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PTA President's Message

Happy 2010 Clow families! It is so strange writing 2010 on things, when it seems like I just became comfortable writing 2009. Time sure is flying by this school year.

I hope all of you enjoyed winter break with your families, and that you took some time to relax and enjoy some quiet time. Your chance to rest is over - it's time to get back into the swing of things. Hopefully everyone is ready to hit the books, and get back into sports and all the other activities our children participate in.

Please check the balance of this newsletter for upcoming PTA events and mark your calendars. I am still working on scheduling our Chicago Wolves Night. As soon as it is confirmed, I will send out a notice via e-mail notifying everyone of the date and price.

As we start the new year, I would just like to take a moments to remind everyone that the people serving on all of our PTA committees are volunteers. No one is paid for running events, or committees, or all the hard work that goes into them. The payment is knowing that they've done something to help their children. With that in mind, please be considerate if something doesn't go as planned, or if errors are made with processing or giving out information. Everyone does their best to make sure everything is correct, however, things do go wrong at times. Most times when an event doesn't run smoothly, it is because volunteers haven't been able to make it, and we run things very short handed. Please consider helping out at events - it is better to have too many people than not enough. We are very lucky to have such a great group of parents

at Clow, and the PTA is very grateful to everyone that helps us provide/run our events.

Have a wonderful January. I have already begun dreaming of the many spring flower catalogues that will soon be appearing in my mailbox. Happy New Year!!

Dee Valiga
PTA President

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From the Principal's Desk



Happy, happy new year to you and your family!

I hope that 2010 holds great experiences for all the students and families in the Clow community. January is traditionally a month to regroup and refocus.

We will likely all be spending a great deal of time indoors during the upcoming weeks. I can't think of a better indoor activity than reading.

Parents who model reading – reading the newspaper, a book, or a blog – and talk about the importance of reading in their everyday life are more likely to have children who develop a love of

reading. Families who read together also produce more avid book enthusiasts. Children of all ages, including fourth and fifth graders, love to share a good book with their parents and/or siblings.

Students who read fluently experience greater success in school. The rate of fluency is closely correlated with overall reading performance. And the best way to become a fluent reader is to practice, practice, practice.

Whatever activities engage your winter hours, I hope they are enjoyable and rewarding!

Barbara Kaufman
Clow Principal

Good children's literature appeals not only to the child in the adult, but to the adult in the child.

~ Anonymous ~

Happy New Year!

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Ways and Means	Gina Ramsey
Carnival	Carrie Garcia
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Market Day	Lori Summers
Traverso Night	Julie Rouches
Wrapping Paper	Gina Ramsey

Class Highlights...

Kindergarten

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season!!

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

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

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

The computer lab will be invaded by

kindergartners this January. We will visit the lab in order to learn keyboarding skills. This is a new skill which can be practiced at home.

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

The Kindergarten Team

First Grade

The New Year has the first graders "blasting off" into outer space with their study of the solar system. A visit to the Waubonsie Planetarium on January 6th will enhance our knowledge.

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

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

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

In Writer's Workshop, we will be working on narrative writing and learning how to incorporate "The 6 Traits of Writing." The traits include ideas and content, organization, word choice, voice, sentence fluency and conventions.

Math has us focusing on "Fact Power"- the immediate recall of addition and

subtraction facts. Flashcards are a useful tool to help reinforce this skill. On the First Grade Schoolbag site there is an excellent website for practicing math facts. We will continue giving timed tests each week. We will also begin telling time to the quarter hour, identifying place value, and learning the symbols for greater than and less than.

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

The First Grade Team

Second Grade

It's a new year and time for us to put our "best foot forward" in 2nd grade! We will begin the year by diving into some new reading stories. Many will be about the cold winter weather and animals that love living in cold places. As always, we continue to be excited and enthusiastic about reading. Our A.R. points are piling up and we always look forward to our A.R. prizes.

In math this month, we will be studying whole number operations and addition and subtraction number stories. Additionally, we will be introduced to

multiplication and division with hands-on learning activities. The 2nd graders will need to keep practicing their math facts to understand new concepts effectively.

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

who have impacted Americans, famous U.S. landmarks, and U.S. holidays. We will come to know all about patriotism this month!

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

The Second Grade Team

Class Highlights...

Third Grade

After a fun and restful break, third grade students will be ringing in the New Year with many fun and exciting activities. As scientists, they will be exploring simple machines and how these machines work together to make our lives easier everyday.

As readers, they will see how readers take on the role of learners as they sink their teeth into the genre nonfiction for A.K.O.R.N. We anticipate learning all

kinds of new information through these nonfiction books! As writers, the students will learn how to provide clear evidence when addressing a specific prompt.

As mathematicians, the students will be mastering their subtraction facts and moving on studying multiplication facts. January will be packed full of learning in third grade.



The Third Grade Team

Fourth Grade

The holidays are over and hopefully everyone had a well rested winter break. We are excited to be back and ready to buckle down and get to work.

As the ISATs are early in March this year, in science we will be exploring electricity and magnets along with weather.



During our Midwest winters, we often hear people grumble about the weather, but not Clow Fourth Graders! They have a couple of tricks for dealing with

the winter blahs. One way they cope is by escaping to the Northeastern and Southeastern United States through their Social Studies classes. We will be studying the history of the Southeast through Chapter 4 before our studies returns us to Illinois. (Remember to study North-east & Southeast states and capitals!)

Language arts will take us back to the time of World War II. Our story, *Number the Stars*, is about a ten-year old girl Annemarie and her Jewish friend Ellen during the Nazi occupation into Denmark. Annemarie learns a lot about courage and bravery through her encounters with German soldiers. We en-

courage you to talk to your child about what life was like during this time in history.

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

The Fourth Grade Team

Fifth Grade

Welcome back to school and a New 2010 Year! We hope your break was relaxing and refreshing. Now it is time to roll up our sleeves and learn about what makes up a cell. In science, students will learn to identify the main parts of a cell and use their microscopes to view one-celled creatures like the paramecium, amoeba and euglena.

In writing, the fifth graders will become more familiar with the characteristics of expository texts as we begin to write our research papers on our noteworthy individuals. Upon our return, students will

review their notes and practice their outlining skills as they learn how to outline the information found from their biography novels. Next, students will gather more information about their individuals using our LMC and various resources available. Students will then compile all information into a multi-paragraph paper. Toward the end of the month students will present a speech about their famous individual in first person. Watch out you may see Amelia Earhart or Walt Disney walking the fifth grade halls at Clow!

In math, students will continue to practice multiplication with their Otter Creek. Any practice with math facts at

home is extremely beneficial and will only help students be more successful.

Our plate is certainly full and, after a rejuvenating break, we know students will be eager to devour all that we have set before them. We are chomping at the bit to get started, here in 2010.

The Fifth Grade Team

Class Highlights...

Art

Clow kindergartners will be painting winter scenes and learning about radial balance with their study of snowflakes.

First graders will be using model magic to learn how to form pinch pots and coil pots. The model magic is very popular with our students. It is not messy. It looks like marshmallows. Many students ask where they can buy some. Hobby Lobby and Michaels carry it. I think Target sells small colored packets as well.

Second graders will learn about the artist, Wolf Kahn. They will learn several water color techniques to create their own landscape. They will then use this landscape painting for a writ-

ing project. Making the painting first or illustration first, opens up students for more descriptive writing. They describe what they see in their painting. Even small mistakes or surprises in the painting can add interest in their writing.

Third graders have created clay dragons. They experimented with the clay to create relief and 3-d sculpture. They used scratch and slip to adhere appendages. We do not have a kiln at Clow. These were air dried then painted. They are very fragile. Please send in a small box for your child to transport their dragon home.

Clow fourth graders read about the artist Claude Monet and created a reading response. Fourth graders will be using white paint and chalk pastel

to create Impressionistic insects. They will use a variety of materials to be introduced to Cubism and Surrealism.

Fifth graders have finished their self-portraits for the tile wall. We've sent them in to Square 1 and are awaiting their return in tile form! Our goal is to have the wall completed for open house. Many of you orders tiles for home. We should be receiving them in February. We are currently learning about Leonardo di Vinci using one point perspective to create a 3-d words.

Denise Nickel
Art Teacher

Physical Education

Hello and hope everyone had a great Holiday Season. Welcome to the 10's decade!

As the New Year is here, some may have fitness goals to try to accomplish as we move forward in 2010. One area we may need to focus on and stay vigilant of is the increased rate in childhood obesity. Activity in the winter is made more difficult due to the weather, so we need to come up with other options. Some ideas might be to have a designated time in your house for movement. It can be dance, exercises or even an aerobic video that the students can try to do some of the moves. What is common practice and probably the reason most people stop their fitness goals are we try to do too much at first. Start slowly and build on what you have accomplished. Try to find a partner/friend or even as a family workout together. Celebrate the small accomplishments as you move forward in 2010.

Coming soon to a school near you (Clow Elementary), is a fitness program sponsored by the Chicago Bears and spearheaded by their mascot "Staley." More information will be forthcoming!

We will have a kickoff assembly in January to get the "First and Goal" Program moving.

The Game Plan

All grades will be working on different ways to improve their fitness from jumping rope to exercise balls and performing some aerobics. Yoga will be also introduced as a form of stretching and toning activity.

NOTES: Thank you to those who came to the last Fun-Run/Walk-Talk! The tentative date for the next event is Friday, January 29th beginning at 7:45 a.m. and ending at 8:50 a.m. .

Please, continue to have your child prepared for their P.E. day. Having an extra pair of gym shoes left here at

school may help your child from not participating that day. Gym shoes that are safe and secure, those that fit just right, help prevent accidents. Thank you for your continued support.



Timm Jayne
Physical Education

Class Highlights...

Music

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

In first grade students will be discovering notated quarter and eighth note rhythms, learn about ostinati (repeating patterns) and play a simple bordun to accompany the story Muncha Muncha Muncha. We will discover how same and different can be applied to musical phrases. We will also practice writing the rhythms of the words in the story.

This month second grade students will finish their instrument unit on Peter and the Wolf, and will be learning folk songs for their Spring concert in April. The concert will reflect a variety of material from around the world.

Third grade students are continuing work earning their colored belts in the Recorder Karate program. These songs focus on the notes B, A, and G on the

staff. We will begin to explore some of the lower notes on recorder, and students will have an opportunity to earn more belts as they learn more songs and more notes. We will continue to work on these songs during class, but students are also encouraged to practice outside of class for playing quizzes. Students will showcase their belts at their recorder concert in February.

This year's concert will take place on Thursday, February 18th. We will have an evening performance at 7:00pm and an afternoon performance for the school. Information on the concert will be sent home in your child's weekly backpack, so please watch for the yellow parent information sheet coming soon!

In fourth grade, we will begin a unit on rounds. Students will learn several rounds from different countries, and will add layered percussion ensembles as an accompaniment to the songs. Students will also explore some recorder improvisation within these rounds as they learn to read more notes on the staff.

Congratulations to all fifth grade students on an excellent musical perform-

ance! Students showcased what they have been learning so far in the first two quarters of the year. Students will begin a unit on Japanese Taiko drumming to conclude the quarter. Students will compare and contrast this style to other styles of drumming that we have studied so far.

Maureen McCoy
General Music, Chorus, &
Drum Ensemble



Drum "Rhythms"

Once again this year Mrs. McCoy will be offering the Clow Intramural Drum and Xylophone ensemble. The ensemble is open to all 4th and 5th grade students and will be meeting on Mondays BEFORE school from 8:00 to 8:50am in the music room. As part of this ensemble, students will develop focus skills and behaviors designed to complement their academics, while gaining confidence in their abilities and social interactions. Students will experience music through drums, barred instruments (xylophones) and non-pitched percussion instruments. Students will learn to work together as a team by matching, watching, complementing and balancing each other through music. Students will have several performance opportunities, which in the past have included performing with Clow Chorus, Open House, and PTA Volunteer Brunch. We will begin rehearsals on Monday, January 11, 2009 and will go until the end of April. Students have already received yellow permission slips in backpack mail, so please check with your child to make sure that they have received one if they are interested. For additional permission slips and/or information, please contact Mrs. McCoy. Thank you again for your support!

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From the LMC

Service Projects

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! A very generous donation will be made on behalf of the students and staff of the Robert Clow Elementary School to the Lymphoma and Leukemia Foundation. Thank you also, for the gently used books that were delivered to Anderson's Bookshop for distribution to needy schools in our area.

An organization that we traditionally promote is the St. Jude's Ranch for Children in Nevada. They ask that we send the fronts of greeting cards to help with fundraising projects for the children who live at the ranch. So, please don't think "recycle" instead, think "send to the LMC!" We have a collection basket in the LMC throughout January and look forward to your continued involvement and support with all of these service projects.

Young Author Program...PawPrints Publishing

Again this year, the responsibility of sponsoring the Young Author Program goes to our very capable publishing center volunteers. This program is cosponsored at the state level each year by the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Language and Literacy Council. Any student who has published a book 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 and the jobsheet attached to it. The Publishing Center volunteers will word process it and bind the book.

The following criteria will be the basis for determining who will become the Clow School representative to the Illinois Young Author Conference in Bloomington in May of 2010.

Judging Criteria

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

February 5, 2010 will be the deadline for any manuscript to be considered part of the Young Author Program.

What's up in the LMC in 2010?

Our annual reading incentive program begins on January 5th. The theme this year is **2010 Clow Reading Olympics!** Everyone will receive their packet explaining the program after What's Up in the LMC. As in the past, Six Flags Great America and the Kane County Cougars are sponsoring our event. Students who read for ten hours during the 8 week program will earn a free summer pass to Great America and a voucher to a Cougars baseball game along with a hot dog and drink. Clow's game dates are Saturday, April 17 @ 5 P.M. and Thursday, May 13 @ 6 P.M.

In order to help us keep a record of student reading progress we will need some assistance on Friday mornings

from about 9-11 (actual time depends on numbers of volunteers). If anyone is available and would like to help by counting minutes, please contact the LMC at 428-6067 or Julie Grosch at or Barbara Stephens at , PTA LMC Coordinator. Thank you!

As always, there are many activities going on throughout the month. One of the activities we are promoting is making Valentines for the soldiers this month. All of the contests, activities, programs, etc. that students are invited to participate in are mentioned under "What's Up in the LMC" (<http://clow.ipisd.org/lmc.html>) so please check it out!

We're full swing into our storytelling festival. In September, Mr. Chris Fascione presented a wonderful day of stories. In December we had Part II of our festival and we will be welcomed Mr. Michael Parent. Part III will be our very own Mrs. Black (Grades 3-5) and Mrs. Kroening (Grades K-2) in March. Thanks to our PTA for funding this year-long event!

Monarch Award

Have you been hearing about the Monarch Award? This is an award given by **children** in the state of Illinois for their favorite children's book. The nominated books are on display in our LMC and students have been reading them so that they will be prepared to vote for their favorite. Voting will take place in the LMC in February for any kindergarten through fifth grade student who has read at least five. We look forward to announcing our winner and sending the title on to the Illinois School Library Media Association to be counted along with thousands of others.

Reminders

We have an R and R policy in the LMC. Please encourage your child to READ books and RETURN them. It seems that

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this time of year finds many forgotten books under beds, on home shelves, and in cars. Thanks!

If you have not yet received a book that you ordered from the book fair, please contact the LMC and we will make sure that you get it ASAP.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO THE CLOW COMMUNITY FROM THE LMC STAFF!

Mrs. Lee Sparks & Mrs. Bev Frett

Life in the LMC

Hope you all had a happy and restful holiday break. Now its time to for Clow students to do some serious reading! January is a very busy time in the LMC. This is traditionally the month that the annual reading incentive program kicks off. This program offers special incentives to students who read the required number of minutes. Some of the books may even qualify for accelerated reader points. Information will soon be sent home via backpack mail from the LMC, so please be on the lookout for those materials. If you

signed up last fall for LMC special events you will be hearing from us soon (if you haven't already) regarding tallying minutes for each class and grade level. Volunteers are needed on a limited basis. If you would like to be involved in this program and did not sign up last fall, please contact one of us.

The LMC is in need of more volunteers for the daily operations. The current economy is sending many people back to work who previously were able to donate their time to this program. We are finding that the number of LMC volunteers is down below the level needed to fill all the open spots

from week to week. If you would like to be involved in this truly rewarding program please contact one of us. You can volunteer weekly or even every other week. Your help is needed now more than ever!

As always, many thanks to those all who already volunteer their time to help make our LMC the truly wonderful place that it is for our children!

Barbara Stephens
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Birthday Book Club

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. There are several ways you can join. The easiest way is for your child to bring a check to either Mrs. Frett or Mrs. Sparks. The LMC staff will show them the shelf of birthday books. The child can then look through the books

and make a selection, **Checks should be made payable to Clow School.** Another option if for your child to 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. OR...our birthday book catalog is online!! 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. The Birthday Book Order Form is available for you to print online also.

Hopefully this will make it easier for you to donate a book to the LMC. One last option is to visit Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville and purchase a new hardcover book from the Best Books for Children book list that is also available in our catalog. Your child will be the first to check out the book and they will be invited to our birthday book club party at the end of the school year.

If you have any questions, please contact Patty Schiewe at pschiewe@att.net.

Patty Schiewe
Birthday Book Club

Thank you and happy birthday to our newest members!

Amanda Jones Wombat Walkabout
Isham Jones Rhyming Dust Bunnies
Max Schiewe The Adventures of Commander Zack Proton and the Wrong Planet
Jack Schiewe Rotten School
Hallie Balika Always



Library Media Center



Accelerated Reader Program

Congratulations to the TOP TEN Point Earners!



	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
1	Kavel Rao	Shannon Tagler	Naomi Tan	Bingtao Xiang
2	Robert Valiga	Max Schiewe	Ben Rieke	Justin Craig
3	Lydia Jun	Nicholas Taylor	Kylie Bickler	Johnathan Keenan
4	Connor Schick	Jack Schiewe	Darren Huang	Hailey Furio
5	Elliott Sieger	Alexandra Lichtman	Timothy Jun	Matthew Valiga
6	Ashley Tan	Cameron Cyrus	Fernando Rodriguez	Thomas Sugden
7	Shreya Sreepathy	Dylan Yamamoto	Nicholas Piraino	Dharm Sodha
8	Samuel Frison	Juliana Villa Ria Jindal	Matthew Skrbec	Brandon Monzel
9	Abigail McArthur-Self	Daniel Grosch	Kyle Nalley	Rachel Becker
10	Hailey Steeves	Jaclyn Tucker Hannah Sugden	Erin Roberts	Scott Anderson

**Lori Patterson
Eileen Skrbec
Accelerated Reader Program Co-Chairs**

Please bring in greeting card fronts for



Continue to collect these labels.



They're worth \$0.10 each! Contest for a class prize and family movie pass for student participation begin this month!



Clow Family Fun Night Rollerskating Party

Sunday, February 14, 2010

5-7pm

Aurora Skate Center

Cost: \$5-\$7

Come to the Sweetheart skate with your family on this 3-day weekend! Pizza and snack bar will be open! Skate rental also provided. Hope everyone can come join us!



SAVE THE DATE for Clow's PTA Annual Carnival

GOOD OLD-FASHIONED CARNIVAL" ~ FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010

Come one, come all, every age big and small. Step right up and join the fun! Food, games and prizes for everyone!

HELP NEEDED

Volunteers, parents or teenagers to help run the games that night (1- 1 ½ hour shifts) and Food concession donations (drinks, chips, candy etc, or a monetary donation to purchase such items)

Please contact the Carnival Committee as soon as possible if you can help in any way: Suzanne Flynn (email: seanandsuzanne@sbcglobal.net), or Carrie Garcia (email: elena6890@aol.com).

BULLETIN BOARD



A very big thank you to Duana and Tom Frank (and their children) for making the Holiday Shop such a wonderful event for our children. Everyone had a great time shopping and buying those perfect gifts. I hope everyone loved them.

Thank you, also to Julie Hofemann for arranging to have adult vendors available for the parents.

Finally, thank you to Sonia Hertogs for organizing another successful bake sale.

Wednesday, January 13

PTA Meeting

2:00-3:30 p.m.

Multipurpose Room



Tuesday, February 2

No School

Parent/Teacher Conf.

1-8 p.m.

Newsletter Editor Position Open

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dee at 630/357-5411 or deenbv@att.net as soon as possible.

District News



IPPC Update

Like the Clow PTA, the IPPC didn't meet in December, so here are some additional tidbits from the last meeting in November. Our next meeting is Thursday, January 21, 9:30AM-11:30 am in the boardroom at the CEC. PTA members are allowed to attend, although not participate in any business.

SUPERINTENDENT BUDGET

MESSAGE can be found on the district website at <http://ipswdweb.ipswd.org/> and a link to the video presentation is also available. The budget was discussed at the Dec.7 Board of Education meeting.

HOMEWORK POLICY REVIS-

ITED to clarify intentions to teachers, and to analyze the transition in this area from elementary school to middle

school. Homework assignments have been shown to be a better measure of compliance, rather than a measure of whether the course requirements have been met. Business community is telling the district that they do NOT want compliant employees, they want educated, competent, and thinking ones. Hence, keep looking at our curriculum and see if we are preparing our children for college and working world.

PARENT UNIVERSITY will be hosted by District 204 on Feb. 6 at Nequa, in collaboration with District 203. The theme is Cyberbullying, and registration is open NOW! Please check the district website for information and to register:

<http://ipswdweb.ipswd.org/News.aspx?id=26247>

TGFD was discontinued about 2 years ago, but its curriculum is being implemented this year as part of the fifth

grade PE curriculum, with a smaller section as part of third grade Science. The connection to health and safety choices is thus highlighted.

IPPC EDUCATION brought in Patricia Graczyk, district psychologist, to speak to elementary school presidents and representatives about SEL and the antibullying initiative in the schools. She outlined the research, pilots and the current program that has been implemented in our schools. Ask your children about "Stop, Talk and Walk." Be a part of the solution to bullying! The survey showed that children feel adults don't do enough to help, and that they are more likely to talk to their parents than to a school staff member about being bullied.

Leah Keane
Clow IPPC Rep.

Indian Prairie Special Needs PTA

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The next IPSN PTA meeting will be held on:

January 19, 2010 -- Taking Care of YOU – a night for parents and caregivers of special needs children and the importance of maintaining a psychological and physical healthy YOU – a great place for resources that include YOU. Meetings are held in the Board Room at the Howard E. Crouse Education Center at 7:00 p.m.

Please contact Amy Skarr, Clow parent and IPSN PTA Liaison, with any comments, questions or suggestions at markandamyskarr@comcast.net.

**Indian Prairie School District #204
Elementary Lunch Menu
January 2010**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Balanced Choices Meal: *Cheese Stuffed Breadstick w/Marinara Sauce Green Beans Fruit Cocktail Choice of Milk <i>Alternate Hot Entrée:</i> Turkey Hot Dog on a Bun	5 *French Toast Sticks with or without Sausage Patty Or Hamburger on a Bun Potato Wedges Apple Juice Choice of Milk	6 *Pasta & Cheese Sauce w/Wheat Roll Or Chicken Patty on a Bun Carrot Coins Chilled Peaches Choice of Milk	7 Soft Shell Tacos w/Beef or *Refried Beans Or Chicken Nuggets w/Wheat Roll Golden Corn Apple Slices Choice of Milk	8 *Cheese Pizza Or BBQ Chicken on a Bun Steamed Broccoli Chilled Pears Choice of Milk
11 Chicken Nuggets w/Wheat Roll Or *Make Your Own Pita Pizza with or without Pepperoni Green Beans Applesauce Choice of Milk	12 *Pancakes with or without Sausage Patty Or Cheeseburger on a Bun Hash Brown Patty Mandarin Oranges Choice of Milk	13 Balanced Choices Meal: Pasta & Meat Sauce w/Wheat Roll Mixed Vegetables Fresh Orange Wedges <i>Alternate Hot Entrée:</i> Chicken Patty on a Bun	14 Pepperoni Pizza Or *Cheese Burrito Brown Rice Chilled Peaches Choice of Milk	15 Teacher Work Day No School
18 Martin Luther King Day No School	19 *French Toast Sticks with or without Sausage Patty Or Cheesy Hot Dog on Bun (Turkey) Baked Tator Tots Orange Juice Choice of Milk	20 *Cheese Ravioli w/Wheat Roll Or Hamburger on a Bun Steamed Broccoli Chilled Pears Choice of Milk	21 Nachos w/Cheese & Meat or *Refried Beans Or Chicken Patty on a Bun Golden Corn Apple Slices Choice of Milk	22 Balanced Choices Meal: *Cheese Pizza Potato Wedges Fresh Apple Choice of Milk <i>Alternate Hot Entrée:</i> BBQ Rib Patty on a Bun
25 Balanced Choices Meal: Chicken Patty on a Bun Peas & Carrots Chilled Pineapple Choice of Milk <i>Alternate Hot Entrée:</i> *Cheese Stuffed Breadstick w/Marinara Sauce	26 *Pancakes with or without Sausage Patty Or Hot Ham & Cheese on a Bun Hash Brown Patty Chilled Pears Choice of Milk	27 *Macaroni & Cheese w/Wheat Roll Or Chicken Nuggets w/Wheat Roll Mixed Vegetables Applesauce Choice of Milk	28 Soft Shell Tacos w/Beef or *Refried Beans Or Turkey Hot Dog on a Bun Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Choice of Milk	29 *Cheese Pizza Or Cheeseburger on a Bun Golden Corn Chilled Peaches Choice of Milk
			Lunch Meal Prices: Paid Lunch: \$2.25 Reduced Lunch: \$0.40 White Milk: \$0.40 Chocolate Milk: \$0.50	Balanced Choices Meals are meal combinations that meet precise nutrition standards that endorse healthy eating guidelines for students.
Alternate COLD Fun Lunch Offered Daily: *Soynut Butter & Jelly Sandwich offered daily				
<u>Mondays:</u> *Bagel w/Cream Cheese Fun Lunch, Chilled Fruit, Fruit Juice, and Milk	<u>Tuesdays:</u> Balanced Choices Meal: Turkey & Cheese Sub Fun Lunch w/ Graham Crackers, Mandarin Oranges, Apple Juice, and Milk	<u>Wednesdays:</u> *Pizza Bagel Fun Lunch w/Animal Crackers, Baby Carrots, Fruit, and Milk	<u>Thursdays:</u> *Blueberry Muffin & Yogurt Cup Fun Lunch, Fresh Fruit, Fruit Juice, and Milk	<u>Fridays:</u> Ham Sandwich (no cheese) Fun Lunch w/Graham Crackers, Baby Carrots, Fruit, and Milk

*This menu item is a vegetarian option

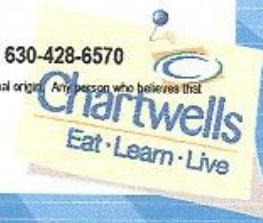
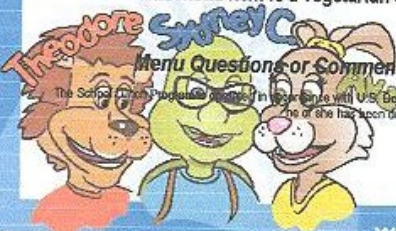
Full student lunch includes choice of 1 entrée, 2 side dishes, and milk.

Daily Milk Choices Include: Skim White, 1% White, and 1% Chocolate

Menu Questions or Comments? Please Call Director of Dining Services: Susan Ladesic, RD at 630-428-6570

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-Tossed Salad Offered Daily as a Side Dish.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5 Wendy's Night 5:00-8:00 p.m. Band/Orchestra 7:50 -8:50 a.m.	6	7 Chorus 8:00 -8:50 a.m.	8	9
10	11 Drum Ensemble 8:00 -8:50 a.m.	12 Band/Orchestra 7:50 -8:50 a.m.	13 PTA Meeting 2:00-3:30 p.m. Market Day Pickup Gamers Club	14 Chorus 8:00 -8:50 a.m.	15 No School Teacher Work Day	16
17	18 No School Martin Luther King's Day	19 Band/Orchestra 7:50 -8:50 a.m.	20	21 Chorus 8:00 -8:50 a.m.	22	23
24	25 Drum Ensemble 8:00 -8:50 a.m.	26 Band/Orchestra 7:50 -8:50 a.m.	27 Gamer's Club	28 Chorus 8:00 -8:50 a.m.	29	30
31		Feb. 2 — No School Parent/Teacher Conf. 1-8 p.m.			Feb 5 Manuscript deadline for Young Author Program	