

CLARA PETERSON ELEMENTARY

NEWS AND NOTES



March 1, 2024

Dear Families,

The 5 Essentials Survey window is open to all Illinois students in grades 4-12, teachers, and parents will have an opportunity to participate and provide valuable feedback. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about Clara Peterson Elementary.

This survey is **confidential** and allows us to receive input from stakeholders about our areas of strength and our areas of needed improvement. To complete the parent survey:

1. Go to <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/>
2. Under "Parent Survey" select the appropriate language to complete the survey
3. Enter your email address (if you want), enter "Ford" for the county, enter "Clara Peterson" for the school, and then enter how many children you have at Clara Peterson.
4. Click "Login"
5. Advance to survey questions. Answer all applicable questions.
7. Click Submit Survey

Students in third through fifth grade will be taking state-required achievement tests during the month of March. All students will be tested in ELA and math. These tests are part of the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) program. The results of these assessments will be reported to families early next school year. The test results, along

with other local assessment data, are reviewed in order to help improve our school program.

You can help your child do his/her best by:

1. Making sure, if possible, your child attends school on the days of testing;
2. Making sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before testing;
3. Providing breakfast on the mornings of testing;
4. Reminding your child to ask questions if he/she does not understand test directions;
5. Letting your child know you have confidence in his/her ability to do their best;
6. Advising your child not to worry about the test—just to do the best they can.

Please call your child's teacher if you want additional information or have further questions about these tests.

Please remember that students eat breakfast and lunch free at Clara Peterson. If your child eats breakfast the serving time starts at 7:40 a.m. If your child walks or is a car rider, please drop them off as close to 7:40 as possible as this helps us get all of our students through the breakfast line and ready for class in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Barry Wright, Principal

March 6—Laser Light Show Assembly in the gym
March 6—PIT Crew Meeting at 6 p.m.
March 7—Book Fair Family Night from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
March 8—End of the third quarter
March 11—IAR testing begins for students in 3rd-5th grades
March 13—BOE Meeting
March 25—April 1—No School Spring Break

