

**Cloverly
PTA**

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Letter from our PTA President

**PTA GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
7PM IN THE MEDIA CENTER**

April	5
May	3
June	7

OCTOBER 4 - NOVEMBER 15

Dear Cloverly Families,

With the Spring weather teasing us, I think it is safe to finally emerge after a long, but light winter! And what a wonderful way to jump into Spring, by Hanging out with some celebrities at the Cloverly Family Dance. Thanks to our creative volunteers. It was truly a hit! Some great activities are planned for April, so be sure to mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you in the Family Heritage parade, and at Family Heritage Night and Spring Book Fair. Are you interested in helping out with these fun spring events? Please look inside for more details on becoming involved. There is definitely a place for everyone to help out in the coming months.

This month there will also be various avenues for parents to learn more about MCPS planning, funding allocations across the county, direct impacts to Cloverly, and ways your voice can be heard. After testifying to the Board of Education on the top budget priorities for Cloverly, I was enlightened. I recommend parents take time to read forthcoming information, and learn as much as possible about MCPS and the budget process.

As the leaves return to the trees, I hope that many volunteers return from their winter hiatus, and give us a call to volunteer their time. It is a great way to meet other community member. **This months PTA meeting has been moved to April 12th.** Therefore, I am looking forward to seeing you in Rockville to support our Cloverly Staff and the MCCPTA on April 5th and 6th at the County Council Rally.

Your Partner In Education,
Hollie Taylor

Date	Description	Time
April 1	Cultural Arts-Ziva's Spanish Dance 3rd-5th Grades Pep-2nd Grade Jump Rope for Heart 5th Grade	9:15-10:00 am 10:15-11:00 am 10:00-11:00 am
April 4-11	Terra Nova Testing—2nd Grade	
April 7	Report Card Distribution	
April 11-15	Spring Book Fair 5th Grade MSA Testing-Science	
April 12	PTA General Meeting	7:00 pm
April 13	Family Heritage & Book Fair Night	6:00-8:30 pm
April 15	SGA Spirit Day-Pajama Day	
April 18-25	No School-Spring Break	
April 27	Reading Night	7:00-8:00 pm
April 28 & 29	No Kindergarten Kindergarten Orientation	



Letter from our Principal



Dear Cloverly Families,

March came in like a lion and went out like a lamb! Our third quarter marking period ended Wednesday, March 30th, with report cards scheduled to be sent home on Thursday, April 7th. If you have questions about your child's report card, please contact his or her classroom teacher. It's hard to believe we have entered the 4th and final quarter of the school year!

During the month of March, our students in grades 3, 4, and 5 eagerly participated in reading and math MSA testing and put forth their best efforts. MSA Science is scheduled for the week of April 11th and is for 5th grade students only.

The safety of your children continues to be a top priority for us. Here are a few safety reminders to support our efforts in keeping each child safe:

- Utilize the traffic circle when dropping off students. **Please drive slowly and safely.** While in the traffic circle, have your child exit your vehicle at the curbside instead of walking between cars to get to the sidewalk.
- Sign in and receive a visitor pass from the office before you visit a classroom. Also, please remember that all visits must be arranged in advance with the classroom teacher. Direct observations within the school environment are scheduled by an administrator.
- Remind students that we are respectful towards each other through C.A.R.E. (c: **complimenting** each other, a: demonstrating **acts** of kindness r: showing **respect**, and e: recognizing that **everybody** counts). As stated in our discipline policy, bullying is an unacceptable practice and will not be tolerated at Cloverly. Thank you for helping us stay safe at Cloverly.

Kindergarten Orientation is scheduled for **April 28th and 29th**. If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2011, he/she is eligible for our 2011 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.

Montgomery College Youth Programs is offering exciting classes in its **Summer Youth Programs** for students in grades K– 12 who want to do something really different during the summer. Spring-Summer programs begin May and early June and run through August 19. Brochures will be posted on their website at (www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth). For further information, contact Youth Programs at 240-567-7264 or 240-567-7917.

Have an awesome April!

Sincerely,

Melissa Brunson



OUR PTA OFFICERS!

The slate of Executive Officers for the 2011-12 Cloverly PTA will be announced at this month's meeting, and voted upon at the May meeting. Thanks so much to our community members who have offered to fill these leadership positions, and the nominating committee seeking out volunteers!



Committee Chair Positions for Next Year:

It is time to start thinking about the 2011-12 school year for PTA! Please contact hollie_taylor@yahoo.com to let us know if you would like to continue to serve in the committee chair role that you have fulfilled this year. If you decide not to continue, please try to supply the contact info for several other volunteers that you have worked with that you think might be interested in a leadership position in your area for the coming year. We also welcome community members who have not served in the past but are interested in a committee chair position for next year to get in touch!

Thanks so much for all of your assistance!

CHILDCARE DURING PTA MEETINGS...

To reserve a space for your child during 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? Please contact Jackie at 301-384-8315 / jackie.stock@jhuapl.edu



BOXTOPS

Please remember to keep cutting out Boxtops on specially marked boxes and submit them to your child's teacher. There will be drawings with prizes at the end of the school year.

Please make sure your child's name is clearly marked on the bag or envelope.

Thank you for your help!

It's Book Fair Time Again!!!



Mark your calendars so you will not miss our Scholastic Book Fair.

The book fair will be held in the Media Center on the following dates:

Monday, April 11, 2011 - 9:00 - 3:30

Tuesday, April 12, 2011 - 9:00- 3:30

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

9:00 - 3:00 and 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Thursday, April 14, 2011 - 9:00 - 3:30

Friday, April 15, 2011 - 9:00 - 3:30

Please join us Wednesday Evening (Family Night) for master storyteller Baba Jamal Koram who brings African and African-American cultures alive through folklore, fables, and stories.

If you would like to volunteer to work at the book fair, please contact Susan Quinn at

cojana@verizon.net.



SILENT AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS...

Individuals Needed to Assist

The Cloverly PTA Spring Fair and Silent Auction Committee is in the midst of planning this biennial event, **Cloverly's largest fundraiser**. The fun-filled festivities will be held on school grounds on Sunday, June 5. The auction committee is seeking individuals who are interested in planning for the auction and/or fair, marketing for the event, assisting in set up and clean up, shopping for auction-related items, etc.

If you are interested, please e-mail your name and contact information to Nicole Gyapong at nicgyapong@yahoo.com. We also welcome anyone to join the planning committee at one of our upcoming meetings: dates, times and locations to be determined based on volunteer availability. The more the merrier!

Auction Donations

If you'd like to contribute something tangible to the silent auction, the auction committee is actively soliciting donations. Donating an item is a great way to help Cloverly, to showcase something you've made or to recycle a gift that you've never used.

Services are also popular auction items.

What is your area of expertise? Consider the following ideas:

- Cater a meal or provide a homemade cake.
- Donate one of your art pieces, provide art lessons or faux paint a room.
- Alter clothing, provide mending services, knit a scarf or offer lessons.
- Donate a getaway to your vacation home.
- Offer babysitting services.
- Offer gardening, landscaping or lawn mowing services, donate plants or clean gutters.
- Offer professional services like accounting, financial planning, nutritional counseling or personal training.
- Provide music, computer or sports lessons.
- Arrange a lunch with a celebrity.
- Coordinate a tour of a TV station or donate autographed memorabilia.

Create a themed gift basket.



SILENT AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS (cont.)...

If you'd like donate an item or service, or if your company, friends or business associates are willing, please indicate on the form below and **return to your child's classroom teacher by Friday, May 6**. If you have questions, please contact Nicole Gyapong at 240.893.4347 or nicgyapong@yahoo.com.

_____ I will make or obtain a contribution to the silent auction.

Description: _____

Value: _____

Please provide me with _____ copies of the auction solicitation letter to distribute to friends and business contacts.

_____ I am interested in purchasing ad space in the auction catalog. Please provide more information.

_____ I would like more information about renting exhibit space at the Spring Fair.

WE NEED YOU...

If you are have a little bit of time and would like to help the PTA, there is still time left. We are looking for individuals that are willing to help with a few programs and fundraisers before the end of the year.

We are currently looking for a volunteer to Chair the popular **Spring Plant Sale**. The sale will be held at the end of April. Volunteers will be responsible for copying order form flyers to go home in backpacks, tallying orders, placing orders with plant company, and setting up a date and time for orders to be picked up at

Cloverly. Families love the beautiful flowers for their yards and porches.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the **Family Reading Night**. If you are willing to help with set up let us know. Consider dedicating time to help raise funds for the school. Thanks!



Celebrating Our World

We are gearing up for our annual “**Celebrating Our World Week**” planned for April 11th through April 15th. During the week, children will have the opportunity to share experiences about their own cultures while learning about those of others within the Cloverly Community.

In order to guarantee a most successful event this year, we are again asking for the help of you, our Cloverly families. We are looking for parents, grandparents, relatives and friends to come and share their “cultural” talent during the evening of **Wednesday, April 13th between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at our Family Heritage Night.**

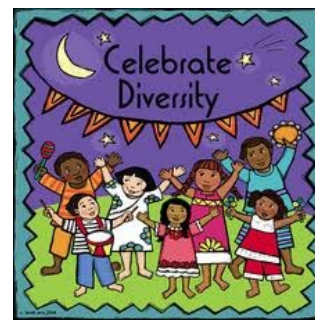
Please fill out the questionnaire below if you can come share your cultural talent or skill on April 13th, between 6:00 and 9:00. Return this form to your child’s teacher by **Friday, March 11th.**

Student Name: _____

Classroom Teacher’s Name: _____

Parent’s Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____



CULTURE YOU ARE REPRESENTING: _____

Please check below if you can share one of the following activities:

- _____ conduct a craft activity (i.e. origami, flag making, flower making)
- _____ demonstrate/provide a dance lesson (i.e. square dancing, tango)
- _____ teach kids a game (i.e. mahjong, double-dutch)
- _____ face paint or body paint (i.e. henna)
- _____ demonstrate writing, calligraphy, etc.
- _____ display photo album/artifact /clothing
- _____ recite poetry
- _____ show a video/DVD of your country of origin
- _____ perform musical demonstration
- _____ other Special Talent or Skill which you can present:

*****Please initial if you would like to assist that evening, but won’t be sharing a special cultural talent/skill.**



GET YOUR VARIETY SHOW DVD...

If you are interested in ordering a DVD of this year's Variety Show, please fill out the form below and return it by Friday, April 8th.

Cost is \$10.00 for the 2-disc set. Questions? Please contact Colleen Sullivan at colleensuv@comcast.net.

Variety Show DVD Order

Your Name: _____ Child's name _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Number of Copies: _____ (\$10.00 each) Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to "Cloverly PTA."

Please return completed form, along with payment, to your child's teacher in an envelope marked "Variety Show DVD."



Pizza Fundraiser

Student's Name: _____

Parent's name: _____

Parent's Phone: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

No. of cards requested: _____

Fundraiser cards are \$10 each and are a GREAT way to support Cloverly Elementary. The PTA gets 100% from Vocelli for each card sold. Please consider getting a few to sell to co-workers, family and friends.

Return this form and a check made out to **Cloverly Elementary PTA**, with your child. Questions? Please contact Janet Beaton, jbeaton@terpalum.umd.edu.





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SPRING FAIR 2011!!!

Sunday, June 5th, 2011

11 AM-4 PM at Cloverly ES

The Spring Fair/Silent Auction committee has been working hard to make this year's fair the best yet! This is our PTA's largest fundraiser so we are seeking LOTS of volunteers and donations to help with this delightful event.

The event will include a superb silent auction along with moonbounces, games & prizes, D.J., live performances, used book sale, food sales, and multi-family yard sale & freecycle. The Cloverly Cubs Care Club will also host "A Wider Circle", a local organization provides beds, dressers, and other basic need items to families that are moving out of shelters or living in neglected neighborhoods.

Please continue to save small toys as game prizes. We are also still collecting empty gift baskets/containers, new or like new unwanted gifts, household items, books, toys, pictures, etc. for the auction.

Donations have been coming in steadily, however, we could still use more items and will continue collections through April. Please email Renee Chen davidandreenechen@yahoo.com to donate.

THANK YOU CLOVERLY FAMILIES!

The PTA is happy to announce that this year's...

Thursday May 12, 2011

Science Fair

Information will be coming home in one of the upcoming March Friday folders. There will be plenty of volunteer opportunities. You can start thinking of project ideas now. Students are encouraged to participate by preparing projects geared toward the following five categories:

- Experiments/Investigations
- Demonstrations
- Research
- Collections (science-related only)
- Apparatus

If you are interested in helping, please contact Mary Goodenough at (301) 879-9395 or mary_goodenough@merck.com.

Thank you for supporting the Cloverly Science Fair!

