

**Cloverly  
PTA**

# PAW PRINTS

## Letter from our PTA President

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

<b>May</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>7</b>

Cloverly Families,

I hope everyone had a *GREAT* spring break. It is hard to believe that summer is right around the corner. I must say that this has certainly been the quickest school year of my life. In April the PTA and Staff hosted our first ever combination “Family Heritage Night and Spring Book Fair”. What a *HUGE* success! Many of the families enjoyed the Cultural Arts performance of African storytelling as well as cultural displays and activities throughout the school. I know that I enjoyed showing my Henna tattoo, and listening to my kids read their new books. Thanks to all the children who participated in the parade. Kudos goes out to all of the staff, volunteers, and committee chairs who made the evening successful. In May, we can look forward to giving back during Staff Appreciation Week, Celebrating Mother’s Day, and seeing the displays of talented students at the Science Fair. Thanks to both of those committees in advance, it is always challenging to take on these big event.

It is my wish that you enjoy this time of year and the joys that spring has to offer. As always, I encourage you to get involved in any way you can. I would love to help you get involved in any area that interests you. We will begin filling our 2011-2012 Committee positions very soon. If there is something that you would like to do, or a position you are interested in holding, please feel free to contact me! I would love to hear from you!

Your Partner in Education, Hollie Taylor

06-05-2011

Date	Description	Time
<b>May 3</b>	PTA Meeting	7:00 pm
<b>May 5</b>	Spring Chorus Concert	2:00 pm & 7:00 pm
<b>May 6</b>	1st Grade Mother’s Day Celebration	2:00 pm
<b>May 10</b>	Class & Individual Pictures 5th Grade Panoramic Picture	
<b>May 12</b>	Science Fair	6:30-8:00 pm
<b>May 13</b>	5th Grade Philadelphia Trip	
<b>May 24</b>	Field Day K-2nd Recorder Concert	9:15-11:15 am 1:30 & 7:00 pm
<b>May 25</b>	Principal Parent Coffee K-2nd & PEP Volunteer Tea	9:30-11:00 am 3:30 pm
<b>May 26</b>	Principal Parent Coffee 3rd-5th & Autism	9:30-11:00 am
<b>May 30</b>	No School-Memorial Day	
<b>May 31</b>	Field Day K-2nd (Rain Date)	9:15-11:15 am



# Letter from our Principal



Dear Cloverly Families,

April showers (and there were many!) bring May flowers and many reasons to be joyful and to celebrate. We've successfully completed GT Global Screening and TN/2 for grade 2. Because of everyone's participation at the Family Dinner Night Chick Fila fundraiser, we were able to raise approximately \$700.00 which has been added to our school's technology fund. And lastly, we enjoyed the presence and participation of our Cloverly families at Family Heritage and Book Fair Night and Reading Night.

I would also like to thank all of the parents who participated in Kindergarten Orientation. Our 50+ children and their families commented on the outstanding hospitality of our staff and parents. Additional packets are available in the front office for those parents who could not attend.

Happy Mother's Day to all of our amazing Cloverly mothers! Your families are very fortunate to have the guidance and nurturance you provide and demonstrate through your loving actions. Thanks for sharing your "pride and joy" with us each and every day. I thank you whole-heartedly for volunteering your time at Cloverly to support our instructional program.

Parents, please be on the lookout for written correspondence that will help us to plan and to prepare for the 2011-12 school year. *Return to Cloverly* and *Class Placement Parent/Guardian Input* are two important communications that have gone home to parents and should be returned to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Additional forms are in the main office.

Once again, our *Lost and Found*, is full and overflowing. If your child is missing any clothing items, it's likely that it is our *Lost and Found*. If clothing items aren't picked up by Friday, May 27th, they will be donated to a local charity. Thanks in advance your cooperation and understanding.

As the school year draws to a close and as the weather gets warmer, I am asking parents to continue to encourage your children to complete their homework, projects, and class assignments. Encourage positive interactions with peers and continued adherence to school rules in all settings, including the bus. Remind your children that we do not allow toys, especially balls and cell phones, at school. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, students must attend school every day. We must continue to work in partnership – parents and school staff – to ensure the momentum of our students until the last day of school.

I look forward to finishing out the year with much success.

Sincerely,

Ms. Melissa Brunson

**Happy Mother's Day  
To all Cloverly Moms !!**



# PTA Teacher Appreciation Week

## May 2nd–6th, 2011

This event has been celebrated during the first full week in May since 1984.

It is about forging positive partnerships between families and teachers.

It's about saying thanks for teachers' dedication to excellence in education. It's about supporting teachers throughout the year through cooperation, collaboration, and expressions of appreciation.

Please join us in recognizing the imperative and inspiring work our teachers do every day.

## 2011 Science Fair

will be held on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**All students are welcome to participate.**

Students who chose to do a project should bring their project to the All-Purpose Room during one of the following times:

Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am – 9:00am

Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:15 – 6:00pm

Cloverly students will have the opportunity to view the projects with their classmates during the day on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Students, family and friends are encouraged to come view the science projects during the evening of May 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

If you have any questions regarding the science fair or if you are interested in volunteering please contact Mary Goodenough at (301) 879-9395 or [mary\\_goodenough@merck.com](mailto:mary_goodenough@merck.com).

Thank you for supporting the Cloverly Science Fair

## YARD SALE..

**Clean out your home of unwanted items and make some \$ CASH \$.**

**We'll do the advertising and bring in customers, and you simply do the selling.**

**Spots will be available in front of the school on the morning of the Spring Fair on a first come, first serve basis for \$20 each.**

**Sellers bring their own tables, canopies and goods and keep all profits.**

**See the bright yellow flyer for complete information and sign up instructions.**



## FAMILY DANCE PHOTOS ON THE WAY

**We are still in the process of printing photos from the dance, identifying students and distributing them to correct teachers to give to students.**



## 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 to help with  
this delightful event which will include...

- \* Huge inflatables \* Interactive games & prizes \* Fun D.J.
- \* Live performances \* LOTS OF FOOD & ice cream
- \* Face painting \* Silent Auction \* Multi-Family Yard Sale

Questions...please email Renee Chen at  
[davidandreenechen@yahoo.com](mailto:davidandreenechen@yahoo.com).

**THANK YOU CLOVERLY FAMILIES!**



## Spring Fair Ticket & Wristband Pre-Sale

*Avoid ticket lines and save money by purchasing wristbands and tickets in advance.*

Wristbands allow for unlimited access to all the inflatables (i.e. moon bounce  
& slide).



Wristbands will not be available for purchase the day of the fair.

Only tickets will be available for purchase on fair day at \$.50/each

Wristbands: \$12.00

Pre-Sale Sheet of 24 tickets: \$10.00

Purchases will be sent home with your child the week before the Spring Fair .

### Cloverly Spring Fair Pre-Sale Order

Child's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Wristbands (\$12/each): \_\_\_\_\_ # of Ticket Sheets (\$10/each): \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (make checks payable to Cloverly PTA)

Return this form to your child's teacher with payment in an envelope marked  
"Spring Fair Sale" no later than Friday, May 27th.



# 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](mailto: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.

If you'd like donate an item or service, or if your company, friends or business associates are willing, please indicate on this form 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](mailto:nicgyapong@yahoo.com).

\_\_\_\_\_ I will make or obtain a contribution for 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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to your child's classroom teacher by Friday, May 6. Thank you!





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**Cloverly Elementary School**

[www3.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/cloverlyes](http://www3.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/cloverlyes)

[www.cloverlypta.com](http://www.cloverlypta.com)

## Babysitting...

To Reserve your Space for this month's  
PTA meeting...

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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](mailto:jackie.stock@jhuapl.edu)

### 3 WEDNESDAYS LEFT FOR CLOVERLY IN-SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM

The Cloverly/Sandy Spring Bank In-School Banking program gives students the opportunity to open a "Young Savers" account and participate in a savings program at the school. It aims to reinforce basic math skills, give children a sense of responsibility in handling money and emphasizes the importance of saving.

In-School Banking WEDNESDAYS  
May 4 & May 18 & June 1

Each banking Wednesday, a representative from Sandy Spring Bank will be in the Media Center from 8:30 - 8:45 AM for teachers, staff, account custodians, and parents/guardians accompanying students. Students will then be invited to the media center for In-School Banking during morning announcements.

It's not too late to open a "Young Savers" account for your child. Simply download the information sheet/application from the Cloverly PTA website or contact chairperson, Renee Chen, at [davidandreenechen@yahoo.com](mailto:davidandreenechen@yahoo.com). Send the completed form and initial deposit with your child to school on a Banking Day Wednesday and have them bring it to the media center.

The minimum opening deposit is \$10.00 with a \$0.50 minimum deposit thereafter. All students who open accounts will receive a Sandy Dog's Savings Club kit containing deposit slips, coin holders, and a Sandy Dog's Savings Club Savings Passbook. Students with existing accounts can start bringing deposits for those same accounts.

Once completed applications are received by the bank representative, account custodians will receive a "signature card" in the mail. The signature card needs to be signed and sent back to Sandy Spring Bank as soon as possible in the postage paid envelope provided. Until the signature card is received, all deposits are held at the bank in a safe. The bank will officially open the account, and deposits will begin earning interest once the signature card is received.

General questions about In-School Banking at Cloverly can be directed to Renee Chen at [davidandreenechen@yahoo.com](mailto:davidandreenechen@yahoo.com). Questions regarding individual accounts should be directed to Sandy Spring Bank at 301-774-6400.

