

News from Clinton Elementary School

The Primary Press

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The mission of Clinton Elementary School, in partnership with parents and the community, is to provide a safe and nurturing environment where all students are challenged to do their personal best while encountering a variety of opportunities, as they become lifelong learners and responsible citizens.

Next Week

September 24
September 26

Student Count Day
No School: Fall Festival

Coming Up

October 1
October 2
October 3

NEW!!! Fundraiser Kick Off (details coming this week)
Author Visit: Robert Pottle, Poet
First Grade Parent Luncheon

Volunteer Opportunities:

1. Any parents who are able to **help supervise the flow of traffic** in the morning are invited to contact Mrs. Wright. The time commitment is brief- 7:45-8:10. With the new traffic ordinances, it is much more efficient to drop off students in the morning; however, two adults who can help with that task will keep things running smoothly. Please let us know if you can help!!! **Thank you, Tammy Poore, for being our 1st volunteer!**
2. **Junior Achievement-** a short term program in all classrooms where a

consultant (that is you!) teaches five short lessons on economics at an appropriate level for the grade. (Kindergarten creates a lemonade stand and sells lemonade at school, third grade creates a 3 D community using paper and a map, etc.) We supply all the materials, the script, and the classroom. You and the teacher set it up for a convenient time that works for both of you. It can run five days in one week for about 30-40 minutes each time, or once a week for five weeks for the same amount of time. It is fun, stimulating, and very worthwhile. Oh, the teacher stays in the classroom to help with crowd control. You just get to have fun with the students. Say “yes” today!!!!

Donations Needed

Our science “wish list is diminishing! Thank you all for contributions thus far! Keep in mind the **art room** can use aluminum foil, newspapers, boxes or containers- including soup cans, flour, and pipe cleaners.

Metal teaspoons
18 oz. plastic cups
Metal tape measures (2)
Charcoal granules
Small spray bottles
Small hot/cold packs
Kosher salt
sandwich type)

Yellow and green food coloring
No dairy creamer packets (12)
9 inch paper plates
toothpicks
10 inch plastic plates
unflavored gelatin
non Ziploc storage bags (folded

White dot stickers
9 inch aluminum pie pans
Miscellaneous seeds of any variety
(Not treated with chemicals- like corn seed)



Release Time Bible Class to Begin

Forms are available in the elementary school office for Bible classes held during the school day in compliance with Public Act 270. These run once per month beginning Wednesday, October 1st from 1:00-2:05. Students are transported by the church bus to and from school.



Calling All Girl Scouts

Any Girls interested in joining Girls Scouts, Daisy's, Brownies, Juniors, Cadet's, or Ambassadors are invited to contact Tonya Couture @ 456-6320 or 442-9427, or Connie Smith at 442-9756. Any adult interested in helping or becoming a leader is also invited to call either of these women. If girls register before Fall Festival, they can walk in the parade! Call today!

Student Recognition

➤ Growing Character Program

Each month the focus is on an attribute: responsibility, self discipline, compassion, trustworthiness, integrity, citizenship, fairness, respect, perseverance, and honesty. Teachers nominate their students- one at a time- for one of these. During the month of September, the focus is responsibility which means being dependable and making good choices. At a special assembly where the students and parents are invited, Mr. Fry, our school counselor, and Mrs. Wright, principal, present the recipients from each classroom with a token charm and read what teachers have written about the student. The students are entered into a drawing for an additional surprise and pictures are taken for local newspapers and the character tree painted in the hallway. We could not do this without the support of two parent volunteers: Mrs. Kay Schlict who painted our wonderful tree and Mrs. Lisa Doty who is our monthly photographer. We are sincerely grateful for that support. Student names will appear in the Primary Press, so watch for these each month.

➤ WOW Wednesday

This weekly recognition program will start soon. Students are selected for extra effort or quality on a single piece of work in the classroom. If possible, the work is displayed in the hall in the red decorative frames. These students are recognized during the morning announcements and also in the Primary Press. This is another way to "notice" the hard work students do each week



Notes from the School Nurse

I hope everyone had a happy and healthy summer. Beginning the school year can be exciting as well as exhausting for parents and children alike. I will be sending home health news monthly in the Primary Press. I will try to address the current illnesses we are seeing or expect to see at school.

- This first month I would like to focus on the importance of good health behaviors. Children are adapting to new routines for the school year and will be more tired than usual. Please be sure your child is getting adequate rest. **Elementary children need 9 to 10 hours of sleep each night.**
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- Nutrition is also an important aspect of good health. Seeing that your child is **eating a nutritious breakfast** each morning before school can make a huge difference in their ability to concentrate and stay focused until snack and lunch time. Send healthy snacks or buy breakfast at school. Many children will need to adjust to not having food available whenever they want during the school day.
- I cannot stress enough the important role **hand washing** plays in keeping us healthy. Using hand sanitizer or washing hands with soap and water before and after eating, after using the restroom, and at other various times throughout the day will help to keep those germs at bay.

WHEN TO KEEP CHILDREN HOME FROM SCHOOL

It is sometimes difficult to know when to keep your child home from school. The following is a list of signs and symptoms that might mean a child is ill. These signs also mean that a child could spread that illness to other classmates. We hope this list will help you decide when to keep your child home, as we know how hard that decision can be.

1. **Fever:** A person's normal temperature is 98.6 degrees orally (99.6 degrees rectally). Anything higher means your child should stay home. Fever usually means infection. Infections may be spread to others. A fever may be at its lowest first thing in the morning and rise as the day goes along. Make sure your child is completely well before sending him/her back to school after a fever.
2. **Rash:** Keep your child home unless you are sure the rash is an allergic rash (such as poison ivy). A rash could be a sign of any number of diseases that can be spread easily.
3. **Vomiting:** Healthy children don't throw up. Be sure your child has fully recovered from whatever illness has caused the vomiting before he/she goes back to school. After an episode of vomiting, he/she should be able to keep down clear liquids followed by a light meal. If your child is still able to eat after a few hours, then he/she should be able to return to school.
4. **Runny Nose:** A nose that runs a clear, watery liquid may be due to allergies. A thick, colored (yellow, green or brown) nasal discharge means there may be an infection. The child should be kept home until it clears. It may help to give the child a lot of fluids and a decongestant.
5. **Cough:** A cough that lingers and/or is deep should be considered contagious. Your child should be kept home.

6. **Sore Throat:** If your child has a fever, a cough, or a thick runny nose along with a sore throat, he/she should stay home. If the sore throat stays for more than a day or two, your child should be kept home.
7. **Reddened Eyes:** A child with a white, thick drainage should be kept home until treatment has begun. This may go along with redness in the white of the eye.

To help reduce the spread of germs, your child should:

1. Cover their nose and mouth during a cough or a sneeze.
2. Wash their hands carefully and often.
3. Try not to share forks, cups or drinking glasses with other children.
4. Clean cuts and scratches and cover them with a Band-Aid.

Of course, we will call you if your child appears to be ill at school, so that you can take care of him/her. Please know that if you ever have any questions regarding your child's health, medical needs, or questions in general about health and wellness, feel free to contact me at the school Monday thru Friday 10:30-1:30.

Dana Burton, RN
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(Editor's note: Clinton Community Schools is very fortunate to have a school nurse supporting all students in the district. While Mrs. Burton's office is at the elementary and most illness and health issues tend to multiply here, do not hesitate to call if you have concerns about any of your children in the district.)



Author Visit Next Week

Robert Pottle writes humorous poetry for children of all ages. He will spend next Thursday at our school. Books he has written include: If Kids Ruled the School, I'm Allergic to School, Poems with Moxie, Maine: The Way Wildlife Should Be, and many more. Check out his website for more fun reading. www.robertpottle.com

Cheerleading Camp

(Kindergarten through sixth grade)

Dates: October 14, 16, 22, 24 with a performance during the October 24th Tecumseh High School football game half time. Cost is \$38 and includes a long sleeve t shirt. Flyers are in the elementary school office.

Family Rock Climbing

This event encourages families to have fun together in a unique setting. Adventure Education on the campus of Adrian Training School is the site. For more information, call 265-1659. Cost is \$20 for an adult and \$5 for children. The date is Saturday, October 18 from 10:00 AM-12 Noon.



Students Give Gifts on THEIR Birthdays

Fourth graders, Sabrie Dalton and Darby Stipe decided to have a different type of birthday party this year. The birthday girls asked their friends to bring a book for the school library. Over 28 new books were given and each has a special label in the front commemorating the occasion. What a wonderful way to give to the school! Isn't our world in good hands knowing the future leaders have such generous hearts? Thank you, girls!

Honeywell Instant Alert System

The school district does not have the capabilities to change personal information already in the Honeywell Instant Alert System so individuals should make sure corrections are made anytime a landline or cell phone number is changed or there is a change in an individual's email address. The following information addresses regarding updating information:

Go to - <http://instantalert.honeywell.com>

On the right hand side of the page you can:

1. Login with username and password (for users who have previously logged on to the system)
- OR**
2. Click on Parent or Staff inside the "New User?" Box for new users.

Some things to know:

1. Under My Profile
 - a. Enter the telephone numbers and/or email address you wish to receive alerts at.
 - b. If you **do not** want to receive text messages on your cell phone (your provider may charge for text messages) **do not** choose a provider from the drop down list.
 - c. In the upper right hand corner of the page you can change your password.
2. Under Alert Setup
 - a. Choose which type of alerts you want sent to each device.

