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PTA President's Message

I cannot believe that we have already finished the 1st quarter and are now ready for Parent Teacher Conferences. Conferences are an important role in your child's school experience. Communication between home and school gives you a greater understanding of their day, and gives you necessary information for their success. I hope you take advantage of the time you have to spend with your child's teacher, learning more about both your child and the teacher.

To help resolve the funding shortfall due to lower wrapping paper sales, the PTA has already reduced/eliminated spending in those areas that do not directly involve the children. Gina Ramsey has been busy coordinating events at local restaurants to help make up the difference. Our Oberweis and Wendy's nights were both successes in October. Not only did we make some money for our PTA programs,

but it was also a great opportunity to visit with other Clow families outside the school environment. We will be having both Wendy's and Culver's nights in November - please see the article by Gina for the details.

This month, we are introducing a new Family Fun Event for Clow families. Lori Summers has arranged a movie night at Nova 8. They have offered us a private screening of a new release movie at a discounted rate.

We do, however, have to meet a minimum number of people in attendance to get this special private event. Please check her article for complete details and RSVP to her so we can truly make this a Clow event. It's another great opportunity to get to know other Clow families better.

November also brings us the Thanksgiving holiday. In the spirit of giving thanks, I would like to thank all the Clow teach-

ers, staff and families for all their support of our PTA. We would not be able to provide the students with our programs and events, without all of your help. On behalf of the entire Clow PTA - THANK YOU!! I'd also like to thank everyone that serves on the PTA board. I have seen, first hand, all your hard work and dedication to our school, and know that Clow is a great place to be due to all of you. I am very proud to work among such a great group of parents.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving break, however you choose to spend it. Take time to reflect on all you have to be thankful for, and spend time with family and friends. Your time is the greatest gift you can give another person.

Dee Valiga
PTA President

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From the Principal's Desk



November is upon us. I always think it is one of the quickest months of the year because of the many activities at school. Be sure to mark your calendar for the following important upcoming dates.

Parent and Teacher Conferences will take place this year on Nov. 4, 6, and 10. You likely have signed up for a conference by now. If you have not, please contact your child's teacher immediately to choose a date and time. The conference allows precious time for you to discuss your child's progress. Just as you would not miss a check-up with your child's pediatrician, please make the conference a priority.

In honor of **American Education Week**, parents may visit our school during the school day on Monday, November 17. Classes are in session from 9:05 A.M. to 3:35 P.M. Please look for further communication from your child's teacher as well as in the Kaufman Communicator. These visits are a unique opportunity to get a glimpse of your child's day. Few schools continue to offer this special day, but the Clow staff is committed to parent involvement; we provide this special visit day so that you can stay in touch with your child's school experience.

Fifth Grade parents who have a child in Band or Orchestra will want to mark their calendars for Wednesday, November 19, when our annual Demonstration Concert will take place.

The end of the month of course brings the Thanksgiving Break. November 25-30 will hopefully provide lots of time for you and your family to enjoy quality time together.

**Barbara Kaufman
Clow Principal**

I had rather be shut up in a very modest cottage, with my books, my family and a few old friends...letting the world roll on as it likes, than to occupy the most splendid post which any human power can give.

~ Abraham Lincoln



AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

November 17—November 21

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Class Highlights...

Kindergarten

Kindergartners will be studying the basic food groups and healthy eating. We will discuss and reenact the Pilgrims trip to America, their hardships during the trip their life after arrival in America.



In Math, we will be working on recognizing numbers 0-20, counting, and recognizing coins (penny, nickel, dime). We will continue to work on AB and ABC patterning activities.

We will learn the name, sound, how to print correctly positioned on the lines, the capital and lower case letters we introduce and discuss each week. It is always a surprise to see which letter is featured each week and what new poem we will read. It is very helpful to review the letter sounds and correct way to print each letter at home. It is very important that your child practice reading and recognizing the sight words. We are working very hard to consistently print our names with one capital letter and the rest lower case letters.

After being in school for just two months, we have really noticed the progress our "little ones" have been making. We are so proud of them! Thanks to our parents for all your help and support. So much progress cannot be made without everyone working together.

The Kindergarten Team

First Grade

November finds us working hard in first grade! We are reading in our anthology *Catch a Dream*. Please continue practicing new and previously learned **Word Wall Words** to help build a good reading foundation.

In Language Arts, we are reviewing consonants and the short vowel sounds. Blending these sounds together helps us to spell words in our independent writing. The writing focus will be using conventions of capital letters and correct ending marks in sentence writing. In Writer's Workshop, we will be working on narrative writing. Students will be working on a beginning, a middle, and an end for their stories.

We encourage you to check the weekly class newsletters for the skills and games covered in the Everyday Math series.



In Science, we have begun our study of the Rocks and Soil Unit. We will be thinking like "Junior Geologists!" We will be learning about sedimentary, igneous, and metamorphic rocks. We also will be learning about basic landforms and the continents.

As part of our Technology Curriculum, the first graders will begin a unit on keyboarding. The focus of this unit is to introduce students to the use of the left and right hands when keyboarding. It will also familiarize them with the function keys.

In Social Studies, we will be learning about Native Americans and the First Thanksgiving.

We are looking forward to Parent-Teacher Conferences this month.

As always, we thank you for your continued support and cooperation in the education of your child.

The First Grade Team

Second Grade

November is a time to be thankful and we're thankful to be second graders! This month we are keeping busy by learning many new and exciting things.



In Social Studies, we will be learning about America long, long ago. This unit will teach us all about Native Americans and up to the Civil War. It's great for the kids to learn about where and how tribes lived. We will also take a "trip" on the *Mayflower* and see what it was like to be a British Citizen or an American colonist during the Revolutionary times.

In math, we will be working with money, telling time, analyzing data, and place value. We will continue to work with addition math facts in the Otter Creek program. Keep practicing those facts (to twenty) and strategies at home!

Our reading strategy for the month is making connections. We will practice making connections to the books we are reading. Students will learn to connect their thoughts and ideas to the world around them. They will also learn to connect themes in stories to other materials they have read. Also, second graders will be introduced to many of the series chapter books we have available in our LMC through our "Book Blast" celebration. This will be a great way to expand our reading selections and continue to grow in our reading abilities.

In writing, we will continue our narrative writing technique along with some persuasive writing too. We will also learn more about research skills as we investigate the world of reptiles!

Have a wonderful and safe holiday from the second grade team!

The Second Grade Team



Class Highlights...

Third Grade

It is hard to believe that it is already November! The third graders have been working very hard this year. Our theme for this month is "family". We will be completing a variety of activities that focus on the strong bonds of each individual Clow family in third grade.

In fact, we will be exploring each family's history during our Immigration unit in Social Studies. The third graders will be adventuring through a simulation of Ellis Island in class. Students will then utilize various resources to research when their own personal ancestors came to America, as well as finding out where their family lineage originated. By the end of our unit, students will discover how immigration has progressed and changed over time.

During our writing lessons, we will be focusing on writing narrative stories. We will review the components of narrative writing, as well as work on word choice.

Gobble! Gobble! We are continuing our A.K.O.R.N., and this month's theme is historical fiction. Each student will be required to read at least one historical fiction book during November. Please continue to encourage your child to read each night, and work towards meeting their personal monthly reading goal. We hope that the third graders are ready to "gobble up" some great books this month!

Also, as a reminder, Parent Teacher Conferences are on November 4th, 6th, and 10th. Please call or send a note if you have not signed up for a time. We are looking forward to meeting you again and discussing your child's individual progress in third grade.

The Third Grade Team



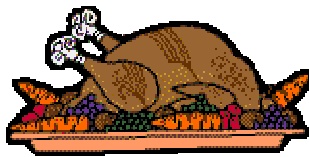
Fourth Grade

Hopefully you haven't planned your Thanksgiving dinner yet! The fourth graders will be planning and writing about the "Yummiest Meal of All." Be sure to take notice of how your child uses strong word choice while developing their writing voice to describe appetizers, entrees, and desserts. The students will use this persuasive piece as a way of encouraging you to revise the menu for one of the meals your family shares together.

Our fourth graders are off and running on the campaign trail. Each group has elected a presidential and vice-presidential candidate. They have developed a party platform expressing their beliefs about the important issues of education and the environment. Platform question and answer forums will be held prior to voting. Get up-to-the-minute election coverage from your child.

Wrapping up our health unit, we will be exploring the connection between the Circulatory System and Respiratory System. Our focus will be on the way air enters the body, how smoking damages our lungs, and the basic parts of the Respiratory System. Look for the science packet coming home in their pocket portfolio.

The Fourth Grade Team



Happy Thanksgiving

Fifth Grade

Moving on from constellations to microscopes, fifth grade scientists will focus on different cell structures as they begin the small life unit.



In Social Studies, students will be taking an educational voyage as the children learn about the colonization of America. From Jamestown to the Southern Colonies of the 18th century, children will discover the trials and tribulations of moving to a new land. Students should be working diligently on their Colonial Photo Story in class.

We're sure that 100% of our students will love Math this month as we learn about fractions, decimals and percentages. Children will also learn about pie charts and a variety of ways to compare parts to the whole group. Take time to review common vocabulary with your child such as numerator, denominator, and percent.

Throughout the month, fifth graders will continue to use sound reading strategies and enhance their fluency by participating in a classroom reader's theatre presentation called Name This American.

They have done a great job so far this year, and we are all looking forward to sharing your children's accomplishments with you during parent conferences.

The Fifth Grade Team

Class Highlights...

Art

The kindergartners have been busy painting. Students were introduced to the line patterns embellishing Navajo blankets then painted a picture using a variety of lines that repeated from top to bottom. Next, the kindergartners were introduced to Kandinsky and created abstract paintings that had lines, free form shapes and geometric shapes. The kindergartners then used geometric shapes to paint **The Cat in the Hat** portrait and a painting of a panda bear. You may have heard your child talk about a Miss Maria who helps out in art. Neuqua Valley has a program called *Kid to Kid* in which psychology students work with elementary students as part of their curriculum. We are lucky to have Miss Maria help out with KMe and KMi once or twice a week.

As artists, we see things in lines. First graders are learning the different vocabulary of line direction. Vertical, diagonal and horizontal lines are seen all around us. First grade students are creating Native American pouches. They will learn patterns and lines common to the Native American and sew a pouch with yarn.



Second graders are studying nature. They have created oil pastel composition of leaves and will start a glue print tree. Students will practice drawing trees with straight lines, curved lines and "lines that change their minds." By drawing the same subject in different ways, second graders learn a bit about creativity. The drawing is traced over with glue that hardens. The students "ink up" and print this glue board then add water colors to the finished print. Second graders will be writing poems in their classroom to go along with their tree prints.

Third graders are busy creating the backdrop for their recorder concert

which will take place later this year. We read a book about Andy Warhol and are creating compositions of recorders in a pop art style. Movement, rhythm, balance and unity are important in creating these compositions.

Clow fourth graders have been learning how artists use lines to express feeling and show space. Look for their Picasso self-portraits and essay coming home. These self-expressions let us understand how our students see themselves.

This is an exciting year for fifth graders. This year's fifth graders are creating self-portraits that will be changed into tiles. A tile wall will be a permanent display here at Clow. The students have been putting their best efforts into this project. Please stop by and see the end product after it has been installed. I'll be informing you about when it is up in the next issues of the newsletter.

Denise Nickel
Art Teacher



Physical Education

We continue on our path to better health and fitness. As the weather begins to change, the challenge to continue our fitness might take a turn to the great indoors. The challenge to move inside leads to one of not as much

space as the great outdoors. I am not saying to abandon the value of the outdoors, but being inside lends itself to probably more creativity! I can't stress enough from newsletter to newsletter, doing activities that you can continuously stretch the time out on each session to further help the students be better prepared to last longer in our activities and through each and every school day. The benefits are numerous such as increased blood flow to all parts of the body (including the brain), feeling good about ourselves, and research has

shown that exercise has the ability to grow new brain cells! So keep at it. Keep fighting the good 'health' fight. There are many more challenges children face today that are pulling them towards lives of inactivity. Let's WIN that battle for our children's sake and for all our futures (sorry got to thinking about the Presidential election and the victory speech).

The Game Plan

K-5th grade: The main area to be taught this month is on Nutrition. We will talk, discuss and demonstrate positive ways to help us learn about nutrition. Sprinkled in between will be games/activities about Nutrition and making healthy choices. Having the students help with grocery shopping and showing them the values on the back of the cans does give them a real perspective on nutrition and the numerical values as well as teaches them about budgeting/math concepts.

Fitness if Fun



By the time this newsletter goes out, Clow School will have completed its first **Fun Run/Walk/Talk!** On October 31, we held the Great Pumpkin Run/Walk. The event started at 7:45 a.m. with sign-in. Participants received a certificate of participation and filled out a raffle ticket (hopefully)!! We had a group warm-up which led right into our 20 minutes walk/jog/run or combination of those. At the end of the 20 minutes, we all had a nutritious snack to eat which we brought from home and (hopefully) had our raffle drawing.

Our FUN RUN/WALK/TALK events are designed to include the whole school community. It is a non-threatening, non-competitive event with no ribbons and medals. I hope you and your family will join us at our next Run/Walk/Talk which is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 24!

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Class Highlights...

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Congrats to our four Clow School students who went to the Sectional competition in **the Punt, Pass and Kick Competition**. They each qualified to advance to the Sectionals by coming in first place at Clow. I want to thank all the students who participated and let you know they all did a great job! The students are: **Hailey Furio** (4A) and **Kyle Nalley** (3F) in the 8-9 year old group; and representing the 10-11 year old group is **Madeline Lendino** (5M) and **Jake Dupre** (5P). A HUGE congrats goes out to Madeline for making it 4 out of 4 times in a row and winning the Sectional event. She now advances to the State level by competing at Soldier Field (in which she receives free tickets for herself and parents). Way cool! Go N.F.L and Pepsi for sponsoring the event and **GO MADELINE!**



Please continue to have your child(ren) prepare for P.E. class with safe and comfortable gym shoes.

Appropriate clothing to allow for movement is also so important. *Our gym is now carpeted.*

Timm Jayne
Physical Education

Music

Notes 🎵 from General Music

This past month Kindergartners developed their high and low voices through different singing experiences. Students experienced high and low through body movements and by tossing a ball in different directions. Students also experimented with different animal sounds. Every day Kindergartners work on pitch-matching skills through echo-singing *so* and *mi*, which helps students understand the concepts of high and low. Students continue to develop a steady beat daily, as they create different movements to a steady beat in class. Students

used their steady beat to create different AB patterns in music, reinforcing what they worked on in math class. In this fall season of music, Kindergartners will journey through various seasonal songs that reinforce rhythms and *so, mi, la* melodies.

First grade students explored their creativity this past month, as they used their voices and percussion instruments to retell the story, *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. Students are working on distinguishing the rhythm of the words from the steady beat through stories like this and hand-clapping games. In the upcoming month, students will learn about AB form (same/different) with the song, *Matilda*, by Harry Belafonte. Students will continue to distinguish between same/different throughout the month.

Second grade students experienced ABA form this past month through poems and melodies. In the upcoming month, we will study the composer, Sergei Prokofiev, and the story *Peter and the Wolf*.

Hopefully by now all third grade students have brought their recorders home to demonstrate what they are learning in class. If not, please ask your child to share some of the things learned in class. Students are encouraged to practice at home to reinforce concepts learned in class and to prepare for play-
ing assessments. We have been working



diligently to learn how to read and play the notes B, A, and G, and produce a beautiful tone on our instruments. We are already off to a great start!

Fourth grade students reviewed rhythms this past month. Students will be assessed on these rhythms in the second quarter. Students began putting their storytelling skills to good use as they retold the African folktale, *Anansi the Spider* with various instruments and rhythms. Students will return to their recorder study as they expand their knowledge to melodic expression and the lower recorder notes.

Fifth grade students are continuing to prepare for their musical. Students have been working hard on learning and preparing songs with rhythm and melody. This past month students have polished their rhythms and are continuing to refine their skills identifying melodies. Students will then learn about chords as they prepare their final pieces for the program. The fifth grade students will present their program on **Thursday, December 4th at 7:00pm**. Please save the date!

Speaking of programs, the fifth grade students still need extra supplies for their program. Each student needs a pair of 1 inch dowels (about a foot long). I have some in class, but not enough for every student. If you have any of these at home that you can donate, we would greatly appreciate it.

Maureen McCoy
General Music, Chorus, & Drum Ensemble

Chorus Notes 🎵

Choir is off to a great start! Thank you to all members for your commitment to Thursday morning rehearsals, and special thank you to those students who have made the commitment to BOTH band/orchestra and choir! Remember that if you are sick, have a doctor's appointment, or will not be at choir for a personal reason to please contact Mrs. McCoy and let her know so that you will be excused from choir (even the next day is OK). Choir is still open to any new members who would like to join. Any student considering joining choir is welcome to come to a rehearsal to see what we do.

Parents, please remember that there is no supervision for students BEFORE 7:50 a.m. Students that arrive prior to 7:50 a.m. on Thursday mornings must be supervised by a parent. Thank you for your cooperation and support of all students' safety!

Library Media Center

From the LMC

Worthy Causes of the Year

As you know, this year we had our own election at Clow School and that was for a worthy cause to focus our support on. Students campaigned for A.D.O.P.T., Coach Care, Hesed House, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, the Nicole Paige White Cancer Research Foundation, Soldier's Angels, and the Winnebago County Animal Shelter. The top vote getter will be our main focus, but the first and second runners up will get some attention too. The ballots will be cast the last week in October and the results announced at November's **What's Up in the LMC**. More information will also follow in December's newsletter article.

Family Reading

This is a great time of year to remind everyone how important reading as a family is.



I recently came across a poster while reading the *Teacher Librarian Journal* that sends a very helpful message: "Tonight at the dinner table read something out loud to your family. Tomorrow night, let another member of the family read something; a news story, a Robert Frost poem, a religious verse, a cereal box, history, humor, anything. Each night a different family member can read a selection. Imagine the wide range of subjects your family will read in 365 days. What a stimulating way to have your children develop good reading habits. We have millions of illiterate adults in North America. We wouldn't have one if each of them had been served reading as part of their nightly diet. It's nonfattening but enriching and doesn't cost a dime."

In honor of family reading, we are celebrating **Family Reading Night** in the

Library Media Center on Thursday, November 20 from 6:30-8:00 PM. Come with your family and enjoy story selections read by some of our favorite teachers along with family reading time. This is one evening that students will be able to read and take Accelerated Reader Quizzes with their parent's assistance. So put the date and time on your calendar and we'll see you then.

If you are ever in a quandary as to what books might be interesting or appropriate for your child, please visit a couple of places on our website. There are hundreds of books recommended **BY** Clow students **FOR** Clow students in the *Read Book Reviews Here* section of our LMC homepage. For pre-selected book lists, you can visit the *Categories* section of our *Patron Catalog*. Just click on the little girl standing at the computer searching through the patron catalog on a number of the LMC webpages. And...Thanks to PTA funding, Clow families can go to the *AR Interactive Quiz List* link on our LMC homepage. In the left hand margin, there are some additional book lists to pursue. As you read and talk about reading with your child, please feel free to recommend new titles to us by clicking on the *Do You Have a Bright Idea? / LMC Suggestion Box* link on our homepage.

Book Fair News

Get Ready! The Book Fair is coming the first week in December. It will be a great place to do some of your holiday shopping and help Clow School at the same time. 25% of all sales will go to purchasing materials and programs for Clow students. The Anderson book fair company will be supplying our books for this fair.

If you are interested in volunteering some time to help make this fair a success, a note will be going home in backpack mail, so be on the lookout.

Webographers



We had such a tremendous turnout for the Webographer program this year that we are still in the process of training students. In order for certified Webographers to get their photos ready for our website we have created Webographer Wednesdays. This is a time for Webographers to come before and after school to do their photo work that they cannot get done during the school day. The intent is that these students are responsible to do this independently and with minimal if no adult involvement.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone from the LMC staff!
Mrs. Lee Sparks & Mrs. Bev Frett

LMC Hours

*Before School Hours**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

8:30 a.m. - 9:05 a.m.

During the School Day

Monday - Friday

9:05 a.m. - 3:35 a.m.

*After School Hours**

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

3:35 - 4:15 p.m.

(closed after school on half days or afternoons before a holiday)

**Parent/Adult Supervision required during these hours.*

<http://clow.ipspd.org/lmc.html>

Library Media Center

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



The LMC schedule for the rest of 2008 has been sent via e-mail. I am pleased to report that we have several new volunteers in the LMC this year. If anyone else is interested in volunteering a day or two each month, feel free to contact me.

I want to thank all of my volunteers for giving their time in the LMC. Our children greatly benefit because of your assistance! My best wishes to you and your families for a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Be sure to join us at the Book Fair in December!

Lori Patterson, LMC Coordinator

Market Day

We had another successful Market Day! Things ran a lot smoother thanks to all our wonderful volunteers: Chuck Dupre, Andrea Seddon, Cathy Bosma, Kim and Chloe Rappe, Eileen Skrbec, Kim and Abby McArthur, Sue DalMoro, Nancy Schultz, and Janet Mazur! Again, I apologize if I missed anyone!



This month we have an opportunity to make some extra money with "**Sweet Rewards--Dessert Bonus Days!**" Order your Thanksgiving and holiday desserts now and Clow School gets extra profit. Did everyone get a chance to try the new carrot cakes that were

samples last month? DELICIOUS! Did you know that you can order Market Day gift certificates? Now that's a gift everyone could use!

Thanks for supporting Market Day and Clow School!

Peggy Blankschein
Market Day Coordinator

Orders are due in the school office by Friday, October 31, and internet orders are due by Saturday, November 1 at 12:00 p.m. Pickup is Wednesday, November 5.



Accelerated Reader Program

Congratulations to the TOP TEN Point Earners!



	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
1	Kasey Gillespie	Darren Huang	Aarya Chandhok	Paige Carlson
2	Emma Richarson	Ben Rieke	Matthew Valiga	Alaina Wilson
3	Max Schiewe	Naomi Keane	Megan Ostrowski	Jacob Sampson
4	Shannon Tagler	Kyle Nalley	Dharm Sodha	Tyler Schultz
5	Jack Schiewe	Jair Thompson	Johnathon Keenan	Nikhila Polala
6	Nicholas Taylor	Joesph Walwer	Andrew Orzechwicz	Emily Stevens
7	Ashley Hyatt	Brandon Cox	Sevan Tamazian	Kyler Boyle
8	Alexandra Lichtman Taylor Wiewiora	Brant Luehrsen Sarah Talley	Nicolette Ramos	Joseph Seiger
9	Jaclyn Tucker	Niraj Lawande	Michaela Kincaid	Mitchell Barry
10	Daniel Grosch	Shola Jimoh	Jessica Gosswein	Kendall Thielsen

Tammy Hughes, Accelerated Reader Chairperson

Library Media Center

Birthday Book Club

Is your child's birthday coming up soon? The Birthday Book Club provides a great opportunity for you to honor your child's birthday with a book donation to the Clow LMC. Your contribution for a personally dedicated book for the LMC is \$10.00. Your child can either check out the LMC's *birthday book catalog*, visit the online birthday book catalog, or just check out the shelf behind Mrs. Sparks' desk and find a great book! Another option is to visit Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville and purchase a new hardcover book from the *Best Books for Children* book list that is also available in our catalog.

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

To get to the online catalog, go to either http://clow.ipisd.org/lmc_pta_birthday_book_club.html or go to Clow's website (www.clow.ipisd.org), click on the LMC link on the left, scroll down to The Clow PTA Supports the Clow LMC Program, click on Birthday Book Club, then click on the Birthday Book Catalog link.

If you have any questions, please contact me at patty.schiewe@comcast.net.

Patty Schiewe
Birthday Book Coordinator

Clow's Birthday Book Club is off to a great start. Thank you and happy birthday to all. Our newest members include:

Alexandra Lichtman	<u><i>Precious and the Boo Hag</i></u>
Ellie Hofeman	<u><i>Miss Bindergarten Takes a Field Trip with Kindergarten</i></u>
Paul Degnan	<u><i>Diary of a Fly</i></u>
Ben Schiewe	<u><i>Spiders</i></u>
Matt Valiga	<u><i>The River</i></u>
Bobby Valiga	<u><i>Frogs</i></u>



PawPrints Publishing

The Publishing Center is up and running! Special thanks to the following parents who are volunteering their time to type and bind the manuscripts: Kelly Jourdan, Janet Nalley, Marty Oakley, Lucy Perez, Barb Stephens, Deb Stevens, and Cathy Taylor.

There have been 34 wonderful stories published so far this year! Our first hardback book of the year is in its final editing stages! Keep an eye out for *Training a Champion* by Ciara Raczky! We look forward to publishing many more great stories and poems this year.

Remember kids - books make great gifts for moms, dads, aunts uncles, grandmas and grandpas! Turn your books in now to avoid the holiday rush!! We guarantee your published stories will become cherished keepsakes! Submitting a book to the Publishing Center is easy! Just grab the Student Jobsheet from the LMC and submit your stupendous stories soon!

Chris Bickler
PawPrints Publishing



Box Tops, Campbell's and Tyson Labels

Over the years, the Box Top, Campbell's and Tyson Labels campaign has been an easy, successful fundraiser for Clow School. Please continue to clip and save these labels for our school. All labels can be dropped into the collection box located by the school office.

Thanks for your continued support!



Recycling Fundraiser

Please continue to bring in your used ink cartridges and old cell phones to the LMC. This program will provide the LMC with funds to purchase new cameras for the Webographer Program.

LMC's Family Reading Night

Thursday, November 20

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

PTA Happenings

Reflections Program

The deadline for the Reflections program was October 8, 2008. Fifty-eight Clow students participated this year, submitting 85 projects! The names of all students who submitted a project will be published in the next newsletter. Judging is scheduled to take place on October 21, 2008, and select projects will be chosen to advance to the next level of competition.

Non-advancing projects will be rotated through a bulletin board display at Clow. All projects will be returned to students at the reception in the spring.

Thanks to all students who participated and all parents/guardians who helped their children with the submission process!

Samantha Elkins
Kathleen Roberts
Reflections Chairpersons



Holiday Shop 2008

Make sure you mark your calendars for this event because you do not want to miss it.

Clow Holiday Shop

Friday, December 5

6pm-8pm



We are trying to turn this event into a fun family holiday experience. We will be serving holiday treats, having Gregory's Jazz Band play, Clow students singing and a great holiday atmosphere. We will have a child's vendor but will be adding outside vendors. If you have any items you wish to sell please contact me. We do have *Tastefully Simple* and *Pampered Chef* coming. We also have Kate Dwyer from *Lollipop Portraits* coming to take family holiday photos.

To ensure this event is successful, we need more vendors. If you are interested, please contact me.

Theresa White
Holiday Shop Coordinator
lvtexgal@sbcglobal.net

PTA Meetings

November 5; 2:00 p.m.*
No meeting in December

*The time has changed this year to allow staff time to clean the room after the additional lunch hour for the kindergarten classes.

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PTA Salutes

Thank you to Gina Ramsey for all her hard work with the Wrapping Paper Sale, and arranging all the family nights at local restaurants.

Thank you to the Reflections Committee, Samantha Elkins, Kathleen Roberts and Diana Kincaid for coordinating our Reflections program again.

Clow Fundraisers

Happy Fall everyone! I just wanted to give you an update on some upcoming fundraisers! Oberweiss and Wendy's were such a big hit we are going to keep these up!

Our Wendy's fundraiser will take place on Tuesday, November 11th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at 95th St. and Rte. 59. You can go through the drive through, dine in, or carry out. Dee Valiga will be inside during these hours, so feel free to stop in and say hello.

The other fundraiser for November will be at **Culvers at Rte. 59 and 75th St. on Tuesday, November 25**, so if you're tired of all of the cooking and planning for Thanksgiving, stop in at Culvers and grab a burger. Check backpack mail for the coupons!

We are going to have our regular Wendy's fundraiser on the second Tuesday of December, and on **Saturday, December 13 and Sunday, December 14, we will have a fundraiser at Learning Express in the Jewel-Osco Shopping Center at the corner of Rte 59 and 95th St.** You will get coupons that will give you 10% off of your purchase and another 10% of your purchase will go to the Clow PTA!

As always, thank you for all of your support of our PTA Fundraisers, and I hope to see you all soon!

Gina Ramsey
Ways and Means



**Newsletter
Deadline**

November 18, 2008

Send articles to
shannonlraczyk@yahoo.com.

PTA Happenings

CLOW MOVIE NIGHT

Admit One

Admit One

November 14

6:20 P.M.

Nova 8 Cinemas

Movie: Madagascar 2

Cost: \$6/person
(includes ticket, popcorn and pop)



We need 150 people to guarantee this private showing and to lock in the \$6/person. Please contact Lori Summers at summers6@wowway.com by Nov. 7th if you are interested in attending.

Clow's Annual Blood Drive

In cooperation with Lifesource Blood Services, Clow's annual blood drive will be held Monday, November 10th from 4:00p.m. to 8:30p.m. in the multi-purpose room. This is one of the nights of parent/teacher conferences. If you are willing to donate, please fill out the bottom portion of this form and send it back to school. A volunteer will call to set up an exact appointment time. Your donation could save a life. Please consider giving.

Clow's Annual Blood Drive

Monday, November 10, 2008

Name _____

Phone _____

Email (optional) _____

Preferred time (circle): 4-5

5-6

6-7

7-8



District News

IPPC Updates



The October 16, IPPC meeting featured 'Go Green' initiatives! Several schools within the district are implementing earth-friendly efforts to reduce our negative impact on the environment. Representatives from Young and Patterson elementary schools presented the programs being implemented at their schools.

FAST FACT: Did you know that nearly 19,000 lbs of garbage comes from one elementary school each year! AND did you know that if every child brought waste-free lunches to school, we could divert 1.2 billion lbs from landfills!

(Source:
http://young.ipsd.org/documents/Waste_Free_Lunches_at_Young.pdf)

On October 17, District 204 launched an online e-Folder for community organization flyers. This eco-friendly information distribution system saves resources and the time required to sort and handle materials. The e-Folder is located on the district's website, <http://ipsdweb.ipsd.org/eFolder.aspx>. Flyers from community organizations will be added to the e-Folder each week. Last year, the district sent home more than 3 million pieces of paper in backpacks on behalf of community organizations.

Community Flyers

<http://ipsdweb.ipsd.org/eFolder.aspx>.

Dr. Daeschner spoke about school improvement plans and the results of standardized testing which have just been published. While he was pleased with the overall results, he stressed the need for continued improvement across the district.

Clow's results can be found at:
http://www.ipsd.org/Documents/RptCards07/clow_report_card.pdf.

Dr. Daeschner also addressed the status of Metea Valley's construction, which is on schedule, and the efforts that are being made to assist all affected students with transitions to their new schools.

Chris Bickler
IPPC Representative

Indian Prairie Special Needs PTA

The Indian Prairie Special Needs (IPSN) PTA is a group of parents and caregivers who have children with special needs in IPSD 204. Following is a list of upcoming events.

Culver's Benefit Night: Wednesday, November 19, 2008, 4-8 p.m. - Please support the IPSN PTA by dining at Culver's of Aurora, Rte. 59 and 75th street. 10% of all sales (including drive-thru) go to the IPSN PTA!

Airtastic Play Land Night: Saturday November 15, 2008, 6-9 p.m. - We have set aside a night for IPSN PTA members ONLY to enjoy a FUN NIGHT! Cost is \$20 per family of four (\$5 each add'l.) Advance registration

is due by November 10 with waiver to: IPSN PTA, Attn: Fun Night, P.O. Box 9647, Naperville, IL, 60567-9647. Contact Amy Skarr for more information (630-527-1382).

This month's IPSN PTA meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Howard E. Crouse Education Center at 7:00 p.m. on Nov. 18, 2008. At this meeting there will be an explanation of Fast Track Program & ways the Police Dept. and Fast Track team members communicate with people who have Down Syndrome, Autism or other special needs.

IPSN PTA now has a direct link on Clow's Website thanks to the help of Mrs. Frett! Just click on the PTA tab and you will find our link!

Please contact me with any comments, questions or suggestions at markandamyskarr@comcast.

Amy Skarr
Clow parent and
PTA - IPSNPTA Liaison

CULTURAL ARTS FAIR

Let's Celebrate Our Diversity





December 6, 2008

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Crone Middle School
4020 111th street, Naperville

Sponsored by the Parent Diversity Advisory Council.

November Lunch Menu

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN EVENT 	NOV. 3 Baked Chicken Tender Wrap with Cheese or Black Bean Salad Wrap	NOV. 4 NO SCHOOL	NOV. 5 *French Toast Sticks with or without Sausage Patty	NOV. 6 Tortilla Chips w/ Taco Meat or *Cheese Sauce	NOV. 7 ****Roasted Red Pepper Hummus Dip with Pita Bread
	NOV. 10 "NOVEL LUNCH" Meatball Sub	NOV. 11 NO SCHOOL	NOV. 12 *Cheese Omelet with or without Sausage Patty	NOV. 13 *Cheese Filled Bread Sticks with Marinara Sauce	 NOV. 14 GALAXY PIZZA PARTY W/ FRUIT JUICY
"Novel Lunch" Nov 10th Inspired by the book "On Top of Spaghetti" by Paul Brett Johnson	 NOV. 17 A SLICE FROM ROCCO CHEESE PIZZA W/ FRUIT SNACKS	NOV. 18 *Baked Bean Enchirito topped with Salsa and Cheese	NOV. 19 *Double Mini Pancakes with or without Sausage Patty	 NOV. 20 THANKSGIVING LUNCH TURKEY w/ GRAVY CORN CRANBERRY SAUCE AND SWEET POTATO	NOV. 21 ****Oriental Rice Boat with choice of Stir Fry Vegetables or Orange Chicken
Produce of the Month "Sweet Potato"	NOV. 24 *Cheese Quesadilla with Corn Tortilla Chips and Salsa	NOV. 25 Taco Meat and or *Cheese on a Potato Shell	NOV. 26 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	NOV. 27 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	NOV. 28 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK
GRILL	All Beef Hot Dog on a Bun NOT SERVED DURING 11/17	Cheeseburger on a Bun	Enjoy today's Breakfast for Lunch Menu	Chicken Patty on a Bun NOT SERVED DURING 11/20	Enjoy today's "Around the World" Menu
FAVORITE	*Cheese Pizza with Whole Grain NOT SERVED DURING 11/17	Baked Chicken Sticks	Mini Bagel with Cream Cheese and with or without Sausage Patty	Mini Chicken Corn Dog NOT SERVED DURING 11/20	Baked Chicken Sticks NOT SERVED DURING 11/14
SALAD SANDWICH	Chef Salad SunButter Sandwich w/ Jelly	Taco Salad SunButter Sandwich w/ Jelly	Pepperoni Salad SunButter Sandwich w/ Jelly	Cheese Salad SunButter Sandwich w/ Jelly	Chicken Caesar Salad SunButter Sandwich w/ Jelly
***FUN ON THE RUN	Blueberry Muffin String Cheese Trix Yogurt Cup Strawberry/Banana	Whole Grain Pretzel Rod String Cheese Trix Yogurt Cup Strawberry/Banana	Blueberry Muffin String Cheese Trix Yogurt Cup Strawberry/Banana	Whole Grain Pretzel Rod String Cheese Trix Yogurt Cup Strawberry/Banana	Blueberry Muffin String Cheese Trix Yogurt Cup Strawberry/Banana
FROM THE GARDEN *** CHANGE DAILY	Tossed Romaine Carrot Sticks Peas Mandarin Oranges Grapes Diced Pears	Shredded Lettuce Red Kidney Beans Tomato Salsa Applesauce Orange Wedges Mixed Fruit	Tossed Romaine Cauliflower Carrot Coins Diced Peaches Apple Pineapple Chunks	Tossed Romaine Cucumber Slice Cherry Tomatoes Apricot Halves Applesauce Grapes	Tossed Romaine Whole Radishes Broccoli Florettes Apple Mixed Fruit Diced Peaches
	BAKED WHOLE GRAIN SNACKS	BAKED WHOLE GRAIN SNACKS	BAKED WHOLE GRAIN SNACKS	BAKED WHOLE GRAIN SNACKS	BAKED WHOLE GRAIN SNACKS

*MEATLESS ITEM

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

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

**** Every Friday we introduce new items in our Menu, which is called '**Around The World**'.

Hot dog's are all Beef



November 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Market Day online Orders due
2	3	4 No School Parent/Teacher Conferences	5 Band/Orchestra 7:50 –8:50 a.m. PTA Meeting 2:00 p.m.; MPR Market Day Pickup 5-6; MPR	6 Chorus 8:00 –8:50 a.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-8 p.m.	7 Spirit Day Wear Green/Gold or Clow Apparel 	8
9	10 Parent/Teacher Conferences Blood Drive	11 No School Veterans Day Clow Night @ Wendy's 5:00-8:00 p.m.	12 Band/Orchestra 7:50 –8:50 a.m.	13 Chorus 8:00 –8:50 a.m.	14 Clow Movie Night 6:20; Nova 8 <i>Madagascar</i> 	15
16	17 Parents Can Visit Classroom	18	19 Band/Orchestra 7:50 –8:50 a.m.	20 Chorus 8:00 –8:50 a.m. Family Reading Night 6:30-8:00	21 Book Club 3:45-4:30	22
23	24 Orchestra 7:50 –8:50 a.m. Fun Run /Walk/Talk 7:45 a.m.	25 Clow Night @ Culver's	26 No School	27 No School 	28 No School	29
						30