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Up-Coming in November

October 31- November 10

Mixed Bag Designs Sale

Tuesday, November 1-17

Food Drive

Thursday, November 3

Evening Meeting "Meet the Middle Schools" - 6:30 PM

Recycling Day 7:30 - 8:30 AM

Wednesday, November 9th

Booster Club Meeting - Staff Lounge
8:15 AM

Thursday, November 10th

Maria's Italian Kitchen Night

Friday, November 11

VETERANS DAY - NO SCHOOL

Thursday, November 17th

ELAC Meeting - Staff Lounge 8:20 AM

Campus Tours, Main Office 8:15 AM

LEARN/SSC Meeting - 2:45 PM

Picture Make-up Day

Friday, November 18

Coffee with the Principal - Staff Lounge
8:15 AM

Thursday, November 24-25

Thanksgiving Holidays - NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, November 30

Booster Club Meeting, 2:45 PM in
Library

Principal's News

Dear Clover Families,

As we begin a new school year we know that you are eager to ensure your student's success for the upcoming school year. One of the greatest indicators of student success is making sure your student has outstanding attendance at school for the entire academic year.

As parents you are a vital part of your student's success at school as well as their future achievement. We want to remind you that attendance is directly linked to academic success. Poor attendance is directly related to academic failure and is one of the strongest predictors of student dropout.

"Student attendance remains the number one factor affecting the overall achievement of students."
-Fresno Unified School District

In addition, attendance is the primary source of revenue for school districts. Last year, LAUSD lost over 16 million dollars in revenue due to student absences. Last year at Clover our absences totaled over \$99,000 of lost revenue. This year for the months of September and October we have already lost over \$7,000!

An increase of ½ percentage point in the student attendance rate district-wide would provide \$16 million in additional revenue!!

PARENTS.....WE CAN DO BETTER....WE MUST DO BETTER FOR OUR CHILDREN!

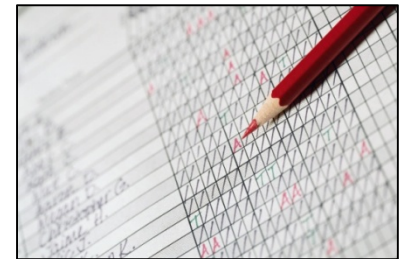
The district wants to help parents in ensuring their student has a successful academic year by making the following suggestions:

- Schedule all appointments for your student after school, on weekends, or during student's vacation or holidays
- If the appointment must be made during school hours, please have your student attend school prior to the appointment and/or return to school after the appointment to complete the school day
- Schedule vacations during school holidays

We look forward to partnering with you to make sure that your student is successful at school. We are available to offer support and guidance to address any issues that prevent your student from attending regularly.

Warm Wishes,

Sharon Fabian, Principal



From the Booster Club President

Happy November Everyone!

As we enter the holiday months I want to say a huge "THANK YOU" to the entire Clover family community!

...Thank you to all of you who helped make our Wrapping Paper Drive a huge success!

...Thank you for all of you who volunteered time, candy and pumpkins for our Halloween Hurray to be such a family fun evening for our kids!

...Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our pledge drive and

who are continually contributing monthly throughout the year!

...Thank you to all the new families that have come to Clover and jumped right in by supporting the Booster Club and even those of you who have taken on new positions!

...Thank you to all the parents who come to Booster meetings and are involved in the planning process for our fundraisers!

...AND A HUGE THANK YOU to all the staff and teachers for being supportive in all of our fundraising efforts!

So, if my message is not clear this month, THANK YOU, Clover community and staff, for helping to make our school such a wonderful place for our kids! We would not be able to fund the fabulous programs our kids are able to enjoy without everyone's efforts.

If you would like more information on how you can be involved in our Booster Club please feel free to email me anytime at tracybou@msn.com.

Wishing you a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday!

Tracy Boulanger,
Booster Club President

Vote for Clover & we could win a \$50,000 grant towards the purchase of iPads, laptops & additional computer equipment!

Thanks to Clover parent, Alan Reyes, Clover has been nominated for a chance to win a Clorox Grant. Our proposal "Paint and Dance into the Digital Age, CREATE Arts and Music" has been recognized by Clorox as a "Clorox Pick." Voting started on Monday, October 24 and goes through Friday, December 9. Now need your votes. YOU CAN

VOTE EVERY DAY VIA TXT AND ONLINE!! Cast your vote at: www.powerabrightfuture.com/how-works/#waystovote. There are 3 different ways to vote: Online, Smartphone or SMS/Text and anyone 13 or over can vote.

Tell friends, family, co-workers, neighbors through Facebook, twitter, email, etc. We need as many votes as possible.

Thank you for your support. To read more about the grant, please visit www.powerabrightfuture.com and search for keyword "Clover" and don't forget to vote!

Coffee with the Principal

You're invited to come have a cup of coffee with Mrs. Fabian on November 18th at 8:15am in the staff lounge! Please come with questions and discussion topics pertaining to Clover as a whole because this is time set aside for you! We are looking forward to seeing you!



Thank you all for supporting the School Cents/Westside Pavilion program.

We hope you and your family enjoyed the puppet show and jumping jacks event in October. Clover is in 2nd place now, but we are 44,000 points behind Westwood Charter. If you shop, let's earn points for our school!

Here are a few ways that we can help Clover get to the top.

1. For this coming month - November - it's the time for us to GIVE THANKS.



Last year, in the Big Red Bucket Holiday Food Drive, Clover was able to donate 146 holiday meals to families in need. This year, let's donate at least 150 meals. Please turn in your donation items before Monday, November 14. The food item donations list should have been sent home with your child and/or should be posted on www.cloveraveschool.org For both Nov. 17 & 18, many volunteers will be needed. Location will be announced.

2. This month, Gap Kids, The Body Shop and Three Cheeky Monkeys have double points. Please turn in your receipts to Guest Services, located on Level 2 or you can drop off your receipts at our main office in the green School Cents' box, and we will turn them in for you for double points in January.
3. Early Bird Black Friday special - On November 25, 4:00AM - 6:00AM, please sign in at Guest Services to receive 500 points. The first 400 people will receive a gift bag from Westside Pavilion. (There is a gift card inside.)

4. Plan your holiday shopping early. You can buy a Mall Gift Card branded by American Express and earn 1,000 bonus points for Clover.

Questions? Please contact School Cents coordinators Amy (amywenlin@gmail.com) or Deepa (deepamuralidharan@yahoo.com). Thanks!

Everybody in for the Clover Pledge Drive!



Did you know there's a hidden cost to send your child to Clover? The school district does not pay for your child's physical education, computer lab, teacher's aides, library access, or arts education. It does not even pay for copy machines in the office or adequate classroom supplies.

All of these expenses are borne by the Clover Booster Club, and we need everyone's help to make sure that our children have these important elements of their school environment. And now's the time --- the Clover pledge drive is underway! The pledge drive is the Booster Club's most important fundraiser, because every penny raised goes directly to pay for Booster Club's expenses. The Booster Club spends:

- \$39,000 on teaching assistants
- \$24,000 on computer instruction
- \$19,000 on physical education
- \$7,000 on staff support, including classroom supplies

We ask that each family give \$400 for each child at Clover. But more important than the amount you give, is the fact that you give. We are aiming for 100% participation this

year, so please consider a gift in whatever range you are comfortable with. To sweeten the deal, every classroom that reaches 100% participation will receive a cookie party. And the classroom that raises the most money at the end of the year will enjoy an ice cream extravaganza.

If you need another pledge drive form to fill out, you can find one on our website, www.cloveraveschool.org. You can also find a link there to give online, if that's easier. If you do, would you mind sending us a note letting us know what child's classroom we can credit with your donation? You can contact Christina at bullarndt@gmail.com.

Many, many thanks to the many families who have already given! Ms. Stetson's class has already achieved 100% participation, and a cookie party is in the works! Ms. Chin's class has 59% participation, and Ms. Bok, Ms. Mak, and Ms. Vinicor's classrooms all have more than half their families giving. Thank you so much. We need everyone to give, because everyone benefits.

Box Tops for Education



Thanks Clover families for turning in all of your Box Tops and Bonus Box Tops! In a few months, Clover will get a check for over \$400 because of you. A big thank you goes out to all of the Box Tops Club members for helping out on Fridays after school. We couldn't have finished counting, cutting and sorting without these members. Keep clipping and sending in those Box Tops. Thanks from Ms.

Blomquist & Miss Mak, Box Tops Coordinators.

Clover Recycle Day Thursday, November 3 @ 7:30- 8:30am

Keep your recyclables. Pre-sort and bring them once a month to school during the drop off hour. There are five recycle bins labeled "Cans & Bottles Only" on campus. You may drop off your recyclables in those bins prior to the monthly collection date. **Please rinse & sort the containers and crush them if possible.** Please do not leave your recyclables if the bins are full.

These are the items we **CAN ACCEPT**:

- Plastic juice bottles
- Aluminum beverage cans
- Plastic milk containers
- Any glass containers (Parents only)
- Any scrap metal
- Electrical wires
- Pots & pans
- Muffin tins
- Food cans

These are the items we **CANNOT COLLECT**:

- Plastic food containers
- Paper (incl. juice boxes)
- Cardboard
- Newspaper
- Cleaning product containers
- Shampoo, conditioner or soap containers
- TVs, computers, monitors, cameras or any other electronics

Mixed Bag Designs Fundraiser



New to Clover this year, we are excited to introduce the Mixed Bag Designs fundraiser! Please look through the Mixed Bag Designs Fundraiser catalog. There are many cool items for you to consider. Not only are there reusable bags, but also a wide variety of cell phone covers, laptop/iPad cases, stationery products, totes and lunch bags. With all the products offered there is something for everyone! Consider purchasing holiday gifts, birthday gifts or just spoil yourself with these fabulous products. Clover will receive 50% of all sales! Please have all orders turned in by November 10th to ensure delivery by the holidays! If you have any questions regarding Mixed Bag Designs please contact Tracy Boulanger at tracybou@msn.com or Holly Cantos at hollycantos@earthlink.net.

IHOP Fundraising Night



IHOP has generously agreed to hold Clover fundraising nights EVERY SUNDAY (from 4pm to 6pm) and EVERY MONDAY (from 5:30pm to 7:30pm) FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR! Be sure to give your flyer to your server so Clover can receive 25% of your food and beverage purchase. If you need another flyer, you can print one from our website cloveraveschool.org.

Maria's Italian Kitchen Night

Mark your calendars for November 10th to come enjoy dinner with your fellow Clover families! Be sure to give your flyer to your server so Clover can earn a percentage of your bill.

Marie Callender's Pie Certificates for Sale!

Are you purchasing your holiday pies from Marie Callender's? If so, purchase a Marie Callender's Pie Certificate for \$11 from Clover! Your pie certificate will be valid for one pumpkin pie or a pie of equal value sold at Marie Callender's in West Los Angeles, West Whittier, Puente Hills East or La Habra locations during the months of November and December. The sweetest part of this deal is Clover gets \$4 for every certificate sold! So turn in your order form for your pie certificate! If you need a copy of the Marie Callender's Pie Certificate flyer you can find one cloveraveschool.org.

Gift Cards Earn Money for Clover

One of the painless ways that we can raise money for Clover is by purchasing gift cards. Every other week, a gift card order form will come home with your children. Just choose the gift cards you want, and return the form with a check. You pay face value for the cards, and Clover receives a percentage of our sales.

Clover gift cards aren't just for gifts; they're like cash for your everyday purchases. You can use them at Vons or Albertsons, Starbucks, Arco --- places where you shop every day. By

using Clover gifts cards, you can earn money for Clover but pay no more than you otherwise would.

What's more, we can get all kinds of different gift cards, even if they're not on the order form. Most gas stations, chain restaurants, and mall stores all sell gift cards through our program, so just ask about what you don't see. You can contact Christina Bull Arndt with any questions or special orders: bullarndt@gmail.com, or 310-739-3870.

If we all buy a few gift cards each month from Clover, we'll raise a lot of money together! Thanks for your support!

More ways to connect with Clover



Did you know that Clover has a website? It is a great resource for parents, teachers and students! Go to www.cloveraveschool.org and find out about all the Upcoming Events at Clover. Find out what is going on during the school year by looking up the 2011-12 Yearly Calendar. New this year is the Monthly Calendar where parents and students can see the events coming up in a convenient month form. Also, if you need to print out forms for various fundraisers (Gift Card order forms, volunteer forms, restaurant fundraiser flyers, etc.) or find out about upcoming School Cents events, the Clover website is the place to go. Also, tired of not knowing what is going to be served for lunch at the beginning of the month before meal menus have gone home? It's on the website! Come check it out!