



Clintondale Community Schools Monthly Curriculum Digest

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April 2019

Terry Martin, Michelle Pachla, and Stephanie Krycian pictured above with famous literacy researcher and author Nell Duke at the Michigan Reading Association Conference.

APRIL is a busy, busy month! This is the month in which we begin our state assessments, host informational or “round-up” nights at our schools, start to transition and schedule students to the next level in their educational journeys, and begin to celebrate our students and our staff for their achievements throughout the year. We also take this time to reflect on the professional learning opportunities we experienced throughout the year and make plans for the summer and following school year. After a week-long break, staff and students will hit the ground running upon returning to school on April 8th!

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GO DRAGONS!

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Important Dates

- **April 8** 5th, 8th, & 11th grade M-STEP and Mi-Access testing window opens
- **April 9** PSAT & SAT Testing
- **April 10** ACT WorkKeys Testing
- **April 15** Middle School FSI @ MISD
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- **April 16** High School FSI @ MISD
- **April 16** Late Arrival
- **April 16** Leadership Night @ CHS 7pm
- **April 17** Elementary School FSI @ MISD
- **April 17** Teacher of the Year Banquet @ MISD
- **April 19** No School
- **April 24** NWEA Rostering for the May testing window
- **April 29** 3rd, 4th, 6th, & 7th grade MSTEP testing window opens
- **April 30** Professional Learning forms due to building principals

April is National Poetry Month

<https://www.poets.org/national-poetry-month/30-ways-celebrate-national-poetry-month>

"The April rain, the April rain,
Comes slanting down in fitful showers,
Then from the furrow shoots the grain,
And banks are fledged with nestling flowers;
And in grey shawl and woodland bowers
The cuckoo through the April rain
Calls once again."

- Mathilde Blind, *April Rain*

April is also Autism Awareness Month

Please click on the National Autism Society link below to discover how you can spread awareness:

<http://www.autism-society.org/get-involved/national-autism-awareness-month/>

Opportunities for Professional Learning

This month, instructional staff will have the opportunity to provide input and request professional learning for summer and the 2019-2020 school year. The following workshops have been planned for this coming summer:

- June-MiELA Summer Literacy Conference in Grand Rapids
- June- 2nd Grade Literacy Module Training @ CHS
- July-SIOP Training for English Language Learners (Prek-12 ELA)
- August-Implementing Kagan Cooperative Learning Structures (6-12 ALL Content)
- August-Restorative Practices Conference @ MISD
- August-2nd Grade Literacy Module Training @ CHS (repeat from June)
- August-Math Workshop Training @ CHS

Summer Programming

Summer Programming for students will TENTATIVELY run from July 8th-August 8th for secondary and July 15th-August 8th for elementary. The district will be posting for teaching staff and instructional aides to fill positions in the following programs:

- Kinder Connect
- First Fundamentals
- Science Literacy
- Blended Learning using the New Study Island
- STEM Camp
- Math Mindsets
- Read 180
- SAT Prep
- Bilingual Education Using Imagine Language and Literacy

Ongoing Math Practices

- **Number/Math Talks**
- **Instruction following CPA (Concrete-Pictorial-Abstract)**
- **K-6 Math Workshop**
- **Technology Supported Practice**
- **Instructional Technology**
- **CEC**

Ongoing ELA Practices

- **MAISA Units**
- **Reading/Writing across the curriculum**
- **K-6 Workshop**

- **K-8 Guided Reading**
- **Technology Supported Practice**
- **Instructional Technology**
- **CEC**

Ongoing Science Practices

- **Instruction Using 5E**
- **Inquiry-based Instruction through Phenomenal Science (NGSS)**
- **WebQuests at the secondary level**
- **Science Notebooks at the middle level**
- **CEC**

Ongoing Social Studies

- **C3 Framework for Instruction**
- **Multimedia Content Delivery**
- **Interactive Mapping in Geography**
- **Focus on Primary Resources**
- **Organizational Strategies**
- **CEC**

Electives

- **Cooperative Learning**
- **Visible Thinking Strategies**
- **Competency-Based Grading**
- **Work-Based PBL**
- **TPRS Strategies**
- **CEC**

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