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THE COLT'S TALE

Monthly Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ♣ **6/4/14—last day of school**
-The elementary will be dismissed at 1:42 for pick up and 1:45 for bussing.
- ♣ **6/4/14—5th Grade Clap Out**—will start at 1:30. If any 5th grade parent would like to be a part of this you will need to be here between 1:15 and 1:25 and park at the softball fields located off of Buffham Rd. Parking will be limited due to dismissal at the end of the day. The 5th grade will be coming out the main event doors between C and D halls so all students, staff, and parents will be lining up along that sidewalk.
- ♣ **8/19/14—First day of school for students.**

KNOW HOW TO HELP KIDS STAY CONNECTED

May is Mental Health Awareness Month; encouraging families and individuals to, "Mind Your Health."

Students of all ages will be celebrating the close of the school year and the kickoff to summer. But as the novelty of summer break wears off, many youth may find themselves feeling isolated and alone, having lost the daily interactions and social connections that school provides. Such feelings can lead to unhealthy coping behaviors.

According to research, low levels of social interaction not only puts a person's mental health at risk, but takes a toll on their physical health as well. Researchers report a lack of social connection to be a greater detriment to health than obesity, smoking and high blood pressure.

The fact is, people have a fundamental need to connect with other people. When that doesn't happen, or when levels of social interaction are low, it impacts both the mind and body.

Place your children at an advantage by working with them to create a summer plan to make, keep and strengthen their connections:

*Have them write out a short list of friends they would like to maintain or build a relationship with; ones who are positive and supportive.

*Ask them to commit to calling, texting or getting together with these friends throughout the summer (this does not include a social media tweet or post to the world in general – we're talking "real" friend connections).

*Urge them to openly and honestly share what's on their

minds, maybe it's a sympathetic ear, help solving a problem, a fresh perspective, a good laugh or just to chat.

*Encourage them to show their sincere interest in their friends' lives as well, which will also help to build and foster the relationship.

*Help your children make social plans by volunteering to pick up one of their friends and heading to the pool, park or a movie, or even just allowing them to invite a friend over to the house to hang out (under adult supervision, of course).

It is important to take action to protect children's mental health and promote overall whole health. Help your child stay connected this summer. For more information visit <http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/may>.

CLOVERLEAF TRANSPORTATION

Phone Numbers: 330-721-3802 or 330-721-3801

In order to help the Transportation Department get ready for the 2014-2015 school year, if your child/children will be picked up or transported to a different location other than home, we will need to have a "Transportation Request Form" filled out and returned to the Transportation Department.

The form may be found on the Cloverleaf website under the Transportation Department or under Links and Forms. The form may be faxed to: 330-948-8431 or mail the form to: Cloverleaf Transportation, 109 Maple Grove, Lodi, OH 44254.

If you are moving over the summer, please make sure to fill out a "Change of Address form" which can be located on the Cloverleaf website under Links & Forms. Please check the form to see what documents you will need as verification. This information will need to be turned into your child/children's school at least a week before the start of school.

Help us find you:

Please display your house numbers clearly on your mailbox (both sides) and house. This helps the bus driver find stops much more efficiently. This is especially helpful with our kindergarten and younger students.

The Cloverleaf Transportation Staff would like to wish all of you a safe and fun summer!

TECHNOLOGY TIPS WITH MRS. WEIGEL



Students may continue to learn or improve their keyboarding skills over the summer months by using the same program they used in our school computer lab:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/>

Level 1, Home Row, is a great place to start in order to get in the good habit of correct finger placement. And, of course, the more students practice, the faster they'll be typing!

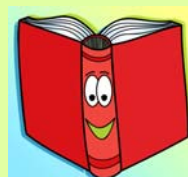
2014 Medina County District Library Children's Summer Reading Game

"Every Reader, Every Day"

register online at
www.mcdl.info/SummerReading
or at any MCDL library

Play online or in your library:
June 2 - August 9

Children – Every day you read moves you closer to winning fabulous prizes like a drawstring backpack and a book. Track your progress on the new online game or play on a paper board. There is lots of fun for parents, too. Learn more at www.medina.lib.oh.us.



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Teacher SPOTLIGHT



For our third "Teacher Spotlight" article, we chose a teacher who is a Cloverleaf alumnus and loved by her students and the staff she works with. That teacher's name is Mrs. April Dalton.

Mrs. Dalton is a 1st grade teacher at CES. Her career started when she graduated from The University of Akron. She has been teaching for 10 years. She's also taught 2nd grade, 3rd grade, and Safety City.

Mrs. Dalton's favorite part of her job is working with the children. "I enjoy

helping them to grow as a learner and as a person."

When asked who or what inspired her to become a teacher, she said her 6th grade teacher, Mrs. Griffin (a retired Cloverleaf teacher), inspired her to be a teacher. "She was very passionate about teaching and always seemed to enjoy every moment with us."

Mrs. Dalton believes that Cloverleaf is a truly special place because the staff and children are very caring and helpful to one another. "I am a Cloverleaf graduate and it is a

place I can truly call home."

One of Mrs. Dalton's favorite quotes is "When you smile on the world, the world smiles back." She says that life has its ups and downs, but it is all about how you react in a situation. "Always look for positives and smile, and so will the world."

When Mrs. Dalton isn't teaching, she likes spending time with her husband and 3 young children; Aurielle, Thomas, and Kyrsten. She also enjoys boating.

THE 5TH GRADE GOES TO CAMP NUHOP

The fifth grade students, and their teachers, traveled to Camp NuHop, located about 1 hour south of Cloverleaf, to spend three days expanding the science curriculum in outdoor education. During the days, students were divided into "tribes" where they participated in a variety of outdoor activities. Tribe activities included team building initiatives, constructing a geodome out of logs and rope, survival

skills in the woods, a hike where species of plants were identified along the trails, and time was spent exploring at the creek and a waterfall, the opportunity to swing 50 feet in the air while secured in a harness, and complete a ropes challenge course 30 feet off the ground, followed by a ride down a zip line! Students slept in cabins, ate awesome family style meals in a dining

hall, and enjoyed a campfire with skits performed by the camp instructors. Mr. Falkenberg and Mrs. Thiry traveled down and rumor has it Mr. Falkenberg even ate a cricket! No one wanted to leave and everyone would agree that three days was not long enough to explore Camp NuHop! A great time was had by all.

Parent Survey

The School Climate Committee at CES would like your input on how we can continue to improve. Please take a moment to complete a survey at: https://mail.neonet.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=SxkSb0CnbUeBKngM46U8P_Ly_2agUdEIF2c2X-p8Uts402e2N2ia4kn-RaqpBNnNjB4elmgtPa3M.&URL=https%3a%2f%2fdocs.google.com%2fforms%2fd%2f1fXieYiAaX-ErDvOSP_KGaeyFSmksjg3vZc_uJWzShRnA%2fviewform%3fc%3d0%26w%3d1%26usp%3dmail_form_link You can also access the link on the Cloverleaf Elementary School Home Page. Thank you!



A Note From Mrs. Heinrich



4th Graders: Keep your recorder in a safe place over the summer. You will need it for 5th grade music. See you in August!

****Check out Ms. Heinrich's website:**
<http://lisaheinrich.com/music/>

Preschool has openings for typically developing peer models for the 2014-2015 school year.

Fall "Typical" Peer Model Screening for Preschool will take place 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 21.

A screening session will take place to determine if candidates demonstrate the following criteria. A typical peer model must:

- Possess strong social and communication skills
- Be at least 4 years old by Oct. 1 the year of attendance
- Be able to follow directions and attend to tasks for five to seven minutes
- Be secure in beginning pre-academic skills (counting, colors, name recognition, etc.)

The program runs in accordance with the school calendar. Students must attend all four days (Monday through Thursday). The cost for preschool at Cloverleaf Elementary is \$100 per month. Please call Karen Anderson at 330-721-3505 to register for screening.

PBIS News

Congratulations to the following classes for being named our "Class of the Week" during the month of May...Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Schmitt, Mrs. Spinder, Mrs. Power, and Mrs. Davis.

Congratulations 4th grade on winning the 4th quarter Grade Level Competition for earning the most Class Cash points. Our 4th grade has won the Grade Level Competition every quarter this year!!!! They have also had the least number of Office Referrals this school year. WOW...that is COLTASTIC! :)

We are proud of the positive behaviors all of our students have demonstrated this school year! Keep being Respectful, Responsible, a Problem-Solver and Safe this summer!

