

# Clark September Newsletter 2022

## Team & Department September News

### Open House September 1st 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Our Back to School Night is Thursday, September 1st. We will begin in the MPR for a chili dinner and visit with administration and counselors. Families will then be released to go to teacher classrooms and get an overview of each class.



### School Lifetouch Photos September 9th

Clark Picture day is Friday, Sept 9th. Photos will be taken in in the gym. Students will receive order forms to bring home. It is important to take a photo so that we can produce your student ID. Current student IDs also get you free ridership on the People Mover.



### Team Galileo

September month at a glance

In writing, we will learn how to write informational writing pieces. We will also learn the basic essay writing format to prepare for writing in the future. In social studies, we will continue working on geography skills. Focusing on the 5 themes of geography. Science will focus on scientific processes

through investigative activities and demonstrations such as a rainbow volume lab where students practice accurate measurements. In ELA, we are reading, paraphrasing, analyzing, and responding to a variety of texts.

## Team Marie Curie

Hello from the Marie Curie Team: We are looking forward to meeting you at Open House on Sept. 1st, from 5:30-7:30. Our team is committed to helping your student on their academic journey and with their SEL (social emotional learning). We are off to a great start and are enjoying getting to know your wonderful students. We utilize Canvas for announcements and Remind, so reach out if you need anything. We also have email and will be sending out a weekly WAG (Week at a Glance), so you can keep up-to-date on your students grades and progress. We have an after-school Program if you would like to get your student enrolled, reach out to the office staff. Thanks for allowing us to be your wonderful students educator and we are looking forward to this year.

Kindest Regards,  
Marie Curie Team.

## Team Aristotle & Team Drew

It is hard to believe that we have already been in school for three weeks. Our students have already been learning so much, like how to open our lockers, finding all of our classes, and managing our schedules. The first part of the school year has been a whirlwind of learning about the building expectations, teacher expectations and learning about each other.

In September, the Language Art class is following the Springboard curriculum, and working on unit 1, Stories of Change. They will be learning the main elements of a narrative story in this unit. In writing, students will be learning how to formulate an academic essay using MLA format and basic writing skills. In Social Studies, students will be learning about Economics. Science is concentrating on basic science skills such as measuring using the metric system, and how to use the scientific method.

## Science Department

Hello Clark Families,

This has been a fantastic beginning to the school year for the teachers in the department of science. All the science teachers at Clark love to teach science to your students; whatever their grade level may be. Lastly, you can expect a strong science education for your child.

## Math Department

The math department has finished iReady testing for the fall! The 7th and 6th grade teams will be using that information to select students who would benefit from a math support class. As a reminder, it is recommended that students spend 30-45 minutes on their "My Path" lessons every week to support learning.

Algebra 1 will be working on Algebra Basics and Solving Multi-Step Equations.  
Geometry will be working on Transformations and Geometry Basics.

Math 7 has had an exciting first couple of weeks. We are beginning the IReady curriculum and students have gotten their books for the new year. Our lessons start with Scale Drawings and using Ratios for the beginning of the year. Homework is coming up so keep an eye on students' papers, Canvas, and Q to stay up to date with grades.

## Team Socrates

Socrates team is really excited to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year! As we move into September, our students will be actively engaged in a variety of activities. In Science, we will be doing experiments involving multiple chemical reactions, and we will be using various learning strategies. For Social Studies, we will continue the Historiography Unit; students will be practicing interviewing techniques to gather family histories. In English Language Arts, students will study and apply the Hero's Journey to Odysseus from *The Odyssey* and characters in other select short stories as they look at the challenges of heroism. During Writing, students will be focusing on finding credible sources and will cite them in informative essays. We've enjoyed getting to know your children during the first few weeks of this year and look forward to getting to know them better in the coming month.

## Writing Department

What an exciting month September is going to be for the Writing Department! Our first focus this year will be on writing informative essays. Students will be learning how to research about a topic and combine that information into their own words, how to give credit to the authors who wrote that research, and how to format essays along the professional standards of the Modern Language Association. We will be starting with these skills this year because finding high-quality information, citing that information, and presenting it following a professional style guide are skills that will not only help students to be successful throughout this year, but are also skills that will propel them to success in high school and beyond.

## Choir

Students in Choir classes are starting the year getting to know their vocal instrument! We are learning the fundamentals of vocal production as well as how to breathe correctly for singing. Students are learning how Solfege works in combination with Curwen hand signs to help us sing with more accuracy and confidence. We also are in the beginning stages of learning music for our Winter Concert. Parents -- be the on lookout for the Choir Student Contract and Choir Reference Sheet for this school year. Thanks!



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## MAP Testing

**MAP Growth Newsletter Information**  
**2022-2023**

MAP Growth is the ASD and State of Alaska required benchmark assessment for students in grades 3-9 in reading and mathematics. Grades 10-12 also take MAP Growth in Tier II and Tier III reading and mathematics courses as part of the Anchorage School District's MTSS framework.

Alaska's Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) has partnered with NWEA to implement a creative approach to a balanced statewide assessment that connects fall and winter MAP Growth benchmark/interim assessments and the Alaska spring summative assessment that will provide both a summative assessment and spring benchmark score that includes a growth measure. More information is available at the State of Alaska AK STAR website, [education.alaska.gov/assessments/akstar](https://education.alaska.gov/assessments/akstar).

MAP Growth is an online, adaptive assessment that provides each student a personalized testing experience with data that speaks to their individual progress and growth in mathematics and reading.

The MAP Growth reading and mathematics benchmark will be administered in person during the 2022-2023 fall and winter benchmark windows. The spring benchmark will be embedded in the AK STAR summative assessment as outlined above.

- Fall Benchmark 1—August 29 - September 9 (make-ups through September 16)
- Winter Benchmark 2—November 28 - December 9 (make-ups through December 16)
- Spring Benchmark—embedded in AK STAR administered during the summative assessment window: April 3 - April 14 (make-ups through April 28)
- *Selected Students Only: Spring MAP Growth Benchmark 3—April 3 - April 14 (make-ups through April 21)*
  - *Grades 10-12 Tier II and III reading and mathematics courses*
  - *K-2 - certain schools only*

MAP Growth practice tests are available at [practice.mapnwea.org](https://practice.mapnwea.org) and require login information (**USERNAME: grow** **PASSWORD: grow**) to access. The practice tests and tutorials allow students the opportunity to become familiar with the types of questions and tools available on the actual MAP Growth assessments such as the highlighter and calculator.