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PTA President's Message

November was a busy month for the Clow PTA. We have been hard at work trying to come up with ideas that will allow families to spend time together, as well as opportunities to get to know others. Movie Night at Nova 8 turned out to be a great evening, Over 300 people were there to enjoy Madagascar Return to Africa, including Mrs. Park and her family. Thank you to Mrs. Park for sharing the evening with us, and to Lori Summers and Pennie Major for arranging all of it.

Our Wendy's and Culver's Nights have been a huge success for us. Thank you to everyone who have been participating. It's been so much fun to see all the kids getting together for a night of food, visiting with friends and playing some games. This

month I will make sure we have some extra board and card games for everyone to use. Please stop in if you have some time.

With the winter holidays approaching, the mad dash to get everything done has begun. I know many of you have holiday traditions you share with your families at this time of year. Whatever holiday you choose to celebrate, I hope you enjoy it to the fullest. My boys and I will soon be decorating our home and will begin the task of baking too many cookies. My plan is to let them have fun baking and decorating, without becoming too stressed out about the huge mess I know they will make in my kitchen! That is the plan I am working with, and with it in writing I know they will hold me to it, as will my friends.

There will be no PTA meeting in December, but we will resume them on January 14th at 2PM. I hope to see many of you there. Please read the remaining articles in this newsletter to find out what is scheduled for the month of December.

Enjoy your winter break and holidays, and take time to create some special memories with your children

Dee Valiga
PTA President



Happy Holidays!

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From the Principal's Desk



December is such a magical time of year. Winter finally arrives and our world becomes blanketed with beautiful white snow. The December Winter Break

provides great opportunity for creating special family memories. For many families in our community, winter is a time to celebrate special holidays.

One of the most wonderful characteristics of our school is the variety of personalities and cultures our families represent. In the last seven years, I have been fortunate to learn a great deal from families in our community who celebrate holidays or life events with customs I was never previously aware of. Those who have shared have enhanced my life in ways too numerous to describe in one short newsletter article. Dewali, Christmas, Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Sahib, Eid- al-Adha and Rosh Hashanah are just a few of the special holidays our families recognize. Our students have traveled the world and experienced adventures I only dream of providing to my own children. I am so thankful when Clow students share stories of their

travels and celebrations; the sharing enriches my life.

As we end the month of December, a special assembly is again planned. Students will participate in a game show called Wheel of Wisdom. Fashioned somewhat after the TV show Wheel of Fortune, students will attempt to answer questions to score points. The PTA will also provide room treats on the final day of school. The children will be in great form as they start their Winter Break. Hopefully the break provides much needed rest and time together with family and friends.

When we return, the new calendar year will have begun. Now is a great time to reflect upon the many gifts of the past calendar year. I know I have been blessed with the time I have been able to spend with the children of Clow School; the smiles and enthusiasm with which they approach learning is a true joy. I also have been fortunate to work with so many parents and volunteers during the year; you are committed to the very best for your students and it shows in their character. It has also been a great pleasure to work with the Clow Staff; each and every person

pours his or her heart into this fine school in order to assure it is a great place for children. I trust you too know what a great gift such a fine staff is!

I hope December will be a memory-making month for you and your family. And I hope that 2009 brings you good fortune each day.

Barbara Kaufman
Clow Principal

I believe in an America where religious intolerance will someday end ... where every man has the same right to attend or not attend the church of his choice.

~ John F. Kennedy

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Class Highlights...

Kindergarten

Kindergartners will be busy in December. We will be making a surprise for our parents. We know they will love it!

In Math, we will continue our study of pattern and number concepts while also trying to improve our number printing. Extra practice printing numbers at home would be very helpful.

In Language Arts, we will do many rhyming activities and continue to meet new letters and sight words while reviewing those we have already talked about. Please continue to review and reinforce the letters, sounds, and sight words at home too.



In Science, we will be talking about our five senses. Many science activities and experiments will be done involving these senses.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled holiday season with family and friends. We hope everyone has a safe holiday!

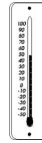
The Kindergarten Team

First Grade

First Graders have much to celebrate in December. We are finishing our second anthology and will be starting our next one called Here and There. We will incorporate all of the skills and strategies we have learned so far and use them as we continue on in reading.

In phonics, we have been introduced to all of the short vowels and consonant sounds and now are applying them in order to spell a variety of words. We are also learning to read and spell many new Word Wall Words. In Journal writing, we are trying to write a beginning expository paragraph with a topic sentence and 3 detail sentences. Writer's Workshop has us using previously learned writer's techniques like question and answer stories or repeated pattern stories. We will begin looking at personal narrative stories.

In Math, we are enjoying the games we have learned that reinforce the concepts previously covered. We will be finishing Unit 3, which includes adding dimes to our skill of counting money, line plots, and basic addition facts. In the beginning of Unit 4, we will include the concepts of reading a thermometer, non-standard linear measures, and standard foot and inch units.



As we get ready to celebrate the holidays, we will be learning about how boys and girls in other parts of the world celebrate their special occasions.

As always, we appreciate all the wonderful help and encouragement from our first grade parents!

The First Grade Team

Second Grade

December promises to be a very busy month for second graders! In reading our new theme is *Our World*, where we will gain insights into the world by understanding growth and change. We are terrific readers and enjoy spending a lot of time reading and discussing chapter books of all varieties.

Not only are we super readers, but we love to spend time creating stories, poems and nonfiction books. This month in writing, we will be working on "A Slice of Life." The students will zero in on one moment in their life and write a personal narrative detailing it.

In math, we will be learning about attributes, shapes, measuring, line segments, time and money. We will also be growing plants and learning about life cycles in science.

We will close out December by attending an assembly game show, titled, *Wheel of Wisdom* which is very similar to the game show, *Wheel of Fortune*. Second grade wishes you a very happy holiday season!!

The Second Grade Team



Class Highlights...

Third Grade

A chill is in the air as 2008 comes to an end; however, the third grade is bustling with enthusiasm. In reading, students will explore fantasy books for the A.K.O.R.N. genre. The third graders will also transform into booksellers and prepare a presentation to persuade other third grade students to read their book. A.K.O.R.N. reading will be due before winter break, so remember it is a short month when setting your goal.

In writing, students will be focusing on persuasive writing. They will try to persuade a loved one to buy them a special item for this holiday season. Finally, the students begin a fantastic science unit on matter. Through experiments, the students will learn that matter can take the form of a solid, liquid, or gas. The students will be dazzled when they discover that matter can go through the phase changes of evaporation, condensation, melting, and freezing. The third graders will be continuing to learn and practice multiplication, so continue to practice those math facts!

We wish all families a joyous and safe holiday break.

The Third Grade Team



Fourth Grade

Science is one BIG mystery in fourth grade this month! The fourth grade scientists will be working through the scientific process multiple times throughout our Mystery Powders/Chemistry Unit. A strong scientist uses thoughtful and accurate descriptions in their results and this will be one of the primary goals for our students.

Be sure to have your fourth grader keep you updated every few days as the story of Little Willy, Grandpa and Searchlight unfolds in *Stone Fox* by: John Reynolds Gardiner.

MATH FACTS MATH FACTS MATH FACTS! All fourth graders will continue learning and practicing large multiplication and division! We continually tell the students that once they learn the basics math facts, the process of these problems is much easier! Look for a winter break practice packet to come home for your child to work on during those cold snowy, indoor days!

Enjoy the holiday customs with your family and friends.

The Fourth Grade Team

Fifth Grade

As the snow crystals start to fall, students will be reminded of the microscopic images they will be seeing in Science this month. Fifth graders will be using microscopes during December to learn about small life. From simple cells to paramecium, small life studies will surely make a large impact on our science students.

Students' organizational skills in math will be put to the test as they explore using various charts, plots, and graphs while organizing data. 5th graders will be conducting a survey amongst their classmates and will then graph their data on an Excel chart.

Finally, the students will be reading novel study with their guided reading group *Language Arts* this month. As we work in our classroom book clubs, we will also review note taking skills and how to gather information from the text. Of course, we are all looking forward to a well-deserved break at the end of this very busy month!

The Fifth Grade Team

Little Gamers Club

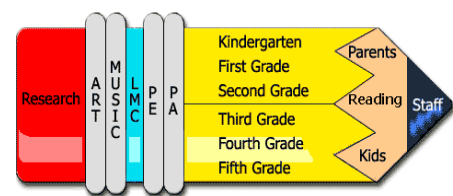
1st—2nd Graders

Wednesday, December 10
3:40-4:35 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Room

Gamers Club

3rd—5th Graders

Wednesday, December 10
3:40-4:35 p.m.
LMC w/Mr. Fekete



For curriculum ideas, go to
<http://clow.ipisd.org/schoolbag.html>

Class Highlights...

Art

Clow kindergartners are learning about texture. Artists use texture to show us how something feels. Students went on a texture hunt and discussed different words we could use to describe different textures. Sand paper was rough and feathers were soft. Students added texture to their creature pastel drawings.

First graders are learning how artists use balance. Students drew a picture with both their left and right hands at the same time. Something new for everybody! Their hands were to be mirror images of each other so that their drawing turned out symmetrical. Students observed and discussed famous art and how the artists balanced their work. Clow 1st graders will be working in the computer lab using the Kid Pix program to create another symmetrical design.

Second graders had fun making glue prints. Print making is one of my favorite art techniques and the students seemed to enjoy it as much as I do. Students drew trees and traced them with glue. Once the glue was hardened the students used a brayer to "ink up." They then rubbed paper onto the ink plate to create prints. Water colors were added to bring out more definition.

Clow third graders have been busy working on their recorder compositions. These will be used as the back drop to their recorder concert. 3rd graders will be starting a weaving project next. They will be creating their own loom from a paper plate. This has always been a popular project!

Fourth graders are learning about different art styles. They are creating drawings of insects with the surrealist, cubist and impressionistic art styles. The artists, Monet, Picasso and Dali will be discussed.

Clow 5th graders have been working very hard on their line compositions. These compositions will create the

backdrop to their upcoming musical. Each composition is to incorporate rhythm, variety, balance, value, unity and overlapping. Rhythm is achieved by repeating lines. Variety keeps the composition from being boring. 5th graders have been studying value most of the year so far. They needed to transfer their knowledge to this new composition. Since we will have over 90 compositions making up one backdrop the artwork needs to be unified. All students use black to help unify the backdrop. I'm looking forward to seeing these wonderful pieces of art all together!

Denise Nickel
Art Teacher



Physical Education

How's the raking going? I mean how's the shoveling going? Just guessing...you know Chicagoland weather! I am trying to think of ways to get your students out and about and adding on to their fitness levels. When in doubt, put the music on and start moving. As I mentioned last year, I am glad to see the game systems adding movement to their games. Thanks parents for helping your students on their fitness levels.

THE GAME PLAN

The students just finished their Nutrition and Dance units and will be working on the skill of striking. The Primary grades will be using balloons and other manipulatives to work on that skill. Grades 3-5 will develop their skills in the game of volleyball. Lead-up games and activities will be presented. Also, this month will see us playing Holiday Games.

FITNESS IS FUN SECTION



Our first Fun Run/Walk Talk was a big success. We had approximately 70 people attend. I hope that number continues to grow.

Congratulations to Madeline Lendino (5M) who advanced to the State level in the National Punt, Pass and Kick Competition. Madeline won the Sectional event and went on to participate at Halas Hall (where the Chicago Bears practice). She earned third place! Way to go Madeline. You represented yourself, family and school very well.

Please continue to have your student(s) prepared for P.E. class with safe and comfortable gym shoes. Having a second pair of gym shoes and leaving a pair at school might be a good idea. Examples of why you might need a second pair of gym shoes at school could be: your shoes get real wet or you wore your boots and those are for outside use only or maybe you play kickball in P.E. class and when you go to kick your gym shoe comes off and lands on the vent that is 20 feet up in the air and you can't get it down so now you have to go around with only one shoe hoping that someone can help you out...and then you find someone who has the same size and who is it but Mrs. Frett. See the reasons can be many and so different!! Ask your classroom teacher first to see if it is OK! Appropriate clothing to allow for movement is also so important. Our gym is now carpeted.

Timm Jayne
Physical Education

Tiger Woods: Perfection Quotes

"I just try to be the best I can be and hope that is the best ever."

Class Highlights...

Music

Notes 🎵 from General Music

Kindergartners had a fun month exploring animal sounds and songs! Kindergartners will continue to develop their motor skills in playing percussion instruments such as drums in the upcoming month, as we review steady beat and begin call and response patterns.

First graders learned the pitch, la, and have been developing it singing hello at the beginning of class. Students will be using it in future songs they learn in class. This month students also learned about AB form (same/different) with the song, Matilda, by Harry Belafonte, and identified AB patterns in the music. We experienced same/different through maracas, claves, and xylophones. In the upcoming month, we will use Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker to study musical concepts and learn how composers use music to tell a story.

Second grade students experienced several rhymes with ABA form. This month students began their study of the composer, Sergei Prokofiev, and the story Peter and the Wolf to help them learn the instruments of the orchestra. In the upcoming month, students will continue to explore ABA form in various winter songs.

Third grade students have been working diligently to learn how to read and play the notes B, A, and G, on the recorder. Students will complete playing assessments on these notes, and will be progressing to the C and D notes later on in their study. We hope to learn how to play Jingle Bells on the recorder, as we study two-part harmony and winter songs. Students will also learn songs with different levels of challenges in order to meet all learning needs.

Fourth graders put their storytelling skills to good use this past month as they retold the African folktale, Anansi

the Spider. They used percussion instruments to bring the story to life and incorporate rhythms learned in class. Some students may even be showcasing their stories for the storytelling festival in the spring, so stay tuned for additional information! Students continue to explore the low notes on recorder through canons and rounds. In the upcoming month, we will continue recorder study and learn the partner song, Winter Fantasy.

Congratulations to all fifth grade students for an OUTSTANDING musical performance! We received many compliments and positive feedback on our performance! Thank you to all students and parents for your support! This month students will begin a unit on Theme and Variations.

Drum "Rhythms"

Once again this year Mrs. McCoy will be offering the Intramural Drum and Xylophone Ensemble to all 4th and 5th grade students. The purpose of the ensemble is to provide a community environment for students to help them develop life-long skills. Working together in a safe environment, students develop teamwork, respect, focus, and listening skills as they study a variety of percussion ensemble styles. Not only are these skills important in music making for children, but also transfer over to other subjects such as reading and math. Students will work primarily with xylophones and drums. Students will have several opportunities to showcase what they have learned throughout the year, including a performance in the spring. Although the ensemble has already begun meeting, several spots are still available for students who are still interested. The ensemble meets after school on Mondays in the music room from 3:35 to 4:30pm. Please contact Mrs. McCoy for additional information or extra permission slips.

Chorus Notes 🎵

Clow Chorus will perform at the Third Annual Multicultural Arts Festival on Saturday, December 6,. Information was sent home to choir members, so please check your child's backpack for this information.

Maureen McCoy
General Music, Chorus, &
Drum Ensemble



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!



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From the LMC

Family Reading Night

We hope everyone enjoyed Family Reading Night 2008. Throughout the evening of reading Clow teachers shared some of their favorite books and stories reinforcing the message that we all value reading in our lives and the lives of our children. A big thank you goes to all of our teacher readers and those families who listened to them. Check out the LMC website for photographs taken during the evening.

The Results Are In!

All of the worthy causes that were proposed for support by our students this year are important. Whether they won in our election or not, attention was brought to each of them. The worthy causes that were selected by Clow Students to support this year are #1 & #2 respectively...The Winnebago County Animal Shelter and ADOPT (2 vote difference so we will combine our efforts here) and #3 Soldiers Angels.

WCAS and ADOPT: Some of the things that the animal shelters have requested are old tennis balls, washable bones, Beggin Strips, washable cat toys, clean towels, clean blankets, clean sheets, paper towels, garbage bags, sandwich bags, etc. There will be a collection basket in the LMC.

Soldiers Angels: On the circulation desk all month long will be paper for New Year messages for students to write to the soldiers wishing them well and thanking them for their protecting our country. We will also have a collection basket for items to be sent to the soldiers. Lists of suggested items will be on the circulation desk. Clow families may also adopt a soldier through Soldiers' Angels, sending weekly letters and care packages on their own. Go to <http://soldiersangels.org/index.php?page=adopt-a-soldier> for more details.

The Book Fair is HERE!

Sales begin on Monday, December 8th from 8:30 AM – 7:00 PM in the LMC. We're also open on Tuesday from 8:30-4:30 and on Wednesday from 8:30 – Noon (1:30 for afternoon kindergartners). Sales tax will be charged so please be sure to send the correct amount with your child. We ask that strollers do not come into the book sale area due to lack of space.

Anderson's Bookshop

Each year, during this holiday season, we like to consider the many ways that we can help others. Traditionally, we support one of our business partners, Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville, with the collection of gently used books. Anderson's calls this program "Andrea's Angels." We decorate special trees in the LMC with books that students donate. As our vacation begins, we get the books to the bookstore and the staff at Anderson's distributes them to needy schools in our area. Please take a little time to go through your bookshelves and see what you no longer read and we will help pass it on to a new home.

December Holidays

December holidays are fun for everyone but so many are celebrated in our school community that it is sometimes difficult to keep track of them all. What holiday does your family celebrate this time of year? We would like as many family traditions as possible represented in our "Holidays We Celebrate" LMC display! If you would like to guarantee that the holiday your family celebrates is represented, please bring in a display and add it to the others in the LMC. In order to make sure that we get it home before our break, please be sure to include your child's name and class.

Young Author Program/ PawPrints Publishing

The responsibility of sponsoring the Young Author Program at Clow School goes to our very capable publishing center volunteers. This program is co-sponsored at the state level by the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Language and Literacy Council. Over 100 books have already been published at Clow since September. 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.ipisd.org/lmc_pta_pawprints_publishing.html. A manuscript needs to be written or word processed and the jobsheet submitted with it. The Publishing Center volunteers will word process it up as needed and bind the book.

The following criteria will be the basis for determining who will become the Clow School representative at the Illinois Young Author Conference in Bloomington in May of 2009.

Judging Criteria

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

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◆ 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 6, 2009 will be the deadline for any manuscript to be considered part of the Young Author Program.

Incentive prizes needed

Throughout the school year, the LMC often distributes incentive prizes for a variety of activities that students participate in. If anyone happens to have access to anything that would be appropriate and would be willing to make a donation, we would very much appreciate it. Thank you!

Our Special LMC Volunteers

Finally, this month we want to express our sincere appreciation to the many parents who volunteer in our library media center. The LMC truly is the center of our school, a place where everyone comes to select a good book to read, learn about a lot of new and exciting subjects, and to simply relax. Without the smiling faces and enthusiastic hearts of our volunteers, our LMC would not be a place anyone would want to visit. Your generous support has helped make the spirit of the holidays last all year long for the Clow School Community. Thank you!

**Happy and Healthy Holiday Greetings from the LMC Staff,
Mrs. Sparks and Mrs. 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)

<http://clow.ipisd.org/lmc.ht>

GREAT JOB!

Accelerated Reader Program

Congratulations to the TOP TEN Point Earners!



	2 nd Grade	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	5 th Grade
1	Shannon Tagler	Darren Huang	Aarya Chandhok	Tyler Schultz
2	Delaney Raczyc	Naomi Keane	Sevan Tamazian	Alaina Wilson
3	Nicholas Taylor	Ben Rieke	Ciara Raczyc	Robby Oakley
4	Taylor Wiewiora	Kyle Nalley	Matthew Valiga	Jessica Villa
5	Daniel Grosch	Jair Thompson	Erin Tagler	Maegan Patterson
6	Alexandra Lichtman	Brant Luehrsen	Megan Ostrowski	Chloe Rappe
7	Ashley Hyatt Juliana Villa	Jaime Sienko	Margaret Stachewicz	Kyler Boyle
8	Max Schiewe	Michal Nunez	Douglas McKissick	Noah White
9	Isabella Ramos	Konlin Vicik	Karri Swathi	David Marshall Pinko
10	Kristen Alumbaugh	Niraj Lawande	Andrew Orzechowicz Jessica Gosswein	Jacob Sampson

Tammy Hughes, Accelerated Reader Chairperson

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BOOK FAIR

The book fair is almost here, so get ready for an exciting week! Anderson's book store will be providing our school with a wonderful selection of high quality reading material.

Monday, December 8; 8:30am to 7:00pm

Tuesday, December 9; 8:30am to 4:30pm

Wednesday, December 10; 8:30am to 12:00pm

What a great place to do some holiday shopping! Books make great gifts. Looking for a special gift for you child's teacher? Take a peek in their book fair wish bag!

If interested in volunteering for this great event, please feel free to contact one of us.

Please join us in supporting the LMC! Hope to see you there!

Joann Degnan, Joanndegnan@comcast.net
Beverly Frett, 630-428-6067, Beverly_frett@ipsd.org



DNA Gift Certificates

Clow PTA is selling Downtown Naperville Alliance Gift Certificates (DNA Gift Certificates).

What are they? DNA Gift Certificates are 'generic' gift certificates that can be used at most of the downtown stores and restaurants. They come in increments of \$10, \$25, \$50, and \$100 and you can order these certificates through Clow!

How will it work? Each month an order form will be sent out via back-pack mail. Just fill out your order and submit your check made payable to Clow PTA. DNA gift certificate orders will be available for pick up from 5-6 pm on Market Day pick up dates unless a different date is specified in flyers.

Why are we doing this? The Downtown Naperville Alliance allows the PTA to have 5% of each certificate sold.

What's the catch? There is absolutely no catch! You get exactly what you pay for. You pay nothing extra!

So...

Planning dinner in downtown Naperville...get a DNA gift certificate!

Going shopping downtown Naperville...get a DNA gift certificate!

Need a gift for a teacher, friend or relative...get a DNA gift certificate!

The order before the holidays will be due on Thursday, December 11. The certificates will then be available for pick up on Monday, December 15.

Look for order forms in back pack mail right after Thanksgiving break. Have questions? Then, please contact me.

Patty Schiewe
DNA Gift Certificate Chairperson
pschiewe@att.net

Check out the list of DNA participating stores/restaurants at www.naperville.net and click on the Downtown Naperville link, then click on the gift certificate link. Finally, click on the listing link and you'll be pleasantly surprised when you find over 150 participating businesses!

Library Media Center

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Be sure to drop by the Book Fair this month! It is a great place to pick up some special holiday gifts!

The December LMC Schedule has been distributed. I will be working on the 2008 schedule soon.

In January, we will be kicking off our Annual Reading Incentive Program. Volunteers will come into the LMC once a week to tally the reading minutes from all the classes. If you have already signed up to volunteer to assist in this LMC program, I will be contacting you soon. If you would like to volunteer, but did not sign up at the beginning of the year, please call me.

My warmest wishes to you and your families for a safe and happy holiday season.

Lori Patterson, LMC Coordinator

Box Tops, Campbell's & Tyson Labels Contest



It is that time of year again to collect your Box Tops, Campbell's

Labels and Tyson Labels for our annual classroom and family contest. The top submitting classroom will earn board games for indoor recess. The winning family will receive a \$15 Nova Cinema Gift Card.



Submitting is easy----just clip your Box Tops, Campbell's Labels and Tyson Labels, put them into a sealed bag or envelope

and write your children's name and classroom on it (ex. John Doe 3F). Then, have your child bring them to school and give them to their teacher.

The Contest runs from now until Friday, February 6, 2009.

And, as always, thanks for your support and cooperation.

Gaye Vick



Winter Break and the Holidays is a great time to visit friends and family and ask them to help out.

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 hard-cover 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 the Clow's website (www.clow.ipisd.org), and click on the LMC link on the left, you'll then scroll down to *The Clow PTA Supports the Clow LMC Program*, at which you'll click on *Birthday Book Club*, then Select the *Birthday Book Catalog* link.

We've had a slow month. We hope to see a few more October and November birthday kids added to our list next month. Please consider either one book per birthday child or a shared birthday book as you see with the Steven's girls this month.

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

Patty Schiewe
Birthday Book Club Coordinator



Happy Birthday to our newest members! Thank you for your book donation!

Nick Taylor

Molly & Emily Stevens

Jackie Robinson Plays Ball

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PTA Happenings



Clow Holiday Shop

Friday, December 5

6pm-8pm

All are welcome! 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. Lollipop Portraits will be on hand to take family holiday photos. If you can volunteer for this event, please contact me.

Theresa White, Holiday Shop Coordinator
lvtexgal@sbcglobal.net

PTA Meetings

No meeting in December
January 14; 2:00 PM *

*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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Clow Fundraisers

Coming up on Tuesday, December 9 is Clow's monthly fundraiser at Wendy's located at Route 59 and 95th Street. Fifteen percent 15% of all sales that Wendy's receives between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm will be donated to the Clow PTA and all you have to do is have dinner. *You can eat-in, carry out or use the drive thru.*

On Saturday, December 13 and Sunday, December 14, if you shop at the **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 while 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

Annual Blood Drive

Clow PTA sponsored its annual blood drive on Monday, November 10 in corporation with Lifesource. Thank you to all who came and donated and to all who tried to donate but were deferred.

The drive resulted in 18 pints being collected which will touch the lives of 44 people. As we head into this holiday season, it's great to know that the Clow community may have brightened so many people's holidays.

Eileen Skrbec
Health and Safety
Blood Drive



Newsletter
Deadline

December 10, 2008

Send articles to
shannonlraczyk@yahoo.com.

PTA Happenings

Movie Night

Clow families began to arrive at the Nova 8 Cinema as early as 5:00 on Friday evening, Nov. 14, to check in with us. They then proceeded to purchase tickets complete with pop and popcorn at the concession stand. There was a steady line, but with no other movies with similar start times, about 300 moviegoers moved fairly quickly to almost fill up Theater #5. Once inside, various seat switches took place to Accommodate proximity to friends - not hard, when the whole theater is filled with Clow families (including at least one first grade teacher!).



Attendees are clamoring for another Family Movie Night, and we're hoping to oblige.

Thank you to everyone for their participation, prompt responses (and courteous cancellations) and great behavior!

**Pennie Major and Lori Summer
Movie Night Co-chairs**

Bingo Night

In January, we will have a Hawaiian Luau Family Fun BINGO Night.

Let's beat the cold and get dressed up in grass skirts and Hawaiian shirts. There will be prizes for adults and kids and we'll even have a special BINGO area for our younger Clow children.

Watch for a confirmed date in the January newsletter.

**Lori Summers
Bingo Coordinator**

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24	13	14	24	12
9	6	Free	5	7
17	19	5	11	17
15	16	20	16	21

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Clow Bulletin Board

We raffled off a 3lb Halloween Hershey bar while selling concessions at the Clow Halloween Party last month. We were raising money to benefit the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone that bought a raffle ticket.

Our troop was able to donate \$75.00 which will buy Thanks- giving dinner for 5 needy families. Peggy Blank-shein was the lucky winner.

We are Thankful!
Girl Scout Troop 1756

Coming in February!!
**CLOW FAMILY FUN NIGHT
ROLLERSKATING PARTY**
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th!

PTA Salutes
Eileen Skrbec for organizing the blood drive.
Penny Major & Lori Summers for planning such a successful movie night

The teacher's updated Wish Lists are available in a red binder in the school office if anyone wants to look at them for gift ideas.

December Lunch Menu

MAIN EVENT 	DEC. 1 Baked Chicken Tenders w/ Corn	DEC. 2 Dino Pasta with or without Meatballs	DEC. 3 *Mini Pancakes with or without Sausage Patty	DEC. 4 Tortilla Chips w/ Taco Meat or *Cheese Sauce	"STATE to STATE" DEC.5 *California Roasted Red Pepper Hummus Pita Pizza
	DEC. 8 Meatball Sub	DEC. 9 *Cheese Quesadilla with Corn Tortilla Chips and Salsa	DEC. 10 *Cheese Omelet with or without Sausage Patty	DEC. 11 *Cheese Filled Bread Sticks with Marinara Sauce	 DEC. 12 Rocco Cheese Pizza w/ Fruit Snack
"Novel Lunch" Dec 8th , Inspired by the book "The Princess and the Pea" by John Cech	DEC. 15 Oven Baked Chicken Drumstick w/ Mashed Potatoes	DEC. 16 *Baked Bean Enchrito topped with Salsa and Cheese	DEC. 17 *French Toast Sticks with or without Sausage Patty	 DEC. 18 Galaxy Pizza Party w/ Fruit Juicy	"STATE to STATE" DEC. 19 *Cincinnati Chili Mac w/ Whole Grain Roll
Produce of the Month "BANANA"	WINTER BREAK	DECEMBER 22nd	THRU	JANUARY 2nd	WINTER BREAK
GRILL	All Beef Hot Dog on a Bun	Cheeseburger on a Bun	Enjoy today's Breakfast for Lunch Menu	Chicken Patty on a Bun NOT SERVED ON 12/18	Enjoy today's "STATE to STATE"
FAVORITE	*Cheese Pizza with Whole Grain Crust	Baked Chicken Sticks	Mini Bagel with Cream Cheese with or without Sausage Patty	Mini Chicken Corn Dog NOT SERVED ON 12/18	Cheesy Hot Dog NOT SERVED ON 12/12
SALAD OR SANDWICH	Chef Salad OR Sunbutter Sandwich w/ Jelly	Taco Salad OR Sunbutter Sandwich w/ Jelly	Pepperoni Salad OR Sunbutter Sandwich w/ Jelly	Cheese Salad OR Sunbutter Sandwich w/ Jelly	Chicken Caesar Salad OR Sunbutter Sandwich w/ Jelly
***FUN ON THE RUN	Blueberry Muffin String Cheese Trix Yogurt Cup Strawberry/Banana	Blueberry Muffin String Cheese Trix Yogurt Cup Strawberry/Banana	Blueberry Muffin String Cheese Trix Yogurt Cup Strawberry/Banana	Blueberry Muffin String Cheese Trix Yogurt Cup Strawberry/Banana	Philly Pretzel Rod w/Cheese Sauce Trix Yogurt Cup Strawberry/Banana
FROM THE GARDEN *** CHANGE DAILY	Tossed Romaine Carrot Sticks "Novel Lunch" served on 12/8 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 Banana	Tossed Romaine Pickle Spears Broccoli 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 **'STATE to STATE'**.

Hot dog is all beef



December 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Box Tops, Campbell's & Tyson Labels School-wide contest has begun. Start bringing in your labels. 	1	2	3	4	5	6
	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	SEASON'S GREETINGS		School resumes on Monday, January 5.