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## From the PTA President

As the end of the school year approaches, it is amazing to me to look back on the past year and see all of the fantastic events and programs the PTA has been a part of at Cloverly. We as a community should be very proud of all that we do make Cloverly Elementary a great place to be!

Thank you for all of your energy and support.

In particular, the month of May found many PTA volunteers busy enhancing life and education at our school. Many thanks to the Staff Appreciation Committee for their efforts, the Science Fair Committee for a great event, volunteers for our extremely successful Spring Plant Sale, the Cultural Arts Committee for another great performance, and everyone who made Family Reading Night such an enjoyable experience.

In June, we have two scheduled events that I would like draw your attention to. First, our Finish Line Fair and Silent Auction, scheduled for Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 12-4pm, is our biggest community and fundraising event, and your attendance will be so appreciated! From fantastic food to fun games and prizes, moonbounces to an amazing DJ, and of course the many bargains that the Silent Auction has to offer...there will be something for everyone!

Also, our June PTA Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. During last month's meeting, we were one PTA member shy of electing our officers for the coming school year, so we really encourage you to attend this month in order to hold our elections and prepare for 2009-2010. This is definitely a busy season for everyone, whether it be with sports, dance recitals, or end-of-the-year events, but taking time out to be at the meeting is vital to our organization—so please come, and bring a friend!

Have a wonderful summer, and thanks again for everything you do—I look forward to seeing you in September!

All the best,

Kimberlee Billok

## June Calendar of Events

June 2	Instrumental Music Spring Concert	10:00am
	Author's Reception – Ms. Chalmers' Class	2:00pm
June 3	Author's Reception – Mrs. Walker's Class	2:00pm
	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band Picnic	12:00pm
June 4	Author's Reception – Ms. Burgess's Class	2:00pm
June 5	First Grade Father's Day Celebration	9:00am
	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Pool Party	9:00am - 2:30pm
June 7	Cloverly 5K Walk/Run	8:00am
	Finish Line Fair & Silent Auction	12:00pm - 4:00pm
June 9	Field Day 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades	
	PTA Meeting	7:00pm
June 10	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band Picnic	12:00pm
June 12	School Wide Awards Assembly	9:15am
June 15	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition Ceremony	10:00am
June 16	Last Day of School for Students – Early Release	12:35pm



### PTA General Membership Meeting Dates Tuesday's at 7:00 PM

September 2nd

October 7th

November 5th \*\*

December 2nd

January 6th

February 3rd

March 3rd

April 1st\*\*

May 5th

June 9th

\*\*Wednesday Meeting



### SAVE THE DATE:

Cloverly Elementary School will participate in the 2009 Help the Homeless Walk on November 6, 2009. Look for more information once the new school year begins. We look forward to another successful event!

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# From the Principal



Dear Cloverly Parents,



This has been a wonderful year, filled with many reasons to reflect and celebrate. This year, we were rewarded with a brand new gymnasium and a prospective before/after-school daycare, Kidsco, for next school year. We were also presented with an array of fundamental cultural arts performances and new experiences such as the *Cloverly Marathon* and an evening family activity, *Reading Night*, which served as educational extensions to our exceptional instructional program. I am extremely pleased with the successes of our students and feel confident that they are well-prepared to matriculate to the next grade level. As with each school year, it is always with bittersweet feelings that I say farewell to our current 5<sup>th</sup> grade students as they move on to middle school.



We bid farewell to the following staff members:



Mrs. Mindy Winebrenner, PEP teacher, will be working with parents and families in the Infants and Toddlers program.

Mrs. Carolyn Northrup, fifth grade teacher, is returning to Sherwood E.S. as fifth grade teacher.



Mrs. Lailaa Jazouli, ESOL teacher, is on long-term leave to be a full-time, stay-at-home mother.

Mr. Cordell Garrett, building services assistant manager, is taking a position as assistant manager in Plant Operations.

We warmly welcome the following new staff members:



Mrs. Wendy Macan, of Kemp Mill E.S., as part-time ESOL teacher

Ms. Edith (Edie) Richards of Greencastle E.S., as fifth grade teacher

A SUPER special thanks goes to our outstanding PTA for working in partnership with us to ensure the outstanding quality of our instructional program this year. We thank the following PTA executive board officers: Mrs. Kimberlee Billok, president, Mrs. Susan Quinn, vice president, Mrs. Renee Chen, secretary, and Mrs. Jill Wingard, treasurer, for their excellent leadership. The Cloverly staff was very appreciative and celebrated their efforts and support of Cloverly at this year's Volunteer Tea.



Please be on the lookout for grade-level supply lists. They will be coming home with a letter attached on Friday, June 5. Additional copies will be kept in the main office area during the summer months.



If you haven't done so already, don't forget to sign your children up for summer school programs. There is literature available on the information tables in the main office area. Also, students will receive summer reading and math combination packets to complete over the summer. Completion of the summer packet is important but **optional**. Students who bring back completed packets by Friday, September 4 will be recognized at an assembly on Friday, September 11.



Alas, farewell to all of our Cloverly students. May all of you have a safe and enjoyable summer break.



Sincerely,

Ms. Melissa Brunson





### Auction Update

By now, you should have received a catalog for the Finish Line Fair & Auction, sent home to all Cloverly families on Friday, May 29th. We hope you'll take time to peruse it over the weekend. We are very lucky to have received a wide variety of wonderful donations! If you have not received a catalog, please contact Jenn Gruber at 301-879-6928 or [jenngruber@msn.com](mailto:jenngruber@msn.com). See you at the Finish Line!

### A Big Staff Appreciation Week Thank You!

Thanks so much to all of the volunteers who generously donated desserts and breakfast items during Staff Appreciation Week. The staff really appreciated all of your efforts!

Taryn Potts and Jackie Stock



### Treasurer Request

If you need to be reimbursed for PTA expenses, please submit your request as soon as possible to Jill Wingard at

aaz Requests for reimbursement from expenses from the second half of the school year will be accepted until June 30th.

### PTA Meeting Childcare

To reserve a space for your child for childcare for this month's meeting, please contact Teresa Wellens at 301-384-1123 / [tawellens@verizon.net](mailto:tawellens@verizon.net) by 7pm the evening before the meeting, so that there are enough caregivers on hand for the children present. Questions? Feel free to contact Teresa for more information.

### 2009 Cloverly Science Fair

Have you ever balanced on a hovercraft or made dry ice bubbles? Would you like a recipe for making slime? If you attended this year's science fair at Cloverly, you would have been able to try all three. Approximately eighty Cloverly Cubs participated in the Science Fair. All of the projects were creative, innovative and well done! Several animals projects were included in this year's Science Fair. Students had the opportunity to learn about and see tadpoles, gerbils, a turtle and a praying mantis. There were also informational posters on the Naked Mole Rat, Leeches, Dwarf Hamsters, Wood Frogs and Tree Frogs. There was a wide variety of projects present this year. Cloverly definitely demonstrated that there are some future scientists among us.

Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who generously volunteered their time to help make the event a huge success!



### An Important Message from the School Cafeteria:

As of June 5th, the Cloverly E.S. Cafeteria will be unable to lend lunch money to students. Please make sure students have enough money in their lunch accounts to cover lunches.

## Last Chance to hand In those Box Tops!

Cloverly's last Box Top submission of the year will be June 5<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to get them in to be eligible for the Random Summer drawing. Also, the student who submits the most total coupons for the school year will receive a prize and the classroom that has the most coupons wins a popsicle party during the last week of school! Currently, the TOP THREE classes and their total coupons to date are:

1. Mrs. Brooks 700
2. Mrs. Garner 583
3. Mr. Bogart 516

Let's get clipping and see who can help their class rise to the top! Remember, please submit only whole Box Tops that have not expired and make sure that your submission form is included. Unfortunately, there have been large quantities of coupons handed in with no name on them. Baggies and envelopes with the form sealed inside work best.. Also, please don't adhere the coupons to paper...keep them loose! Thanks for all your cooperation and we look forward to announcing those winners! Any questions, please contact Box Tops Chairperson, Erin Jacobs at [ErinJacobs@cloverlypta.com](mailto:ErinJacobs@cloverlypta.com).



## Cultural Arts Year-End Wrap Up

In May, we presented the final Cultural Arts performances of the school year. A cappella group "Ball in the House" amazed us with their vocal talent and developed a wonderful rapport with our audience. What a great end to a year which included **Spinny Johnson** teaching the values of respect and perseverance while demonstrating his famous Harlem Globetrotter ball handling skills; **Brian Curry** demonstrating the magic of math; the history of hip hop dance with the talented Philadelphia-based dance troupe **Illstyle and Peace Productions**; evening book fair performances by magician **Joe Romano** and storyteller **Chris Fascione**; and an energetic performance by **Luis Garay's Percussion World** for International Night.

Want to get in on the act and help select the performers for the upcoming school year? Here's how to get involved. Each year, free showcases of performers are presented. This year's showcases are scheduled October 5, 6, 8, and 15th, in the Carver Educational Center Auditorium, 850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, MD, from 9:00am to 2:30pm each day. A different performer is presented every 15 minutes, and each day hosts different performers. The last day (10/15) is reserved for new performers. Our committee welcomes volunteers to attend any or all of the showcases and participate in the act selection process. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Cultural Arts Chairperson Betsy Sirk at (301) 421-1294 or email [betsy.sirk@nasa.gov](mailto:betsy.sirk@nasa.gov). Thanks for your support of Cloverly Cultural Arts!

## The Reflections Art Program is Coming to Cloverly!

What is Reflections? Reflections is an extra-curricular program open to all children in MCPS schools comprised of different categories within which students can create a variety of different types of art. After completing their projects, students then present their creations at the local, state, and even national level. We are in the process of forming our committee to bring the Reflections program to Cloverly and could use your help! If you are interested in volunteering to work with students in this program, or would like to find out more information, please contact Colleen Sullivan at [colleensuv@comcast.net](mailto:colleensuv@comcast.net).

## This Month's Green Box Issue is...

Looking forward to the coming school year, what suggestions do you have for the PTA concerning programs and activities?

We look forward to your written thoughts on this issue at our monthly PTA meeting. If you are not able to attend the meeting but would like to participate, please e-mail your response to [kbil-lok@yahoo.com](mailto:kbil-lok@yahoo.com).

## The Used Book Sale Needs Your Donations!

The Cloverly Used Book Sale, which will be held during the Finish Line Fair and Auction on Sunday, June 7th, is still collecting donations of used books and DVDs. If you would like to make a donation, please bring your items to the main office at school. If you have questions concerning the sale, please contact Laura Wellen at 301-989-5770 / [Laura\\_P\\_Wellen@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Laura_P_Wellen@mcpsmd.org).



## Don't Miss All the Fun and Excitement... THE 2009 CLOVERLY RUN/WALK AND FINISH LINE FAIR & AUCTION!



Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> Run/Walk: 8:30am-12pm

Fair and Silent Auction: 12-4pm



- \* The first-ever Cloverly 5K Run/Walk will take place, including the Cloverly Cubs Marathon final lap, with special recognition for all the students who have completed their 26 miles!
- \* Fantastic Silent Auction bargains will be available, including a plasma screen TV, Disney-world passes, weekend getaways, and much more!
- \* Awesome DJ Mark Ricche will wow and entertain the crowd!
- \* The Cloverly Used Book Sale will be in full swing!
- \* Ever wanted to be Principal for a Day? Bid on it this year and you may be the big winner!
- \* Bigger and better moonbounces will be ready to go, along with fun carnival games featuring new and improved prizes!
- \* Fabulous performances by Elite Dance Studio, Chung's Martial Arts, and the Paint Branch Poms Squad will be enjoyed by all, while the Burtonsville Fire Department as well as Tinker the Clown and friends will be on hand to join in the fun!
- \* Food vendors, Armands, Divine Dining, Dobies Dogs, and S&S Ice Cream will be providing culinary delights the whole day through!

### Come Join Us!

Paw Prints is a monthly publication of the Cloverly Elementary School PTA. **Submission must be received by the 20th of each month.** Submissions should

be emailed to the Newsletter Committee at [newsletter@cloverlypta.com](mailto:newsletter@cloverlypta.com).



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