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PTA President's Message

Welcome back from Spring Break! I hope you are all well rested and ready to undertake the final quarter. I cannot believe we are nearing the end of the 2008-2009 school year. This month we will have the opportunity to be entertained by many talented Clow students. Our Family Fun Talent Show is scheduled for Friday, April 24th. Hopefully, you have already contacted Toni Picket to offer your help that evening - she cannot run this event alone. I hope you take the time to come watch our students shine that evening, and help make it a special evening for our Clow Cougars. Our next PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8th at 2 PM in the MPR. I have asked the President of the Gregory PTA, Trudy Medhurst, to come and discuss with us how the PTA works at Gregory. I am hoping that parents of 5th grade Clow students take advantage of this meeting to learn about ways to volunteer

there. Our goal is to have you know what opportunities there are before the start of the school year, so you have the time to plan ahead. If you have specific questions that you would like addressed about the PTA, please forward them to me so I can pass them along to Trudy beforehand.

At the April meeting, we will also be voting for the slate of candidates for the 2009-2010 school year, that was presented at our last meeting. The slate is as follows:

President - Dee Valiga
 Vice-President - Sonia Hertogs
 Treasurer - Bill Raczky
 Secretary - Dione Schick

We will also take nominations from the floor before the vote, so I hope you will attend and take part in the process. We do need a minimum number of people to vote, so please make every effort to attend. The board has to be elected to proceed with planning events for next year, and this

planning all begins in the May 2009 meeting. I am still working on updating the list of chair people for next year. We do have many openings that will need to be filled, and I hope to have the list completed very soon. I am still waiting for several people to let me know their intentions for next year. I will share the complete list as soon as it is available. Finally, I would like to thank everyone who generously donated sports balls for the children to use during lunch and recess. Within 30 minutes of the list serve going out, I had people e-mailing me with a list of items they would donate. THANK YOU for your quick response - the kids have been enjoying having the items to use. Have a wonderful, hopefully warm and dry, April!

Dee Valiga
PTA President

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Spring Pictures

Wednesday, April 8

Van Gogh School Photographers will be taking a photo of students from all grades. They recommend bright and cheerful colored clothing. In approximately 3 weeks, you will receive a portrait package from school. At that time, please make your selections and return your payment, along with any unwanted pictures to school.

Don't forget to bring a smile!



Clow's Spring Scholastic Book Fair

May 13-15

Welcome spring! Get ready for another great book fair from Scholastic to help support our LMC. They have an exceptional selection of material this year; so what a great way to add fresh new books to your families collection. Check out the teacher wish list for your child's classroom library too.



Have You Filled a Bucket Today?

At any given moment, we have the opportunity to fill the bucket of another or to dip into that bucket. One of the great by-products of filling someone's bucket is that our own bucket is filled as well.

—Ms. Kaufman



Mark Your Calendar

Fourth Grade Field Trip
April 9
Paramount Theater

Fifth Grade Field Trip
April 16
Cantigny

Kindergarten Camp Out
April 25

2008-2009 Clow PTA Board

Executive Committee

President	Dee Valiga
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Accelerated Reader	Chris Brinkler
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Ice Cream Social
Movie Night/Bingo

Rollerskating
Science Fair
Spirit Dance

Talent Show

Ways and Means

Carnival

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Market Day
Sport Events
Traverso Night
Wrapping Paper

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Peggy Blankenschein
Dee Valiga
Julie Rouches
Gina Ramsey

Class Highlights...

Kindergarten

I hope everyone enjoyed Open House. I know “the kindergarten kids” really enjoyed becoming the teacher for the night -- if only for a few minutes. It was great to see the parents being such cooperative students.



Kindergartners will grow in their knowledge of plants this month. We will become gardeners by planting and caring for our plants. We will also study insects and spiders as we find out that some of these may be “friend or foe” to plants.

On April 25, kindergartners will be having a camp-out. If you have an older child who has had our camping experience, be sure to remind them that the final location is a secret to the kindergartners. This will be coordinated with our study on animals, insects, and plants. We can't wait!

In Math, we will again focus on developing and strengthening number printing and number recognition to 100. Please work on counting to 115. We have been introduced to most of our letters by now. Your child should be learning and reviewing the recognition, sounds, and correct formation of those

letters. We are working very hard on our “kindergarten spelling” and most of all, trying to write a sentence using our word attack skills. Extra practice sounding out words and trying to write at home would be helpful for all children. Many of our students worked hard to complete the reading program. Even though the incentive is over, we hope you will continue to read daily with your child at home. We appreciate your continued help and support!

The Kindergarten Team

First Grade

We hope you are all rested after Spring Break and ready to start the fourth quarter! This month first graders are working in our final reading anthology, Gather Around. We are continuing to focus on reading comprehension and fluency. Students are also working on reflecting and responding to the stories they read.

The first graders will be starting formalized spelling units. Children will be bringing home a weekly list to study. Word Wall Words will also continue. We will be using these new

words to write up a storm! We will be working to improve our narrative and expository writing skills.

In math, we will wrap up our geometry unit and continue working with money. We will also begin working with fractions!



Our weather unit is in full swing in science. As junior meteorologists, we are compiling data on the temperature, cloud types, wind conditions, and precipitation. Students are recording their data in weather journals. We are hoping that the April showers we record

will bring May flowers! Later in April we will be starting our “Going Buggy” unit.

We hope you will continue to reinforce the recall of addition and subtraction facts. Please also continue to have your child read at home on a daily basis. As always, thank you for your support!

The First Grade Team

Second Grade

Welcome back from Spring Break. April promises to be an exciting time to learn in second grade!

Reading brings stories based around the theme of **Time Travel**. Children will see how people expand their knowledge as they explore new ideas and places within our fictional stories. We will also read some non-

fiction/informational text as we prepare for our visit to the Wau-bonsie Valley High School Planetarium and learn a bit more about the water cycle in Science.



In math, we will be working with money, place value and telling time. We will be calculating coin and bill combinations and estimating change. As always, we will continue to become very fluent with our math facts. Keep

up all your hard work at home!

Writing this month concentrates on poetry and using figurative language. We will be immersed into all genres of poetry, but will be concentrating on four specific types. We will also continue to create fantastic stories during Writer's Workshop.

As you can see, April is a busy month in Second Grade!

The Second Grade Team

Class Highlights...

Third Grade

Welcome Back! We hope everyone had a relaxing Spring Break! The third graders kick off the month of April with a shower of poetry books. For this month's A.K.O.R.N., the students will have the opportunity to explore different types and authors of poetry. They will also become poets themselves as they create a variety of poems and present these through a "Poetry Slam" using the computer program PhotoStory.

We will also be continuing with our second anthology and reading various stories that follow the theme "Tell Me a Story." In this theme, students learn that storytelling takes many different forms and serves many purposes. As they read new stories and meet storytellers from around the world, they will discover new ways to tell their own stories.

In science, we will enter the bone zone with our unit on bones and muscles. The students will be learning about the various bones in our body and how they work together with our muscles to

allow us to move. They will also be learning about the many joints that make all this movement possible, as well as the importance of taking care of our bones. We will end our science unit with our final field trip to the Robert Crown Health Center at the end of April. As you can see, the third graders have a busy month ahead of them!

The Third Grade Team

Fourth Grade

Once upon a time there were happy energetic fourth graders from the Kingdom of Clow. They came to school every day to learn and this April will be no exception. Throughout the month, they will experience many fairy tale adventures. Students will travel through Tall Tales with Lord Andrews as their fearless leader. Prince Vieira will take his royal subjects on a world tour explaining Nursery Rhymes. Duchess Street will unravel the twisted world of Fairy Tales.

Our adventure continues with a few of the issues facing our environment, acid rain, population growth, and recycling. In science, we will be looking at the causes of these issues as well as their effects on our community. With Earth Day toward the end of the month, it will be a perfect way to celebrate keeping our environment healthy.



The students will also be preparing for parents to travel around the United States at the State Fair. They will be researching, creating a state brochure, learning songs, and memorizing facts at school. Don't forget your child should be working on their state project at home. Remember to follow the guidelines sent home before spring break.

The Fourth Grade Team

Fifth Grade

We hope you enjoyed a restful and relaxing Spring Break. Now it's time to begin the fourth and final quarter of elementary school for the fifth graders. The days will seem to truly fly by!



April promises to be a busy, yet "electrifying" month in fifth grade. In science, we will begin our study of electricity and magnetism. Be

sure to ask your child what an incomplete and complete circuit is.

Reading and social studies will be highly integrated as we read Charley Skedaddle while studying the American Civil War. This novel describes the experience of a young New Yorker who becomes a drummer boy in his brother's regiment. Throughout the month, ask your child to share what we are learning about this troubling and critical time in our nation's history.

In math this month students will be

learning about circumference and area of circles, algebraic expressions, and continue with coordinates as they graph data.

We're looking forward to a tremendous fourth quarter!

The Fifth Grade Team

Class Highlights...

Art

Kindergartners are learning about the color wheel. We have studied primary colors, secondary colors, and the colors of the rainbow. The students created primary sculptures out of paper and some classes created secondary colored chicks from model magic. Students chose two primary colors to mix to create their secondary color.

First graders are creating team murals. We are learning about the author/illustrator Eric Carle. First we painted pretty papers; next we cut these into sea creature shapes and added details with contrasting paper. Each table team created their own mural.

Second graders have created two relief sculptures. The first one, an owl, was made from model magic. Neutral colors and texture were a part of the lesson. The next lesson was a complementary color snake. Students drew snakes on tag board; they use complementary colors for their patterns. These turned into relief sculptures by adding a score down the middle and bending the snake to make it 3-D.

Third graders finished their still life compositions. Next we will be learning about the Mexican folk art of metal tooling.

Fourth graders have finished their bowls! Yeah! They are bright, bold and beautiful. Next, we will be drawing realistic owls to tie into their classroom curriculum of the study of owls.

Fifth graders are learning how to carve linoleum and make prints. They each had to take a safety test before they were able to use the sharp tools. Once the students finish carving, they will print.



Denise Nickel
Art

Physical Education

Future Games Plans

PLAY BALL!!! It's that time of year to get out and start T-ball, baseball or softball. We will be working on these skills in P.E. class. Also, in April we will be working to fine tune our fitness tests as we will begin testing students in grades 1-5. The scores of these tests will be sent into the District office. All that we hopefully have accumulated throughout the year will be revealed in our scores on push-ups, curl-ups, jogging non-stop for time, running a designated distance for a specific time and a stretching test. Each test will show each child's development in upper arm strength, abdominal strength, flexibility in the hamstrings, quads and lower back, and how the lungs and heart are doing (cardio-vascular endurance) through our PACE test and Endurance run.

Fitness is Fun

We have only two Fun Runs left. If you haven't attended one please try to. If the weather permits us, we will be outside. This activity is for fun and no awards are handed on. Look for more information come home via backpack.

Timm Jayne

Physical Education



Project Arrow

Contest Winners!!!!!!

Students in the fifth grade Project Arrow Program participated in a poster competition as part of their Economics and Stock Market Study. Jeremy Cifonie and Anna Panella are regional winners of the Northern Illinois University Poster Competition supported by HSBC Bank and judged by the Illinois Council on Economic Education. They will be receiving \$50 savings bonds.

We also have four honorable mentions: Kian Fotovat, Karisa Zdanky, Kyle Parker and Nikhila Pokola.

All entries will be advancing to the state competition. We are so very proud of them all!

Helene Caliva

Project Arrow



Class Highlights...

Music

April is Jazz History Month

Kindergarteners celebrated last month by moving to high and low directions and we practiced songs that move up and down. In the upcoming months, we will continue to focus on songs that involve following directions. Students will begin to study dynamic levels of loud and soft through their songs and movements this month, and will continue to explore patterns in music and songs.

First graders finished their unit on Carnival of the Animals and the French composer Camille Saint-Saëns. Hopefully, they have shared their experiences with you at home, as they learned about the instruments of the orchestra and how a composer uses instruments to tell a story. Parents please continue to encourage your child to practice naming musical instruments in songs they hear—not only will you be surprised at how many instruments they can name, but you should also see continued growth in their aural skills! In celebration of Jazz History Month and the African influences on jazz, we will learn the West African folk songs Obwisana and Che Che Koolay. Students will also review line and space notes as they become introduced to the music staff.

Second grade students are eagerly looking forward to their Spring Musical. This year's musical will take place on **Thursday, April 16th at 7:00pm** in the gym. The performance will focus on the folk songs from around the world which the students have been learning throughout the year.

In third grade, students will celebrate Jazz History Month by learning about the elements of jazz and by studying various jazz composers. Students will revisit the recorder as they learn how to play a jazz piece using the lower notes of the instrument.

In fourth grade, students will be preparing songs for the State Fair. Please watch for upcoming communications on the State Fair performance in May.

Fifth grade students will celebrate Jazz History Month by exploring the blues and how it influenced jazz. Students will be studying a new instrument—the harmonica—to help them learn the 12-bar blues.

Maureen McCoy
General Music, Chorus, & Drum Ensemble

THANK YOU!

Congratulations to all of the musical ensembles that performed in celebration of **Music In Our Schools Month in March!** The following ensembles shared their musical gifts with us last month: Clow Band, Clow Orchestra, Clow Chorus, Clow Drum Ensemble.

Thank you also to Sowah Mensah and the MacAlester College African Music Ensemble for an engaging **Meet the Artist Performance!** Thank you to the Indian Prairie Educational Foundation for making this possible!



Second Grade Musical

Thursday, April 16
7 p.m.; Gym



Indian Prairie School District

Fine Arts Festival

May 16, 2009
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Neuqua Valley & Waubonsie Valley High Schools



View art work and listen to musical performances by students across District 204

Library Media Center

National Library Week & School Library Media Month

Did you know that the entire month of April is School Library Media Month? Did you also know that April 13th to the 19th is National Library Week? Visit the What's Up in the LMC section of our LMC website <http://clow.ipisd.org/lmc.html> and learn how we are celebrating all month long. We would like to remind everyone how important it is to READ, READ, READ. As a parent, please share what you read with all of the members of your family, even the youngest, by reading out loud or simply telling about a favorite part of a book or article. The best way to get and keep children interested in reading is to provide them with reading material that they like. When reading together, make reading with your child just as much fun for you and select something that you both will enjoy.

Book INVENTORY

Please check under beds, on bookshelves, in toy boxes, cars, garages, basements, etc. for books with Clow barcodes. Many are lost or were inadvertently taken home without being checked out. We really need them to be returned so that we can begin our annual inventory. Many lost books are out of print and can no longer be replaced title for title so please, please, please try hard to find them. Bills for known overdue and lost or damaged books will be sent home throughout the month of April.

Young Authors

We had over 170 manuscripts submitted as part of the Young Author Program this year. Our Publishing Center volunteers had a difficult time determining the five finalists and because all five of the books were so good. The finalists are Ciara Raczky, Kylie Bickler, Jack Kuharevich, Delaney Raczky and Michaela Kincaid. One Young Author name was drawn to represent

all Clow Young Authors and that student is Kylie Bickler. She will represent all Clow Young Authors at the annual Young Author Conference in Bloomington, IL in May. All of the finalists' books are now hardcover bound and embossed with the title and author's name. After being displayed in the LMC, they will be made available for check out. To honor all Clow Young Authors, please be sure and watch for an invitation to attend an evening reception on April 20th in the LMC.

Book Fair ...



A Scholastic book fair is coming, May 13-15. More information will be on our website and a flyer of titles highlighted at the book fair

will be coming home soon. You will also be able to visit the Scholastic website and create an online wish list, enter a contest, check the hours, etc. Watch for details soon. Funds from this event will provide books and materials for all Clow Students. Thank you for your continual support.

Six Flags Great America Tickets

All of those students who earned a ticket to Six Flags Great America will be receiving their tickets some time toward the end of May. As soon as they come in, we will get them distributed to all of the students who turned in their tally sheet for the midwinter reading incentive program.

American Association of School Librarians National School Library Media Program of the Year Award...

Many of you are aware of the honor that has been bestowed on Clow School. Our LMC program has been selected as a finalist for the AASL School Library Media Program of the Year Award. This is an honor shared by the entire Clow School Community.

The LMC staff is extremely grateful and proud to be supported by the families that attend our school. The volunteer effort in the LMC is noteworthy, the contributions made by the many talented individuals who keep everything running smoothly day in and day out is reflected in the quality program that we are recognized for. We won't hear the final result until some time in May but regardless of how it turns out, in our opinion, we have already won, thanks to all of you!

**We wish you all a wonderful spring!
Mrs. Sparks and Mrs. Frett**



I hope everyone had a great spring break! I sent out the volunteer schedule for April and May at the end of March. Please contact me if you would like to be added to the schedule.

The Spring Book Fair is coming up in May. Information will be coming home soon, so please try to come out and support the LMC!

Remember to check "What's Up In The LMC" on the Clow website for information about upcoming activities in the LMC.

**Lori Patterson
LMC Coordinator**



Library Media Center



Accelerated Reader Program Congratulations to the TOP TEN Point Earners!



	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
1	Jack Schiewe	Darren Huang	Karri Swathi	Shope Jimoh
2	Juliana Villa	Ben Rieke	Dharm Sodha	Nikhila Polkala
3	Shannon Tagler	Kyle Nalley	Jennifer Galkovskly	Lachian McAurthur-Self
4	Max Schiewe	Shola Jimoh	Ching-Chun Lin	David Marshall-Pinko
5	Gavin Babbit	Naomi Tan	Matthew Valiga	Mason Bickler
6	Gavin Niznik	Kylie Bickler	Ciara Raczyk	Claire Grove Kyle Parker
7	Ria Jindal	Joseph Walwer	Anna li	Joseph Sieger
8	Ally Piket Alexander Kiefer	Paige Price	Alicia Kim	Patrick McDonough
9	Sydney Thompson	Corey McGrath	Lauren Sienko	Maegan Patterson
10	Thomas Blankschien	Jamie Sienko	Kelsey Romanowski	Tyler Schultz

Tammy Hughes, Accelerated Reader Chairperson

Birthday Book Club

Is your child's birthday coming up soon? The Birthday Book Club provides a great opportunity for you to honor your child's birthday with a book donation to the Clow LMC. Your contribution for a personally dedicated book for the LMC is \$10.00.

Your child can either check out the LMC's birthday book catalog, visit the online birthday book catalog, or just check out the shelf behind Mrs. Sparks' desk and find a great book! Another option is to visit Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville and purchase a new hardcover book from the Best Books for Children book list that is also available in our catalog.

Your child will be the first to check out the book, and they will be invited to our birthday book club party at the end of the school year.

To get to the online catalog, go to either http://clow.ipspd.org/lmc_pta_birthday-book-club.html or the Clow's website (www.clow.ipspd.org), and click on the LMC link on the left, you'll then scroll down to *The Clow PTA Supports the*

Clow LMC Program, at which you'll click on *Birthday Book Club*, then Select the *Birthday Book Catalog* link.

If you have any questions, please contact me at pschiewe@att.net.

Patty Schiewe
Birthday Book Club Coordinator

Happy Birthday to our newest members! Thank you for your book donation!

Chloe Rappe
Safiya Said
Andrew Orzechowicz

Clarice Bean Don't Look Ahead
Grasshopper
The Gravity Keeper



PTA Happenings

The Clow PTA Annual



FAMILY FUN TALENT SHOW

Friday, April 24
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy performances by your classmates as they showcase their talents!
Parents, please volunteer to help out! We'll make sure you don't miss your child's act!

1st-2nd Grade

Little Gamers

3:40-4:40 p.m. @ MPR

Let's Play On

Wednesday, April 8

Popular Games with a Twist

You can bring: uGuess who?, Guess Where?, Clue, Monopoly and other loved game. Watch for some of these popular games with a unique **Clow** twist!

Wednesday, April 22

Bingo and Other Party Games

You can bring: any variation/theme of BINGO, Pictionary or other fun party games

3rd -5th Grade

Gamers Club

Chess Tournament

April 8 & April 22

3:40-4:40 p.m. @ LMC

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Science Fair

Clow Elementary School's 3rd annual science fair was held on March 20th. The following students presented wonderful science projects and experiments: Noelle Bermudez, Madison Capalungan, Mya Capalungan, Troy Correa, Cameron Cyrus, Rose Druce-Hoffman, Dereck Elkins, Nicholas Esposito, Hollie Genualdi, Shope Jimon, Naomi Keane, Spenser Kern, Zachary Kern, Katie Kern, Alex Kiefer, Lindsay Kubal, Rachel Lentz, Anna Li, Andy Li, Noelle Maher, Abby McArthur-Self, Tyler Orlow, Kevin Roberts, Erin Roberts, Saaniya Rupani, Ava Slowinski, Lily Stephens, Molly Stevens, Emily Stevens, Ken Voytell, Joseph Walwer, Cullen Walwer, Lauren Walwer and Taylor Wiewwiora

Thank you to all the family and friends who came to the science fair to support our Clow scientists! A special thank you to our wonderful judges Victor Brovkovich, Rick Pastor, Faith Slowinski, Brendan Stephens, Chuck Maher, and Rick Stevens!

Deb Stevens, John Major & Rochelle Walwer
Science Fair Chairpersons



PTA Meeting

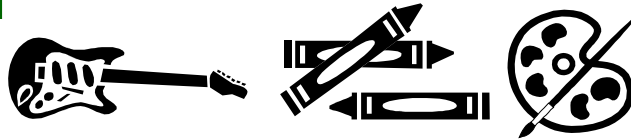
Wednesday, April 8

2:00 p.m.

MPR

PTA Happenings

Reflections Program



Our 2008-2009 Reflections program will officially end on April 29th with our awards reception. All students who participated in the program this year soon will receive an invitation to this reception. Students' projects will be available for viewing and students will receive a certificate and gift for participation. Students can take their projects home at the end of the evening.

The following are more of this year's Literature entries.

Kathleen Roberts
Samantha Elkins
Reflections Co-Chairperson

Waterfall!

By Kevin

Wow!
A lot of water
That rushes down a cliff
Everyone who walks by is
Really, really excited!
Fish jump out of the racing water
All day long.
Look at the people coming to it-
Cool!

Wonders of My World (WOW)

By Delaney

1. Playing board games with my family
2. Curling up in bed with my cat, Whiskers.
3. Eating birthday cake ice cream with my sisters on a hot summer day.
4. Watching a beautiful rainbow after a storm.
5. Sledding on the hill by our house on a snowy day.
6. Going to the county fair with my Mimi.
7. Watching a movie while eating yummy candy and popcorn.

WOW- Mom Upside Down

By Matthew

Wonderful
Magnificent
Outstanding
Observant
Worker
Mine

Wow! Look What's in the Ocean

By Erin

Outstanding octopi,
Colorful coral,
Excellent eels,
Astonishing anemone fish,
(clownfish)
Nice nudibranch (slugs)

PTA Happenings

Reflections Program



Excerpt from.....

Wow! My Life on the Great Barrier Reef

By Daniella

Hi! I am Claire and I am a humpback dolphin...

Yesterday I swam to 400 islands out of the 900 islands that are in the Great Barrier Reef. Last week, I found out that Sammy Plankton thinks my home is 2, 600 wide and he was right! The Great Barrier Reef can be seen from outer space.

Excerpt from

My "Wow" Place

By Kenneth

You know where my favorite place is? It's a place that makes me say "WOW!" It is my backyard. I say "Wow" because of everything I can do there.

When I go out to it I feel happy. I like my backyard because it has trees, it's huge and it is very fun. It means a lot to me.

Wow Is....

By Bobby

- * I made an unassisted triple play and a 3-run homer!
- *My big brother hugged me when I had a really bad day!
- * Matt almost caught a Muskie and Dad caught a huge Walleye!
- *Mom wore a Sox shirt and she LOVES the Cubs!
- *My hamster escaped from his cage twice, and mom stayed up late so she could catch him!

CLOW PARENTS ROCK



PTA Salutes

Amy Skarr, Samantha Elkins, Chris Bickler, Michelle Sieger, JoAnn Degnan, Lori Patterson, & Kris Monzel

Thank you for the generous donations of food and paper goods that were used for the reception held for the ASAL members that visited Clow School on Friday, March 13th. You helped make the visit very special for the members as well as Mrs. Frett.

Dee Valiga, PTA President

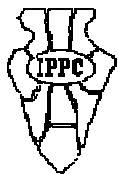
Clow Carnival

The Carnival Committee would like to thank all the generous and helpful people who made the carnival a hit this year!

Thank you to the parents who brought in food donations and cakes/goodies for the cake walk. And thank you to everyone who donated their time and energy to work during the evening. It was a great night of fun!

Clow Carnival Committee

District News



IPPC Update

BPAC - Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee

The purpose of the BPAC is to give Spanish-speaking parents a voice in their children's education. The participants in this committee participate in the development, implementation and evaluation of the Bilingual Education Program in District 204. Other activities include Outreach/Education with Hispanic families, mentoring new Hispanic families, and providing workshops in Spanish that help parents support the education of their children. For more information, contact Carolina Mendieta at carolmanel@yahoo.com or Ann Paternostro at ann_paternostro@ipsd.org.

Academic Achievement Reports

Patrick Nolten, Director - Instructional Services, presented the district-wide results of the ISAT scores for the last few years. These reports are utilized by the School Board to identify areas for curricular improvement at the District level. For 2008, Clow achieved the following ranks within the District when compared to the other elementary schools:

Subject	Score	District Means	Rank
Reading	92.6	90.0	9th
Math	96.5	94.5	9th
Writing	61.9	76.0	19th
Science	95.3	91.8	6th

If you would like a copy of these reports, contact Patrick Nolten at patrick_nolten@ipsd.org.

District Financial Update

Dave Holm, Assistant Superintendent - Business, presented an overview of the economic status of the district. He indicated that "our top two revenue sources are under stress," stating that property tax revenue for the 2010 fiscal year will be significantly lower than current levels based on a

CPI of 0.1% - which is the basis to determine the tax cap. Additionally, the secondary source of funding, the State of Illinois, has been running about three months late in funding our programs. The Administration is diligently working on ways to mitigate these conditions and reduce costs making the district more efficient while keeping the focus on academics for our children. The budget plans for next year will be presented at the next School Board meeting scheduled for April 13, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Crouse Education Center.

Teacher Contract Tentative Agreement

The District has reached an agreement with the IPEA on a one-year contract for teachers. One component of this contract is the implementation of a weekly staff training session focusing on school improvement. This will result in adjusted school start times on Wednesdays for all grades beginning next fall. See the following articles for more details:

<http://ipsdweb.ipsd.org/News.aspx?id=22792> and

<http://ipsdweb.ipsd.org/News.aspx?id=22870>.

Chris Bickler
IPPC Representative

IPSN PTA

The Indian Prairie Special Needs PTA is a group of parents and caregivers who have children with special needs in IPSD 204.

IPSN PTA's meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month in the Board Room at the Howard E. Crouse Education Center (780 Shoreline Dr. in Aurora). Following is info on the April meeting

Tuesday, April 21; 7 p.m.

Topics: ABC Moms – special needs parenting presentation & Board nominations

To learn more about IPSN PTA, you can get more information from the IPSN PTA website. Go to the Clow website, then select "PTA," and click on the "IPSN PTA" link.

Please contact Amy Skarr, Clow parent and PTA - IPSNPTA Liaison with any comments, questions or suggestions at 630/527-1382 or markandamy-skarr@comcast.net.

April Lunch Menu

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN EVENT 			April. 1 SPRING BREAK	April. 2 SPRING BREAK	April. 3 SPRING BREAK
	April. 6 Oven Baked Chicken Drumstick w/ Mashed Potato	April. 7 NO SCHOOL	April. 8 *Mini Pancakes with or without Sausage Patty	April. 9 *Make Your own Pita Pizza w/ Pepperoni or Cheese	April. 10 NO SCHOOL
"Novel Lunch" Served Every Tuesday in April inspired by the book "Marshmallow" by Clare Turlay Newberry	 April. 13 Campbell Tomato Soup w/ Grilled Cheese Sandwich	April. 14 *Dino Pasta with or without Meatballs	April. 15 *French Toast Sticks with or without Sausage Patty	April. 16 Tortilla Chips w/ Taco Meat or *Cheese Sauce	"State to State" April. 17 Cincinnati Chili Mac w/ Whole Grain Roll
Produce of the Month "Spinach"	 April. 20 Rocco Cheese Pizza w/ Fruit Snack	April. 21 *Cheese Quesadilla w/ Corn Tortilla Chips & Salsa	April. 22 *Cheese Omelet with or without Sausage Patty	April. 23 *Cheese Filled Bread Sticks with Marinara Sauce	"State to State" April. 24 California Roasted Red Pepper Hummus w/ Pita Wedges
	 April. 27 Galaxy Cheese Pizza w/ Fruit Juicy	April. 28 Baked Bean Enchirito Topped w/ Salsa and Cheese	April. 29 *Mini Pancakes with or without Sausage Patty	April. 30 *Make Your own Pita Pizza w/ Pepperoni or Cheese	
GRILL	All Beef Hot Dog on a Bun NOT SERVED ON 4/13, 4/20 & 4/27	Cheeseburger on a Bun	Enjoy today's Breakfast for Lunch Menu	Chicken Patty on a Bun	Enjoy today's "STATE to STATE"
FAVORITE	Cheese Pizza w/ Whole Grain Crust NOT SERVED ON 4/13, 4/20 & 4/27	Baked Chicken Sticks	*Mini Bagels with Cream Cheese with or without Sausage Patty	Mini Chicken Corn Dog	Cheesy Hot Dog
SALAD	Chef Salad	Taco Salad	Pepperoni Salad	New *Spinach Salad	Chicken Caesar Salad
*SANDWICH	Sunbutter Sandwich w/ Jelly	Sunbutter Sandwich w/ Jelly	Sunbutter Sandwich w/ Jelly	Sunbutter Sandwich w/ Jelly	Sunbutter Sandwich w/ Jelly
***FUN ON THE RUN	Blueberry Muffin String Cheese Trix Yogurt Cup Strawberry/Banana	Blueberry Muffin String Cheese Trix Yogurt Cup Strawberry/Banana	Blueberry Muffin String Cheese Trix Yogurt Cup Strawberry/Banana	Blueberry Muffin String Cheese Trix Yogurt Cup Strawberry/Banana	Philly Soft Pretzel Rod w/ Cheese Sauce Trix Yogurt Cup Strawberry/Banana
FROM THE GARDEN ** CHANGE DAILY	Tossed Romaine Carrot Sticks Peas Mandarin Oranges Grapes Diced Pears	Shredded Lettuce Red Kidney Beans Tomato Salsa Applesauce Orange Wedges "Novel Lunch" Mixed Fruit w/ Marshmallow	Tossed Romaine Cauliflower Carrot Coins Diced Peaches Apple Pineapple Chunks	Baby Spinach Leaf Cucumber Slice Cherry Tomatoes Apricot Halves Applesauce Grapes	Tossed Romaine Pickle Spears Broccoli Apple Mixed Fruit Diced Peaches
	BAKED WHOLE GRAIN SNACKS	BAKED WHOLE GRAIN SNACKS	BAKED WHOLE GRAIN SNACKS	BAKED WHOLE GRAIN SNACKS	BAKED WHOLE GRAIN SNACKS

*MEATLESS ITEM

**Make your own salad *FROM THE GARDEN* and we will give you the Salad Topper (protein for the salad)

***Fun on the Run – Choose your sides *FROM THE GARDEN* then pick up Fun on the Run Bag

**** Every Friday we introduce new items in our Menu, which is called "State to State".

April Specials: Campbell's Tomato Soup w/ Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Rocco Pizza, Galaxy Pizza Spinach Salad Topper contains Hard Boiled Egg w/ Shredded Cheese



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Band/Orchestra 7:50–8:50 a.m. Gamers Clubs 3:40 p.m. - 4:40 p.m.	2 Chorus 8:00–8:50 a.m.	3 Clow Spirit Day	4
5	6	7 No School Election Day	8 Band/Orchestra 7:50–8:50 a.m. PTA Mtg. 2 p.m.; MPR Market Day Pickup @ 5-6; Gym Spring Pictures	9 Chorus 8:00–8:50 a.m.	10 No School	11
12 Easter	13	14 Clow Night @ Wendy's 5:00-8:00 p.m.	15 Band/Orchestra 7:50–8:50 a.m. Gamers Clubs 3:40 p.m. - 4:40 p.m.	16 Chorus 8:00–8:50 a.m. 2nd Grade Concert 7 p.m. Gym	17	18
19	20 Young Authors Reception	21	22 Band/Orchestra 7:50–8:50 a.m.	23 Chorus 8:00–8:50 a.m.	24 Talent Show 6-9 p.m. Gym	25
26	27	28	29 Reflections Awards Ceremony	30		