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*Welcome* back, Cougar families, to 2008 at Clow! And while we're at it, let's *welcome* Mr. Greg Anerino, who came back last month as acting principal. He will be with us these next few weeks during Ms. Kaufman's maternity leave, as she and her family *welcome* Caleb Claude into their lives.

January looks to be a fairly calm month, which should be a *welcome* respite to everyone, after our hectic December. Check inside this issue for wrap-ups on the Holiday Shop and Christmas Pageant from last month. All parent members are *welcome* to our PTA meeting on Jan. 16 at 1:30 in the MPR, and all Cougar families are *welcome* to our Family Fun Night at the Wolves Hockey game on Jan. 12. Carnival comes early to Clow next month (instead of May), so be

prepared to be *welcomed* to many exotic locales Around the World!

Okay, I think I've stretched out the *welcome* theme pretty thoroughly. I just wanted to make the point that we're pretty lucky that our school, neighborhoods, city, and school district are as friendly, safe, and, well, *welcoming* as they are, and that our children are able to grow up with access to excellent options in education, sports, music, health-care, religion, and recreation.

I hope that we all teach our children how fortunate they are and what advantages they have to be grateful for. I hope that we teach them that these advantages give them a responsibility to be part of our *welcoming* community and to ensure its continuity, in such varied ways as:

- ◆ Cleaning up litter (whether it's theirs or not)
- ◆ "Having a heart" and treating

- their peers well
- ◆ Working hard to make the most of their opportunities
- ◆ Being considerate of differences among themselves, and of difficulties others may have
- ◆ Following rules and laws, including those of their homes, their school, and their city

I'm sure you could come up with additional ways on your own. I would then hope all our children are in the position frequently of saying, "You're *welcome*," because that would mean that our Clow Cougars are often on the receiving end of a grateful "Thank You."

Thanks for all your support and all you do for our kids! (Go ahead, say it!)

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

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# From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

Thank you for welcoming me back to Clow School. I will continue to cover the administrative responsibilities for Ms. Kaufman during the next several weeks.

The return of students from Winter Break and the beginning of a new year, renews the school's focus on teaching and learning. These next few months have historically been some of the most productive months of the school term. The staff has established relations with both the students and their home, student academic needs have been identified for individuals as well as for the group, and instructional programs have been coordinated and implemented. The continued communication between you and the classroom teacher will facilitate your child's academic growth, during the second semester.

One of the advantages of being a retired school administrator and returning for a short term assignment is to be able to globally view the school community without prejudice. I think it is important that you hear from me the impression I have on what a fine school this is and how well it serves your children. As I daily walk through the halls and in and out of the classrooms, I am able to observe teachers who are truly facilitating student learning, and I see students who are actively engaged in the classroom activities. The verbal and non-verbal exchanges between the staff and students are respectful and genuine. It is obvious that as parents you hold your children to high expectations for when they come to school, their behavior demonstrates that they are ready to learn. Communication between staff is focused upon the needs of the children and doing what-

ever they need to do to maximize achievement for the individual child. The PTA and their volunteers provide essential support for academic as well as social programs. Parents, teachers, assistants, students, and office staff are to be commended in establishing a school community that has focused on doing what is best for all children. Again, thank you for allowing me to be a part of your community.

**Greg Anerino**

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# Class Highlights...

## Kindergarten

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season!!

In January, kindergartners are leaping back into action. In Language Arts, we will begin our letter books and talk about opposites. We will continue to do journal writing, rhyming words, practice sight words, and discuss a letter each week. We ask that you continually review and discuss the letter sounds and encourage correct letter formation with your child at home.

In Math, we will focus on measurement, exploring numbers to 55, and number printing. Extra practice printing numbers at home is always very helpful for your child.

This month we will study winter animals, focusing on those animals living at the North and South Poles. Hibernation will also be discussed. In science, we will begin our unit on water exploration. We always have a lot of fun while learning new things about water.

The computer lab will be invaded by 59 kindergartners the last week of January. We will visit the lab every day in order to learn keyboarding skills. This is a new skill which can be practiced at home.

Kindergarten students will receive their first report card this month. We have begun assessing and we look forward to sharing your child's progress with you. We are proud of all "our kids" and how much they have learned since the beginning of the school year!

**Kindergarten Team**

## First Grade

The New Year has the first graders "blasting off" into outer space with their study of the solar system. A visit to the Waubonsie Planetarium will enhance our knowledge.

In Reading, we will continue with our anthology "Here and There". We will also be focusing on making connections to the texts we read.

Please practice the High Frequency Words at home. These are essential words your child should know by sight.

The students will be learning about blends in Language Arts. We will also be trying to polish our expository paragraph writing by checking for conventions, word choice, sentence fluency, and organization. Of course presentation is very important. "Is it good enough to put my name on it?"

Math has us focusing on "Fact Power"- the immediate recall of addition and subtraction facts. Flashcards are a useful tool to help reinforce this skill. On the First Grade Schoolbag site there is an excellent website for practicing math facts. We will continue giving timed tests each week. We will also begin telling time to the quarter hour, identifying place value, and learning the symbols for greater than and less than.

In Social Studies, we will be learning about a famous American, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. As you can see, we will be learning a lot of new concepts as the New Year begins!

**First Grade Team**

## Second Grade

Welcome back and Happy New Year!!

January is an exciting time in second grade. In literacy, we will focus on our reading strategies and finding the perfect "just right" book to read. We will continue writing stories to be published but we also will be learning how to write the perfect paragraph and about the different types of paragraphs.

January is a great month for Social Studies and Science. We will be having our very own "pets" as students learn about mealworms in our Life Cycles unit! We will study the parts of the animal as well as learn a little about their functions in the ecosystem. In Social Studies, we will explore the lives of the U.S. Presidents as each student researches one particular president. Connecting with our research, we will read about many famous people who have impacted America, famous U.S. landmarks, and U.S. holidays. We will come to know a lot about patriotism this month!

Perhaps the most exciting part of 2nd grade for the children is learning cursive handwriting! This month students will be introduced to the correct cursive letter formations and will be anxious to show you what they know. Second grade wishes you a very Happy New Year filled with the love of learning!!

**Second Grade Team**

# Class Highlights...

## Third Grade

Welcome back! We hope you had a relaxing and restful break with family and friends. This month we will be focusing on timelines in Social Studies while looking at famous Americans and their contributions. Students will create and design a variety of timelines about others as well as their own lives.

In writing, the students will be reviewing the elements of expository writing as they work on "How to Build a Snowman!" Our focus will be improving word choice by challenging the students to use more vivid verbs, adjectives, and similes in their writing. This will help students to develop voice in their papers and give their work a unique and personal touch.

In reading we will begin reading about helping others in our reading unit "Friends to Grow With." Students will be asked to make personal connections to these stories and write responses to what they have read. This is a simple activity you can practice at home with your child as well. Have your student summarize or make personal connections to a character or chapter in the book they are currently reading. This allows students to read for deeper meanings and understand stories better.

In math, all third graders will be working on open ended math problems. Students will be encouraged to explain their work step by step. There is a lot to learn in 2007 so we will be busy as we begin the new year in third grade!

**Third Grade Team**

## Fourth Grade

The holidays are over and hopefully everyone had a well rested winter break. We are excited to be back and ready to buckle down and get to work. As the ISATs are early in March this year, in science we will be exploring electricity and magnets along with weather. During our Midwest winters we often hear people grumble about the weather, but not Clow Fourth Graders! They have a couple of tricks for dealing with the winter blahs. One way they cope is by escaping to the Southeastern United States through their Social Studies classes. We will be studying the history of the Southeast through Chapter 4 before our studies return us to Illinois. (Remember to study Southeast states and capitals!)

Language arts will take us back to the time of World War II. Our story, Number the Stars, is about a ten-year old girl Annemarie and her Jewish friend Ellen during the Nazi occupation into Denmark. Annemarie learns a lot about courage and bravery through her encounters with German soldiers. We encourage you to talk to your child about what life was like during this time in history.

Keep practicing your math facts so your child has a strong foundation in math! January is filled with learning fun, so be sure to ask your children what they are learning!

**Fourth Grade Team**

## Fifth Grade

Welcome back to Clow School and a New Year! We hope your break was relaxing and refreshing. Now it is time to roll up our sleeves and learn about building a new nation via the American Revolution. We are certainly proud of our efforts in learning about the colonization of America.

This time of year finds us shifting our "focus" from microscopes to weather in science. Once we finish looking at protozoa and discovering the magic of cell division, we will begin shifting with the winds into our weather unit. Students will enjoy exploring weather patterns and other phenomena. Be sure to watch the weather with your students and have them predict what they think the weather will be based on what they learn in class.

Now that your fifth grader has completed their biography on a famous American, they will create a research paper and then fine-tune their public speaking skills by sharing the information they learned with their classmates.

Students' organizational skills in math will be put to the test as they explore using various charts, plots, and graphs while organizing data.

Our plate is certainly full and after a rejuvenating break we know students will be eager to devour all that we have set before them. We are chomping at the bit to get started, here in 2008!

**Fifth Grade Team**

# Class Highlights...

## Physical Education

Hope everyone had a great Holiday Season. Now let's hit the gym for some workouts.

### FUTURE GAME PLANS

January is our month to focus on re-starting our fitness batteries. We will be spending time on jumping rope, fitness stations which will include doing our fun and challenging exercise ball activities. I highly recommend getting an exercise ball. It is great for balance, building the core muscle group (abs) and it can be used as a great lead-up to preparing for our push-up and curl-up tests. Also we will use our rubber exercise bands for stretching and muscle tone in grades three-five. Grades 3-5 will be concluding our volleyball unit and the primary will continue their striking unit with and without the use of equipment.

**AN AUDIBLE:** The Rope Warrior (David Fisher) will be coming to Clow on January 17th for two shows. Mr. Fisher is excellent at creating a very unique style of jumping rope. He holds

World records in jumping rope and has performed for a few Presidents. I hope you will come and see truly a super athlete who has taken jumping rope to a new level and beyond. To learn more go to <http://www.ropewarrior.com/>.

### FITNESS IS FUN



We have had our first two Fun Runs of the school year. Attendance can be much better, but the quality of the students and parents working on their fitness is superior. Come on and try the activity. You can walk or jog or do a combination of one or the other. The next run is January 25th at 7:45 a.m. until school begins. We have been fortunate to have sponsorship/business partners with Eich Sports, Outback Steakhouse, and Traverso's who donated prizes for the raffle. Come on out and have some fun (run)!

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 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



Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great break!

Kindergartners had two days in the computer lab to learn a little bit about the paint program. If you have a computer at home and also have the paint program you may want to help your child find the program. Many students seemed to really enjoy drawing teddy bears and toys with the circle and rectangle stencils.

The first graders have been learning how artists can balance their artwork. They also went into the computer lab for a day and created symmetrical designs. Next, they learned about radial balance. Snowflakes are beautiful because they are radially balanced. I shared a website for creating snowflakes with the students.

<http://www.popularfront.com/snowdays>. This website is a lot of fun because they not only create their own snowflake but are able to see other snowflakes created.

Second graders will be starting a weaving lesson soon. Please have them bring in creative things to weave like scraps of wrapping paper or scraps of plastic bags, anything that is long, thin and pliable will be great! Let's get creative!

Third graders are working on their rain sticks. Please be sure they each have a cardboard tube, either from wrapping paper or paper towels.

Fourth graders will be creating their entry for the I-Search calendar. Every year the Naperville Police Department sponsors a competition for district 204 elementary schools. The calendar stresses safety in the community. Second graders as well as fourth graders create an entry.

Clow fifth graders will be voting for the best fourth grade poster. Fourth graders will be voting on the best second grade entries. The top two from each grade level will be sent to the police station for them to choose for their yearly calendar.

Fifth graders are wrapping up their computer animations. Some animations will be chosen for the fine arts festival in May. Mrs. Frett creates a DVD with the animations. The animations will also be used at the year end school assembly. Next, fifth graders will be revisiting Van Gogh. Please have your child bring in either a snapshot or sketch of their home so they may add it to their Starry Night composition.

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

# Class Highlights...

## Music

### Notes ♪ from General Music

We welcome the new calendar year with many exciting activities in music! Kindergartners will be focusing on same and different this month in music. Students will be experiencing same and different through movement, instruments, and dances.

In first grade students will be discovering rhythms as we read the story Muncha Muncha Muncha. We will discover how same and different can be applied to musical phrases. We will also practice writing the rhythms of the words in the story.

Second grade students will experience weaving through an Irish folk dance. They will demonstrate the dance at their second grade performance in April, along with their weavings from Art class.

Third grade students will be diligently preparing for their recorder concert. Students have learned the notes, B, A, G, C, and D, and should be practicing them at home to reinforce concepts learned in music class. Please save the date for the recorder concert, which will take place on Thursday, February 14th. We will have an evening performance at 7:00pm and our theme will be "Playing with Heart." Information on the concert will be sent home in your child's weekly backpack, so please watch for the yellow parent information sheet coming soon!

In fourth grade, we will be studying Rondo form, and focusing more intensely on our recorder study. All fourth grade students need to have a recorder for music class, so please make every

effort to find any lost or misplaced recorders so that students can be prepared for class! Students are also encouraged to play at home to reinforce skills learned in class.

In fifth grade we will continue our unit on Theme and Variations and begin our composition project. Students will learn how to change a musical idea through instrumentation, rhythm and melody. Students will then use these concepts to compose their own melody using the Finale Notepad computer program. In April, students will have a chance to submit these musical compositions to MENC, the National Association for Music Educators, for a chance to win the Finale computer program and gain national recognition. Please watch for additional communications coming home!

### Clow Chorus

Clow Chorus performed for the first time this choral season at the Multicultural Arts Festival. The festival took place on Saturday, December 8th at Still Middle School. Congratulations and thank you to all students who participated! Please watch upcoming newsletters for the date of our next performance!

### Drum Rhythms

The Clow Intramural Drum ensemble is still open to 4th and 5th grade students who are interested in participating for the 2007-2008 school year. The ensemble meets on Mondays after school from 3:35 to 4:15. We have had a great turnout so far, and students are really enjoying themselves! The ensemble will be showcasing their skills for a clinic for the District 204 music teachers on Monday, January 28th. We are very excited to be given this opportunity! Thank you to everyone for your support!

**Maureen McCoy**  
Music Teacher



# Library Media Center

Happy New Year from the LMC!

## Young Author Program...PawPrints Publishing

Again this year, the responsibility of sponsoring the Young Author Program goes to our very capable publishing center volunteers. This program is co-sponsored at the state level each year by the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Language and Literacy Council. Any student who has had a book published during this school year is considered a Young Author and their book is automatically entered in the 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 Publishing Center Jobsheet can be found on our website at [http://clow.ipspd.org/lmc\\_pta\\_pawprints\\_publishing.html](http://clow.ipspd.org/lmc_pta_pawprints_publishing.html). A manuscript needs to be written and the jobsheet attached to it. The Publishing Center volunteers will word process it and bind the book.

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 over-

all 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@ipsd.org](mailto:beverly_frett@ipsd.org)) or phone 428-6067.

### **Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!**

As many of you know, Clow Cougars Care and, along with our business partnership with Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville, we support additional service projects. We wanted to tell you that the gently used book donations to the Andrea's Angel Project were appreciated very much. We are very proud of our generous and kind-hearted children and families.

### **What's up in the LMC in 2008?**

Our annual reading incentive program begins on January 8<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is **Read for the Stars**. Everyone should have received their packet explaining the program, if not, just give us a call (428-6067). As in the past, Six Flags Great America and the Kane County Cougars are sponsoring our event. Students who read for 600 minutes or ten hours during the 7 week program will earn a free summer pass 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.

In order to help us keep a record of student reading progress we will need some assistance on Friday mornings from about 9-11 (actual time depends on numbers of volunteers). If anyone

is available and would like to help by counting minutes, please contact the LMC at 428-6067 or Lori Paterson at 548-9192, PTA LMC Coordinator. Thank you!

As always, there are many activities going on throughout the month. A great way to stay informed about everything is to visit our website and go to the section that tells you all about "What's Up in the LMC" (<http://clow.ipspd.org/lmc.html>). All of the contests, activities, programs, etc. that students are invited to participate in are mentioned there.

We're full swing into our storytelling festival. In October, Mrs. Noa Baum presented a program on story writing to all of our students. In December, Mr. Brian "Fox" Ellis shared nature tales. Now we're getting ready for Part III of our festival and we will be welcoming Robert and Audrey Allison who share stories and music from around the world. Thanks to our PTA for funding this event!

### **Clow KIDS Newsletter for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders**

We now have an online Clow KIDS Newsletter thanks to its Editor Colleen Skrbec. (It was all her idea but Mrs. Frett is the Editor in Chief.) The Clow KIDS News can be reached through our Schoolbag site and then select BLACKBOARD for CLOW Kids. Students must have a username and password to access the BlackBoard site and this gives them the capability to write and add news articles to the sections listed. They can even check for forgotten homework assignments because there is a homework assignment wiki there too. All 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders have received an ID card with the information that they need to participate! Have fun and let's read some Clow KIDS news!

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# Library Media Center

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## Science Fair

We have lots of good books that include science fair ideas on display in the LMC. Try using our patron catalog. Key words like “experiments” and “science projects” will give some good results. We even have some fiction books with stories about science fairs. Try accessing a database of science projects that can be reached through our Schoobag => Research => Online Information Databases => Curriculum Resource Center or by going directly to <http://www.fofweb.com>. The username

is IPSD204 and the password is IPSD204 for this valuable resource.

## Monarch Award

Have you been hearing about the Monarch Award? This is an award given by **children** in the state of Illinois for their favorite children’s book. The nominated books are on display in our LMC and students have been reading them so that they will be prepared to vote for their favorite. Voting will take place in the LMC throughout January for any kindergarten through fifth grade students who has read at least five. We look forward to announcing our winner

and sending the title on to the Illinois School Library Media Association to be counted along with thousands of others.

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!



**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO THE CLOW COMMUNITY FROM MRS. SPARKS & MRS. FRETT!**

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break. January will be busy in the LMC. We will soon be starting our annual reading incentive program. This is the program that offers special event opportunities to those students who read the required number of minutes. Some of the books may also qualify for Accelerated Reader points. Information will be sent home via backpack mail from the LMC, so be on the lookout for those materials. I will be contacting those of you who volunteered for LMC Special Events. Volunteers are needed on a limited basis to tally minutes for each class and grade level. If you would like to participate and did not sign up in the fall, please contact me.

Many thanks to all of you who volunteer in the LMC!

**Lori Patterson, LMC Volunteer Coordinator**



## Birthday Book Club

Clow’s Birthday Book Club is up and running and we had a pretty good month! 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! Our newest members include:

Paige Price

Michaela Kincaid

Ashley Mandel

Hailey Steeves

Colin Rustemeyer

Clementine

Fairy Haven and the Quest for the Wand

Otto and the Flying Twins

What Teachers Can’t Do

Stink and the World’s Worst Super Stinky Sneakers

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.

**Patty Schiewe**

**Birthday Book Club Chairperson**

# Library Media Center

## Box Tops, Campbell's Labels & Tyson Labels

### Box Tops, Campbells Labels/UPC Codes and Tyson Labels Class and Family Contest

Be sure to let your relatives, friends, and neighbors know that you are collecting these items, then send your collected items to school in a sealed envelope or closed bag with your child's name and class written on it (ex. John Doe--5M). Please try and trim your Box Tops and Campbells UPC Codes before submitting them. **The family that submits the most will receive a \$15 gift card from Blockbuster!!!** And, the class collecting the most Box Tops, Campbells Labels/ UPC Codes and Tyson Labels will win a class award and prizes! The contest ends Friday, Feb. 1, 2008!!!

Thank you and good luck!!!

**Gaye Vicik**  
**Box Tops/ Campbells Labels/ Tyson Labels**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT CAMPBELLS  
ONLY ACCEPTS THE UPC CODES AND  
NOT THE LABELS!!!**

## Accelerated Reader Program

	<b>2nd Grade</b>	<b>3rd Grade</b>	<b>4th Grade</b>	<b>5th Grade</b>
1	Amith Ashok	Bingtao Xiang	Nikhila Pokala	Erin Nalley
2	Jair Thompson	Ciara Raczky	Kian Fotovat	Patrick Fasshauer
3	Joseph Walwer	Matthew Valiga	Joseph Sieger	Ashley Maras
4	Joshua Bundshuh	James Skarr	Mary Gerrity	Molly Widing
5	Erin Roberts	Lauren Sienko	Natalie Goldberg	Samuel Groetsch
6	Kyle Nalley	Ashley Mandel	Courtney Durand	Mathew Jacobson
7	Naomi Keane	Margaret Stachewicz	Robert Beavers	Maggie Stone
8	Sophie Goldberg	Jacob Doty	Megan Nehrkorn	Trevor Tartaglia
9	Ben Reike	Erin Tagler	Noah Manna	Ashley Mandel
10	Shola Jimoh	Michaela Kincaid	Maegan Patterson	Racheal Keirse

**Tammy Hughes**  
**Accelerated Reading**



We continue to surpass the goals I have set for profit this year from our Market Day sales. In December, we earned an additional \$490.80. To date, we have brought in just over \$2,000.00 for Clow Students. THANK YOU!!

The deadline to place an order for the January sale is Friday 1-10 if you want me to place for you, or Saturday 1-11 if you want to order via the internet. As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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



## PawPrints Publishing

Congratulations to the following students who have published books in the Publishing Center so far this year: Enzo Alcedo, Jonathan Amesquita, Scott Anderson, Amith Ashok, Chris Barry, Jessica Barry, Cameron Bianchi, Kylie Bickler, Michael Boyle, Kevin Crabbe, Justin Craig, Cameron Cyrus, Jacob Dial, Zachary DuChene, Hollie Genualdi, Kristiana Habiger, Karina Hiltenbrand, Bridget Itter, Timothy Jun, Naomi Keane, Katherine Keenan, Mackenzie Knippen, Lindsay Kubal, Alex Lichtman, Tyler Ligeski, Emily Macqueene, Ron Marzec, Jack Mayor, Lachlan McArthur-Self, Corey McGrath, Brynn Murphy, Kyle Nalley, Samantha Nelson, Ashley Piraino, Paige Price, Ciara Raczyk, Delaney Raczyk, Kavel Rao, Kyle Rappe, Connor Rektorski, Ben Rieke, Sarah Rusin, Matt Shabelman, Matt Skrbec, Michael Sosniak, Ashley Tan, Naomi Tan, Matts Taylor, Nick Taylor, Joey Theobold, Jair Thompson, Konlin Vicik, and Cullen Walwer.

We have had more than 80 stories published this year and are looking forward to hearing about your holiday adventures! Be sure to submit your work before the deadline in February to be included in the annual Young Author's contest. Watch for more details in What's Up in the LMC!

**Chris Bickler**  
**PawPrints Publishing Coordinator**

## PTA Volunteer Salute

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

**Holiday Shop& Bake Sale**  
**Christmas Pageant**  
**Food & Personal Hygiene Drive**  
**Holiday Parties**  
**Market Day**

Merike Adams, Isa Tseng & Theresa White  
Wendy Montalbano  
Kim DuChene  
Jen Tagler, Room Parents & Treat Donators  
Tom Frank, Sam Elkins, Cathy Taylor,  
Kim Swisher, Janyce Mazur & Bob Valiga

THANK YOU

# PTA Happenings



## CLOW'S ANNUAL CARNIVAL

*Friday, February 29, 2008*



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 Degan & Jennifer Isakson**  
**Clow Carnival Committee**



## 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 Committee**



# PTA Happenings

PTA presents...

## Clow Family Night with the Chicago Wolves

Saturday, January 12, 2008 @ 7:00 PM

vs. Toronto Marlies

Come early for pre-game fireworks and laser show!  
Enjoy an exciting hockey game and support Clow PTA at the same time.

Order forms came home on the last day of school and are also  
downloadable at our Clow PTA website

Orders are due in the Clow office by noon on January 11, 2008.

### **Gently Used Shoes AND Socks, Hats, Mittens and Scarves School Wide Collection January 7– January 31, 2008**

Thanks to Colleen Skrbec and Cate Rvsin, two fourth graders at Clow, who definitely care about children throughout the world, the LMC and PTA, in collaboration with “Share Your Soles” will be collecting shoes from our Clow Community to send to poverty stricken areas of the world. For the majority of people who receive shoes from the “Share Your Soles” organization, it will be their first pair of shoes EVER and could very well be the only pair they ever own. For more information regarding this organization please check out their website at [www.shareyoursoles.org](http://www.shareyoursoles.org).

Please take a few minutes over the winter break to clean out your closets and shoe racks or wherever else you store shoes in your home! Shoes accepted: Clean and gently used shoes in ANY SIZE and made from ANY material. (Please do not use this as an opportunity to purge stinky gym shoes and other shoes better fit for a dumpster! )

The socks, hats, mittens and scarves will be donated to local charities for people in our very own community that need help staying warm this winter. Again, Thank you so much for your support! What an amazing community we have at Clow!

**Kim DuChene, Community Service Coordinator**




### *Parent Diversity Council Event* **Chat with Superintendent Stephen Daeschner**

January 22, 2008

7 - 9 pm

Crouse Education Center  
780 Shoreline Drive, Aurora, IL

# January Lunch Menu

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAIN</b>  <b>EVENT</b> <b>CHANGES DAILY</b>		JAN. 1 NO SCHOOL	JAN. 2 NO SCHOOL	JAN. 3 NO SCHOOL	JAN. 4 NO SCHOOL
	JAN. 7 *CHEESE PIZZA	JAN. 8 CHICKEN DRUMSTICK	JAN. 9 * MINI PANCAKES W/SAUSAGE	JAN. 10  DAVID BERG HOT DOG PARTY W/ FRUIT JUICY	JAN. 11 CHEESEBURGER
	JAN. 14 CHICKEN TENDERS	JAN. 15 ENCHIRITO	JAN. 16 *WAFFLE STICKS W/ SAUSAGE PATTY	JAN. 17 <b>NEW*</b> CHOLEY W/ FLOUR TORTILLA	JAN. 18 NO SCHOOL
"Novel Lunch" January 25 inspired by the book "I Will Never Not Ever Eat A Tomato." by Lauren Child  	JAN. 21 SCHOOL HOLIDAY	JAN. 22 BEEF SOFT TACO SHELL	JAN. 23 *EGG W/ CHEESE SANDWICH	 JAN. 24 RED BARON PIZZA PARTY W/ FRUIT JUICY	NOVEL LUNCH JAN. 25 PHILLY STEAK
	JAN. 28 <b>NEW*</b> MAKE YOUR OWN PITA PIZZA	JAN. 29 CHICKEN FAJITA	JAN. 30 PANCAKE WRAP ( SAUSAGE WRAPPED WITH A PANCAKE)	JAN. 31 SALISBURY STEAK ON A WHEAT BUN	
<b>GRILL</b>  <b>ITEMS</b> <b>SERVED</b> <b>WEEKLY</b>	*STUFFED CHEESE  FILLED BREADSTICK W/ MARINARA SAUCE	GRILLED  CHICKEN SANDWICH	HOT DOG  ON A WHEAT BUN	BAKED BREADED CHICKEN SANDWICH  NOT SERVED DURING HOT DOG & PIZZA PARTY DAY	*CHEESE PIZZA
<b>FAVORITE</b>  <b>SERVED</b> <b>DAILY</b>	BAKED ALL WHITE CHICKEN NUGGETS	BAKED ALL WHITE CHICKEN NUGGETS	BAKED ALL WHITE CHICKEN NUGGETS	BAKED ALL WHITE CHICKEN NUGGETS  NOT SERVED DURING HOT DOG & PIZZA PARTY DAY	BAKED ALL WHITE CHICKEN NUGGETS
<b>**SALAD</b>  <b>CHANGES</b> <b>DAILY</b>	POPCORN CHICKEN SALAD	TACO SALAD	<b>NEW*</b> PEPPERONI PIZZA SALAD	*GARDEN SALAD	<b>NEW*</b> CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD
<b>SERVED DAILY</b> <b>***FUN</b> <b>ON</b> <b>THE</b> <b>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</b>  <b>THE</b> <b>GARDEN</b> <b>**</b>  <b>CHANGE DAILY</b>	TOSSED SALAD  PICKLE CHIPS  BROCCOLI FLORETTES  APPLESAUCE  GRAPES  DICED PEARS	SHREDDED LETTUCE  BLACK OLIVES  SALSA  DICED PINEAPPLE  ORANGE WEDGES  DICED PEACHES	ROMAINE LETTUCE  CAULIFLOWER  CARROT COINS  MANDARIN ORANGES  DICED PEARS  MIXED FRUIT	TOSSED SALAD  SLICED CUCUMBER CAULIFLOWER FLORETTES  APRICOT HALVES  WHOLE RADISHES  GRAPES	ROMAINE LETTUCE  <b>CHERRY TOMATOES</b>  GREEN BEANS  RED APPLE  DICED PINEAPPLE  APPLESAUCE
	BAKED CHIP BASKET	BAKED CHIP BASKET	BAKED CHIP BASKET	BAKED CHIP BASKET	BAKED CHIP BASKET

\*MEATLESS ITEMS

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

**Protein for Salad Toppers**

Monday, Popcorn Chicken Salad, chicken bites, shredded cheddar cheese

Tuesday, Taco Salad, taco meat, american cheese.

Wednesday, Pepperoni Pizza Salad, turkey ham, pepperoni slices, cheddar cheese

Thursday, Garden Salad, shredded cheddar cheese

Friday, Chicken Caesar Salad, diced white chicken meat

\*\*\*Fun on the Run, blueberry muffin, string cheese and danimal yogurt cup – choose your sides *FROM THE GARDEN* then pick up Fun on the Run

Pita Pizza \*Make your own pita pizza with pita bread, sauce and a shredded mozzarella cheese cup

Choley with Flour tortilla: made with chick peas, seasoning and diced tomatoes.



# January 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6 	7 School Resumes	8	9	10	11 Spirit Day	12 Wolves Game @ 7:00
13	14	15	16 Market Day Pickup	17	18 No School Teacher Work Day	19
20	21 No School Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Observed)	22	23	24	25 Report Cards	26
27	28	29	30	31		