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Up-Coming in January / February

Tuesday, January 24th

Family Science Night at Clover
Grades 3-5, 6PM - 8PM

Thursday, January 26th

ELAC Meeting - 8:15AM, Staff Lounge
SSC/LEARN Meeting, 2:45PM
Food Truck Night, 5:000M

Thursday, February 2nd

Family Science Night at Clover
Grades K - 2, 6PM - 8PM

Wednesday, February 8th

CAMPUS TOURS - 8:15 AM

Thursday, February 9th

Booster Club Meeting, 8:15AM Staff Lounge

Thursday, February 16th

ELAC Meeting - 8:15AM, Staff Lounge

Monday, February 20th

NO SCHOOL - President's Day

Thursday, February 23rd

SSC/LEARN Meeting, 2:45PM
Food Truck Night, 5:000M

Principal's News

Dear Clover Families,
Happy New Year! As we are now in the 2nd semester of the school year, I would like to take a moment to update you

on a couple of exciting new programs happening at Clover.

First, we have implemented a school-wide education initiative called Kindness in the Classroom, a kindness-based approach designed to improve school culture and support academic and social and emotional learning.

Supporting students by teaching social and emotional skills is one of the best ways we at Clover can create kind, safe places of learning where students are empowered to become compassionate and responsible citizens.

Second, we are introducing a robotics and coding program, starting in 5th grade this year. With the growing societal need to enhance science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) instruction in classrooms, especially at the elementary and middle school levels, there is a call for integrated learning programs that allow teachers to engage students in creative and meaningful ways while also meeting today's rigorous academic standards. 5th graders will be using a robotics system which encourages teamwork, problem solving, and leadership! Our very own Mr. Coe will be the

instructor and we would also like to recognize the amazing generosity of the Rafique Family who purchased this program for Clover.

Our goal is to always keep looking forward and to deliver 21st Century learning experiences!

Best Wishes,
Sharon Fabian

From the Booster Club

We hope everyone had a healthy and happy Winter Break and you all came back ready to work hard on finishing up our school year strong! Believe it or not, it's just about time for us to sit down and prepare the budget for the next school year. So far, our school community has rocked our Pledge for Education drive! Making it very close to our goal of \$150,000. Hopefully, we will have made it by the end of the school year, so we can keep the programs we've come to expect at Clover; like Computer Lab, PE, teacher's aides, and arts. We are very excited to announce that through a generous donation from a Clover family, 5th grade students will

be receiving robotics classes this semester, and even more students will receive it next school year! Booster is also very excited to be able to provide the Clover community with our upcoming STAR Family Science Nights. It is through the financial support of our community that we are able to provide all of these things to our students!

Along with our budget planning, comes our search for volunteers! So if you have a desire to get involved in *any part* of Booster or fundraising efforts, please come to our next meeting on February 9th or email us. There are many jobs to be done: big or small, long- or short-term, behind-the-scenes or front and center! It is important to have the involvement of as many people in our community as possible. Each June we lose many wonderful Clover families when they graduate and move on to middle school. As a result, we need our new families to take the leap and jump into the roles that are left open. Please feel free to join a meeting, send an email to cloveravenuebooster@outlook.com or leave a message in the office for Booster. We'd love to see **you** at our next meeting!

Thank you for your support!
Clover Avenue's Booster Club

Valet Program Needs Volunteers!

The Valet Program is looking for a few more volunteers. If you and your student would like to help keep drop-off safe and moving, and can spare some minutes in the morning every week or every other week, please send an email to Alysia at alysiaesq@gmail.com.

Clover's Father – Daughter Dance! Save the Date...



Clover's 2nd Annual Father-Daughter Dance is on Friday, February 10, 6:00pm - 8:00pm in the Clover Auditorium. Tickets are \$20 for each father/daughter couple. Each additional daughter is \$5.00. We'll provide the music, refreshments and dance

lesson. A keepsake photo will be taken of each couple, along with a special gift for each girl. Space is limited, so buy your tickets soon. Check your child's folder for the flier or obtain a flier in the virtual backpack or in the school office. See you on February 10th with your dancing shoes on!! If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thanks,
Maria Field, 5th grade representative

BOX TOPS – Keep on Clipping!



Thanks everyone for your Fall/Winter Box Tops clippings & certificates. We just received about \$570! Another thanks goes to our fantastic Box Tops Club members who have dedicated their time after school on Fridays to help sort, cut and count Box Tops. To join the fun, any 3rd -5th grade student is welcome.

Our next meetings will be 2:45-3:30 on January 20 & February 3 in Room 31.

Please turn in all of your Box Tops to your teacher by Friday, February 3 to add to our spring collection. Go to boxtops4education.com for coupons, contests & a list of participating products. Each Box Tops adds up, so please keep collecting throughout the year.

Happy clipping! Miss Mak, Mrs. Bonilla & Mrs. Fujioka, coordinator.

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

THANK YOU!

Happy New Year, Everyone!

There's an engineering program coming up this month at Palms-Rancho Park!

On Tuesday, January 24, 4-5:30 p.m., we'll be teaming up to build suspension bridges and test the bridges' strength. This program is for ages 8 to 14. If you are interested please call 310-840-2142.

<http://www.lapl.org/whats-on/events/build-suspension-bridge-0>

Other Programs this month:

Chess for beginners:
<http://www.lapl.org/whats-on/events/chess-class-adults-children-9>

Shakespeare Readings:
<http://www.lapl.org/whats-on/events/readingsperformances-Shakespeare>

Preschool Science Fun -- For ages 3-7

<http://www.lapl.org/whats-on/events/preschool-science-fun-balls-and-ramps>

Knitting Workshop - Learn the basics of knitting. You will learn how to knit a kitty!

Mondays, January 30-February 13, 2017 from 3:30-5 p.m. Ages 8-11. Students must be able to attend all 3 sessions. Program limited to 20 students. Sign up is required. Please sign up in person, over the phone or

email Michele at mrobins@lapl.org

Thanks!

Michele

Food Trucks at Clover

Everyone is welcome to attend Clover's tastiest event. Once a month on the last Thursday, we have Food Trucks come to Clover's front lawn. There are dinner and dessert trucks present. Stay warm and view a movie in the auditorium as well. It is a \$1 admission fee as well as hot chocolate, fresh popcorn and treats for sale. This event is hosted by our 5th grade class; fundraising for their Astrocamp trip in the spring. The next two will be on Thursday January 26th and Thursday, February 23rd.

Hope to see you there!

