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Up-Coming in April

Tuesday, April 4th

Spring Pictures

Monday, April 10th - Friday, April 14th

SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, April 19th

Booster Club Meeting - 8:00AM

Thursday, April 20th

New Student Roundup, Auditorium
8:30AM-10:00AM

Saturday, April 22nd

Beautification Day

Tuesday, April 25th

Volunteer Appreciation

Thursday April 27th

ELAC Meeting, Staff Lounge, 8:15AM
SSC/LEARN Meeting, 2:45PM-4:00PM
FOOD TRUCK NIGHT - 5:00PM

Tuesday April 26th

Volunteer Appreciation Lunch - 1:45 PM

Principal's News

Dear Clover Families,

It's That Time of Year Again! This year, between April 24th to May 26th, Clover will once again participate in the mandated state

standardized testing program. All students in Grades 3 through 5 will take the Smarter Balanced Assessments in both English Language Arts and Math. The Smarter Balanced Assessments are new, next-generation assessments that will measure the full understanding of the Common Core State Standards in math and English language arts/literacy. In addition, our 5th graders will also be tested in Science on the new pilot edition of the SBAC.

Although there are a variety of views and opinions about the importance, accuracy and necessity of standardized testing, the reality is that our students will take the test, and their resulting scores will be used to evaluate the performance and progress of individual students, classes, and grade levels. The information can be helpful for both parents and schools alike to measure student ability and help create an appropriate plan for future instruction.

In order for a child to maximize his or her potential on these rigorous and anxiety-building tests, there are a few basic tips and strategies that parent can follow. Please make sure that your child:

1. Attends school every day during the testing window.
2. Gets a good night's sleep every night.
3. Wakes up at an appropriate time so that he/she is not rushed in the morning. Please, NO TARDIES! Students will not be allowed to enter testing classrooms after 8:20 a.m.
4. Eats a healthy breakfast each morning.
5. Brings a snack to school to prevent late morning hunger.

6. Is not stressed or anxious. In other words, do not place too much pressure on your child about the tests. Also, refrain from discussing family problems or getting angry with your child on the way to school.

Following these parent suggestions will help to make sure that no outside factors affect your child's test scores. When you receive your child's scores, it is a good idea to discuss them with him/her so that they are able to recognize their areas of strengths, as well as areas that need improvement in the coming school year. Good luck to all of our outstanding students!

Warmly,
Sharon Fabian

From the Booster Club

It's Spring! That means it's time for Spring break and Spring-cleaning! We hope each of you enjoys some relaxation and come back to Clover on April 17th ready to finish out the school year strong!

Join us this month on Saturday, April 22nd from 9am to 12am for Clover's Spring Beautification Morning! We have jobs for big and little hands including wiping down desks, sweeping and vacuuming classrooms, cleaning and picking up trash around campus, scrubbing benches and tables and anything else that needs to be tended to.

We are proud to call Clover our home so let's spruce it up a bit! We hope to see you all there! And

as an added bonus we'll have eWaste drop off that morning in front of campus.

I want to thank each of you who took time out of your busy schedules this school year to volunteer at Clover! Whether it was in the classroom, at one of our fundraisers or taking on a role in Booster, it is all much needed and very much appreciated by the whole Clover community. Without volunteers we wouldn't have a Booster club and without Booster we wouldn't have so many of the programs we love!

In Booster, we are starting to plan for next school year. We are discussing budget and next year's calendar at our April 19th Booster meeting. I really do hope to see some new faces to have this exciting discussion. We have *many* open roles inside of Booster next school year. Some small and some large, ALL important! Each year we lose volunteers as they graduate, and we need our new families to come in and take on those roles!

And don't forget what's coming next month, our ever-popular **International Festival on Friday, May 5th**. For now save the date and look for more information coming your way!

As always, you can find all of this information and more on our website cloveraveschool.org.

Thank you for your support! The Clover Booster Club

We Need a New Cloverleaf Editor!



Want to exercise your journalistic side while being creative? We are in need of a new Cloverleaf editor for the 2017-2018 school year. Only need to know Microsoft Word to bang these out. Interested? Please contact Kiesha McCorry: kemccorry@gmail.com to learn more.

Clover Avenue Elementary Beautification Day!!

April 22, 2016 - 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

We need your help doing various projects inside the classrooms and out. We'll be cleaning up on Saturday, April 9 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. We should have a food truck so you can grab something to eat while you're helping out. You don't have to be there the entire time! Keep an eye out for signup sheets coming right after the break!

eWaste Recycling - 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

[LA Conservation Corps](#) is hosting our E-waste recycling fundraiser. Do you want to dispose off your used electronics in a socially and ecologically responsible way? Bring your items to the Ewaste collection on April 9th, 8:30am -

1pm and help raise money for Clover!

****Items Accepted****

Monitors, Televisions (CRT, LCD & LED), Projection Televisions, Desktop Computers, Laptop Computers, Stereo/ Audio Equipment, Speakers, Keyboards & Mice, All Computer peripherals, Digital cameras, Zip Drives, Telephones, PDAs, Cell Phones, MP3 Players, GPS Systems, Printers, Copiers, Scanners, Electronic Cables, Fax Machines, Video Games Console, DVD Players, Car Stereos, Network Server Equipment, Circuit Boards, Calculators, Power Supply Units, Connectors, Wires & Power Cords, Surge Protectors, Satellite Components, Telecom Equipment, Main Frame Computers, Techno Trash Including: CD's/DVD's VHS, Beta, Cassettes, DAT Tapes, and Floppy Discs

****Items Not Accepted****

Light Bulbs, Alkaline Batteries, Water Heaters, Thermostats, Refrigerators or household appliances, Hazardous Household Waste, including Paint, Pesticides, Used Oil, Cleaning Supplies or Tires

Pet Service Project!

(K/TK/PALS Pre-K)

Please join Clover's Kindergarten/TK/PALS Pre-K students in supporting the Lange Foundation. We are collecting the below items by Tuesday, April 4th:

* canned "Pedigree" dog food

(chopped beef only)

* canned "Friskies" cat food (any

flavor)

* blankets or towels (new or clean/gently used)

Please drop off items in the bins at the back of the office near the courtyard. Thank you!!

Calling all Box Tops!

Do you have ANY Box Tops to turn in? Lately, only a small amount has been turned in. Please ask relatives to collect Box Tops. When you see them over break, bring back their Box Tops OR If you'll be a Clover alumni, keep saving & we'd love to see you (& your clippings) next time!

Don't know where to find Box Tops? Go to boxtops4education.com for coupons & a list of participating products. Each Box Top adds up, so please keep collecting.

Thank you & Happy clipping!
Miss Mak, Mrs. Bonilla & Mrs. Fujioka, coordinators

Come to Food Truck Alley

Clover Avenue will turn into a food truck alley **on Thursday 4/27!** Starting at 5-8:30PM, food trucks will be lined up on Clover Avenue, in front of the school. Get ready to eat some fantastic grub...don't forget a blanket or chair because this is picnic style!

Have you moved recently? Please update the office if you have had a change of address or phone number.

THANK YOU!

BLAZE Pizza Restaurant Fundraiser

Enjoy a Pizza Night and support Clover Ave Elementary Booster Club. Join us on Thursday, April 20th from 4 pm to 7 pm at BLAZE PIZZA at 4114 Sepulveda Blvd in Culver City and 20% of proceeds from your meal will go back to Clover. Look out for the flyer in your child's folder or download it for our school's website. Bring our event flyer to BLAZE and submit it at the cash register with your order. Dine in or take out. We look forward to seeing you there.

Rancho-Palms Events for April

Reading Dogs!

Please join us on Friday, April 8 from 4-5 p.m. to read with our favorite Reading Dogs. Destry,

Molly, Nico, Nigel and their owners will be here to listen to stories and read with your children.

Please plan to come anytime during the time slot and stay as long as you like between 4-5. Please join us on Tuesday, April 12 from 4-5:

Slime!

Learn about snails, slugs, and their slimy trails, then make and handle some slime!

Recommended for ages 6-12.

Please sign up at the Reference Desk.

Please join us on Tuesday, April 26 from 4-5:30

Bricks and Blocks

It's an hour of building! Create with LEGO® bricks, lay down wooden train tracks, or take a break from building and challenge yourself with a puzzle.

Recommended for ages 4 and older.

Please join us on Tuesday, May 3 from 4-5:30:

Build a Skyscraper

Take the challenge! Engineer a structure from paper that stands strong in the wind.

Recommended for ages 8-14.

Please sign up at the Reference Desk.

International Festival – We need HELP!

We are looking for parents in the Latin American community to help out with some fun activities for the festival on May 5th. Please reach out to Arti Lochan at: arti_lochan@yahoo.com