Expedition 2020 where the topic was "Education is a People Business". During this day we had several visitors from our community members, along with the school board members and central office personnel and Dr. Beresford attend this event. As principal of Clay, it gave me great pleasure for our visitors to be able to walk through our building and see how a building of our size functions and all the people that make things happen behind the scenes. So many people have to work together on a daily basis for Clay to be successful. Some people I would like to recognize are our cafeteria staff, custodial staff, teaching staff, instructional assistants, instructional coaches, school nurse, SRO, Student Services Department and our of course all our administrative assistants. It is through this teamwork that we are able to operate at the highest level for our students, staff and our greater Clay community. A huge thank you goes out to our AVID Council, which is made up of students that lead the tours throughout our building that day. *Great teamwork everyone!*

### THE CLAY WAY

Other recognitions throughout the month of February include:

We had the pleasure of recognizing our wonderful Student Services Department during the week of February 3-7. This week was National School Counseling Week. This department had themed week focused around KINDNESS where our student and our staff joined together to promote kindness. I would like to say thank you and reinforce to our families that the work being done within our Student Services Department, from our secretary to our guidance counselors to our social workers and our school psychologist makes such an impact on our students here at school. The services that this team provides by collaborating often with our teams of teachers is responsive and timely. This is critical as our students maneuver through their middle school years. Auggie, our Clay therapy dog, is in his second month on the job and appears to be making such a wonderful impact on our students and staff as we continue to look for ways to service the whole child and address the social emotional needs of our students with effective learning and coping strategies.

### THE CLAY WAY

We will officially end our winter sport seasons on Saturday March 14. Claywrestling team goes into the Hamilton County tournament

at Westfield and our 8th grade girl's basketball team goes into the Hamilton county tournament at Carmel Middle School starting on Thursday March 12th. I would also like to recognize all of the excellent support that our 7th and 8th grade girls cheerleading squads have shown throughout the winter sports seasons. We appreciate all you do! Spring sports are right around the corner and we want to encourage any of our students who would like to get involved in a spring sport to get further information regarding track and field, softball or baseball please see the link below.

• <https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/clm/athletics>

Contact: Mr. Mike Wilpolt (Clay Activities and Athletics Director)

I believe in leadership focused on collaboration, teamwork, and a sense of empowerment and caring which leads to the development of strong student leaders, as well as teacher leaders throughout our building. Clay Middle School has a proven reputation of being an outstanding school with a constant commitment to exemplary education. Please remember that as parents you are also an important part of our success as a school and I would like to recognize your role as a parent and thank you for all your hard work and effort to support them through these transformative years.

I challenge all Clay Trojans to **be the best at getting better** and together we will take Clay Middle School to even greater heights. As principal, I believe it is my position to help provide vision, leadership, oversight, safety, and the best instruction to every student that attends Clay Middle School. I truly realize that success cannot be accomplished without an active school community to continue to take Clay Middle School in the direction of continuous success and excellence. I am happy to announce that the **Clay Nation** is alive and well.

Reminder to follow us on Twitter @ClayTrojans #ClayGreatness

GO TROJANS!

Sincerely,

Todd A. Crosby, Principal

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### March

9-13	Food Service Recognition Week
13	3rd Quarter Ends
14	MathCounts State Competition @ Rose Hulman
16-20	Disability Awareness Spirit Week
17	Band Concerts – Concert Band and 6th Grade Band
20	PTO Meeting
24	6th Grade Leadership Breakfast
26	7th Grade Leadership Breakfast
31	8th Grade Leadership Breakfast

### April

1	Electives Leadership Breakfast
3-12	SPRING BREAK
April 21- May 7	State ILEARN Testing

### May

3	Clay – Riley Dance Marathon (3:20-5:00 pm)
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## ANNUAL CHS 2021 SUMMER EUROPE TRIP

### ATTENTION ALL 8TH GRADERS!

Carmel High School is excited to announce that plans for the annual CHS summer trip to Europe have been finalized for 2021! The trip will begin in Munich, travel through Austria and Slovenia, and end up in Rome. Highlights of this once-in-a-lifetime journey include:

- The Alps
- Rome, including tours of the Colosseum and the Vatican
- Venice, Italy
- Hitler's Eagle's Nest
- Pompeii
- Dachau Concentration Camp
- Florence, Italy, including the American War Cemetery
- Neuschwanstein Castle
- Werfen Ice Caves
- High speed boat tour of Lake Garda
- Isle of Capri

You are eligible as an 8th grader because the trip will not actually happen until the end of your 9th grade year at Carmel High School. Go to [TSAatours.com](http://TSAatours.com) to sign up now or feel free to contact Carmel High School Social Studies teacher Will Ellery ([wellery@ccs.k12.in.us](mailto:wellery@ccs.k12.in.us)) for further information.

**There will be an informational parents' meeting on March 10 at 6pm in room E224 at Carmel High School. Enter through CHS door 21.** The trip departs on May 31st and returns on June 10th, 2021.



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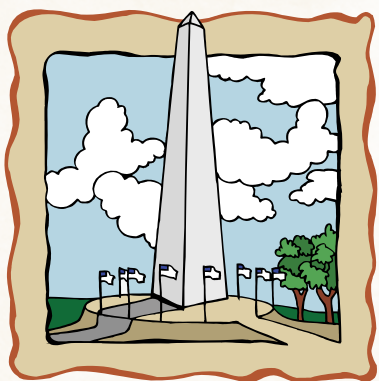
**GEOGRAPHY BEE**

February 3, 2020

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TOP TEN STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN  
CLAY'S 2020 GEOGRAPHY BEE!**

The Bee was held on Thursday, January 23rd, at Clay Middle School. The finals took place in the auditorium on stage. All family members of the ten finalists were encouraged to attend the finals and enjoyed watching their student shine.

The competition took approximately 45 minutes and over 1300 Clay students participating in the Bee this year! The following students are congratulated for making it to the top ten stage:

**WASHINGTON  
D.C. TRIP**

Reminder to current 7th graders who are interested in going to Washington D.C. over Fall Break during their 8th grade year, you must sign up ASAP. We have limited space left. Please call 1-800-900-1776 (Nation's Classroom) and tell them you are with Clay Middle School.

**6TH GRADERS:**

Eli S. – Team Titans (Myers)

Krish B. – Team Avengers  
(McGuckin)Anoushka P. – Team  
Justice (Anderson)**7TH GRADERS:**Roman G. – Team Apollo  
(Patane)Nick A. – Team Poseidon  
(R. Snyder)Ryan F. – Team Atlas  
(Stewart)**8TH GRADERS:**Elizabeth P. – Team  
Legends (Duncan)Ethan L. – Team  
Revolutionaries (Carr)Ben B. – Team Visionaries  
(Giles)**Our top three finishers were as follows:**

*Third place finish by Eli S. (6th grade – Team Titans)*

*Second place finish by Ben B. (8th grade – Team Visionaries & second time in the top 10)*

*First place finish by Nick A. (7th grade – Team Poseidon)*

In early February, Nick A. moved on to take the state qualifying test and it will be scored by The National Geographic Society. The top one-hundred students with the highest scores, will be invited to participate in the Indiana National Geographic Bee held around Spring Break at IUPUI, in Indianapolis.

**This just in...** Nicholas Anderson, passed the written test and was invited to participate in the state Bee on March 27th at IUPUI. **Best wishes to Nick as he moves on to the next round of the National Geography Bee!**



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### CHANGE THE WORLD

#### 8th grade Social Studies students are looking to CHANGE THE WORLD!

Throughout the next 5 weeks, students are being asked to look at the community around them and consider how change in America HAS HAPPENED and how they can continue to MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Students will have access to templates and resources to guide them throughout their process. Students will work through mini-lessons over women's reform, education reform, and abolition. Additionally, students will be expected to use questioning in order to guide their thinking.

Students will share their experiences through an explanation of their goal and actions taken in the first week of March. We look forward to seeing them reach Greatness!

#### Continuing the conversation with your child:

- Tell me what you have learned about your topic, so far?
- What do you hope to accomplish through choosing this topic (student goal)?
- How have you taken steps to create change?



### WHAT'S GOING ON IN IRAN?

As we returned from winter break this school year, one thing was on our 7th graders' mind, "What's going on in Iran?"

With current events developing, seemingly by the minute between Iran and the United States, students became increasingly aware of the situation through social media and memes, however the information was lacking depth and in some cases, was sensational.

We chose to take this opportunity to pause and have the students inquire more on the issue. Students developed research questions to help them investigate and understand the complex relationship between the United States and Iran since the 1950s. This inquiry cumulated with student-led small group discussions. Due to the students' efforts they are more informed with the United States foreign policy with Iran.

#### Continuing the conversation with your child:

- Tell me what you learned about Iran and the relationship with the US?
- What were your feelings before & after you learned about this situation?
- What surprised you?



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As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns...I'm happy to help!

Amy Glover, *Café Manager*

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## THE GREEN SCENE

Green Team members, like Makenna Moon, have been busy donating and collecting plastic grocery bags over the past few weeks. Students were given a reusable bag in exchange for their plastic bag donations. These bags will be placed in the proper recycling bins found in our local grocery stores.

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## 7TH & 8TH GRADE SCHEDULING

### Course Selection Information

Counselors met with current 6th and 7th grade students during the month of February to complete the course selection process for the 2020-2021 school year.

If you have questions, please feel free to email a counselor directly. Current 6th grade students should contact Mrs. Naas and Mrs. Janson will be the contact for 7th grade. Detailed information about our course offerings can be found on the Clay Student Services Canvas Page.



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**If you have any questions please contact** Allison Morgan, MSW at [amorgan@ccs.k12.in.us](mailto:amorgan@ccs.k12.in.us).

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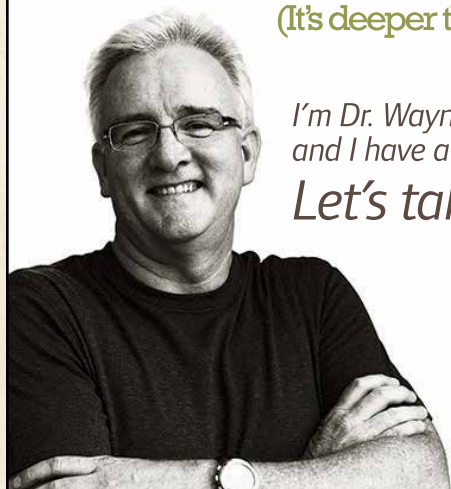
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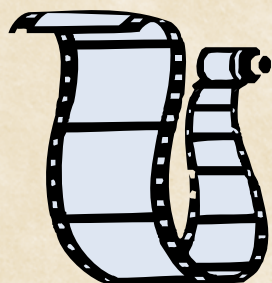
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## DINNER AND A MOVIE

**WHO:** 6th grade girls & their moms, grandmothers or other special women in their lives.

**WHAT:** Join Clay Counselors to watch "The Clique", eat a pizza dinner and discuss relationships among girls.

**WHEN:** 5:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25th.

\*"The Clique" is rated PG for thematic material, rude behavior and language.

Please **RSVP** by **March 20th** by going to this link - **Dinner & A Movie RSVP**

Clay counselors have planned a "Girls Night Out" for mothers and daughters on **March 25th**. We'll be watching a movie dealing with relationships among girls and then following up with a presentation. Developmentally, tweens are embarking upon a new social era. They are learning to empathize and form long-term relationships. While such social developments lead to many positive outcomes in terms of friendship and leadership skills, they can also lead to tension among peer groups. It isn't uncommon to involve a third party to relieve the tension, causing the problem to escalate. Developing problem solving skills and communication strategies can help to resolve these kinds of troubles. It is important for educators and parents to work together to define and correct social behaviors and teach students coping skills.

This is an open and casual evening for 6th grade girls and a special woman in their life. We hope you can join us for pizza and open conversation!

## NEW FAMILIES

If you are new to Clay Middle and would like to meet other new families, join the New Families Gathering Group. This group meets monthly to share resources and information with new families about Clay Middle School and the Carmel community. Please email Karen Tullai (ktullai@gmail.com) for further details and to learn the locations of upcoming gatherings.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Please forward this email to other parents you know and encourage them to sign up for PTO email updates at <https://goo.gl/FQ5ue6/>.

Also, follow us on Facebook at 'Clay Middle PTO' and on Twitter at '@ClayPTO'

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### Message from PTO President

What a Year!

As my time as Clay PTO President finishes up, I want to thank all of you who have helped make Clay special this year, especially for the time you donated to our PTO! The Executive Board of Caroline Shrieve, Kristi Moe, Nicole Brink, Lisa Pellegrino, and Kim Seeling have been working hard to provide our students and staff with special opportunities. All of you are so appreciated!

We have had much success with Box Tops and Kroger rewards, thanks to Kristi Moe. The Champions of Clay fundraiser was spearheaded by Jami Gann. Our New Families have a place to connect, thanks to Karen Tullai. Regan Summers and Delilah Knapp made sure that visitors at all of our back to school events were appropriately nourished, and Sara Carlisle and Christine Hudak successfully put together another Clay Challenge. Nicole Bonacker makes sure all concession stands are staffed for sporting events, and Diana Blanoff finds willing workers for the Media Center. The teachers sure love their Tuesday Treats, thanks to Molly Fisher and Missy Helm. The bookstore always has smiling faces because Katie Rodriguez makes sure all the shifts are covered. All of the spiritwear you all purchased was designed by another Clay parent, Kelly Anderson. Finally, Mallery Pino and Amanda Roberts provide small pieces of encouragement for our staff during appreciation events. Thank you, ladies, for all you do!

### Community Dining Event @ RackzBBQ

Thank you to all who supported our February 12th & 13th community dining event benefiting Clay Middle at Rackz BBQ - 10% of your purchase was donated to the students of Clay!

### Tuesday Treats

New sign up opportunities for March and April - the last of the school year. Just a small item can make this special for the Teachers and Staff, they really enjoy Tuesday Treats events!! Sign ups available at:

- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e49adac23a13-tuesday5>

### Bookstore (during Student Lunch periods)

February volunteer opportunities are available, click link below if interested:

- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f48a9ac2ba5fe3-february1>

## GORMAN AND BUNCH TEACHER GRANT

Through the kind efforts of Kalen M., a Clay 8th grader, Mrs. Susie Fulp received a \$200 grant to use in the science classroom. Thank you to Gorman and Bunch Orthodontics in Carmel for their generous grant and support of local educators!



## Parent School Safety Academy



## Registration for the Spring 2020 Parent School Safety Academy is now OPEN!

The Parent School Safety Academy is a unique and interactive program to Carmel Clay Schools that will teach parents the school safety principles and fundamentals that guide response protocols in our schools. Sessions will take place March 3rd and 4th from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Educational Services Center (5201 E. Main Street, Carmel).



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## KIDS SERVING CARMEL SUMMER CAMP!

**Overview:** The 2020 Kids Serving Carmel Camp is a week-long, fun-filled summer day camp that offers campers an opportunity to learn about community needs and participate in service activities to benefit the Carmel community. Each day is filled with community service projects, activities, and both individual and group reflection time.

**Sponsor:** Kiwanis Club of Carmel

**Dates:** June 22-26 **Camper Ages:** 10-15

**Where:** Camp will be hosted at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church (1402 W. Main Street) with service activities occurring at various locations within the community.

**Cost:** \$225

**Hours:** Camp will run from 9:00-3:30 daily. Dropoff is from 8:45-9:00 and pickup is between 3:30-4:00.

**Registration:** Limited to 30 campers  
[Registration Link](#)

**Community Service Partners:** We are planning activities to benefit the following types of organizations with more to be added. Last year we completed over 360 service hours!

- Children's hospitals
- Food banks
- Community parks & nature
- Youth assistance organizations
- Therapy animal groups
- Clothing collection organizations
- Elder care facilities
- Animal shelters

**Contact:** For additional information, please email [carmelkiwaniscamp@gmail.com](mailto:carmelkiwaniscamp@gmail.com) or call Jason at (317) 522-7883.

**CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS  
ALL DISTRICT  
Art Show**

**FEBRUARY 6 - 29**

**CARMEL CLAY PUBLIC LIBRARY MAIN LOBBY | Daily During Library Hours**

The Carmel Clay Public Library is honored to host an exhibition of over 100 works of art created by K-12 students. All 15 Carmel Clay schools will be represented in the exhibit. *Enjoy a gallery walk of drawings, paintings, collages, and other formats by talented, young artists from our community.*

**Opening Reception**  
Thursday, February 6  
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
**MAIN LIBRARY PROGRAM ROOM**  
Meet the artists, their families, and their teachers!

Young Adult Desk  
317.814.3983

CARMEL CLAY  
PUBLIC LIBRARY



### SERTOMA ESSAYS

During the third quarter students in the 6th grade social studies classes have been learning about WWI, WWII and the Cold War. Throughout the discussions, human rights was a major focus. Students learned the United Nations created the 30 Universal Human Rights after WWII. To summarize their learning, students wrote a paper in conjunction with the Sertoma Club located in Broad Ripple, Indianapolis. The theme of the paper was, "What does Freedom Mean to Me". Students were able to apply their knowledge and express the importance of having freedom.

Sertoma International is a service organization, founded in 1912. Sertoma is an acronym for "Service to Mankind". Annually, Sertoma sponsors a writing contest for sixth grade students. The topic students were to address in their essay was **What Does Freedom Mean to Me**. Participating in the National Heritage Essay Contest encourages students to better understand the founding principles of our country and to consider how those principles affect their lives today.

Thanks goes out to all students for participating and sharing their ideas. Congratulations to the following students whose essays were chosen as classroom winners and have been sent on for the final competition by Sertoma members. The top three finalists will be notified in April and invited, along with their families, to a Sertoma luncheon where they will be presented with checks. Below are 2020 classroom winners for each team:

	Anderson Team Justice	McGuckin Team Avengers	Myers Team Titans
1-2A	Rachel Z Patricia R Olivia W	Aden B Kendall E Kendall M	Gabby H Lilah W Hannah W
3-4A	Ryan S Chloe T Jordin P	Kiera B Luke G Emily K	Emma G Aiden M Josephine Y
7-8A	Mikaily F Eva M Megan X	Libby G Emma M Avery W	Maddie A Cory H Anna O
1-2B	Arya G Natalie R Sierra P	Alec A Maggie H Parsa M	Grant G Belle G Tommy S
3-4B	Jessica F Anoushka J Ami R	Brenna B Olivia J Sravanthi K	Tess E Megan M Madeline S

*Well done students!*

You Retweeted  
 **Make-A-Wish OKI** @mak... · 23h  
 6th grade 'Team Avengers' at @ClayTrojans are real-life #superheroes! Students fundraised an incredible \$19,000 this year to make wishes come true! If they can do it, so can you! To learn how your school can get involved in #KidsforWishKids, visit: [okiwish.me/KFWK](https://okiwish.me/KFWK)



### ILEARN Assessment Information for Families



#### 5 Key Points for Families to Understand About Indiana's ILEARN Assessments



#### 1. What is ILEARN?

ILEARN is Indiana's new online computer-adaptive assessment designed to measure your child's proficiency of the Indiana Academic Standards in Grades 3-8, Biology and U.S. Government. ILEARN fulfills both state and federal legislative requirements as the accountability assessment for Indiana students.

Subject	Grade(s)
ILEARN English/Language Arts	Grades 3-8
ILEARN Mathematics	Grades 3-8
ILEARN Science	Grades 4 and 6
ILEARN Social Studies	Grade 5
ILEARN Biology End-of-Course Assessment (ECA)	High School*
ILEARN U.S. Government End-of-Course Assessment (ECA) (optional)	High School*

\*Taken at the end of the course, regardless of grade level.



#### 2. What is a computer-adaptive assessment and how does it benefit my child?

Computer-adaptive assessments adapt to each student's mastery of the content throughout the assessment. Every time a student answers a question, his or her response helps determine the next question presented. The difficulty of the test will adjust to each student's skills, providing a better measure of what each student knows and can do.

• ILEARN is a computer-adaptive assessment. For more information about computer-adaptive assessments, visit: <https://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/assessment-literacy>



#### 5. When will I receive score reports about my student's performance on ILEARN?

• Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, schools can access preliminary scores in the Online Reporting System within 12 days of students testing. Schools are responsible for sharing students' results with parents.



#### 3. How does ILEARN support all students?

The online testing system is easy to use and is more accessible to students who require tools or accommodations while testing. Tools and resources are available to help students show what they know.

- Built-in glossaries allow students to select unfamiliar words and read their definitions. Glossaries are available in English, Arabic, Burmese, Mandarin, Spanish, and Vietnamese.
- Students are provided with authentic tools, such as spell check, a dictionary, and a thesaurus for use when responding to the writing task.
- The Desmos calculator (provided for Mathematics Grades 6-8) is available for students to practice using free of charge at: [desmos.com](https://www.desmos.com).
- Spanish translations (stacked over the English version) are available for Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.



#### 4. What resources are available to help prepare my child for ILEARN?

- Indiana's Released Items Repository allows students to interact with released items and try some of the tools and features: <https://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/learn-sample-items-and-scoring>. New items are added each school year.
- Indiana's ILEARN Portal provides information and resources for understanding the assessment at: <https://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/learn-portal>.
- The ILEARN for Families website answers questions about ILEARN: <https://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/learn-families>.

Contact us at: [ILEARN@doe.in.gov](mailto:ILEARN@doe.in.gov) with questions.



## Celebrate Disability Awareness Month 2020

See #PeopleNotPunchlines  
PeopleNotPunchlines.com

## DISABILITY AWARENESS SPIRIT WEEK

MARCH 16 - 20

Each March, **Disability Awareness Month** is celebrated throughout Indiana. **Clay Friendship Circles** has planned a spirit week to raise awareness and celebrate inclusion in our school.

The awareness ribbon colors below show support for the following disabilities:

**Monday: ..... Purple for Epilepsy**

**Tuesday: ..... Green for Cerebral Palsy**

**Wednesday:.... TieDye for Autism**

**Thursday:..... Red for Williams Syndrome**

**Friday:..... Blue / Yellow for Down Syndrome**

**WEAR THE COLOR OF THE DAY  
TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT  
FOR INCLUSION!**

