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Up-Coming in December

Thursday, December 1

Evening Meeting - Choices Application for Magnet Schools - 6:30 - 7:30PM

Monday, December 5 - 9

Parent Teacher Conferences - Minimum Day dismissal 12:49P on M, W, Th, F Dismissal at 1:38P on Tuesday

Thursday, December 8

Marie Callendar's All Day Fundraiser
Clover Recycling Day

Friday, December 9

Awards Assembly

Wednesday, December 14

Booster Club Meeting - Staff Lounge
8:15 AM - CANCELLED

Thursday, December 15

LEARN/SSC Meeting - 2:45 PM

Friday, December 16

Day Dismissal 12:49P

Monday, December 19 - Friday,

January 6th

WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL

Resolution is to go paperless, thereby saving trees and money. This means that all the flyers and reminders that in the past have been going home in your child's backpack will now be sent to you via email. All information can also be seen on our Clover website at

www.cloveraveschool.org. Hard copies of everything sent electronically will also be available in the office and posted on the bulletin board outside of the library. Parents, please make sure your head room parent has your correct email address.

On another note, before the year is out, I want to take a moment to thank all of our parents, but especially our hard working volunteers for the support and energy you bring to our school and our programs. As we gear up for all the activities rushing towards us as we head for Winter Break, the staff and I are reminded again and again of the important contribution all you make to Clover. We truly appreciate everything that you do.

The holiday season offers a special opportunity for us all to pause and reflect upon the blessings that each of us has in our lives. It is a time to hold families and friends just a little closer - to give a few extra hugs and share a few more laughs. Life gets so busy that sometimes it is easy to forget to let people close to us know how much better our lives are because of them.

All of us wish you a wonderful, happy and festive holiday season. And may 2012 be a healthy, productive, and peaceful year for us all.

Best wishes,
Sharon Fabian



From the Booster Club President

Happy December Everyone!

It is unbelievable to me that it is the Holiday season already! The beginning of this school year has just flown by. With that said, I would like to update you on our current budget standings for the Booster Club. We have been working very hard on fundraising for our Clover programs this year and I want to thank all Clover families and all of the fundraising coordinators for their endless work and support!

We walked into this school year with an approximate \$70,000.00 deficit. Bottom line is we didn't have enough funds to pay for this year's programs... YIKES!

But I do have good news! All of our fundraising events have hit our expected mark and one in particular has set a new standard for years to come. Our pledge drive has been a huge success and has been a huge part of saving our programs for this year. We have raised approximately \$59,000.00 just in our pledge drive and better yet, our participation percentages are going strong. We still have 6 months to go in order to reach our goal of 100% participation...I realize it's a big goal, but I know we can do it!

We now have all of our programs paid for THIS school year (2011/2012). Now we need to start focusing on raising funds for the 2012-2013 school year. We absolutely need to do some major fundraising this winter and spring so we won't be faced with the possibility of cutting programs like computer lab, P.E. or even cutting

Principal's News

Dear Clover Families,
It is with great excitement that I would like to announce that Clover is Going Green! Our New Year's

back on teaching assistants. All of these decisions will be based on our fundraising between now and June. None of us want to see any of our great programs go, so we need to work together. We estimate we will spend \$118,000.00 for the 2012-2013 school year...so we start our fundraising now for this expense. The closer we can get to this amount, the more secure our programs will be for next year.

We need to put ourselves back on track and fundraise the current year for the following year's programs. I know we can work together and accomplish this!

Thanks everyone for all of your support. I really wanted to let you know what we have accomplished and what we are working towards now!

Have a very Happy Holiday and a safe winter break!

Tracy Boulanger
Booster Club President
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You can still vote for Clover! We could win a \$50,000 grant towards the purchase of iPads, laptops & additional computer equipment!

You still have time to vote for Clover. 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. We 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.

Continue to tell your friends, family, co-workers, and 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!



Clover is in 1st Place!!

Let's keep it that way. Please turn in all mall receipts in January for double points.

RED BUCKET RESULTS - This year's Thanksgiving Red Bucket Drive, Clover fed over 140 families!! With all of your donations we earned 700,000 points because so many people in our community and businesses pitched in. Great job everyone!

Coming Up:

- Saturday, December 3 - Breakfast with Santa, 9-10AM, food court area *free breakfast & free crafts+500 pts/child
- Saturday, December 17 - Hanukkah Crafts for Kids, 11:00AM, level 1 near Macy's *free craft projects+500 pts/child
- Tuesday, December 20 - Hanukkah Celebration & Lighting of the Menorah *500 pts/person
- Spark of Love Toy Drive thru Dec 24, guest services

*Donate any unwrapped toy valued at \$10 for 500 pts/toy

Earn money for Clover just by shopping online!

As many of you know, eScrip is the program that we earn automatic contributions just from shopping at Vons with your Vons club card. eScrip also offers another easy way to earn automatic contributions for Clover...online shopping. Just go to Clover's website

(<http://www.cloveraveschool.org/escrip-online-mall/>) and click on the eScrip online mall logo, you can then shop from over 1000 of your favorite stores like Amazon, Old Navy, Barnes & Noble, and Best Buy to name a few. Once you click on the eScrip online mall logo, it will automatically upload Clover's school ID and all purchases made through the eScrip online mall will automatically give back a percentage of the sale to Clover. **ANYONE** can earn money for Clover by shopping, so tell your friends and family about this easy way to earn money for Clover. Why not do some holiday or year-round shopping and earn hundreds of dollars for Clover! Questions, please contact Jean Jasinski at 310-367- 5269 or jcjasinski@gmail.com.

Box Tops for Education



Great job everyone for turning in all of your Box Tops in October. Continue to collect your Box Tops and turn them into your teacher or the main office Box Tops drawer. Thank you from Ms. Blomquist and Miss

Mak! Keep clipping!

Clover Recycle Day Thursday, December 8 @ 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



Kids Clothing Donation

We are happy to announce that Clover made a total of \$746.20 from the sale in three different locations. This is an increase of \$89 over last year in 2010.

Thank you all to the parents who donated clothes, toys, blankets, etc. The next collection for the kids clothing and toys donation will be in late February in the Spring, so save and put your gently used clothes, toys, baby blankets, baby accessory, baby bouncer, and high chairs aside for next year. We are unable to accept the following items:

- Stained or ripped clothing
- Toys that are missing pieces or broken
- RECALLED ITEMS – Cribs, Car Seats etc.

A Day at Marie Callender's!

Mark your calendars for December 8th to come enjoy a meal with your fellow Clover families! Marie Callender's is offering our fundraising event from 7am to 10pm. It also includes bakery and take-out! Be sure to give your flyer to your server so Clover can earn a percentage of your bill.

Westside Saver Cards Are Now Available!

For only \$10, the new Westside Saver Card offers discounts at 32 of our local establishments...Yogurtland,

Hot Dog on a Stick, IHOP, El Pollo Loco, Subway, Coffee Bean, Crest Cleaners, Champagne, Crossroads BBQ, Baja Buds and Fatburger, just to name a few! Order forms were sent home this week. View the entire list of participating vendors at www.cloveraveschool.org or contact hollycantos@earthlink.net for more information. Let the savings begin!

English Conversation Program at UCLA

The English Conversation Program is an 8-week series of group sessions designed to improve the English conversation skills of non-native speakers. UCLA international students, visiting scholars, and spouses of students and scholars are encouraged to enroll. Other benefits of ECP include meeting people from other countries and sharing global perspectives on world events and cultures.

The main purpose of the English Conversation Program is to build fluency in speaking English, to turn "passive knowledge" of the English language to "active knowledge." This means that if you are able to read and listen in English, then the English Conversation Program will help you use these skills to hold comfortable conversations in English.

English Conversation Classes are only for those who are affiliated with UCLA (students, faculty, visiting scholars, dependents, etc)

For more information and registration:
www.internationalcenter.ucla.edu