



A Message from Dr. Melissa Brunson, Cloverly Principal...



Special thanks goes to all of our Room Parents and other parents who prepared for and participated in Valentine's Day festivities. The classrooms were beautifully decorated and the activities were well-planned and organized. There were lots of delicious treats. Our 5th grade students had a blast dancing, prancing, and playing fun games in the AP room! Thanks so much for showing Cloverly students so much "love" and adoration.



I also want to give a special shout-out to those parents who attended the Principal-Parent Chat and Chew. During our discussion, we drew attention to our school focus, which is to become more culturally proficient, so that we can meet the diverse needs of children and their families. Other topics were discussed, including but not limited to, our math instructional program. Thanks Master Method Academy for providing free, karate childcare!



Family Heritage Night & Book Fair



We are looking forward to having all of our students and their families at *Family Heritage Night* on **Wednesday, March 29, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.** Many of our families will be presenting aspects of their culture in the AP room, our third grade students will be putting on a performance in the gymnasium, and food refreshments representing the different cultures will be taking place in the second grade hallway. While this is going on, families are welcome to attend the Book Fair, which will be taking place in the media center.



Kindergarten Orientation – May 24-25

Do you have a child who will turn 5 by September 1, 2017? If so, then it is soon time to register them for kindergarten. Do you have a friend or neighbor who has a student new to Cloverly? If so, please tell them to call the school at 301-989-5770 for more information. Our current kindergarten students do not attend school on these two days.



Testing Schedule Reminder

The **Partnership of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)** assessments will be administered to all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students during the month of May. Please see the May Cloverly Dates to Remember for the exact dates of testing. It is important for all students to be present during the administration of these tests. Please do not schedule vacations or make appointments for your children on these important dates.



County Councilmember Hans Riemer to Host STEM Summit February 26



Parents, students, educators, and business and industry leaders are invited to attend the county's first Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Summit from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on **Sunday, February 26**. The summit is being hosted by Montgomery County Councilmember Hans Riemer. The goal of the summit is to create a vision for an effective STEM engagement strategy for Montgomery County.



The summit will be held at the Silver Spring Civic Center (1 Veterans Place). The event is free and those interested in attending can [RSVP online](#).



Elementary Language Immersion Programs

Parents/guardians who are interested in elementary school language immersion programs in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) can submit an application until May 5, 2017. Parents can download the *Immersion Interest Form* online at this MCPS website: montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms/admissions/immersion.aspx.

A blurb is provided below.

Dates to Remember and Using the Cloverly Website

Each month, the *Dates to Remember* calendar goes home to all of our families. Please post them in a location in your home where you can view them at any time or you can just transfer them on to a main calendar. We don't want anyone to miss any upcoming events. Also, please check the Cloverly website at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/cloverlyes/> for news and upcoming events.

Future Dates for FY 2018:

- Tuesday, September 5, 2017 – first day for students
- Tuesday, June 12, 2018 – last day for students
- Friday, October 20, 2017 – Fall Festival
- Thursday, February 1, 2018 – STEAM Night



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY