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## PTA President's Message



Welcome back from Spring Break! I hope that everyone is well-rested, and ready to make an energetic finish this final quarter, whether the weather cooperates or not!

I'm not exactly sure how it happened, but April is a full month, PTA-wise! We have our popular **Talent Show, Book Fair, Traverso's Nights, and Skating Night.** I know the last two were rescheduled, but considering that Open House falls in here, too, I'd say it's a good thing we're coming off spring break! Please check inside for details.

Our regular monthly happenings are **Market Day** and our **PTA meeting** on Wednesday afternoon, April 16, at 1:30 PM in the Multipurpose room, featuring **Dr. Stephen Daeschner,**

**IPSD Superintendent as our guest speaker.** Dr. Daeschner will be giving us district updates as well as taking questions from the audience, so please consider coming! I had invited him to join us last month during our evening meeting, but his schedule did not allow that. I'm hoping to have a reasonable turnout for the opportunity to meet our superintendent. Please e-mail me to let me know if you're attending this meeting, or to send in a question you'd like answered if you are unable to attend.

On the topic of meeting attendance, I'm sure it'll come as no surprise to you that the decreasing trend is continuing. I was thrilled to see a few new faces at the meeting, three of them on the parents of incoming students for next year. They were enthusiastic about what they learned and eager to participate, but it would have been nice for them

to see more board representatives and other members to show just how many hardworking individuals it takes to run all the PTA programs and recruit volunteers for them.

I hope to see a reverse trend in meeting attendance, especially as a show of welcome and support for our incoming Executive Committee of 2008-09, three of whom were elected at the last meeting. Check inside for details about Dee Valiga the Vice-President-Elect, Bill Raczyk the Treasurer-Elect, and Dione Schick, returning Secretary-Elect. The Nominating committee is still working on a candidate for President to present at this month's meeting, to be elected in May.

Thanks again for all you do, for all our children!

**Leah Keane**  
**PTA President**

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# From the Principal's Desk



Happy April to all! Happy spring as well. It seems that spring brings a renewed sense of promise as the warmer weather and emerging green plant life helps us to think more about future growth.

This school year has been a growth year for the educators at Clow School. We began utilizing student assessment data in a new way. Three times during the school year teachers administered a brief reading assessment to students. The Reading Curriculum Based Measurement (R-CBM) provides a quick snapshot of a student's overall reading performance. Because all students completed the R-CBM, data for an entire grade level could be reviewed. Individual student results could be compared to

those of their Clow peers, District 204 students, or children across the nation. Based upon the R-CBM and other assessment data, teachers planned individual reading interventions.

Reading interventions are research-based programs designed to accelerate student reading skills. The hope is that accelerating student learning will help close any achievement gap that may exist. Interventions used at Clow this year included programs such as Lexia, Read Naturally, Soar to Success. Your child's teacher may have discussed these special opportunities with you. Each program targets specific skills in which a child may need reinforcement.

As a staff, we have learned a great deal this year about better planning for the needs of individual learners. We

are in the process of revising our building schedule to assure students who participate in the intervention programs are also gaining the most from classroom instruction. At parent and teacher conferences in the fall of 2008, parents will be provided with a concrete graph demonstrating how their child(ren) is performing compared to peers.

Please watch school communication, including the *Cougar Connection*, *Kaufman Communicator*, and classroom publications for more information about R-CBMs and related topics.

**Barbara Kaufman**  
Principal

Attend this month's **PTA meeting** on **April 16**, 1:30 PM in the MPR Listen to **Dr. Daeschner's District Update** and ask him your questions! Vote in the **election** of next year's PTA President and Vice-President! Hear Ms. Kaufman's summary of our **school report card**! Discover how much our PTA accomplishes!

C'mon, Clow! SHOW UP! STAND UP! BE COUNTED!

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# Class Highlights...

## Kindergarten

I hope everyone enjoyed the 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!

**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 very excited to begin their formalized spelling units. 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 weather watchers, 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!

**First Grade Team**

## Second Grade

Welcome back from spring break! Second graders will begin researching careers. Each child will research a career and develop their findings into a paragraph explaining why their chosen career is the best for them. This also correlates with our social studies unit, *The Working World*.

In math, we will be working with money and 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.

Reading brings stories based around the theme of *Travel Time*. Children will explore this theme while reading stories from different literature genres. Stories are from the follow-

ing genres: fiction, non-fiction/informational text, personal narratives, and biographies.



Writing this month concentrates on Poetry. 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!

**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.

We will also be moving into 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 beginning of May.

As you can see, the third graders have a busy month ahead of them!

**Third Grade Team**

## Fourth Grade

Once upon a time, there were happy energetic fourth graders from the Kingdom of Clow. They came to school everyday 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. (Look out for Paul Bunyan.) Queen Moga will take her royal subjects on a world tour explaining the life of Cinderella. 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, writing a state picture book, 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.

**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 are.

Fifth graders will also have the opportunity to visit the Morton Arboretum for their outdoor environmental, educational field trip. This is always a terrific experience.



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, 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!

**Fifth Grade Team**

# Class Highlights...

## Physical Education

### Future Game Plans

In April, we begin our spring fitness testing for 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. April will also have all our classes working on striking skills both using a ball in motion and motionless through the activity of either t-ball or softball. All the skills of each activity will be reinforced: fielding, catching, throwing (over-hand and under-hand) and batting.

### Fitness Is Fun

I want to thank all the families that participated in the Move and Crunch Challenge. I hope you had some fun with the program. As of this newsletter I don't know what are final points will be, but this is what I do know:

1. Mrs. Kaufman met every goal that week – 100 points (max).
2. We should get many points from parents and family members - ?100 points (max)
3. Bonus points: I know the school really got involved and did extra things – ?50 points (max).

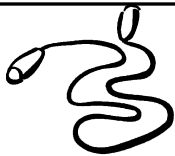
Unknowns: % of students who participated and % of staff who participated.- ?100 points (each max)

Hopefully, we will do really well in the final results.

### 2008 Field Day

Field Day is scheduled for Monday, June 2 with the rain date for Wednesday, June 4. The time is 9:00-11:30 a.m. . The success of the day really depends on all of us helping. You don't have to have a Master's degree in Kinesiology to help. You only have to have a Master's in having fun! So, when information comes home about this fun event, please consider volunteering.

**Timm Jayne**  
Physical Education Teacher

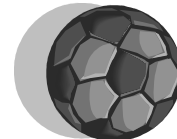


## Recess Equipment Needed



Calling all Recess Equipment that doesn't have a home anymore! If you are cleaning out your garage and have some gently used playground equipment, the Clow students would like to use it. The PTA does buy some playground equipment but with almost 500 children using it, it wears out pretty fast. If you have some jump ropes or sports balls (football, soccer, basketball, playground) that don't have space in your home anymore, please send them to Clow. They will be placed in the recess bin for ALL students to use. Please have your child bring it to the office or drop it off yourself and it will be placed in the recess bin. It must go through the office to be checked for safety issues. Thank you in advance for your donations. I know our students will appreciate it too.

**Eileen Skrbec**  
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# Class Highlights...

## Music



## Jazz History Month



Kindergarteners had an excellent month of reviewing the musical concepts of fast and slow! We moved our bodies to several nursery rhymes and songs that reinforced these concepts. In the upcoming months, we will review the concepts of long/short, and high/low to help us understand the concept of melody.

First graders finished their unit on *Carnival of the Animals*. 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. It will be a busy month in first grade!

By the time this newsletter goes to print, the second grade students will have probably already performed their spring musical. This year's musical took place on **Thursday, April 10**, and focused on folk songs from around the world. Congratulations to all second grade students for a great performance! Students will now learn about steps and skips with the musical stories *Jump, Frog, Jump* and *Mortimer*.

In third grade, we have begun another interesting instrument, the Boomwhacker, as we have tackled rhythms containing sixteenth notes. Students learned an Australian folk song,

*Kookaburra*, and a Moroccan folk song, *A Ram Sam Sam* which they sang and played in rounds. In the next month, we will celebrate Jazz History Month by learning about the elements of jazz, and by studying various jazz composers.

In fourth grade, we also reviewed rhythms using Boomwhackers. We studied three American folk songs and found clever ways to combine them into repeating patterns. This month, we will be preparing songs for the State Fair.

Finally, in fifth grade we will be studying jazz instruments and composers in celebration of Jazz History Month. Students will also explore the blues and how it influenced jazz.

**Maureen McCoy**  
**Music Teacher**

## Art

Most of the grade levels will be learning a bit about Mexican art in the upcoming months. If you have any artwork from Mexico, please consider letting your child bring it in to share with their class. We enjoy learning about different cultures through the arts.

**Denise Nickel**  
**Art Teacher**



## I-Search Calendar Competition

**Congratulations** to the fourth grade last round finalists for the I-Search Calendar:

Karime Maamari and Anastasia Frizell

**Congratulations** to the second grade first round I-Search Calendar finalists:

Timothy Jun 2Fa	Amanda Patterson 2Fa
Ryan Bosma 2Fe	Melissa Zielke 2Fe
Chris Barry 2He	Kylie Bickler 2He
Naomi Keane 2He	Kyle Nalley 2He
Roshini Balasubramanian 2Hx	Sophie Goldberg 2Hx
Katie Lukas 2Hx	Nick Piraino 2Hx

# Library Media Center

## A New Face in the LMC

We would like you to stop in and introduce yourself to our new student teacher, Mrs. Deidre Winterhalter, from the University of Illinois. Mrs. Winterhalter will be with us until May 2nd and she is learning a lot!

## Book Fair

A Scholastic book fair is coming, April 14-18. We're trying something new this year with Family Shopping during our conference day on Monday, April 14th from 1 PM – 8 PM. Look in the Book Fair section of this newsletter for more details. A flyer of titles to purchase at the book fair will be coming home but you can also visit the Scholastic website at (<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/publish/clow>) and create an online wish list, enter a contest, check the hours, etc. This page can be reached through the What's Up in the LMC page of our website too. Funds from this event will provide books and materials for all Clow Students. Thank you for your continual support.

## 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? Clow students will be learning all about the Circle of Knowledge that is fostered in libraries across the United States. Activities that we have planned will be presented at What's Up in the LMC so that we can celebrate all month long. Parents can visit the library media center website at <http://clow.ipso.org/lmc.html> to learn more. 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 sim-

ply telling what you remember as a good story. Make reading with your child fun and select something that you both will enjoy. The best way to get and keep children interested in reading is to provide them with books they like. We consider that a major goal of our LMC program. So...thanks to funds generated by our book fairs, we are able to replace worn books and improve our collection.

## 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.

## Young Authors

We had almost 100 manuscripts submitted as part of the Young Author Program this year. Our Publishing Center volunteers had a difficult time determining the finalists and then our teacher judges took from there. One Young Author's manuscript was selected as the one that would represent all Clow Young Authors at the annual Young Author Conference in Bloomington, Il in May and that Young Author is Michaela Kincaid who wrote the *Rat's Treasure*. Michaela's book and those of the other finalists will be hardbound and made available for check out from our LMC.

If your child is a Clow Young Author, please be sure and attend the reception on April 23rd from 6:30-7:30 in the LMC. Students who bring their manuscripts will be invited to share them on this special evening.

## We Remember...

The Clow Library Media Center has over 100 parent and community volunteers who actively support the learning that goes on all year long. We appreciate each and every one of you. This month, we would like to remember a dear friend to Clow School and our Library Media Center, Vern Isgren. Vern passed away in March. He and his wife Barb helped us faithfully to assist students, get projects done, books back on the shelves, anything else that needed to be done and more. Many of our students may remember him as the person who made our Clow School birdhouses that are displayed in the LMC and are hanging in our courtyard as well as the Bird House Backpack that is always checked out. Vern was an avid supporter of the learning that occurs in every facet of our library media program and we will miss him.

**The LMC Staff, 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 this month. 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

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## Spring Book Fair

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.

Stop in at the Book Fair on:

*Monday, April 14  
1:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
(during conferences)*

*Thursday, April 17  
8:30 am to 4:30 pm*

*Friday, April 18  
8:30 am to noon*



### Reminders:

- Tax will be added to your final purchase price.
- Sorry we cannot accommodate strollers do to lack of space.
- Children must be with a parent for shopping before and after school.
- Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.

If you are interested in volunteering, call the LMC. School-aged children may stay in the LMC to accommodate our book fair volunteers before & after school. As a perk, you can purchase books during preview to avoid the rush!

Hope to see you there!

**Bonnie Rogers**  
**Mary Engmark**  
**Book Fair Chairpersons**

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## Registration Packets

Registration Packets for next school year will be coming home later this month! Look for them in your children's backpacks, and be sure to look out for PTA Membership Registration, Calling Tree, Helping Hand, School Supplies and Apparel forms, all services brought to you courtesy of your PTA!

**Leah Keane**  
**PTA President**

# Library Media Center

## Birthday Book Club

**BIG NEWS!** Our birthday book catalog is now available online! Go to [http://clow.ipisd.org/lmc\\_pta\\_birthday-book-club.html](http://clow.ipisd.org/lmc_pta_birthday-book-club.html). Another way to get there is go to Clow's website ([www.clow.ipisd.org](http://www.clow.ipisd.org)), click on the LMC link on the left, scroll down to *The Clow PTA Supports the Clow LMC Program*, click on *Birthday Book Club*, then click on the *Birthday Book Catalog* link. The Birthday Book Order Form is available for you to print online also. Hopefully this will make it easier for you to donate a book to the LMC.

So far, we've had 33 birthday books donated to our LMC this year! Remember, it's never too late! If you're birthday has passed but you'd still like to purchase a birthday book please stop down in the library for the birthday book catalog! If there are no catalogs available either put one on hold or use the online catalog link above. We'll be sending out birthday cards to the April, May and June birthdays within the next few weeks. Please purchase your birthday book early so you can come to the end of the year party for all kids that have made donations to the LMC.

Our newest members include:

Tyler Ligeski	<u><a href="#">Math Potatoes: Mind Stretching Brain Food</a></u>
Joey Theobald	<u><a href="#">Room One: A Mystery or Two</a></u>
Andrew Orzechowicz	<u><a href="#">The Chestnut Soldier</a></u>
Christina Vann	<u><a href="#">Paint the Wind</a></u>
Katharine Vann	<u><a href="#">FOX</a></u>
Kate Williams	<u><a href="#">A Good Day</a></u> (Donated in honor of Clow Tattletales)

Two books have also been donated to the Clow LMC in memory of Vern Isgren, a dedicated LMC volunteer.

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. You can either go to the website or your child can check out a birthday book catalog from the LMC. There you will find instructions, order forms and a list of book titles and descriptions from which to choose. 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.

**Patty Schiewe**  
**Birthday Book Club Chairperson**



Thank you for all the orders in March. They helped us earn another \$352.00 for Clow students!

Just a quick reminder to all. Each grade is responsible to staff the sale one month out of the school year. Please say yes when your room parent calls for help. Each class needs to provide three people to help pack all the orders. If everyone helps out, we get the work done very quickly. It is very difficult to get everything completed with little help, and I cannot expect my friends and husband to be there every month. This program benefits the entire school, so please take part once a year.

Room parents - I know it takes a lot of time to make the calls, but unfortunately getting volunteers is part of the job. I was responsible for making calls for my son's 3rd grade class, as well as to the other room parents to get their volunteers.

First grade is responsible for the April sale which is on Wednesday, April 16th. Volunteers will need to arrive by 3:45 p.m. Last month, we were finished with everything by 4:40 p.m. Thank you in advance for your help.

**Dee Valiga**  
**Market Day Coordinator**

# Library Media Center

Accelerated Reader Program



Congratulations to the **TOP TEN** point earners!

	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
1	Darren Huang	Ciara Raczyk	Alaina Wilson	Erin Nalley
2	Ben Rieke	Bingtao Xiang	Joseph Sieger	Rachel Keirse
3	Jair Thompson	Isaiah Espinosa	Mary Garrity	Trevor Tartaglia
4	Lily Stephens	Ching-chun Lin	Natalie Goldberg	Kathrine Brown
5	Naomi Keane	Matthew Valiga	Shope Jimoh	Alixandra Ramos
6	Shola Jimoh	Ashley Mandel	Nikhila Pokala	Kyle Rogers
7	Amith Ashok	Erin Tagler	Kian Fotovat	Noah Ostrowski
8	Erin Roberts	Jacob Doty	Anna Panella	Amanda Cox
9	Kyle Nalley	Andrew Orzechowicz	Maegan Patterson	Delia Allen
10	Kylie Bickler	Dharm Sodha Scott Simpson	Kyle Parker	Connor Kent

**Tammy Hughes**  
Accelerated Reader



## Downtown Naperville Alliance Gift Certificates

It's never too early to start thinking about end of the year teacher gifts. We'll start by putting a bug in your ear. We will have one last DNA Gift Certificate order at the end of the year. Order forms will come out the second week of May and will be due back to school by Tuesday, May 27th (the day after Memorial Day). They will be available to be picked up any time beginning after school on Thursday, May 29th. No late orders will be accepted. Remember, teachers LOVE gift certificates!

DNA Gift Certificates are 'generic' gift certificates that can be used at most of the downtown stores and restaurants. They come in increments of \$10, \$25, \$50, and \$100. Check out the list of DNA participating stores/restaurants at [www.naperville.net](http://www.naperville.net) and click on the Downtown Naperville link, then click on the gift certificate link. Finally click on the listing link and you'll be pleasantly surprised when you find over 150 participating businesses! Best part is Clow gets 5% back!

**Patty Schiewe**  
DNA Fundraising Coordinator

# PTA Happenings

## Clow Carnival

Thank you to everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to help us make the Clow Carnival a success! We greatly appreciate all of the people who donated food or paper/plastic goods, the cake bakers/donaters, and our many game and concessions volunteers.



We also want to thank the families who brought their cultures to the carnival by giving us their personal items for decorations, or providing entertainment. We had an Indian dance performed by Dharm Sodha, Roshini Balasubramanian, and their families. We also had Joe Byrnes bring Scotland alive with his bagpipe music. We would also like to thank the International Club at North Central College for their flags and for bringing the Chinese Lion to our school.

We also received many donations from generous teachers and faculty members for our Silent Auction, but many did not arrive in time for the Carnival. Watch for the chance to bid on these wonderful items during the Ice Cream Social in May!



This is a yearly event that takes a team of volunteers to make it successful. It's fun, but takes lots of work and time! We would love to hear from anyone interested in helping out with next year's carnival!

**JoAnn Degnan, Jennifer Isakson, and Theresa White  
Carnival Chairpersons**

## Clow Science Fair

The annual Clow Science Fair was held on Friday, March 14th. A total of 28 students presented projects at the fair! The event was a great opportunity for the participants to share the knowledge they gained with other students. A special thank you goes out to the volunteers who helped out at the fair: Pen-nie Major, John Major, Klaris Tamazian, Rick Stevens, and Girl Scout Junior Troop #343.

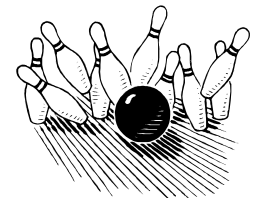
**Deb Stevens & Mary Ann Bitz  
Science Fair Co-Chairpersons**

Pictures of the science fair can be found on the Clow PTA webpage: <http://clow.ipisd.org/pta.asp>.

## Clow Bowlers Strike Up A Good Time!

Nearly 100 bowlers attended Clow's Annual Bowling Family Fun Event at Pioneer Lanes last month. It was a fun way to catch up with friends and celebrate the coming Spring! Thank you to all families and friends who made this year's event extra special! See you next year!

**Dena Sanderson  
Linda Doranski  
Family Fun Bowling Chairs**



Deb Stevens, Mary Ann Bitz  
Linda Doranski, Dena Sanderson  
Peggy Blankschein, Cathy Bosma,  
Sharon Durand, Samantha Elkins,  
Leah Kean, Jill Lee, Eileen Skrbec,  
Donna Sosniak, & Bob Valiga

Science Fair  
Bowling Event  
Market Day

# PTA Happenings

## Meet the New Officers of Clow PTA 2008-2009!

On behalf of the entire Clow PTA, I am very happy to introduce and welcome some of our Executive Committee. At our evening meeting last March 13, these PTA members were elected to the following positions:

Dee Valiga, Vice-President

Bill Raczyk, Treasurer

Dione Schick, Secretary

We thank these individuals for their commitment to our children, school and community as they serve as PTA officers for the next school year. I know they will continue the outstanding programs and events our PTA has seen over years as well as bring enthusiasm and excellence to all they will do!

Please meet these new officers who will begin their terms in May:



**Dee Dee, Vice President-elect**, is married to Bob who has been an electrician for Super Electric for 25 years. Dee was a customer service manager for ten years for a national display company before deciding to stay home and raise her two sons, Matthew (3rd grade) and Bobby (kindergarten). Dee has been a room parent for 6 years (including preschool) and a volunteer in the LMC for many years. Dee is finishing her second year chairing the Market Day fundraiser and has chaired Hospitality and Courtyard Beautification for the PTA. Her community work has also included selling Manna gift certificates for her church, teaching CCD and Social Chair for NWTBA.

Dee believes in the many wonderful programs and events offered to the students and is looking forward to working with the volunteers that make it all happen!

Thank you Dee for your commitment to our PTA and school!



**Bill Raczyk, Treasurer-elect**, has lived in Naperville for over 5 years with his wife, Shannon, and 4 daughters: Ciara (3rd grade), Delaney (1st grade), Maya (3 years old) and Julia (2 years old). Bill has both an undergraduate and graduate degree in Finance, in addition he is also in a Business Analysis program at Northwestern University. Bill works in downtown Chicago as the Manager of Business Analysis in the financial derivatives industry. He has volunteered over the years at the PTA Spirit Dance, Carnival and Ice Cream socials. He is an active volunteer with many groups in the community including president of Brook Crossing Estates Homeowners Association, coach for his girls' soccer teams, religious education instructor for St. Raphael Church, and a member of Naperville Community Emergency Response Team and other groups. During summer months, it is a common sight to see the entire family out for a bike ride.

Bill says he is looking forward to serving on the PTA board because "I think that this gives me an opportunity to share my talents and excitement with an organization that has given so much to the students at Clow."

Thanks, Bill for taking on this important role for our PTA!



**Dione Schick, Secretary-elect**, is married to Kevin, a computer consultant, and has one son, Conner, in kindergarten. She has volunteered around the community in such varied venues as Naper Days, Ribfest, and Last Fling (She was a Jaycee for 2 years). In October, 2007 Dione volunteered to fill the open position of Secretary and has now accepted the responsibilities as Secretary for another term.

When asked why she stepped up for this position, she replied, "I wanted to help Clow continue to be a great school that has a terrific learning environment along with plenty of activities for all the children. I wanted to get to meet people, and as PTA Secretary, I'm hoping to do just that."

Thank you, Dione, for your enthusiasm and continuing commitment to Clow!

Wow! We have an outstanding group who will help lead our PTA for the 2008-09 school year. Congratulations!

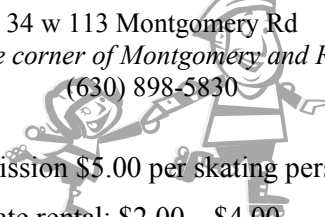
**Leah Keane, President**

# PTA Happenings

**SKATING PARTY**  
*Sunday, April 27, 2008*  
*5:00-7:00 pm*

**Aurora Skate Center**  
34 w 113 Montgomery Rd  
(On the corner of Montgomery and Rt 30)  
(630) 898-5830

Admission \$5.00 per skating person  
Skate rental: \$2.00 – \$4.00




Personal roller skates  
& blades are permitted with skate center

**Charmayne Sears, Chairperson**

**CLOW  
FUNDRAISER**

## Take a Night Off and Let Traverso's Do the Cooking!

...  The Clow PTA is sponsoring a fundraiser at Traverso's Restaurant on  
**Wednesday, April 23rd and Thursday, April 24th.**

With two nights available, you can treat yourself once or twice if you like! Enjoy dine-in; carry-out or delivery and our school will get 20% of your bill. It's a great way to help the school and yourself! Watch for a flyer to come home after spring break with more information. Thanks in advance for your participation!

**Julie Rouches**  
**Traverso's Night Chairperson**

## PTA TALENT SHOW

Come join us for a fun-filled evening watching entertaining acts put on by many talented Clow students!



Friday, April 18

6-9 p.m.

Concession will be available for purchase.

**Denise Harmon, Talent Show Chairperson**

Parent Diversity Advisory Council Event  
**Dialogue Circle: What's Taxing You?**

April 15, 2008

7 - 9 pm

Crouse Education Center  
*780 Shoreline Drive, Aurora*

## Indian Prairie Special Needs PTA Meeting

Learn about Special Needs Cub Scouting & special needs summer recreation programs

April 15, 2008

7 - 9 pm

Crouse Education Center  
*780 Shoreline Drive, Aurora*

## Indian Prairie School District Fine Arts Festival


May 17, 2008

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

# April Lunch Menu

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAIN</b>		APRIL 1 SPRING BREAK	APRIL 2 SPRING BREAK	APRIL 3 SPRING BREAK	APRIL 4 SPRING BREAK
<b>EVENT CHANGES DAILY</b>	APRIL 7 CHICKEN CORN DOG	APRIL 8 FRENCH TOAST W/ SAUSAGE	APRIL 9 TONY'S STUFFED CRUST PIZZA	APRIL 10 BEEF RAVIOLI IN TOMATO SAUCE W/ DINNER ROLL	APRIL 11 CHICKEN TENDERS
	APRIL 14 NO SCHOOL	APRIL 15 CHEESE OR PEPPERONI PITA PIZZA	APRIL 16 RED BARON PIZZA PARTY W/ FRUIT JUICY	APRIL 17 ENCHIRITO	APRIL 18 SALISBURY STEAK ON WHEAT HAMBURGER BUN
Novel Lunch April 30 inspired by the book "Honey.....Honey.....Lion" by Jan Jrett	APRIL 21 FUN FISH	APRIL 22 WAFFLE STICKS W/ SAUSAGE	APRIL 23 CHEESE QUESADILLA	APRIL 24 CHOLEY W/SOFT TORTILLA SHELL	APRIL 25 ALL MEAT MINI CORN DOG
	APRIL 28 BEEF & BEAN BURRITO	APRIL 29 DOUBLE PANCAKES DAY W/ SAUSAGE	NOVEL LUNCH APRIL 30 CHICKEN DRUMSTICK W/ BISCUIT & HONEY		
<b>GRILL ITEMS SERVED WEEKLY</b>	*STUFFED CHEESE FILLED BREADSTICK W/ MARINARA SAUCE	CHICKEN PATTY ON A WHEAT BUN NOT SERVED ON APRIL 29TH	HOT DOG ON A WHEAT BUN NOT SERVED DURING PIZZA PARTY DAY	HAMBURGER ON A WHEAT BUN	*CHEESE PIZZA
<b>FAVORITE SERVED DAILY</b>	BAKED ALL WHITE CHICKEN NUGGETS	BAKED ALL WHITE CHICKEN NUGGETS NOT SERVED ON APRIL 29TH	BAKED ALL WHITE CHICKEN NUGGETS NOT SERVED DURING PIZZA PARTY DAY	BAKED ALL WHITE CHICKEN NUGGETS	BAKED ALL WHITE CHICKEN NUGGETS
<b>**SALAD CHANGES DAILY</b>	POPCORN CHICKEN SALAD	PEPPERONI PIZZA SALAD	*GARDEN SALAD	TACO SALAD	CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD
<b>SERVED DAILY ***FUN ON THE RUN</b>	BLUEBERRY MUFFIN STRING CHEESE DANIMAL YOGURT CUP	BLUEBERRY MUFFIN STRING CHEESE DANIMAL YOGURT CUP	BLUEBERRY MUFFIN STRING CHEESE DANIMAL YOGURT CUP	BLUEBERRY MUFFIN STRING CHEESE DANIMAL YOGURT CUP	BLUEBERRY MUFFIN STRING CHEESE DANIMAL YOGURT CUP
<b>FROM THE GARDEN ** CHANGE DAILY</b>	TOSSED SALAD PICKLE CHIPS BROCCOLI FLORETTES APPLESAUCE GRAPES DICED PEARS BAKED CHIP BASKET	TOSSED SALAD SLICED CUCUMBER CAULIFLOWER FLORETTES APRICOT HALVES ROSEY APPLESAUCE GRAPES BAKED CHIP BASKET	ROMAINE LETTUCE CAULIFLOWER CARROT COINS PINEAPPLE TIDBIT DICED PEARS MIXED FRUIT BAKED CHIP BASKET	SHREDDED LETTUCE BLACK OLIVES SALSA MANDARIN ORANGES ORANGE WEDGES DICED PEACHES BAKED CHIP BASKET	ROMAINE LETTUCE CHERRY TOMATOES GREEN BEANS RED APPLE PINEAPPLE TIDBIT APPLESAUCE BAKED CHIP BASKET

\*MEATLESS ITEMS

\*\*Make your own salad *FROM THE GARDEN* and we will give you the Salad Topper.

\*\*\*Fun on the Run, Blueberry, String Cheese and Danimal Yogurt cup –  
choose your sides *FROM THE GARDEN* then pick up Fun on the Run

BBQ Ribbette are made with PORK

All Meat Mini Corn Dog may contain Beef, Pork and Chicken



# April 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Spring Break	2 Spring Break	3 Spring Break	4 Spring Break	5
6 School Resumes	7	8	9 Picture Day	10 2nd Grade Musical 7:00 p.m.	11	12
13	14 No School Teachers conferences Book Fair 1-8 p.m.	15	16 PTA Meeting 1:30 p.m. Market Day	17 Book Fair 8:30-4:30	18 Book Fair 8:30-Noon Talent Show 6-9 p.m.	19
20	21	22	23 Traverson Night	24 Traverso Night	25	26
27 Roller Skating 5-7 p.m.	28	29	30			