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From the PTA President

PTA General Membership Meeting Dates

Tuesday's at 7:00 PM

September 1st

October 6th

**November 4th

December 1st

January 5th

February 2nd

March 2nd

**April 7th

May 4th

**June 2nd

** Wednesday Meeting

PTA Elections

Are Coming Up!

It is time for us to start thinking about who will be our PTA officers for 2010-11! If you are interested in running for a leadership position for the coming school year, please contact Susan Quinn at 301-879-7199 / cojana@verizon.net for more information.



800 Briggs Chaney Road
Silver Spring, MD 20905
(301) 989-5770

Look out your window, and instead of white for snow, think GREEN...Golf Green that is!!

Last spring, a group of PTA members met to discuss fundraisers for the coming year. While some of the programs we run are staples from year to year, we do like to throw in the occasional new event, and ideas of course were flying during this brainstorming session. Then the idea of a fundraiser being more than just a money maker came up.

And how do you make a fundraiser more than a way to raise funds? I think this year's first-ever PTA Golf Tournament is the perfect example of such an event, because the golf tourney offers members of our community who have not had an opportunity to be active in previous programs a chance to get involved. Own your own business that maybe deals in services instead of goods that can be donated? Sponsoring a hole along the course might be the perfect way to advertise. Is golf a hobby of yours? Ladies and Gentlemen, sign on up, and invite a few friends or business colleagues along to round out a foursome! Are Grandma and Grandpa avid golfers? May 3rd may be the perfect time to schedule a visit so they can get on the course for the benefit of the grandchildren.

Because sometimes a fundraiser isn't just a fundraiser, but instead it is a chance to extend a hand out to a group of parents and community members that just haven't found the right fit in PTA yet. Raising money is great, but building community is even better.

So as we begin the month of leprechauns and good luck, I encourage you to reach out to the golfer in your household and beyond and invite them to join us—the details are inside this newsletter and on our website, www.cloverlypta.com. Because Cloverly Cubs, it's time to think GREEN!

All the best,

Kimberlee Billok



March Calendar of Events

March 1-5	Celebrate Our World Week	
March 2	Read Across America Day	
	PTA Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Presentation by BCMS Principal	
March 4	Primary Show	2:00 & 7:00 p.m.
March 5	International Night	6:30 p.m.
	Luis Garay—Percussion World	7:00 p.m.
March 8-17	MSA Testing	
	Grades 3-5	
March 19	Rescheduled Bingo Night at BCMS	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
March 20	Paint Branch HS Ground Breaking Ceremony	
March 22-26	Jump Rope for Heart	
March 29-Apr 5	Spring Break – No School	
April 6	NO SCHOOL – Professional Day	



From the Principal

Dear Cloverly Parents,

Even though the snow forced us to adjust many plans, I hope that you used the “break” to rest, reflect, and spend time with your families.

About the time you receive this newsletter, you will have enjoyed the talent of our students at our annual Variety Show and the Primary Show/Play, or you will have witnessed many of our students participating in second semester after-school clubs. We are now gearing up for MSA standardized testing for grades 3-5 which will begin on March 8.

Career Day, hosted by our school counselor, Ms. Carol Elliott, was an exciting event that gave our students an early outlook on career possibilities. It also gave them a platform to understand why they are expected to learn early skills that are being taught to them in elementary school. Special thanks go to parent Dr. Karen O'Brien and staff members Mrs. Peggy Walker, Mrs. Tammy Ripley, Mrs. Tanja Callahan, Mrs. Chalmers, Mr. Borneman, and Mrs. Goldstein for their time and commitment in planning and preparing for this event. Many thanks go to our Cloverly parents for sharing many aspects of their professions with our students.

Kindergarten Orientation is scheduled for April 29-30, 2010. If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2010, he/she is eligible for our 2010 kindergarten classes. If you know of a neighbor who has a child ready for kindergarten classes, please share this information with them and have them contact Cloverly at 301-989-5770 to receive enrollment information.

Each month, the *Dates to Remember* flyer goes home to all of our families. Please post them in a location in your home where you can view them at anytime or you can transfer them on to a main calendar. We don't want anyone to miss any upcoming events.

Reminder! Please mark these dates on your calendars. The Maryland Schools Assessment (MSA) will be administered to all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students during March 8-17. Science MSA will be administered to all 5th grade students between April 21 and May 11. Terra Nova (TN/2) will be administered to all 2nd grade students between April 26 and April 30. It is important for all students to be present during the administration of these tests. Please do not schedule vacations or make appointments for your children on these important dates.

Sincerely,

Ms. Melissa Brunson

Principal



Kudos to all of our Variety Show Performers!
Thank you for sharing all of your wonderful talents,
and to your parents for all of their support!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



We are happy to announce that the **2010 SCIENCE FAIR** will be held on **Thursday, May 13th** in the All Purpose Room at Cloverly. Students will be receiving information about the science fair prior to the Spring Break in March. Students are encouraged to prepare projects geared toward the following five categories: Experiments/Investigations; Demonstrations; Research; Collections (science related); and Apparatus. Parents with a scientific background are also encouraged to participate by displaying your own project specific to your area of expertise. Projects will be on display for the students during the school day on May 13th. Parents, students and friends are welcome to view the projects on Friday evening, May 13th from 6:30pm until 8:00 pm. If you are interested in volunteering with the Science Fair Committee please contact Mary Goodenough at (301) 879-9395 or via e-mail at mary_goodenough@merck.com.



HOW TO ENJOY CALM 24/7

Doesn't that sound wonderful? If you would like to enjoy calm 24/7, then join us on Monday April 12th at 7:00 pm for Cloverly PTA's 2nd presentation given by Celebrate-Calm. At this free workshop, parents and teachers will hear how to:

- *Enjoy stress-free morning, dinner and bedtime
- *Regain power over emotions, attitudes and moods
- *Help kids be calm in the car, classroom and places of worship
- *Reduce stress over homework, finances and siblings
- *Eliminate defiance and meltdowns

This event is open to the community, so bring a friend and enjoy a 2 hour presentation full of ideas and strategies to help us all ENJOY CALM 24/7!

Cloverly Elementary PTA Golf Tournament 2010



Where: Hampshire Greens Golf Course
616 Firestone Drive
Silver Spring, Maryland
http://www.montgomerycountygolf.com/HG_home.html

When: Monday, May 3, 2010
1pm Shotgun Start/Best Ball

Prizes: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Teams
Closest to the Pin
Longest Drive
Hole in One

A foursome registration for \$500.00 includes:

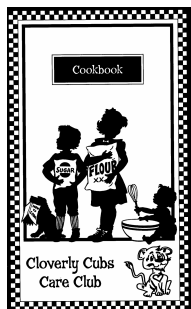
*18 holes of golf with cart
open access to the course driving range
on-course cash beverage cart
mulligan and strings available for purchase at the course
19th hole dinner banquet with raffle prizes and awards*

Registration/Payment Deadline: April 14, 2010

Limited space is available—register your group today!

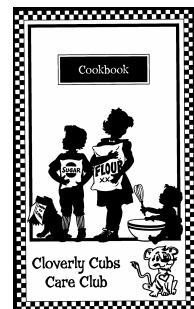
Go to www.cloverlypta.com for registration information. Forms are also available in the main office, or by contacting [Colleen Sullivan at colleensuv@comcast.net](mailto:ColleenSullivan@colleensuv@comcast.net).

Additionally, if you or your business would like to sponsor an aspect of the tournament, please contact Mickey McLaughlin at mickeymclaughlin1970@yahoo.com or Susan Bossie at SusanBBossie@aol.com for more information.



THE COOKBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED!

They look beautiful and we know you'll be pleased with how they turned out. To get your copy, send \$10 in an envelope marked cookbook (again, checks are made out to Cloverly PTA). Please also include your child's name and homeroom teacher so we can deliver them promptly. Feel free to pass the word along to friends and family. All profits from the sale of the cookbook are going to Heifer International.



Babies, Bosses, Busy Schedules...5 Flexible Ways This Month to Participate in PTA-Related Activities

1. The Celebrate Our World Committee is looking forward assistance in preparation for the week's festivities. Like to become involved? Contact Cheryl Minus at cnt14@hotmail.com.
2. The Spring Plant Sale is coming, and order forms, fliers, etc. will need to be updated. Would you like to help out with this popular fundraiser? Contact Committee Chair Yvonne Coviello at yvonne.coviello@comcast.net to offer your assistance!
3. Would you like to volunteer to assist with the upcoming first-ever PTA Golf Tournament? Contact Colleen Sullivan at colleensuv@comcast.net for more info/opportunities.
4. Various committee chair positions will be available for the 2010-2011 school year, and many of the duties involved can be performed at home, in the evening, etc. Please contact Kim Billok at kbillok@yahoo.com for more information!
5. Attend this month's PTA meeting on Tuesday, March 2nd at 7:00 pm—your presence is greatly appreciated!



Childcare During PTA Meetings!

To reserve a space for your child for childcare for this month's meeting, please contact Jackie Stock by 7pm the evening before the meeting, so that there are enough caregivers on hand for the children present. Children must be out of diapers (3 or above) and although some quiet activities will be available, parents are encouraged to have their children bring additional toys and activities. Parents may provide a nut-free snack, but otherwise, food will not be available. Questions? Feel free to contact Jackie at 301-384-8315 / jackie.stock@jhuapl.edu for more information.

This Month's Green Box Issue Is...

(since we did not have an opportunity to discuss it due to weather cancellations last month)

What would you like to see our organization do in light of expected MCPS budget cuts?

We look forward to your written thoughts on this issue! Please place your feedback in the green box at this month's PTA meeting, or e-mail your response to kbillok@yahoo.com.



Cultural Arts News

The Cultural Arts Committee is excited to announce the upcoming acts for the remainder of the school year:

March 5: Luis Garay Percussion World will bring his "Passion and Inspiration of the Drums" for a family show during the evening cultural celebration at Cloverly (7pm, All Purpose Room).

May 3: Illstyle and Peace Productions presents the "History of Hip Hop", a high energy dance performance filled with positive messages

June 7: Reptile World – perennial Cloverly favorite. The name speaks for itself!

We are also working with the Book Fair Committee to arrange for a performance during the Book Fair evening in April. Look to the next issue of Paw Prints for more details. For more information about scheduled performances, please contact Betsy Sirk at betsy.sirk@nasa.gov.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

There will be a Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new Paint Branch High School on Sat. March 20 at 10:00 a.m. The new school, which will be built on the current Paint Branch ball fields to replace the current 40-year old facility, is the future of many Cloverly Cubs. Come join the celebration! More details will follow as plans are finalized.

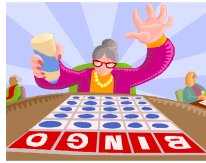
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the 20th of each month. Submissions should be emailed to the Newsletter Committee at

newsletter@cloverlypta.com.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER REQUEST

Interested in receiving the newsletter electronically? Please contact kbillok@yahoo.com with your request.



Bingo Night is back on!!!!

After receiving requests from the community to reschedule this popular event, we have decided to hold Bingo Night on Friday, March 19 from 7 – 9 PM at Briggs Chaney Middle School, in place of the originally scheduled Family Dance. If you are unable to attend this rescheduled Bingo Night on March 19th and would like to be reimbursed for your previously purchased bingo tickets, please fill out the form below and return it to school by Friday, March 5th.

What about the “Have a Heart for Haiti” Fund?

Originally, we planned to donate any un-reimbursed bingo ticket money to the SGA’s Haiti Donation Drive. Since our plans have changed, we will have another opportunity to support this worthy cause on Bingo Night. As usual, water, juice boxes, cookies, and chips will be available free of charge to everyone, but in addition, we will have an Ice Cream Sundae Bar, including a variety of different pick-your-own toppings. Each sundae will cost \$5.00, and 20% of the proceeds will go to the Haiti Fund.

Fill out the form here to get reimbursed for tickets already purchased or to purchase tickets!!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact

Lynette Scaffidi, Family Programs Chair

301-509-8483 lynette.scaffidi@comcast.net

Reimbursement for tickets or Purchase tickets!!!

Please check one: purchase reimbursement

Parent Name _____

Child Name/teacher _____

of Tickets Purchased or wish to purchase _____

If a check needs to be issued for reimbursement, please make it payable to:

All reimbursement requests must be made by Friday, March 5, 2010

Tickets may be purchased until Thursday, March 18, 2010