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Up-Coming in October

In October

Monday, October 3-17

Wrapping Paper Drive

Wednesday, October 5

Picture Day

Friday, October 7

Norm Day

Earthquake Kits Go Home

Friday, October 12

PE Begins

Booster Club Meeting - Staff Lounge

8:15 AM

Thursday, October 20

ELAC Meeting-Staff Lounge 8:20 AM

SAS Parent Meeting-Auditorium 6:30 PM

Friday, October 21

Needs Improvement Notices Go Home

Wednesday, October 26

Booster Club Meeting -Staff Lounge

2:45 PM

Thursday, October 27

LEARN/SSC Meeting - 2:45 PM

Friday, October 28

HALLOWEEN HURRAH FESTIVAL-Campus

5:30 PM

Up-Coming Fall

Monday, November 1-15

Food Drive

Principal's News

Dear Clover Families:

I'm sure you've heard it before:

"Mom, Dad, I didn't do my homework because you forgot to remind me."

"I left my assignment at school."

"I can't do my homework because it's too hard."

Are you pulling your hair out yet? Wait. Before you become follically challenged, you should know that there are answers to your homework headaches.

The relationship between the home and the school is important. If you want your child to achieve academic success, you must become involved in the educational process. Here are some ways to develop a good attitude toward homework in your child and a high-quality relationship with your child's school:

- Talk with your child's teacher about homework policies. Make sure you know the purpose of the homework assignments, how long they should take, and how the teacher wants you to be involved in helping your child complete them.
- Agree with your child on a set time to do homework every day.
- Make sure that your child has a consistent, well-lit, quiet place to study and do homework. Discourage distractions such as TV or calls from friends.
- Make sure the materials needed to do assignments – papers, books, pencils, a dictionary, and computer – are available. Show your child how to use reference books or computer programs and appropriate Web sites. Ask your child to let you know if special

materials are needed and have them ready in advance.

- Ask your children if they understand their homework. If they do not, work a few examples together.
- When your child asks for help, provide guidance, not answers. Doing assignments for your child won't help them understand and use information or help them become confident in their own abilities.
- Check to see that your child has done all the work assigned. Sign the homework if your child's teacher requires this.
- Watch for signs of frustration or failure. Let your child take a short break if they are having trouble keeping their mind on an assignment.
- Reward progress. If your child has been successful in completing an assignment and is working hard, celebrate with a special event – reading a favorite story or playing a game together – to reinforce the positive effort.
- Read the teacher's comments on assignments that are returned. If a problem arises, arrange to meet with the teacher and work out a plan and a schedule to solve it.

I hope these homework hints will help ease the way for a successful year for all our students and families!

Warm wishes,

Sharon Fabian

Sharon Fabian, Principal



From the Booster Club President

HAPPY OCTOBER EVERYONE!

Wow, September went by fast but it was loads of fun and extremely productive. I really enjoyed meeting all the parents at the New Family Welcome as well as the first Booster meeting. We are so excited to have all the new families here at Clover and I really look forward to fundraising together for our children's school! Thank you to all of you who volunteered in our Book Fair last month. It was amazing to see new faces willing to come help out!

As we are all aware, budget cuts by LAUSD are evident on our campus. I cannot stress enough the importance of participation from our Clover families to ensure we do not have to cut any of our fabulous programs.

I urge you to participate in our Pledge Drive. Our Pledge Drive is our largest fundraiser of the year and the best part is every single dollar donated supports programs like P.E., Computer Lab and much more. We are depending on your donations in order to be able to keep these indispensable programs. Please donate what you can.

Our next Booster meeting will be Wednesday, October 12th at 8:15AM in the staff lounge. Everyone is welcome! Please bring your fundraising ideas and let's work together to make this year our best school year yet!

Please feel free to email me anytime with questions, comments or fundraising ideas.

Tracy Boulanger, Booster Club President
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Halloween Hurrah Returns October 28



Clover's most exciting fundraising event, the Halloween Hurrah, is coming Friday, October 28. To all of our new Clover families, you are in for a TREAT (or Trick)! The Hurrah is a wonderful evening of fun for the whole family and we need many hands to make it work.

Starting at 5:30 on Friday October 28th wear your favorite Halloween costume and join us for games, food, a magic show by the all new Simon the Magician, Gold Fish Toss game, have your fortune told by Christian the Fortune Teller and so much more!! All families are needed to help so please talk to your head room parent about your child's classroom game or assignment at the festival. We are in need of volunteers to make posters to advertise the event around the school, and also someone to be in charge of clean up the night of the event. Please contact Jen Groenwold at jengroenwold@mac.com or Ruth Baxter at ruthbaxter@fastmail.fm.



Shop at Westside Pavilion; Help Clover Be #1 and win \$3000 for our School

Congrats Clover! Last year Clover placed 2nd in the School Cents Westside Pavilion contest to earn \$2500 for Clover. This program at the Westside Pavilion mall on Pico donates money to local schools. Here are a few ideas of how we can get into 1st place:

1. Turn in ANY receipts from the Westside Pavilion (i.e. Barnes & Noble, Landmark Theaters, food/beverage, etc.) dated back from Sept. 15, 2011 up to May 15, 2012. Log them at the 2nd floor guest services, turn them into Clover OR save them for double points.
2. Attend Kids Club on Wednesday, Oct 5th from 6:00-6:45pm. Watch "Marvelous Marionettes" (free) and sign in for 500 points/child. 3rd floor food court area.
3. On Monday, Oct 11th, 4:00, National Geographic wants you to do jumping jacks and help set a Guinness World Record. Sign in for 500 points. 1st floor near Macy's.

4. Go Trick-or-Treating at the mall on Monday, Oct 31 starting at 4:00. Treats run out fast so get there early. Sign in at the 2nd floor desk to earn 500 points/child.

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

Clover's Halloween Costume sale is BACK!

Don't throw away last year's Halloween costumes. Bring them to Clover for the Halloween Costume Recycle Program and raise money for your school! We are collecting your gently or never-used costumes in the box outside the office door on the schoolyard side until October 5. The costume sale will begin, October 10 – 15 at the Quads before and after school. If you have any questions please contact Terie Iwamoto (Japanese community: Clover – no – Tomodachi, 310-806-3866



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find out more!



Box Tops for Education

Can you imagine a fund-raiser that's as easy as eating a bowl of cereal or having a snack? With General Mills Box Tops for Education, it's just that simple!

Simply clip the Box Top logos from participating General Mills products and send them to school with your children. Clover gets 10 cents per Box Top collected!

But NOW you can register with Box Tops for Education and shop online to get credits. Need books? Go to the Reading Room and you can shop via Barnes and Noble and get points for Clover. There is also an online Marketplace and an opportunity to buy school supplies for your child's classroom. (Teachers, you can make a wish list online and parents can purchase them.)

Clover Recycle Day Thursday, October 6 at Corner of Military & Queensland, 7:30- 8:30am

Help Clover earn money and the environment get cleaner by recycling! This fundraiser will happen on roughly the first Thursday of each month throughout the school year.

Keep your recyclables. Pre-sort and bring them once a month to school during 7:30 – 8:30.

There are five recycle bins labeled "Cans & Bottles Only" on campus. You may drop off your recyclables in those bins prior to our 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:**

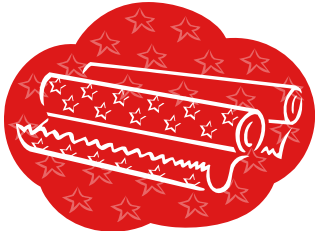
1. Plastic juice bottles
2. Aluminum beverage cans
3. Plastic milk containers
4. Any glass containers (Parents only)
5. Any scrap metal
6. Electrical wires
7. Pots & pans
8. Muffin tins
9. Food cans

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



Wrapping Paper Fundraiser runs October 3-17



As the weather starts to change, we realize it's that time of year when many families are gathering for their traditional events. We would love to help you plan for these moments. The Innisbrook Wraps fundraiser starts Monday 10/3 and goes through Monday 10/17/2011.

This year's catalog has wrapping paper, chocolates, magazines, candles, coffee, cookies, and more. Their gift wrap paper is a nice quality thick one, which is printed on recycled paper. And remember 80% of their products are made in America.

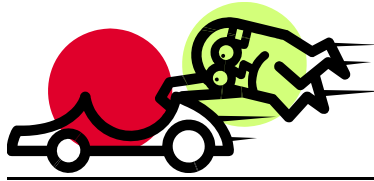
Friends and family, (in and out of town), can order online to participate and support our school. There will be a contest where the first 50 students who turn in their "I sold 10 or more products contest slip." will receive a Hippo backpack. But no matter if you sell one item or twenty, every student gets a prize.

If there are any questions, please contact Astrid (chinadoll5870@aol.com) or Faith (faithcc17@hotmail.com).

Clover Avenue's Valet Drop-off Program in Full Swing: BE SAFE

The Valet Drop-off Program has started thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers.

Recently there was a concern addressed by some volunteers. Near contact accidents were witnessed during the valet. **Drivers: please slow down when you pass by the valet zone. When you use valet, watch the traffic as you exit valet lane and merge the traffic.**



- Also, to ensure everyone's safety, please adhere to the following procedures for drop-off.
- Reduce speed as you enter the valet lane separated by the cones and wait in line.
- Proceed to the front of the line and wait for a volunteer to open the door.
- Make sure lunches/lunch money and backpacks are with your child(ren). Don't leave your car to get items from the trunk.
- Once your child has safely exited the car (from passenger's side of the car only) the volunteer will close the door.
- Enter traffic cautiously. No U-turns in the school zone.

NOTE: Please do not park in the valet zone. **Many** parts of the streets surrounding the school are **LOADING ONLY** from 6:30AM-9:00AM and 1:30PM-4:00PM. If you leave your car even for a short while you might be ticketed.



Wednesday October 5th is Picture Day



Wednesday, October 5th is picture day at Clover and here are some helpful hints to get the best picture of your child:

- **Choose solid colors** or simple patterns that complement the background. Medium to dark shades create a timeless look.
- Soft shades enhance lighter backgrounds.
- Avoid shirts with slogans.
- Long-sleeved shirts are best.
- Practice good posture with your child.
- And finally RELAX and SMILE!

And if you forget something the day of, don't worry there will be a makeup picture in November!

