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

Thanks so much for showing us so much “love” during the month of February. Many, many thanks to our PTA for showing us so much appreciation for our commitment to making Cloverly a great place to learn. Our staff truly appreciated the delicious chili luncheon that was provided to us last 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!

Cloverly is on the MAP!
Many kudos to Dr. Chalmers, Cloverly parent, for co-leading the STEM Science Fair and obtaining Astronaut MacArthur along with Mrs. Sifri, assistant principal. We were recognized in the Gazette, MCPS Bulletin (see the MCPS website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org) and retweeted by Superintendent Dr. Starr. We thank Mr. Bronson, PTA president, for his support and for being “Johnny on the Spot” during Astronaut MacArthur’s presentation.

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-warmer when it is cold.

March PTA Meeting – March 4
Mrs. Sifri and I will be focusing our portion of the meeting on obtaining input for the next Parent Chat and Chew meeting that will be taking place on May 28, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Also, we will be discussing tentative plans for mathematics instruction that will be provided to students going to students in grades 4 & 5 next school year.

Kindergarten Orientation – May 1 & 2
Do you have a child who will turn 5 by September 1, 2014? 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 3, 4, 7 & 10
- Grade 4 Reading & Math: March 3, 4, 7, & 10
- Grade 5 Reading & Math: March 5, 6, 11, & 12
- Grade 5 Science: March 31 & April 1

A random sample of students in each school will participate in a trial run—called a “field test”—of the new Partnership of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments.

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.
~Author Unknown