A Message from Ms. Melissa Brunson, Principal...

Thanks so much for showing us so much “love” during the month of February. Our staff truly appreciated the delicious soup luncheon that was provided to us this month.

Thank You Room Parents!
Special thanks go 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!

Cold Weather
Even though we are in March and spring is around the corner, outside temperatures don’t always cooperate. Please make sure students come to school dressed warmly with coats, hats, and hand-warmers when it is cold.

March PTA Meeting – March 5
Mrs. Sifri and I will be focusing our portion of the meeting on the School Progress Indicator and what this information tells us about school-wide performance at Cloverly. Also, we will be discussing tentative plans for mathematics instruction that will be provided to students going to grades 4 and 5 next school year.

Dr. Starr’s Visit to Our Community
On Monday, March 11, 2013, Superintendent Joshua Starr will be spending the entire day in the Northeast Consortium and Sherwood cluster. As part of this Community Day, Dr. Starr will hold a drop-in coffee for all elementary school staff in the consortium and the cluster at Fairland Elementary School, 14315 Fairdale Road, Silver Spring. The coffee will run from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. and will be an opportunity for staff to meet and talk with Dr. Starr in an informal setting. I hope you will be able to drop by and join Dr. Starr on the morning of March 11. Other Community Day events on March 11 will include school visits by Dr. Starr throughout the day, an afternoon coffee for secondary school staff at Briggs Chaney Middle School from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m., and a Town Hall meeting for parents and community members from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at James Hubert Blake High School, 300 Norwood Road, Silver Spring. Additional information about Community Days is available on the MCPS website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org, search “Community Days.”

Kindergarten Orientation – April 18 and 19
Do you have a child who will turn 5 by September 1, 2013? 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 Maryland State Assessment (MSA) will be administered to all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students during March. The dates are as follows:
- Grade 3 Reading & Math: March 4, 5, 8 & 11
- Grade 4 Reading & Math: March 4, 5, 8, & 11
- Grade 5 Reading & Math: March 6, 7, 12, & 13
- Grade 5 Science: April 15 & 16

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.

Dates to Remember and Cloverly Website
Each month, the Dates to Remember flyer 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.

For each petal on the shamrock
This brings a wish your way -
Good health, good luck, and happiness
For today and every day.
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