

Louis Agassiz School

PARENT NEWSLETTER #4

SEPTEMBER 18, 2020



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

We had a very successful technology distribution this week. Many thanks to our incredible staff members who volunteered their time to ensure a smooth distribution. If you experience any issues with technology, your first point of contact should be your child's teacher. They will be able to assist and let you know if there are district-wide issues. Your next point of contact is the CMSD Help desk at 216-838-0440. Unfortunately, we did experience some district-wide

network issues this week. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding. Please know that your child will not be marked absent in the event that they are not able to log in due to district tech issues.

Thank you for your continued collaboration, you truly are our partners in your child's education.

Have a great weekend and stay safe.

Angie Boie - Principal

TECHNOLOGY PICK UP

If you or someone you know still needs technology please call the main office to set up an appointment time when someone will be in the building to assist. 216-838-6450.

SCHOOLGY PARENT ACCESS CODES

If you have not received them already, please reach out to your child's teacher for the Schoology access code. You will need this to create your parent account so that you can view your child's performance in Schoology.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT ****MRS. VELAZQUEZ**** -
PRESCHOOL TEACHER

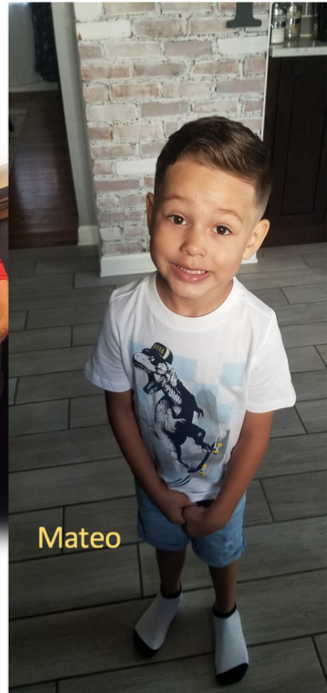
FUN FACTS

10 Fun Facts About Me...

1. I was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
2. My parents were born in Puerto Rico.
3. I am VERY, VERY, VERY scared of **snakes**.
4. I love to visit the beach every year.
5. My favorite movie is WIZARD OF OZ.
6. I'm allergic to Earth... I have tons of allergies.!
7. I am a HUGE baseball fan and played softball for 8 years.
8. I would love to learn how to fly an airplane.
9. **Banana Cream Pie** ice cream from Mitchell's is my favorite treat.
10. In school I was always the quiet, shy girl...

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MY FAMILY



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HORIZON OPPORTUNITY

We are happy to continue our partnership with the Horizon Education Center. They are providing learning pods for students. They are now accepting applications for a select number of Louis Agassiz students to attend their center located at 13850 Triskett Rd, Cleveland, OH 44111. They will be providing care from 6:30 am - 6:00 pm, including breakfast, lunch, and snack. They will have classrooms and tutors working with scholars on their daily assignments. Students will need to bring their device and log in information along with class schedule.

Applications are linked below and available in the main office. One application per child will need to be completed. These can be submitted in person to the school or emailed to Mrs. Boie at angela.boie@clevelandmetroschools.org.



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Horizon Fall Enrollment Packet

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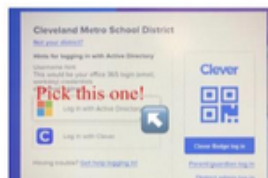
LOGGING IN TO CLEVER & SCHOOLOGY

8 STEPS HOW TO LOG IN & GET STARTED!

1. Open a Web Browser and go to

<https://clever.com/in/cmsd>

2. Log in with **ACTIVE DIRECTORY**



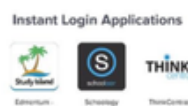
3. Students will use their **EMAIL** and **PASSWORD** to **LOG IN**. (Password are case sensitive). This password is universally used with just about any academic application in the district. Student email example below...

STUDENT EXAMPLE EMAIL: firstname.lastname@cmsdk12.org

4. Put in your **Email** and press **NEXT**
5. Put in **Password** and press **SIGN IN**

*Click **YES** to give permission to save your information!

6. WELCOME to **CLEVER Home Page** you will scroll **DOWN** to **INSTANT LOGIN APPLICATIONS**



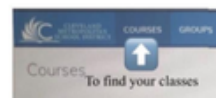
7. Hit **SCHOOLGY**



Schoology

Hit the red ♥ to make it a favorite and it will appear at the top of the HOME PAGE.

8. Click **COURSES** to find your classes! **YOU ARE IN!**



Any issues check out the **HOW TO LOG IN VIDEO** on our **School Website!**

PARENT TESTING INFORMATION

- All families with a student in grades 1- 3 will be receiving one of the letters below in the mail. Please be on the lookout for it. In case you have moved recently it is below, and please be sure to change your address with the front office.
- Please be sure to take a look at the information below regarding how to help your child testing at home.
- Classroom teachers and Intervention Specialists will be scheduling testing sessions with students and families. Please be sure to set up a time with them.
- Please be sure to check the dates below for upcoming assessments to determine when your child will be required to take an assessment.



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Parents/ Guardians of a CMSD Scholar,

As the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) gears up for the new school year, we will begin with remote learning. Teachers will determine where students are in their learning to strike the right balance between the introduction of new content and the review of missed skills from the prior year.

CMSD will administer the NWEA (MAP) tests in early fall to identify your child's current level to pinpoint their instructional needs.

You may ask, "Why are students taking the NWEA test?" The NWEA provides teachers and principals with data needed to make important decisions about student learning. Whether instruction is administered face-to-face, remotely or a hybrid of the two, data from NWEA helps educators to:

- see what students have already learned – and what they're ready to learn next.
- gauge the effectiveness of instruction so necessary adjustments can be made.
- identify students who are struggling to determine extra supports.
- set goals for student growth and track progress.
- see how students are performing against grade-level standards.

It's important to remember that the purpose of NWEA is *measurement*. Your child's goal isn't to answer every question correctly, but rather to do their best. No matter the student's final score, teachers will use NWEA data to plan daily instruction.

When your child is taking an NWEA test at home, as a parent or caregiver, you may feel compelled to provide a few hints or – in the case of younger children – read the question and answer choices aloud – this is understandable. It can be difficult to watch your child struggle or select an incorrect answer. In this case, though, parents best help their children *by not helping them at all*. To ensure appropriate student instruction and supports – now and in the future—teachers must have a clear understanding of what students are able to accomplish independently.

We encourage you to review this video link for a better understanding of NWEA (MAP) testing:
<https://bit.ly/3jfr4aZ>

Chief Portfolio Officer

Helping Your Child Test from Home

NWEA MAP Growth Assessment

The start of this school year is different...

- ...But some things will remain the same, they will just take place at home instead of in the classroom
- One example is for CMSD scholars in grades 1 through 10 to take a test called the NWEA MAP Growth assessment, or "the MAP test"
- This test is taken multiple times during the school year and is an important tool used by your child's teacher to plan instruction based on the results

What is the MAP Growth test?

- It is a computer-based test
- Students take two tests, one reading, one math
- There are a combination of multiple choice and other question types to help your child demonstrate what they know

How does the test work?

- Students answer 40-50 adaptive questions
- They can take up to 90 minutes in one seating. They can take up to two days to finish the test
- Remind your child that its **OK if they don't know the answer (and you shouldn't help them)** – the whole point is to find out what they are ready to learn next

Here's how you can help your child test at home:




- Please watch this video that explains how families can prepare for testing at home
- <http://bit.ly/cmsdtesthome>
- This video is close captioned and the subtitles can be auto-translated into multiple languages



Step 1


Make sure the computer can be used for testing

- Open a Google Chrome browser session by clicking on this icon 
- Type: **check.nwea.org** where it says "Search Google or type a URL"
- This site will run a test on your computer – if it passes, the computer is ready
- If the computer doesn't pass, and it is a CMSD computer, call CMSD DoIT at 216.838.0440 for assistance



Step 2

Allow your child to practice taking the test

- Practice helps your child become comfortable with navigating the test screens and become familiar with the types of questions asked
- Open a Google Chrome browser session by clicking on this icon 
- Type: **test.mapnwea.org** where it says "Search Google or type a URL"
- You may get an "Oops!" message about pop-up blocking. Follow the instructions to allow pop-ups



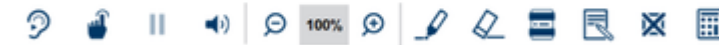
Getting started with the practice test

- Select 'Try Practice Test'
- On the next screen, type the word:
grow
- For both the username and password, click the blue arrow
- On the next screen, select your child's grade and the subject (Reading or Math)
- Select English as the language and select the test
- Check the 'Text to Speech' box (math only), click the blue arrow



Becoming familiar with the test portal

- Click on the blue arrows at the bottom of the screen to move to the next question. Students can't go back to previous questions.
- Use the navigation bar at the top of the screen to hear questions (math only), enlarge the screen, or use the tools



Step 3

Help your child on the day of the test

- Make sure your child gets plenty of rest the night before and has breakfast in the morning
- Provide a place for them to test that is quiet / free of distractions
- Make sure they have scrap paper and a pencil
- On the computer, your child will need to have TWO Google Chrome browser windows open
 - For the video chat with the teacher
 - For the MAP test – teach.mapnwea.org

1. Video chat



2. MAP test



Taking and finishing the test

- Once your child starts the test, let them work at their own pace
- Remember, they can't go backwards, only forward to the next question
- If your child needs a break, they should let the teacher know using the video chat
- Once your child has answered the last question, the test will complete and their score will be shown
- Close the testing browser session and report back to the teacher using the video chat for any additional instructions



UPCOMING ASSESSMENTS

Early Learning Assessment(ELA)

Grade Pre-K
Sept. 8 – Nov 13, 2020

Kindergarten ReadinessAssessment(KRA)

Grade K
Sept. 8 – Oct 30, 2020

NWEATests (Reading)

Grades 1-3
Sept. 21 – Sept 30, 2020

AIMSWEBplus (UniversalScreening Benchmarks)

Grades K-3
Sept. 28 – Oct. 30, 2020

NWEATests (Math)

Grades 1-3

Sept. 28 – Oct. 30, 2020

NWEA Tests (Reading & Math)

Grades 4-10

Sept. 28 – Oct. 30, 2020

