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PTA President's Message



Many of you may already know that this month's name comes from Mars, Ancient Roman god of war. Pretty timely, when you come to think about it. Remember all those recent primaries with all those candidates battling it out? What about the weather so far this winter? How many of us have been out there, armed with shovel and snowblower, battling the elements? The issue of the most recent school boundaries in our district, while not as damaging as the first time around, still raised battle cries from a few communities. And finally, we hold in our thoughts those American troops still stationed in Iraq, as well as the families they have left behind to wait for them to come home, for their battle to be finally over. And there are those battles with

our beloved offspring that we, as parents, are supposed to pick. ("Keep practicing, you didn't do it right!" "No dessert if you don't finish your vegetables!" "Wear a hat and gloves and zip up your coat!" "No, I am not buying that for you!" "You can't wear that to church!" "Turn off the Wii and start your homework!")

And then there are those battles that our children, and others like them all over the world, face every day: against bullies, against peer pressure, against the onslaught of advertising, against allergic contamination, against time and academic pressures, against poverty, against broken and damaged family lives, and against physical and learning difficulties.

You'd think we'd be hopeless and defeated, wearily raising hapless children to lead pointless lives. But we're not, are we? We soldier on, and fight all these

battles and others, waging war on behalf of our families, our communities, our country and our world. I look at Clow School, where parents and teachers and administrators work hard together at combating ignorance and meanness, and fostering growth, knowledge and awareness in our youngsters. I look at all the churches and places of worship represented in our school community, and see that the shared values and goals among those groups leads to accomplishments in education, charity, unity and social justice. I look at our city, our state, our nation, and our world, and am heartened by the voices and actions of those who advocate on behalf of the weak and voiceless, and who labor against poverty, war, injustice, and ecological irresponsibility.



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From the Principal's Desk



Happy March to all! This is the "lucky" month in the minds of many people. I know I feel lucky this year for the many great events in my life. As I write this, I am returning from my recent maternity leave. My second son, Caleb, joined our family in December. The busy days of the past three months have been priceless! My husband and I know we are so lucky to have the two beautiful, healthy boys. Already they are enriching our lives and teaching us much about the world.

I know I am also lucky to be part of the Clow "family." Our dedicated staff makes learning fun for students. The community provides the support to assure every child succeeds. And the chil-

dren of Clow School are amazing – well-mannered, hard-working and talented. Our school is a great place to spend each day!

March is the month when our third, fourth, and fifth graders have the opportunity to demonstrate just how much they have learned through their hard work. These students complete the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) assessments. The ISATs help the staff analyze curriculum as well as plan for the needs of individual students. Clow students always make us proud.

In March, all families have the luck to visit Clow during Open House. This evening event is always a highlight of the year. Students demonstrate their

learning and skills for parents, siblings, and special guests. I hope to be lucky enough to see you on that evening.

The end of March will mean the beginning of Spring Break. The break provides a chance to stop and reflect. Students are lucky to have the time to relax and regroup before the final quarter of the school year. I hope the break allows Clow's lucky parents to enjoy quality time with your children.

I know March will be a lucky time for you and your family. I hope you enjoy the opportunities that come your way!

Barbara Kaufman
Principal



President's Letter (continued from page 1)

I am also grateful and inspired. So let me end with the other significance of the month of March, or Martius, as the Ancient Romans called it. It was the first month of Spring in the Mediterranean, and therefore the first month of the year. It was the month of beginnings, of new

growth, and therefore, of hope.

Here's my humble offering for this month: that we all embrace the dual nature of this month, and are downright militant in our efforts to do good in this world, to aspire to help beyond our own comfortable circles, to bring hope and positive change to people we're not related to, we don't know, and we don't look like. If you already do this, you know how wonderful it feels to model

this for your children. If you've been too busy with all that your life contains so far, consider the possibility.

And for all you do already, thank you!

Leah Keane
PTA President



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Spirit Dance

Talent Show

Service Committee

Ways and Means

Carnival

DNA Certificates
Market Day
Sport Events
Traverso Night
Wrapping Paper
Leah Keane
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Class Highlights...

Kindergarten



This month kindergartners will begin to study dinosaurs. This is a unit enjoyed by all. We know that some of our students have a lot of knowledge on this subject and we will enjoy many sharing opportunities.

March sees us hoping to have some warm weather so we can celebrate by enjoying various spring activities. In math we will still be working on our number concept skills. Please continue to practice number recognition to 100 and the printing of these numbers at home. We will also be doing many fun activities involving graphing and measurement. In language arts we will begin to emphasize ending sounds as well as continue to meet more new letters. Continue reviewing the sight words, all capital and lower case letters, as well as the sounds for the letters we have covered in class. We are also trying hard to use our kindergarten spelling to write a sentence, or at least more than one word, in our journals. Encourage your child to practice writing at home too.

Kindergartners are looking forward to Open House on March 27th. This is a time for your child to show off his/her work and classroom. Many activities are planned which will involve your participation. Get ready for an exciting night! We look forward to seeing all of you then.

Kindergarten Team

First Grade

Reading has the first graders working in our anthology *Time Together*. The theme of the anthology is friends and neighbors and how we show others how we care. We continue to work on reading fluency and comprehension. We hope that you are encouraging your child to check out “Just Right Books” from the LMC so that they can be independently practicing their skills. In Language Arts, we are working on long vowel word patterns of consonant-vowel-consonant-silent e (CVCe as in made, like, rose, and cube) and consonant-vowel-vowel-consonant (CVVC or adjacent vowels as in coat, mail, meet, and glue). We also continue to refine our sentence writing skills using capital letters, correct punctuation, sentence fluency, and correct spelling of Word Wall Words. We are focusing on “fact power” of addition and subtraction facts to 12 in Math. We would encourage you to work with your child on the immediate recall of these facts. Flashcards are helpful in strengthening this skill. We will begin our study of Geometry including two and three dimensional shapes. In science, we will be thinking like Junior Meteorologists as we begin our unit on Weather. We will be making observations of cloud formations, the amount of precipitation, temperature variations, and wind conditions.



We are working feverishly to complete some special projects for Open House. We hope to see all of our families on the night of March 27th! And of course, we are all looking forward to the season of spring and Spring Break. Thank you for your continued help and support!

First Grade Team

Second Grade

Welcome to March! Second graders have a lot of fun activities to look forward to this Spring! During the month of March, we will continue reading in our Banner Days anthology. The stories we will be reading all center around the theme of Neighborhood News. We will be reading from a variety of literature genres, including: plays, realistic fiction, and nonfiction. This month we will focus on the reading comprehension strategy of summarizing. Students will work to identify and retell the main idea.

As always, we will continue to create new and exciting stories in Writer’s Workshop. We will also spend much of our writing time with research skills and paragraph writing form. In Math, we will begin the month with fractions and finish March with a unit on measurement. We will also continue to work on adding and subtracting two-digit numbers, with an emphasis on real-life problem solving. Math facts continue to be at the top of our “practice...” list, so be sure to regularly check out the math fact sites on the Schoolbag site!

In Science, we will wrap up our state study with a unit on landforms. Also, we will embark on a water cycle adventure where we will learn about precipitation, evaporation, and condensation. This is the perfect time to talk about ways your family can be more “green”!

Wishing you a happy-go-lucky month of March!

Second Grade Team



Class Highlights...

Third Grade



The third graders are really taking off in March! We blast off into the study of the moon and its phases. We will zoom into our unit by taking a field trip to the Wau-bonsie Valley High School's planetarium.

Students are prepared to demonstrate their "Out of This World" knowledge by taking the Illinois State Achievement Test (ISAT) this month. Students will be tested in the areas of Reading and Mathematics. You can help your child at home by making sure they get plenty of rest during the week of ISAT testing. Also, you can sharpen your child's skills by continuing to read with them, practicing their math facts, and encouraging them to write in a journal.

The third grade team is looking forward to seeing you at Open House. Your children have been working extremely hard while at school and are excited to reveal their hard work and effort.

Thank you so much for all of your support at home!

Third Grade Team

Fourth Grade



To squish or not to squish? That is the question your child will be asked to answer this month. Our writing project is based on the story "Hey Little Ant"; by Phillip and Hannah Hoose. It shows both sides concerning the issue of whether or not ants should be squished. Your child will be asked to decide whether or not ants should be squished, and then will be asked to persuade others to share this belief based on factual evidence or the moral perspective. In music, students will also be singing the "Hey Little Ant"; in addition to creating their own ant for our hallway.

Come one, come all! We invite you to come take a walk through the "Hey Little Ant" book during Open House Night, as the fourth grade hallway turns into a life size version of the picture book. This is also a special night for the students to show off all of the exciting work they have accomplished. There will be various projects to see in each subject area. A few things to make sure you check out are your child's Hyperstudio presentation on an endangered animal, the science terrariums, and items they've listed on their "Open-House Menu".

We are all looking forward to this very special night at Clow!

Fourth Grade Team

Fifth Grade

Wagons Ho! Now that we have completed our study of the Constitution (did you sing and memorize the Preamble along with your child?), it is time to load up our wagons and expand the new country. Social studies this month will include quite a range of subjects, from Lewis and Clark, to the invention of the steam engine, to the transcontinental railroad.



Tornado! Blizzard! Thunderstorm! Hurricane! In science this month we will continue our discovery of weather patterns and how they affect us. Be sure to ask your young meteorologists about their forecasting and the Weather Disaster Photo Story they will be beginning soon.

In math this month students will be learning about coordinates, area, volume and capacity. It wouldn't be a bad time to break out the Battleship game or do some baking in the kitchen! These concepts are used so often in our daily lives so now is the time to try to make some connections to the curriculum!

It's ISAT time! All fifth graders will be taking the Illinois Standard Achievement Tests in reading, writing, and math in early March. Encourage your student by making sure he/she has plenty of rest, comes to school energized and confident, and has a good breakfast every morning.

Fifth Grade Team

Class Highlights...

Physical Education

FUTURE GAME PLANS

March in P.E. is dedicated to our manipulative unit – predominantly dribbling, passing, throwing and catching skills. March is known as “March Madness” month with the High Schools and Colleges battling for basketball titles, so I like to tie in those events with our school work. Grades K-2 will work on the basics of hand, footwork and body placement for these skills. Grades 3-5 will develop a better understanding of movement, patterns, and team play.

Our fitness concepts will still be on tumbling and doing conditioning drills such as plyometrics and cardiovascular lessons. When we get back from spring break, we will begin our final fitness testing for the year. The extra training should hopefully make

us more prepared for the tests. Please, continue to help your child for these fitness tests the other four days when they don't have P.E. class. I have added some information about our testing and scoring if you go to the school web site, then click on student's work and finally clicking on P.E. Thanks!

FITNESS IS FUN SECTION

If we have a school initiated fundraiser to help those in need this year, more information will be forthcoming.

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.

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 heelless 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

Kindergartners have been celebrating Chinese New Year by creating Chinese New Year Dragons.

First graders have been learning about origami and working together to create landscape murals with origami coyotes. We are learning how artists show objects larger in the foreground and smaller in the background.

Second graders are creating their entries for the I-Search Calendars sponsored by the Naperville Police. Each student receives a calendar at the beginning of the year. Each month's depiction reminds children of safe behavior in the community.

Variety! Papier mache, foam “It” compositions and paint program print outs are all projects that your third graders are and will be working on in the near future. What a variety of media!

Fourth graders have created some awesome animal compositions. We are learning that creativity may mean find-

ing new ways to depict something familiar.

Fifth graders celebrated Chinese New Year by learning a bit of the history of bamboo painting and trying their hand at this different technique. Fifth graders will shift their attention to Africa by creating African masks from plaster strips and cardboard.

Denise Nickel
Art Teacher



I-Search Calendar Competition

Congratulations to the following finalists:

Andree Anastossov
Claire Brady
Jeremy Cifonie
Jake Dupre
Danny Engmark
Anastasia Frizell
Mariah Gozos
Rachel Grosch
Nick Latuszek,
Karime Maamari
Lachlan McArthur-Self
David Pinko-Marshal
Taron Rich
Calla Thielson
Karisa Zdanky



Fifth graders will soon be choosing two finalist to proceed to the Naperville Police Department.

Class Highlights...

Music



Music in our Schools Month



Schools across the country celebrate **Music In Our Schools** during the month of March. This is a time for students, parents, administrators, and music educators to celebrate the positive impact that music has on a student's complete education. This month, Clow School also joins in celebrating Music In Our Schools. Clow Band, Chorus, and Orchestra will perform together on **Monday, March 24** for an all-school assembly in the morning. Then, the band and orchestra will join the Springbrook, Builta, and Graham ensembles for an evening concert at Builta later that night.

Clow students will also be involved in music demonstrations for **Open House on Thursday, March 27**, so please be sure to stop and visit the music room!

Notes ♪ from General Music

In General Music, we celebrate Music In Our Schools every month! This past month, Kindergartners learned about fast and slow through movement and playing instruments. We also explored different ways to use our "Mickey Mouse" voice so that we can sing on the correct pitches. Finally, we explored percussion instruments as we created an Animal Band with different instruments. In the upcoming month, we will be reviewing many musical concepts already studied in class: high/low and up/down directions, same/different, and long/short. Mrs. McCoy will assess all students' understanding of these concepts.

First graders have experienced an exciting few weeks studying the string and woodwind instruments of the orchestra, as we listened and moved to the music of Saint-Saëns' Carnival of the Animals. We learned how a composer uses musical themes to help us learn about instruments. Students then transferred the musical themes to Orff instruments. In the upcoming month, we will review musical rhythms, symbols and terms in the computer lab, using the Music Ace computer program.

Second grade students continue to explore different countries with the many folk songs they are learning. We have already traveled to Ireland, Tahiti, China, and the Caribbean. In the upcoming month, we will travel to Africa as we begin to prepare for our 2nd grade musical. Students will showcase the songs they have learned throughout the year in their Spring musical in April.

Congratulations to all third grade students for an exciting performance this past month! Students worked hard to prepare for this concert, which included folk songs containing B, A, and G, and instrumental accompaniments. We are very proud of our hard work for the final performance! In the upcoming weeks, we will take a break from the recorder to study sixteenth note rhythms.

Fourth grade students had a great month of exploring Rondo form (ABACA), as they created their own Rondos for their classes! To see exam-

ples of their hard work, check out the Schoolbag website under 4th grade music! Students also studied the spiritual, Follow the Drinking Gourd. In the upcoming month, students will expand their note-reading skills on recorder and perform the *Ant Song* to correspond with their Ant Unit.

Fifth grade students had an exciting month writing *their own* musical compositions in the computer lab with the Finale Notepad computer program! Students took the musical idea studied in class, and created their own changes in rhythm and melody. Many students also created compositions to accompany their Art Dabbler projects and their social studies biographies. This month students will finish studying the spiritual *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*, and will begin Irish folk songs.

LMC Music Listening Lessons

Just a reminder that all 2nd and 3rd grade students should be working on their music listening lessons and turning them in at the end of EACH month. Students will have some class time to work on the lessons each month; however, students who do not finish during class need to work on them outside of class. Students may access the lessons through the school bag website or in the LMC listening center.

Maureen McCoy
Music Teacher



Library Media Center

Clow Kids Read for the Stars!

Did you see the American flag that was hanging in the LMC? It had 50 plus stars, more than we have states!!! Considering that each star represented 100 hours of student reading, that means that over 5000 hours of reading occurred in seven weeks at Clow! The red and blue state stars representing each of the United States will continue to hang in the LMC throughout the rest of the school year to remind everyone of all of the reading that Clow students did. Thanks to everyone for your continual support for the incentive programs that encourage what we know is an essential skill...READING!

A special "Thank You!" to our counters who spent Friday mornings and even some Thursdays, in the LMC! Thanks to you, we know exactly how many hours were spent reading during the past seven weeks. Your support always makes what we do here at Clow School a success.

As is tradition at Clow, a ticket to Great America and a ticket voucher to a Kane County Cougars baseball game that includes a hot dog and drink were earned by all children who recorded their reading for 10 hours or 600 minutes. We hope that

all of the student participants brought their totaled and signed tally sheets back to school because that's what we and Great America use to determine who receives those great incentives. For your information and planning, Clow's game dates are Saturday, May 3 @ 5 P.M. and Monday, May 26 @ 1 P.M. Kane County Cougar ticket vouchers have been distributed. If your child did not receive their voucher and they turned in their tally sheet, give us a call at 428-6067. The Great America tickets are delivered to us in May so as soon as they arrive, they will be distributed to students.

Young Authors

All of the manuscripts submitted to the PawPrints Publishing Company were considered entries into the Clow Young Author Program. It was very difficult to make a choice, but one Young Author's manuscript was selected to represent the best of Clow School. The announcement will be made in the next newsletter. Young Author manuscripts will be on display the evening of Open House so we hope that you all stop in the LMC and take a look!

Thank you to the Clow PTA for sponsoring part III of the Clow Storytelling Festival on March 28th. We will be welcoming Robert and Audrey Allison

to our school. Be sure and ask your children to tell you all about the program!

What's Up in the LMC

As always, here in the LMC, 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" at Clow (<http://clow.ipisd.org/lmc.html>). All of the contests, activities, programs, etc. that students are invited to participate in are mentioned there.

Digital Cameras

This year we are promoting participation in our cell phone collection program, printer cartridge recycling effort and a new program called Live Search: Search and Give, sponsored by Microsoft and Scholastic. The points/funds from these efforts are designated for the purchase of digital cameras for our school. Thank you for your continual support.



We wish you a very lucky month!

Mrs. Sparks and Mrs. Frett

Spring Book Fair

Spring is just around the corner so mark your calendars for the book fair at Clow. What a great time of year to spruce up your families out-dated reading collection!

Scholastic will provide the material for us this year. **The dates are April 14th during conferences for parents only (what a great way to shop) and on April 17th and April 18th for everyone to enjoy.**

Look for more details about the book fair in next month's newsletter. Hope to see you there!

**Bonnie Rogers & Mary Engmark
PTA Book Fair Coordinators**

CLOW Open House

Thursday, March 27

6:30 PM til 8:00 PM

Library Media Center

Read for the Stars



The READ FOR THE STARS Reading Incentive Program was a great success! We should all be proud of the excellent readers we have at Clow School. Thank you to all who volunteered to tally reading hours on Fridays: Chris Bickler, Pam Cahill, Samantha Elkins, Inge Fasshauer, Alex Habiger, Lucy Perez, Kim Rappe, Bonnie Rogers, Eileen Skrbec, Lisa Szabo, Cathy Taylor, Dee Valiga, Gaye Vicik, and Liz Villa. I enjoyed working with all of you.

My thanks to all who continue to volunteer in the LMC and help provide for all the programs offered to our children.

Lori Patterson, LMC Volunteer Coordinator

Birthday Book Club

So far we've had 26 birthday books donated to our LMC this year! Let's try to double that in the next month or two! 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, be sure to put one on hold. We'll be sending out ½ birthday cards to August birthday students since we know the last week or two of school is a little chaotic. June birthday cards will come out the beginning of May. **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:

Kylie Bickler	Love and Roast Chicken
Corey McGrath	Froggy Rides a Bike
Kyle Rogers	The Lemonade War
Mason Bickler	Who Moved My Cheese for Kids
Shannon Tagler	Horse
Sarah Skarr	Night Creatures
Jack Skarr	Akimbo and the Elephants

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

Accelerated Reader Program



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

	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
1	Amith Ashok	Matthew Valiga	Nikhila Pokala	Matthew Jacobson
2	Ben Reike	Anna Li	Megan Nehrkorn	Katherine Brown
3	Shola Jimoh	Bingtao Monzel	Kian Fotovat	Joshua Monzel
4	Jair Thompson	Lauren Sienko	Joseph Sieger	Noah Ostrowski
5	Naomi Keane	Ciara Raczyk	Kyle Parker	Rachel Keirse
6	Melissa Zielke	Brandon Monzel	Natalie Goldberg	Molly Price
7	Kyle Nalley	Brett Holzapfel	Megan Patterson	Maggie Stone
8	Sarah Talley	Ashley Mandel	Alaina Wilson	Ashley Maras
9	Kevin Crabbe	Margaret Stachewicz	Chloe Rappe	Sarah Waldron
			Claire Grove	Ruhana Azam
10	Konlin Vick	Erin Tagler	Andree Anastassov	Madison Reichert
				Raine Miller

Tammy Hughes
Accelerated Reader



Thank you to all the Clow teachers and staff members that helped at the February sale. You beat your record time from last year with less people!! Thank you for taking time from your schedules to help us. I know you would have rather left school to start your evening - I appreciate you all giving up your personal time to unload a truck and pack orders. Our students are lucky to have such dedicated teachers.

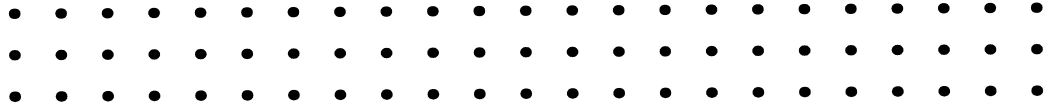
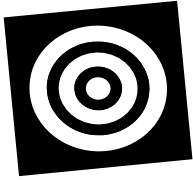
We did not meet our goal for February, but we still earned \$382.00 in profit, and are still well ahead of what we had hoped to earn to date.

The March flyer includes some new brunch items that are available for only 1 month. Please see the flyer for details of how to earn a free serving spatula.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Dee Valiga
Market Day Coordinator

PTA Happenings

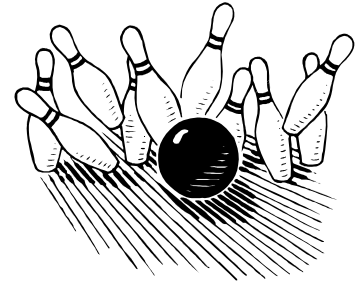


Take a Break with Friends Clow Family Fun Bowling Event!

The Family Fun Committee is hosting a Bowling Event on Sunday, March 16 at Pioneer Lanes in Plainfield.

Two sessions are available
1:00-3:00 pm and 3:30-5:30 pm.

Cost is \$7 per person
(includes shoes, two games of bowling and soft drinks.)



More details and sign-up information will be coming home soon via backpack mail.



WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE....

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

Bylaws Committee Eileen Skrbec, Iwona Boyle, and Kathleen Roberts

Carnival Committee Joann Degnan, Jennifer Isakson, and Theresa White

Market Day Mr. Andrews, Mrs. Flowers, Mrs. Frett, Mrs. Hebenstreit,
Mr. Jayne, Ms. Kaufman, Mrs. Messina, Mrs. Miller,
Mrs. Monkman, Mrs. Mulacek, Mrs. Park, Mrs. Schelling,
and Mrs. Street

PTA Happenings

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 Rd & 50th St)
630 285-5100

CANCELLED

Admission \$5.00 per skating person

Skate rental: \$2.00 – \$4.00

Note: Because the rollerskating rink is closed for repairs, the Clow PTA skating party will need to be postponed.



PTA Meeting

March 13, 2008

7:00 PM

Clow Multi-Purpose Room



Clow's Second Annual Science Fair

Friday, March 14

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Clow Gymnasium

It seems there are many inspiring scientists at Clow! We hope families will come out and see their finished results and support their experimentation! Who knows you may reawaken the scientist in you!

Deb Stevens & Mary Ann Bitz
Science Fair Co-Chairpersons



District News

Extra-Curricular Activities are More than Extra!

School Board Brief

Before the buses arrive and after they depart, extra curricular activities take center stage in District 204.

You might wonder who gets involved in the school sponsored activities that sometimes begin at 6:00 am or end at 10:00 pm. Well it's a district-wide cast of characters from teachers, administrators, parents, grandparents and of course, the students.

At our high schools, there are more than 100 clubs, teams, and associations with 7 out of 10 students participating. That represents more than 6,000 high school students with support from hundreds of staff.

But high school isn't the only place where extra curricular activities reign. At our middle schools, 30-plus clubs and teams involve our children in chess, student council, chorus, recycling, intramurals and many other rewarding activities.

Just last year, more than 1,200 students from all grades were recognized by the Board of Education for participating in Illinois State Competitions. And when you look beyond State, many students and groups went on to National Competitions held throughout the United States. Some students have turned their devotion to certain activities into college scholarships.

So if your student is looking for something to compliment studying and homework, check out the District 204 website <http://ipsdweb.ipsd.org/> and click on the school of interest. Not only will your student learn new skills or hobbies, but often, extra-curricular activities create life long bonds between students as well as staff.

John K. Stephens
Vice President, Board of Education
Indian Prairie School District 204

The McCarty/Owen PTA's Spring Summer Children's Clothing, Toy, and Equipment Resale

Saturday, March 1st

7:00 to 11:00 a.m.

(1/2 price sale 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m)

Owen Elementary School Gym

1560 Westglen Drive, Naperville

Numbers will be passed out at 6:00 a.m. at the gym entrance on the southwest side of the school. Remember to bring a laundry basket to hold all of your treasures! Items for sale include clothing (girls newborn-size 16 and boys newborn-size 20), accessories, sports equipment, holiday attire, jackets, shoes, bedding, cribs, playpens, car/booster seats, swings, exersaucers, highchairs, strollers, toys, books, puzzles, software, videos, games, and much, much more!

Sorry, no strollers, wagons, or unsupervised children allowed at the sale. Cash or checks with proper ID will be accepted. Please tell a friend. Thank you for your support!

Happy Shopping!
The McCarty/Owen PTA Resale Committee

ISAT SCHEDULE

During the two-week period beginning Monday, March 3rd and ending Friday, March 14th, Indian Prairie School District 204 students enrolled in third through eighth grade will be completing the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT). Alternatively, students with significant educational needs will complete the Illinois Alternate Assessment (IAA) from Monday, March 10th through Friday, March 28th.



Assessment sessions will likely be scheduled during the morning and distributed across multiple school days. Please contact your child's school directly should you have specific schedule or assessment questions.

Given the critical importance of optimal student performance on these assessments, please encourage your child to demonstrate his or her academic skills and knowledge through these tests.

Thank you for your positive support of our district during the administration of these important tests.

Patrick W. Nolten, Ph.D.
Director of Assessment, Research, and Evaluation
Department of Instructional Services

March Lunch Menu

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN EVENT CHANGES DAILY	MAR. 3 CHICKEN DRUMSTICK	MAR. 4 BEEF SOFT SHELL TACO	MAR. 5 *WAFFLE STICKS W/ SAUSAGE	MAR. 6 FOOTLONG HOT DOG	MAR. 7 GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH ON A WHEAT BUN
	MAR. 10 SLOPPY JOE ON A WHEAT BUN	MAR. 11 CHICKEN FAJITA	MAR. 12 *DOUBLE MINI PANCAKES 4+4=8 W/ SAUSAGE	MAR. 13 * MAC & CHEESE W/ DINNER ROLL	MAR. 14 CHICKEN BURRITO
	MAR. 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY CHICKEN CORN DOG W/ GREEN JELLO DESSERT	MAR. 18 ENCHIRITO	MAR. 19 *EGG & CHEESE SANDWICH W/ SAUSAGE	MAR. 20 * MAKE YOUR OWN PITA PIZZA	MAR. 21 NO SCHOOL
"Novel Lunch" March 24 inspired by the book "Green as a Bean" by Karla Kustin 	NOVEL LUNCH MAR. 24 *CHOLEY W/ SOFT TORTILLA SHELL	 MAR. 25 HOT DOG PARTY W/ FRUIT JUICY	MAR. 26 *FRENCH TOAST W/ SAUSAGE	MAR. 27 BEEF RAVIOLI IN TOMATO SAUCE W/ WHEAT ROLL	MAR. 28 CHICKEN STICKS
	MAR. 31 SPRING BREAK				
GRILL ITEMS SERVED WEEKLY	HOT DOG ON A WHEAT BUN	BAKED BREADED CHICKEN SANDWICH NOT SERVED DURING HOT DOG PARTY DAY	CHEESEBURGER NOT SERVED ON March 12, 2008	*STUFFED CHEESE FILLED BREADSTICK MARINARA SAUCE	*CHEESE PIZZA
FAVORITE SERVED DAILY	BAKED ALL WHITE CHICKEN NUGGETS	BAKED ALL WHITE CHICKEN NUGGETS NOT SERVED DURING HOT DOG PARTY DAY	BAKED ALL WHITE CHICKEN NUGGETS NOT SERVED ON March 12, 2008	BAKED ALL WHITE CHICKEN NUGGETS	BAKED ALL WHITE CHICKEN NUGGETS
**SALAD CHANGES DAILY	PEPPERONI PIZZA SALAD	TACO SALAD	POPCORN CHICKEN SALAD	CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD	*GARDEN SALAD
SERVED DAILY ***FUN ON THE RUN	SCOOBY DOO SNACK STRING CHEESE DANIMAL YOGURT CUP	SCOOBY DOO SNACK STRING CHEESE DANIMAL YOGURT CUP	SCOOBY DOO SNACK STRING CHEESE DANIMAL YOGURT CUP	SCOOBY DOO SNACK STRING CHEESE DANIMAL YOGURT CUP	SCOOBY DOO SNACK STRING CHEESE DANIMAL YOGURT CUP
FROM THE GARDEN ** CHANGE DAILY	TOSSED SALAD GREEN BEANS CARROT COINS BROCCOLI FLORETTES GRAPES DICED PEARS	SHREDDED LETTUCE SALSA BLACK OLIVES DICED PINEAPPLE ORANGE WEDGES DICED PEACHES	ROMAINE LETTUCE PICKLE CHIPS CARROT COINS MANDARIN ORANGES DICED PEARS MIXED FRUIT	TOSSED SALAD CARROT COINS CAULIFLOWER FLORETTES APRICOT HALVES RED APPLE GRAPES	ROMAINE LETTUCE SLICED CUCUMBER CORN DICED PEARS 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

***Fun on the Run, Scooby Doo Snack, String Cheese and Danimal Yogurt Cup –

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

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

Make your own Pita Pizza, with Pita Bread, Marinara Sauce and Mozzarella Cheese Cup



March 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5	6 2008-09 Kindergarten Parent Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	7 Spirit Day	8
9	10	11	12 Market Day Pickup	13 PTA Meeting Multipurpose Room 7:00 p.m.	14 Science Fair 6:30-8:00	15
16 Bowling Party (1:00 or 3:30)	17	18	19	20 End of 3rd Quarter	21 No School	22
23	24 Chorus, Band & Orchestra Performance	25	26	27 Clow Open House 6:30-8:00 p.m.	28	29
30	31 Spring Break begins					