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O PTA President's Message

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Know whom you're voting for yet? With Super Tuesday kicking off this month (remember, NO SCHOOL!), our choices should be narrowed down somewhat in preparation for the big event in November. On a much smaller scale, our PTA is initiating this same process and needs your help and participation.

A Nominating Committee was elected during last month's meeting, and is accepting nominations for the four officer positions on the PTA board. Forms are available in the office. We will also be needing new chairs for various committees, which you do not need to be elected to. So start assessing your talents, your interests, and your time constraints

(Realistically, now! We ALL have them remember?), and attend a meeting or contact me to let me know what you're interested in.

Our Bylaws Committee will be adding amendments required by IL State PTA to our own bylaws, as well as reviewing them to see if they still meet the needs of our PTA. This review is required every two years. If you have any suggestions, or would like to see them, or otherwise participate in this process, please contact Eileen Skrbec, the committee chair.

We're scheduling next month's meeting on a weekday evening, for all those who can't attend during the day. Have any ideas for student presentations or speakers or topics? Some suggestions have been to invite Dr. Daeschner or Curt Bradshaw. Contact me with your ideas!

We will be voting on our By-laws, and will also be electing our new PTA officers for next year, to be presented at this month's meeting by our Nominating Committee (see above). Please plan on attending, and signify by your presence that you think these evening meetings are worth continuing.

Please check inside for details about this month's event, the annual Carnival! Don't be caught off guard, because this event has traditionally been scheduled in May. We're hoping that moving it to the middle of winter not only helps with the seasonal indoor blahs, but

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but also facilitates attendance and volunteering by avoiding conflicts with all the events occurring in the spring.

Now, taking base advantage of this forum, I'm going to put in my own little plug for serving on the PTA Board. As I finish up my second year as President (remember, starting from complete PTA obscurity as a kindergarten mom!), I can honestly say it's been a tremendously rewarding, educational, and inspiring experience for me. Yes, it has also been time-consuming,

and some aspects have been stressful and aggravating, but that balance is true for everything, isn't it? (like parenting, for example). Please consider the possibility carefully, of what YOU have to contribute, for the sake of our children!

I hope to hear from, and see, many of you soon! As always, many thanks for your support!

Leah Keane
PTA President

The Clow School Community would like
to express their gratitude to
Mr. Greg Anerino
for returning as interim principal these past 6 weeks
And
to welcome back our principal
Ms. Barbara Kaufman
from her maternity leave.

2007-2008 Clow PTA Board

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Spirit Dance

Talent Show

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Ways and Means

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Class Highlights...

Kindergarten

Kindergartners have been very busy learning to read!! It is very exciting to meet weekly and read books at each child's level. The best part for each student is taking the books home to read to his/her family.

In math we will continue to focus on number concepts, correct number printing, number recognition, graphing, sorting, and measuring.

In science we are just finishing up our unit on water exploration. We learned what sink, float, absorb, and repel mean through actual experiments.

Other topics of study will be famous Americans. It's hard to believe that on February 8th, unless we have any snow days, we will have been in school for 100 days.



Many special fun and exciting learning activities are planned. The students are also looking forward to exchanging Valentine's Day cards this month.

We continue to see a lot of growth in our students and each day we are proud of how hard they work. We appreciate such supportive parents in reinforcing the skills taught at school.

Kindergarten Team

First Grade



February has the first graders enjoying stories in their anthology entitled *Time Together*. We are continuing our focus on comprehension from the text and picture clues. The elements of comprehension are main characters, setting, problem/events, and solution/ending. Please continue to reinforce the Word Wall Words. Students should be able to read and spell these words!

Language Arts has us learning about long vowels and the long vowel patterns of CVCe and CVVC. We are also working on narrative writing. Narrative stories should have a beginning, a middle and an ending.

In Math, fact families, number stories, $<$ $>$ symbols, and counting money are just a few of the concepts that will be practiced this month. Please read the weekly newsletter to keep current on our math news.

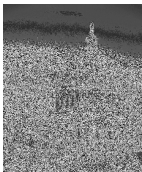
In Social Studies, we will be learning about famous Americans who have influenced our nation.

Last of all, science has us well on our way exploring the solar system.

Even though February is a busy month, we will be sure to find time to enjoy the 100th Day and Valentine's Day.

First Grade Team

Second Grade



February will be an exciting month for second graders! We will begin our month by researching Presidents and exploring our country's government. We will visit exciting monuments and interesting places in Washington D.C. Our trip to the White House via Internet will be quite exciting and full of new information for us. We even will investigate the many pets that have lived in the White House. Look for our President to be hanging in the LMC for Open House.

In math, we will continue to add and subtract large numbers. Keep practicing math facts!! We also will be exploring patterns, weights, and finding the median value of numbers.

Reading always takes us to exciting places. In February, we will be detectives as we have fun learning about mysteries. Second graders will also celebrate 100 day and the Chinese New Year this month.

As we all know, February is the month of hearts and love. Second Graders, as always will continue to be aware of their kindness and helpfulness to others.

Class Highlights...

Third Grade

February is a month of practice and preparation. The Illinois State Achievement Test (ISAT) will be given in March. Third graders will be tested in Reading and Math. Through lessons and projects, the students will be sharpening their skills and reviewing material in order to prepare themselves for the exam. You can help you child at home by continuing to read stories with them and practicing math facts. Thank you for all your support at home!

Social Studies this month will be highlighted with biography projects of famous Americans including Abraham Lincoln, Cesar Chavez, Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, and Chief Joseph. Students will create a newsletter about their famous American that will be displayed for Open House.

Our school reading incentive will be carried over from January as the students join "Ozzie's Reading Club" by completing 600 minutes of reading at home. February A.K.O.R.N. will feature biographies which will coincide with our Social Studies curriculum.

We are extremely excited and looking forward to our third grade musical performance which will feature the students playing their recorders. The performance will be held on the evening of February 14th in the Clow School gym. February certainly looks to be a fantastic month in third grade!

Third Grade Team

Fourth Grade

What do the Gila Monster, the okapi, and the manatee all have in common? Besides being "cute" animals, they are all endangered. In January, your children became experts on one endangered animal through completing research using a variety of resources. Now they are putting their creativity to work as they design a multimedia presentation using Hyperstudio. The students are sure to dazzle you with their presentations at Open House night on March 27.



Which fourth grade students have green thumbs? We will definitely find out in science this month. The students will be planting seeds in a terrarium to create the best possible environment for a "critter." After discussing food chains and different types of consumers, we will dissect an owl pellet. Keep an eye out for those bones coming home!!

Students are unpacking their bags as they return from their travel excursions to the Northeast and Southeast regions of the country. This month they will remain in their "homeland" as they study the Midwestern states of our country including a focus on Illinois. Remember to practice states and capitals at home!

Fourth Grade Team

Fifth Grade

Now that we've "won the Revolutionary War" in social studies, it's time to write a plan of government- the U.S. Constitution! Ask your child what they are learning about how our government works. They might even begin to demand some more rights!



This time of year finds us focusing a lot of attention on weather, and it's no different in science here in fifth grade. We will be exploring all sorts of weather patterns and phenomena during third quarter.

Fifth graders will be wrapping up their biography unit by dressing in character and sharing their legacy with their classmates at "The Social Event of the Millennium."

Last, but not least, a good "percentage" of math in February will focus on the study of fractions. We hope you and your child enjoy this month of prime learning!

Fifth Grade Team

Class Highlights...

Physical Education

FUTURE GAME PLANS

February in P.E. is dedicated to our Rhythm and Dance unit. All grades will be developing their fancy footwork during various dances. Some dances will be line dances, some circle dances, some partner dances. In this unit, the fifth graders will perform one of their District Assessments associated with movement by designing their own 32 count movement performance. Students will be permitted to work in small groups. Also, this month will be designed to work on striking skills and teamwork in the games of Floor Hockey (grades 3-5) and Pillo Polo (a lead-up to Floor Hockey) for grades one and two. Our fitness concepts will be working with individual and partner stunts in tumbling on our mats.

FITNESS IS FUN SECTION:

Our Fun Runs have been very well attended. You are most welcome to attend our next run which is Friday, February 22nd from 7:45 a.m. until 8:50.

Thank you for having the students bring their water bottles. It keeps them in the gym and participating more as they are not asking to get a drink from the fountain. Remember only drink from the bottle when you are not moving as we don't want the water to drip on the floor. Having their own water bottle may help them stay healthier as it will lead to less chance in placing their mouth on the water fountain that may have been previously touched by someone else.



Please continue to have your student(s) prepared for P.E. class with safe and comfortable gym shoes. The gym shoe needs to be supportive in nature (a heel-less gym shoe or Crocs are not appropriate for our movements). Appropriate clothing to allow for movement is also so important. Please, be aware that the 'hoodie' sweat-top is a concern when we do some activities as it may accidentally get pulled on and create a choking effect.

Timm Jayne
Physical Education Teacher

Art

First graders have been learning how to work together in teams to create art. Clay murals were our first step. We are now working on origami landscapes.

Thanks to Mrs. Stone for volunteering her time and sharing her wonderful art work with 2Hx. We have just finished a weaving project to go along with the musical program.

It's the second graders turn to go to the computer lab for art. We are learning how artists trick our eyes into thinking we see objects close and far away even though they are painted on a flat format. We will be using the program Storybook Weaver in the lab and cre-

ating our own landscapes in the art room.

Thank you to all of you who sent in paper towel and wrapping paper tubes. All of our third graders are now turning these into musical instruments-rain sticks.

Fourth graders will be directing their art skills towards animals. The next two projects will correlate with classroom studies. The first being texture and patterns of animals the next will be drawing owls.

All fifth graders will have animation in the computer lab to share with their parents for Open House. Please stop

by the lab to see some awesome computer animation. A big thank you goes to Mrs. Fasshauer for sending a wonderful web site for inspiration for our fifth graders' Starry Night composition. The students and I have really enjoyed it.

Denise Nickel
Art Teacher



Class Highlights...

Music

Notes ♪ from General Music

As we move into the third quarter in music, students will be expanding their musical knowledge and learning more about musical concepts in depth. This past month, Kindergartners experienced the concepts of same and different through nursery rhymes such as Jack Be Nimble. We used body percussion (clapping, patting, stomping, etc.) to perform the rhythm of the words, and to distinguish between same and different phrases in the rhyme. In our next unit, students will be experiencing the concepts of fast and slow.

First Graders enjoyed reading the book Muncha, Muncha, Muncha, and applying rhythms to the words in the story. Students applied musical sounds to music notation as they learned how to read and play quarter notes, eighth notes, and quarter rests. Students ended the unit by playing a song on the xylophones to go along with the story. Our next unit will focus on Camille Saint Seans' Carnival of the Animals and identifying musical instrument sounds.

Second Graders learned about weaving patterns this past month, as they studied Irish folk dances and songs. For their next unit, students will study musical songs and dances to celebrate Chinese New Year. Students will be showcasing all of their folk songs learned at their concert in April.



Third Graders are diligently preparing for their recorder concert. This year's concert will take place on Thursday, February 14th, at 7:00pm. Students have received communication in their weekly backpack mail, so please contact Mrs. McCoy if you have not received information on the concert. Please save the date for this important event! The concert will demonstrate a variety of musical styles reflecting BAGC and D notes and songs that students have learned in class. After our concert, we will begin a new instrument of study, the Boomwhacker!

Fourth Graders had a great month learning about Rondo (ABACA) form. Students created their own Rondos in class working in groups. Students did a great job with this activity, and worked

very well together. Next month we will study African-American spirituals.

Fifth Graders are finishing their unit on Theme and Variations. Students have learned how to change a main idea by composing with the music notation program, Finale Notepad. Students have created songs to accompany their 5th grade presentations in class and their animations in Art. For our next unit we will be studying African-American spirituals.

Drum Ensemble

Thank you to all students who shared their time with the District 204 Music Teachers on Monday, January 28th during our practice. The teachers learned many things, and greatly appreciated your time and efforts! Thank you to all parents who were flexible and supportive of this.

Maureen McCoy
Music Teacher

A decorative border made of a repeating sequence of musical notes, including quarter notes, eighth notes, and sixteenth notes, arranged in a rectangular frame.

3RD GRADE RECORDER CONCERT

Thursday, February 14

Concert starts at 7:00 p.m.

Clow Gymnasium

Library Media Center

Read for the Stars

Everyone should have received their packet explaining this year's reading incentive program, if not, just give us a call (428-6067). Students who read for 600 minutes or ten hours during the 7 week program will earn two special rewards... a free ticket to Great America and a voucher to a Cougars baseball game along with a hot dog and drink. Clow's game dates are Saturday, May 3 @ 5 P.M. and Monday, May 26 @ 1 P.M. Those classes in each grade who read the most hours each week will be awarded a trophy to proudly display in their classroom throughout the following week. If anyone needs extra star coupons, they're on the circulation desk.

"Thank you" to all of our Thursday/Friday counters. Take a look at our wall display to see how quickly we're progressing to 50 stars on our American flag.

BlackBoard for CLOW Kids (4th & 5th Graders)

The 4th and 5th graders have all received usernames and passwords to access the District #204 online BlackBoard website and the Clow Elementary Course that they are all enrolled in. (<http://virtual-learning.ipdsd.org/webapps/login/>) Students who take the initiative, may post daily homework assignments for their classrooms in the CloWikis section. This is a great source for students who forget their homework assignments or are absent. Students also have access to an online Clow KIDS News site where they can post news articles on a variety of subjects in blogs set up just for them. A feature that many students discovered on their own is a messaging system within BlackBoard (similar to email

but confined to this site). Here, students can message their friends and teachers. Please ask your 4th or 5th grader to show you some of the work that they have done. If you or they haven't explored BlackBoard yet, please do so together. You never know what you might learn!

Young Author Program... PawPrints Publishing

Be sure to take a look at the bulletin board display in the hallway outside the music room and across from the first grade washrooms. The Clow School Community is proud to present all of the Young Authors of Clow School. Each author is represented by a photo for all to see. Whether an author has published one or ten books, we are proud of their effort. Published authors have been notified to come to the LMC and have their picture taken but if anyone was missed, please let Mrs. Sparks or Mrs. Frett know.

Any student who has had a book published during this school year through our publishing center is considered a Young Author and their book is automatically entered in the 2008 Young Author Program. Those students who haven't yet published a book and want to participate in the Young Author Program need to get right to work! The deadline for submission into the Young Author Program is February 5, 2008. The Publishing Center Jobsheet can be found on the circulation desk in the LMC or on our website at http://clow.ipdsd.org/lmc_pta_pawprints_publishing.html. A manuscript needs to be written and the jobsheet attached to it. The Publishing Center volunteers will type it up and bind the book. Books may be submit-

ted for publishing throughout the entire year but the Young Author Program submissions have a deadline.

The following criteria will be the basis for determining who will become the Clow School representative to the Illinois Young Author Conference in Bloomington in May of 2008.

Judging Criteria

- ◆ **Reflects the Authoring Process.** Does it seem like the student brainstormed for ideas and planned, wrote a rough draft, revised and edited for their final copy?
- ◆ **Interest to the Reader.** Do the ideas written about hold the reader's interest?
- ◆ **Impact to the Senses.** Does the text leave the reader with an impression they can see, hear, and/or feel?
- ◆ **Overall Quality of Writing.** How is the spelling, punctuation, and overall impression of the text?
- ◆ **Follow Through to Conclusion.** Does the story have a beginning, a middle and an end? Is there a logical series of events leading to a conclusion?

February 5, 2008 will be the deadline for any manuscript to be considered part of the Young Author Program.

If you have any questions, please contact Beverly Frett by email (beverly_frett@ipdsd.org) or phone 428-6067.

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Library Media Center



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Science Fair

We still have some good books that include science fair ideas on display in the LMC. Try using our patron catalog to find all of the books we have. Key words like “experiments” and “science projects” will give some good results. The Student Resource Center link on our Schoolbag page has some terrific science project ideas too.

Just go to Research => Online Databases => Curriculum Resource Center Junior Edition. (<http://www.fofweb.com/Subscription/default-FrameOnLine3.asp>)

Spring Book Fair – April 14-18

The book fair this spring is being provided by the Scholastic Company. More details will be coming soon.

Reminders

We have an R and R policy in the LMC. Please encourage your child to READ books and RETURN them. It seems that this time of year finds many forgotten books under beds, on home shelves, and in cars. Thanks!

THE LMC STAFF WISHES YOU A LOVELY FEBRUARY!
Lee Sparks and Beverly Frett

Read for the Stars



Our annual reading incentive program has begun and will continue through February 22nd. Thank you to all the volunteers who have been helping on Friday mornings in the LMC. If anyone is interested in helping us count minutes during the last few weeks of the program, please contact me at 548-9192.

The LMC volunteer schedule through March has been sent out via email. If anyone would like to be added to the schedule, please contact me. Volunteering in the LMC is a great way to spend time with your children and stay connected to the school.

Lori Patterson, LMC Volunteer Coordinator
548-9192, loripatters@yahoo.com

Birthday Book Club

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! We'll be sending out ½ birthday cards to July and August birthday students since we know the last week or two of school is a little chaotic. Our newest members include:

Paul Degnan Owen & Mzee, The Language of Friendship
Konlin Vicik Arf and the Metal Detector
Kyley Vicik A Drowned Maiden's Hair

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 just 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. If you have any questions, please contact Patty Schiewe at 510-1195 or patty.schiewe@comcast.net.

Patty Schiewe
Birthday Book Club Chairperson

Library Media Center

Accelerated Reader Program



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

	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
1	Amith Ashok	Bingtao Xiang	Nikhila Pokala	Meghedi Tamazian
2	Erin Roberts	Matthew Valiga	Kyle Parker	Molly Price
3	Darren Huang	Ciara Raczyk	Megan Nehrkorn	Matthew Jacobson
4	Jair Thompson	Justin Craig	Mary Gerrity	Garrett Hernandez
5	Melissa Zielke	Andrew Orzechowicz	Claire Grove	Noah Ostrowski
6	Ben Reike	Brandon Monzel	Tyler Schultz	Liam Byrnes
7	Jacob Gruver	Margaret Stachewicz	Joseph Sieger	Gerry Wan
8	Matthew Shabelman	Jennifer Galkovskiy Scott Simpson	Kian Fotovat	Patrick Fasshauer
9	Kristiana Habiger	Isaiah Espinosa	Maegan Patterson	Alexandras Biskis
10	Shola Jimoh	Johnathan Keenan	Jessica Villa	Andrew Schultz Lexy Spreitzer

Tammy Hughes
Accelerated Reader



The books we won from Market Day have arrived in the LMC. We received a great selection of new books for the shelves, and we also have some new prizes for our library lovers to choose from. Thank you again, to all who helped earn these books.

Our February special is a Cookies and Milk Promotion. If you order three boxes of Otis Spunkmeyer frozen cookie dough, you will receive a free six pack of chocolate milk. Order sheets are due to the office by Friday, February 8 and internet orders must be placed by noon on Saturday, February 9. Pick-up is on Wednesday, February 13 between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m.

We earned \$310.00 at our January sale. We continue to surpass our goals - thank you to everyone for helping bring in all these profits for our school.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Dee Valiga
Market Day Coordinator

PTA Happenings

News from the PTA Nominating Committee

It's that time to think about submitting your name for an executive position on the Clow PTA Board for the 2008-2009 school year! Positions that are open include:

President - If you're organized, available to attend day meetings, and love working with people, this is the job for you!

Vice-President - The main responsibility here is being the Head Room Parent Chair. Otherwise, stepping in to assist the President, and attending the PTA meetings is required as well.

Secretary - If you enjoy taking minutes at the monthly meetings, and then typing and distributing them, this is the job for you!

Treasurer - Do you enjoy balancing your checkbook, writing checks, and being the one in charge of the money? Then, this is the job for you!

All existing executive board members (President, Leah Keane; Vice-President, Jen Tagler; Treasurer, Kim Anderson) who will be retiring after this school year are more than willing to chat with you about what to expect, etc. So, pick up the phone, and give them a call!

If you would like to be considered by the nominating committee, you may pick up the one page form in the school office, or call the school office, and we'll send one home. Forms are due in the school office by Fri., Feb. 8th. The nominating committee will present the slate at the PTA meeting the following week.

2008 Nominating Committee

YOU ARE INVITED

PTA Meeting

Wednesday, February 13

1:30 p.m.

Clow Multipurpose Room

The nominating committee will present the slate of officers for next year and the bylaws committee will be presenting their recommendations. All are welcome. Parents are welcome to bring their small children to the meeting.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Fun Run

February 22

7:45-8:50 a.m.

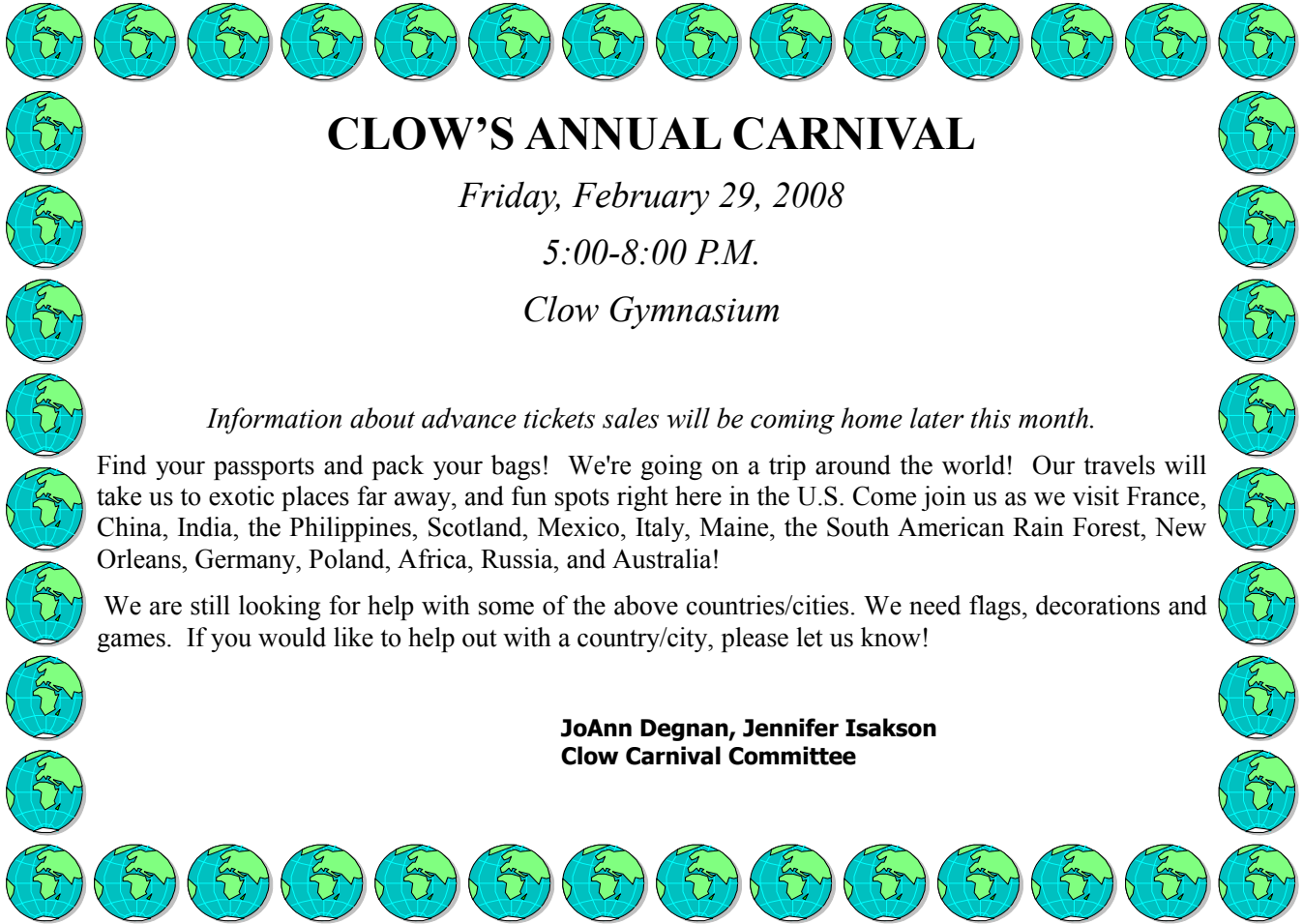
Clow Gym



Clow Open House

March 27

PTA Happenings



CLOW'S ANNUAL CARNIVAL

Friday, February 29, 2008

5:00-8:00 P.M.

Clow Gymnasium

Information about advance tickets sales will be coming home later this month.

Find your passports and pack your bags! We're going on a trip around the world! Our travels will take us to exotic places far away, and fun spots right here in the U.S. Come join us as we visit France, China, India, the Philippines, Scotland, Mexico, Italy, Maine, the South American Rain Forest, New Orleans, Germany, Poland, Africa, Russia, and Australia!

We are still looking for help with some of the above countries/cities. We need flags, decorations and games. If you would like to help out with a country/city, please let us know!

JoAnn Degnan, Jennifer Isakson
Clow Carnival Committee

PTA Volunteer Salute

Cheers and thanks to our parent volunteers for their hard work this past month!

Nominating Committee Monica Carstens, Chris Bickler, Sonia Hertogs,
Dione Schick, & Jen Tagler

Bylaws Committee Eileen Skrbec, Iwona Boyle,

Market Day Cathy Bosma, Samantha Elkins, Michelle Hlavaty,
Bonnie Rogers & Lori Summers

THANK YOU

PTA Happenings



Keep the Date

Clow Family Fun Night

Skating Party

Sunday, March 9, 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



Clow's Second Annual Science Fair

Friday, March 14



All students are invited to participate in the science fair at Clow on Friday, March 14th. Each student can develop one project with the help of parents to present at the fair. The science fair is a fun and educational experience and all students K-5 are encouraged to participate.

Last month, an information packet containing project guidelines was sent home with students. After deciding on a project idea, students should submit the application form contained in the packet, so that it can be reviewed for safety before the project is begun.

Now is the time to ask those science questions you've always wanted to ask! The information packet contains ideas and references to get you started. If you have any questions, feel free to contact one of us for more information.

Deb Stevens
Mary Ann Bitz
Science Fair



PTA Happenings

Reflections Programs Advance to PTA District 32

Six Clow students' projects were selected to advance from the IPPC level to District #32 level in the 2007-2008 National Reflections PTA program. Congratulations to the following students:

Derek Elkins	Primary photography
Gareth Elkins	Intermediate photography
Matthew Valiga	Intermediate photography
Ryan Bosma	Primary literature
Michaela Kincaid	Intermediate music composition
Lauren Ostrowski	Primary film production

Also, two Clow students' projects were selected to receive Honorable Mentions. Congratulations to:

Michaela Kincaid	Intermediate Visual Arts
Hank Michalski	Intermediate literature

Judging for the District #32 level district will be completed in mid-February. In the meantime, look for non-advancing students' projects on the PTA bulletin board near the multi-purpose room, in this newsletter, as well as on the Clow website. Also, all students' projects will be available for viewing at the spring awards reception.

Kathleen Roberts & Samantha Elkins
Reflections Program Co-Chairs

2007-2008 Reflections Program You Can Make A Difference By...

MORE RECYCLING I SAY!

More recycling I say!
I will recycle paper and plastic and metal too.
I will recycle almost anything!
I will even recycle banana peels!
And I never waste.
So when you see me come to one of my recycling classes to learn what not to recycle and what to recycle!
I love Recycling!

- Madeline, 1B

A SMILE

A Smile can make someone laugh.
A smile can cheer someone up.
A smile can heal a hurt.
A smile can give someone encouragement.
A smile can brighten a room.
A smile can warm a friendship.
A smile is best passed around.
A smile can make a difference.

- Charlotte, KGAM

PTA Happenings

2007-2008 Reflections Program
You Can Make A Difference By...

DIFFERENCE

Don't take drugs.
I will pick up litter.
Forgive others.
Faith in others.
Eat healthy foods.
Respect one another.
Enormous love.
No kids left behind.
Care for animals.
Encourage others.

- Michael, 2Fe

I Can Make a Difference

Walking to school would be a blast
I could even pick up trash
And walking wouldn't waste my gas.
I would even be careful to stay off the grass.
It would be great exercise walking to school
It will keep me healthy and be very cool.
Healthy kids don't take any drugs
All they need is kisses and hugs.

-Ryan, 2Fe

HELPING DAD

I can make a difference by helping dad when he needs help
in the garage.
I help him get the tools he needs so that he can do the work.
I help Dad by cleaning up with him.
I help him so he can get done fast and play with us.

-- Bobby, KK

WHEN MY MOM WAS SICK

Last week my mom was sick.
Her ear really hurt.
She slept on the coach and needed ear drops.
I made her breakfast.
I fed her hot tea.
I left her alone and played quietly, sometimes.
I cleared off the table and washed the dishes,
sort of.
She said that was nice.
She said that was helpful.
But what made the biggest difference were my
kisses and snuggles.

-Derek, KK

DIALING 911

My sister, Sarah, and I were riding bikes one day. We were
having lots of fun! Then, Sarah fell off her bike.
She was crying a lot and holding her left arm. She was hurt
bad.
I called 9*1*1. I told them our address and said, "Hurry."
Soon, the ambulance showed up. The guys looked at Sarah's
arm and said it was broken. They took us to the hospital.
Sarah soon had a pretty pink cast and was not crying any-
more. Her arm is fine now.

--Delaney, 1P

All-Day Kindergarten Coming to Indian Prairie

Beginning next fall, District 204 will offer all-day kindergarten at each elementary school. Without a doubt, parents are children's important first teachers. All-day kindergarten will provide parents more time and opportunities to volunteer and create a seamless network of nurturing for their child.

This year, the district piloted an all-day kindergarten program, which has provided extremely positive feedback regarding student adjustment time, motivation to learn, and overall development.

The current 204 reading and math curricula were designed to accommodate all-day kindergarten. Starting next year, students will learn a full range of academic subjects, receive differentiated instruction at all ability levels, and improve the "sound-bite" attention spans promoted by half-day kindergarten.

The powerful combination of proven research, positive personal experience of teachers and administrators who worked with all-day kindergarten before coming to our district, learning from highly successful programs around the nation, and our commitment to provide a high-quality developmentally appropriate curriculum promises to produce the best prepared students in the coming years.

By having the time to focus on the physical, social, emotional, cognitive, and language development of students, teachers will be better able to identify students with special needs. Early intervention minimizes struggles and helps students succeed.

More than half of all kindergartners nationally attend all day kindergarten, which enjoys strong support from parents and educators. We are blessed with highly involved parents, enough state funding to cover all program costs, and enough space to house the program.

The district will continue to offer half-day kindergarten at certain locations. Meetings will be held at each school to provide parents with information on the program. Check the district's website at www.ipso.org for more details.

Alka Tyle
Board of Education Member
Indian Prairie School District 204

Internet Safety

February 4

7:00 PM

Scullen Middle School

The Scullen and Crone PTSAs are pleased to present a night of parent education. Scullen and Crone's own Officer Moehring will lead a session on Internet Safety educating us on how we can help safeguard our students as they use and peruse the world wide web.

Because of the sensitive nature of some of the material, we ask that this be an adult only event.

Questions, please contact Anne Mathews at ammnaper@aol.com.

A change has been made to the February 2008 district calendar. You will want to make note of this important change on your personal and family calendar.

- The School Improvement Day (a day of nonattendance for students) will be on 2/5/08. Students will attend school all day on 2/19/08.

Many of our schools are polling locations and the district wants to limit the amount of contact the public (voters) would have with the students in the building for safety reasons. The recommendation for the change was made by the IPPC and approved by the Board of Education.

District News

 **OPERATION SNOWFLURRY** - IPSD#204 
Saturday, FEBRUARY 9 OR Saturday, MARCH 8, 2008



SNOWFLURRY is sponsored in cooperation with:
NCO Youth & Family Services, Naperville School District #203,
Indian Prairie District #204, the Naperville Police Department
and Adult and Parent Volunteers



OPERATION SNOWFLURRY is a day-long substance abuse prevention program for fourth and fifth grade students. District #204 students can attend either February 9th at Crone Middle School or March 8th at Granger Middle School. The program delivers information about alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, communication skills, decision-making and problem-solving skills in a fun and interactive format using professional speakers, small group discussion, and drug-free high school student leaders. Parents are encouraged to attend the parent session beginning at 3:00 pm for an overview of their child's day.

SNOWFLURRY is based on the belief that accurate, reliable information leads to positive responsible decision-making. The spirit of the SNOWFLURRY program provides that participants have an opportunity to meet students from other schools in a safe and respectful setting. The format of the day (large group presentations followed by small group discussions and activities) promotes the development of a support system within that peer groups. Groups are facilitated by an adult leader, a drug free junior high age leader and a drug free high school age teen leader.

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF: FUN! • FACTS! • LUNCH! • FRIENDS! • GAMES! • SNACKS! • SKITS!

OPERATION SNOWFLURRY

(Phone # for emergency contact during event is: 630-886-3105—otherwise call 630-961-2992 x 231)

Check-in: 9:00 a.m. **Parent Session:** 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. **End of Day:** 3:45 p.m.

Fee: \$30 per student

Lunch & T-shirt Provided

Location: Crone Middle School

Location: Granger Middle School

Date: February 9, 2008

Date: March 8, 2008

Go to http://www.ipSD.org/Uploads/news_17306_1.pdf to download registration form.

Naperville READS

Meet Author Brian Selznick
("The Invention of Hugo Cabret")



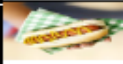
February 7

4-7 p.m.

Naperville North High School
899 North Mill Street, Naperville

Admission is free.

February Lunch Menu

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN					FEB. 1 CHEESEBURGER
EVENT	FEB. 4 TONY'S STUFFED CRUST PIZZA	FEB. 5 NO SCHOOL	FEB. 6 CHICKEN TENDERS	FEB. 7 PHILLY STEAK ON A HOT DOG BUN	FEB. 8 HOT DOG ON A WHEAT BUN
	FEB. 11 BBQ RIB ON A WHEAT BUN	 FEB. 12 RED BARON PIZZA PARTY W/ FRUIT JUICY	FEB. 13 *MINI PANCAKES W/ SAUSAGE	FEB. 14 BEEF RAVIOLI IN TOMATO SAUCE W/ WHEAT ROLL	FEB.15 CHICKEN PATTY ON A WHEAT BUN
"Novel Lunch" February 21 inspired by the book " An Apple for Harriet Tubman" by Glennette Tilly Turner	FEB. 18 NO SCHOOL	FEB. 19 ENCHIRITO	FEB. 20 *MAKE YOUR OWN PITA PIZZA	NOVEL LUNCH FEB. 21 DINOSAUR PASTA W/ MEATBALLS & DINNER ROLL	FEB. 22 SOFT TACO SHELL
	FEB. 25 *CHOLEY W/ FLOUR TORTILLA	FEB. 26 BEEF & BEAN BURRITO	FEB. 27 *WAFFLE STICKS W/ SAUSAGE PATTY	 FEB. 28 DAVID BERG HOT DOG PARTY W/FRUIT JUICY	FEB. 29 NO SCHOOL
GRILL ITEMS SERVED WEEKLY	HOT DOG ON A WHEAT BUN	HAMBURGER ON A WHEAT BUN NOT SERVED DURING PIZZA PARTY DAY	*CHEESE FILLED BREADSTICK W/ MARINARA SAUCE	BAKED BREADED CHICKEN PATTY ON A BUN NOT SERVED DURING HOT DOG DAY	*CHEESE PIZZA
FAVORITE SERVED DAILY	BAKED ALL WHITE CHICKEN NUGGETS	BAKED ALL WHITE CHICKEN NUGGETS NOT SERVED DURING PIZZA PARTY DAY	BAKED ALL WHITE CHICKEN NUGGETS	BAKED ALL WHITE CHICKEN NUGGETS NOT SERVED DURING HOT DOG DAY	BAKED ALL WHITE CHICKEN NUGGETS
SALAD CHANGES DAILY	POPCORN CHICKEN SALAD	TACO SALAD	PEPPERONI PIZZA SALAD	*GARDEN SALAD	CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD
SERVED DAILY ***FUN ON THE RUN	SOFT PRETZEL STRING CHEESE DANIMAL YOGURT CUP	SOFT PRETZEL STRING CHEESE DANIMAL YOGURT CUP	SOFT PRETZEL STRING CHEESE DANIMAL YOGURT CUP	SOFT PRETZEL STRING CHEESE DANIMAL YOGURT CUP	SOFT PRETZEL STRING CHEESE DANIMAL YOGURT CUP
FROM THE GARDEN *** CHANGE DAILY	TOSSED SALAD PICKLE CHIPS GREEN BEANS APPLESAUCE GRAPES DICED PEARS	SHREDDED LETTUCE BLACK OLIVES SALSA DICED PEACHES ORANGE WEDGES DICED PEARS	ROMAINE LETTUCE CAULIFLOWER CARROT COINS MANDARIN ORANGES DICED PEACHES MIXED FRUIT	TOSSED SALAD CUCUMBER SLICE RED APPLES APRICOT HALVES WHOLE RADISHES GRAPES	TOPPING BAR**** SHREDDED LETTUCE DICED TOMATO PICKLE SLICES DICED ONION DICED PINEAPPLE APPLESAUCE
	BAKED CHIP BASKET	BAKED CHIP BASKET	BAKED CHIP BASKET	BAKED CHIP BASKET	BAKED CHIP BASKET

*MEATLESS ITEM

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

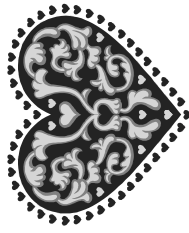

***Fun on the Run --Soft Pretzel, String Cheese and Danimal Yogurt Cup - Choose your sides

FROM THE GARDEN then pick up Fun on the Run Bag

**** Every Friday top your Sandwich from the "Garden Topping Bar"



February 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Spirit Day	2
3	4	5 No School School Improvement Day	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Market Day Pickup PTA Meeting @ 1:30 p.m.	14 3rd Grade Concert 	15	16
17	18 No School President's Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 No School PTA Carnival	