

# Clearspring Weekly

Principal's Newsletter  
November 11, 2011

*"Tis education forms the common mind;  
Just as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined."*

~ Alexander Pope (1688 - 1744), *Moral Essays, Epis, I, Line 149*

## Mission

Clearspring Elementary School is dedicated to working with parents and the community to promote the overall growth and development of the students so they become responsible, respectful, and productive members of society.

## Principal's Note

Attached to this newsletter is a salute to many friends and relatives of our Clearspring community who have served in our military. We honored them all today at a **Veterans' Day ceremony** around our flagpole. We were very happy to be joined by several members of the Damascus American Legion. Many thanks to Mrs. Maggy Singer for creating a wonderful collage of photographs and for compiling the attached list of veterans. There are many ways to support our Veterans. Gabriana Del Vecchio's mom, Ms. Denise Gianetti, is involved with an organization called Honor Flight Network and it helps transport America's WWII Veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit those memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices. For more information, see [www.honorflight.org](http://www.honorflight.org).

We hope that all parents took advantage of the **parent/teacher conferences**. This is a great way to stay well informed about your child's progress, areas of strength and need. Please remember that you can request a conference at any time during the year.

**Blue and White assemblies** will take place this coming Monday. Grades K-3 will take place from 9:00-10:00. Grades 4-5 will begin at 1:45. We celebrate academic successes as well as share student writing and performances (agenda attached). Parents are welcome to attend.

The **principal's coffee** will take place on **Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:00**. The topic for this session is **Curriculum 2.0**.

**Grandparents Day** will be held on November 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00-11:30. Grandparents will be welcomed by our chorus in the gymnasium and then be invited into the classrooms to observe.

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>** (the day before Thanksgiving) is an early release day. School will dismiss at 12:35.

**Schools are closed November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> to honor Thanksgiving.**

## Worth Repeating:

**November 14 – 18, 2011 is Maryland School Psychology Awareness Week.** In honor of this, our school psychologist Michelle Palmer has worked with the Clearspring webmaster to create a webpage full of information and helpful links. Please check it out and feel free to contact Ms. Palmer with any questions you may have or thoughts about how to improve the webpage.



Have a nice weekend!

*Mrs. Steel*

### Celebrations

Congratulations to **Spencer Neill**, a fifth grader in Mrs. Oakes' class, whose baseball team, the Clarksburg Ironbirds, won the Fall 2011 DSA Player Pitch Championship. Way to go, Spencer!

**Elizabeth Haupt** was recognized (in a letter to Mrs. Baude) by **Kaytie deBastos** for her outstanding responsibility as a patrol! Thank you Kaytie and congratulation to Elizabeth!

Thank you to the **PTA for providing snacks** for the teachers during their conference days! What a wonderful gesture. This was very well appreciated by staff!

### Husky News

Please see attached to this newsletter, a letter of thanks from the Maryland Army National Guard for Clearspring families' generous donation of toys last year.

**From the Clearspring PTA – Blue Envelope Campaign** - Have you turned in your Blue Envelope donation yet? So far only 22 families have returned their gift and WE NEED YOUR HELP in order to maintain the current programming. If you need a flyer or envelope, email the PTA ([clearspringpta@gmail.com](mailto:clearspringpta@gmail.com)) with your student's name and homeroom teacher and they will make sure one comes home with them. Let's see if we can reach 100 family donations by parent-teacher conferences!

**Grandparent Day will be celebrated at Clearspring on Monday, Nov. 21.** Please see the attachments for further information about this fun day!

### MCPS Updates

**Clearspring ES  
Blue and White Assembly  
November 14, 2011  
Grades Kindergarten- third 9:00-10:00**



*Musical performance before and after the assembly provided by the School of Rock (Mr. Amberg)*

Agenda:

Welcome & purpose:	Mrs. Steel
Pattern song:	Kindergarten
Recognizing letters:	Kindergarten
Vowel Song:	First Grade
Five Little Turkeys:	Second Grade
Reading Goal:	Third Grade
Recorder production by 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade:	Mr. Amberg
Super Husky Awards:	Ms. Besser
Principal's Award- Straight As:	Mrs. Steel



## Grades 4-5 1:45-2:45

### Agenda:

Welcome & purpose:	Mrs. Steel
Blue Ribbons:	Fourth Grade
Writing:	Fourth Grade
Learning Skills:	Fourth Grade
Reading goals:	Fifth Grade
Mad Minutes:	Fifth Grade
Poetry:	Fifth Grade
Science experiments:	Fifth Grade
Study Island recognition:	Fifth Grade
Super Husky Award:	Ms. Besser
Principal's Award- Straight A's:	Mrs. Steel



Clearspring would like to say **THANK YOU** to all those Veterans that have served our country.

\* \* We are **PROUD** of you and **APPRECIATE** your sacrifice. \* \*  
Today we remember YOU and celebrate your service! !

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Alexandra Haddad's (deceased) Grandfather, **Samuel L. Black** served his Country with the United States Marine Corps.

Emma Mungra's great grandfather, **Dallas Divelbiss**, served in the Navy for 30 years. He received The Bronze Star while serving in the Vietnam War on submarines and commanding the mobile riverine forces. We are very proud of all of his accomplishments and thank him for serving our country.

**Alan Kayton** served our country proudly and is the grandfather of Kaytie (Kayton) & Gia de Bastos. **Alan Kayton** served in the Army during the Korean War back in the 1950s and was stationed in Austria.

**George Gruner**, the grandfather of Chloe and Joseph Gruner served in Vietnam from 64 to 67 then in the Air Force from 90 until 08.

Zoe Cleaves grandfather, **Daniel O'Neil Carey, Sr.** proudly served his country: 20 years retired Navy Chief, in WWII with the Navy Construction Battalion; aboard the Battleship Missouri during the Korean War; and for 16 years aboard various Navy ships.

Elizabeth White's second uncle **Rick Chess** served our country and fought in Vietnam. Also, Grandfather **Hubert White** served our country during WWII and was stationed overseas as a mechanic supporting our troops.

**CDR Mike Mangan** is in the US Naval Reserves, and his unit is NATO ACT Det Atlanta. He is the father of Ellen, Joe and Peter.

Jami Kinnaman has an older sister that is a pilot in the Air Force. Her name is **Dia Kinnaman** and she flies C-130s and has been in the Air Force for almost 7 years. She is currently stationed in Abilene, TX.

**LCDR James Perry**, Dad to Ben, is currently serving in the US Navy.

Chase, Adam and Madeline Singer salute and honor our veterans every day, including their late grandfather Major **Eddie Willner** who served 20 years, their grandfather **Lou Singer** who served from 1956-1958 as a Battalion Intelligence NCO for an Army anti-aircraft unit; two uncles: Col. **Albert Willner** and Col. **Jeff Holachek**, an aunt, Capt. **Nina Willner-Holachek**. Also, we honor our heroes of the 3rd Armored Spearhead Division, Company D, 32nd Armored Regiment, especially **Louis (Pepsi) DeCola, Elmer Hovland, Fred Headrick**, who in 1945 saved Chase, Adam, and Madeline's grandfather's life.

Grandfather to Morgan and Austin Thielke **Paul Niemi**—U.S. Army served in the Vietnam War. Also **1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Joseph Chappell**—U.S. Marine Corps—Uncle to Morgan and Austin Thielke – returned home safely from Afghanistan in July 2010 and is now serving his second tour in Afghanistan as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant.

Gabriana Del Vecchio's great grandfather **Michael A. Gianetti, Sr** is a WWII Veteran. Grandfather **Mike Gianetti, Jr** (USMC veteran), and **Angelo Del Vecchio** (US Army), also a grandfather.

**Frank Cohn**, former American intelligence officer, who served during WWII, was present as a translator at the historical end of the war meeting on the Elbe, between the Russians and the Americans. Mr. Cohn is a lifelong family friend of the Singers/ Willners.

**Jason Siegrist**, serves in the Navy. He is the husband of Richie Lempicki's mom's cousin. After years in the Navy, Jason became a member of the Navy reserve based out of Norfolk, VA. In 2009 he was called to active duty. He provides communications support to a group of Navy Seals and his exact location is classified.

The Broadus girls, Molli Jo and Brittany have a grandfather that is a Veteran: **Jack Chomko** served in the Army Special Forces.

**Nicholas Botti** was an Airman 1st class in the Air Force. He was a bomb navigation specialist - B52. (Grandfather of James Botti). **James Bronder** was a Sergeant in the Air Force from 1963-1967. He attended Crypto School in San Antonio, Texas and also served at Hunter Air Force Base in Savannah, Georgia. (Grandfather of James Botti)

**Bob Shiley**, grandfather of Max Michela, served in Viet Nam with the US Navy. **Frank Michela** was a WWII pilot in the Air Force and in the Army Infantry, and is also a grandfather to Max Michela. **Kim Shiley**, Max's aunt, served 8 years as a Naval nurse, and is currently serving in the Naval Reserves.

Mary Ahearn, Clearspring's Admin. Secretary, honors her parents who served our country: Her dad – **Carl Grabber** – was an Army Air Corps tech sergeant stationed in northern England where he was an airplane mechanic during WWII. Her mother --**Margaret Kinney Grabber** -- was a Major in the Army Nurse Corps stationed at a field hospital in Belgium during WWII.

**Quentin Duvall**- grandfather to Amber Johnson served as a Staff Sgt in the Air Force as a C-130 aircraft crew chief from Dec. 1967 to Dec 1971. He was deployed to Vietnam in Cam Ranh bay, Nha Trang, Saigon and many other places from July of 1968 until Dec., 1970.

**Lt. Commander Lou Moyer**, MD, Ryan Moyer's Dad has been active duty for 18 years. He is an internal medicine physician at NNMC Bethesda. He is also a Iraq War veteran who served 9 months in a combat zone with the 1st Battalion 6th Marines as their battalion surgeon.

**Wayne Jackson**, uncle to Daniel Moxley started in the Navy as a Seaman to Petty Officer First Class and was stationed on many aircraft carrier's such as the USS John F Kennedy, USS Kitty Hawk, during the Kuwait Liberation. With the Navy he has been able to travel from Florida to Japan. He has learned to work on many different aircrafts. After his retirement he went back to get his college degree in Aviation and Environmental Science. He now has a career in repairing small and large airplanes. His son **Duane Jackson**, cousin to Daniel Moxley, is in the US Navy also.

Holly Steel, Clearspring Principal, salutes the following family veterans: **Gregory Leber** – her father (stationed in Germany in the late 60's-70's)...**Charles Naecker** – her uncle (served in Vietnam)...**Colonel Thayer** – a great great ancestor (considered the Father of the Military Academy in West Point)...**Otto Naecker** – her great grandfather (served in WWII).

Karen Beam, teacher at Clearspring, recognizes her father-in-law **Don Beam** and two uncles **Larry McKee** and **Bill McDowell**.

Paige Callis would like to recognize and honor the following family members: Pvt First Class, **Charles L. Callis** served 1 ½ in the US Army during the Korean War. During his service, he received the Korean Service Medal w/ 3 Bronze stars, the United Nations Service Medal and a Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation. "Chuck" was the kids' grandfather. **Jacob Hefner** (relative on maternal grandmother's side) served in the Berks County Militia, 1777, First Battalion. He served during the Revolutionary War in the capacity of Court Martial Man. Master Sergeant, **Steven Rook**, currently reservist in the Air National Guard. Uncle Steve was placed on active duty during 9/11. Steve is Zack and Paige's uncle. 2nd Class Petty Officer (Navy) **Richard Migliore** who was active duty for 4 years (64-75) as part of the intelligence center in the Phillipines during the Vietnam War. Rick is their great-uncle. Yoeman, Third Class (US Navy) **William Jacques**, 31st Naval Construction Battalion, who served during WWII 1945-46. Bill is their Grandfather.

Bryce & Brennan's Daneker's Dad, **Stephen Daneker** was in the US Marines Corps 1985-89.

Both of Bradford and Annaliese Schisler's grandfathers served our country: **Wayne P. Schisler, Sr.** - served in the Marines (Recon) and **Thomas E. Feck** - served in the Air Force (Communications and Electronics). F.B. Forester (great-grandfather) was a career military man. His final post was at Andrews Air Force Base as one of the Chief Mechanics on Air Force One.

Mary Ward, teacher at Clearspring, recognizes husband **Rickey Dean Ward**, a veteran who served 15 ½ years in the US Navy.

Father of Willy and Libby Brickles, **Mike Brickles** was a Private First Class in the Army when he was Honorably Discharged. He served his tour of duty at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he worked as Military Police in the United States Disciplinary Barracks, a Maximum Security Military Prison.

Brianna Howard has quite a few family members that are active/retired military that are veterans. They are: Her grandfather **Allen Harvin**, retired Army – Vietnam War Vet. Her uncles: **Marcus Williamson** – active Army, Gulf & Iraqi War Vet. Her uncle **Michael Williamson** – retired but now deceased – Gulf War Vet. Her uncle **John Williamson** – Retired Army – Iraqi War Vet. Also Monica Howard's nephews: **Amond Haley** – Active Navy – Iraqi War Vet, and **Rhys Haley** – Active Army – Iraqi War Vet. Finally, Monica's sister-in-law – **Ginger Williamson** – Retired Army - Iraqi War Vet.

Dillon Dunathan is related to the following veterans: Grandfather – **Kerry Roskelly** (Viet Nam), Great Grandfather – **Ralph Roskelly** (WWII), Great Grandfather – **Robert Worsthom** (WWII).

Aidan Rannals' father is a veteran. His name is **Alan Todd Rannals** and he was in the marines from 1990-95. He traveled to Japan and the Phillipines and worked on helicopters. Aidan's grandfather, **Alan R. Rannals** also served in the Army and did a tour in Vietnam for a year. He was awarded the purple heart and the bronze star. Aidan also has two cousins -- **Alexander Rannals** and **Tomas Rannals**-- who are actively serving in the Marines and both are stationed in North Carolina.

Ashley Chamberlain's grandfather served in the Vietnam war. She also has an uncle, **William Chamberlain**, who is currently serving in Afghanistan. He is in the Special Forces.

**Evelyn Mesones**, mother of Isiah Bell and Kevin Hernandez, is an Army Veteran of 10 years.

Ben and Christina Hawkins honor the following family veterans: **Dan Hawkins**, father - **Brian Power**, grandfather - **Jim Carroll**, uncle - **William Armand**, uncle.

Taeviana and Tra'von Govan have 3 GREAT gentleman that served the military PROUDLY and we would like to thank 1st, her father, **Aiah Govan**, who was serving in the Marine Corp. during September 11th in Camp Pendleton, CA. Her Uncles, **Milton Battle** (Army) and **Jackson Francois** who is still currently serving the Navy as of today!! Love you guys!!!

**Harry McDonald**, Serena McDonald's grandfather, who served on Guam during the Korean War is a Veteran.

**John F. Gruzca, III**: Serena's grandfather, graduated from the US Naval Academy, Class of '58 ("58 is Great!") and served as Executive Officer for Naval Reserves.

**Robert W. Amberg** was Mr. Mark Amberg's father. Robert W. Amberg served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during the end of World War II. He later worked for the Department of Defense at the Pentagon.

**MARYLAND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD**  
**COMPANY A, 1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION, 175<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY (LIGHT)**  
CAPTAIN MICHAEL CRESAP ARMORY  
**8501 OLD NATIONAL PIKE**  
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September 16, 2011

Clear Spring Elementary School

On behalf of the families of Alpha Company 1-175<sup>th</sup> IN and our U.S. troops deployed overseas who benefit from your kindness, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your great generosity of toys. Your kindness allowed all of our children to unite together in play with smiles and happiness; the toys are fantastic and are very much enjoyed by all.

Generous gifts from your wonderful school have provided the moral support needed to continue our mission. The parents especially the fathers who are so far away want to let you know there is no way to fully express our gratitude for your loyalty and support in bringing smiles to the children and brightening their days. Thank you again for thinking of us. We hope you all have a wonderful school year.

Sincerely,  
Meghan Lawson  
Family Readiness Group Lead  
A Co. 1-175<sup>th</sup> IN