

CLIVE LIVE!

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From the Principal's Desk . . .

The end of the first trimester of the 2009-10 school year is quickly approaching, so it is time to think about signing up for those conference times with your child's teacher. The scheduled conference weeks are November 9-23, with the main conference nights being November 19 & 23 from 4:15-7:45 p.m. Teachers' schedules will be posted for you to sign up or review your conference time from October 22 to November 12.

The individual teachers' sign-up sheets will be on the wall outside the community room at the front of the building. Front doors will be unlocked from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. during this time period to allow parents to sign-up. Sign-ups for conferences will end on November 12 at 4 p.m. Thank you for taking the time to discuss your child's progress with us. Your involvement in your child's education is vital to his/her success.

Sincerely,

Brandon Pierce, Principal

Calendar of Events

October 16	Picture Make-up Day
October 20	Clive PTO Meeting, 6 p.m.
October 23	Fall Festival Parties, 3:00 p.m.
November 2-6	Iowa Test of Basic Skills, 3-6 Grades

Cooler Weather is Coming

Cooler weather is here. Please be sure your child comes to school each day prepared to go outside for recess. An extra sweatshirt or light weight jacket is fine now.



As it gets even cooler, you'll want to be sure to have mittens or gloves, hats, winter jackets and eventually (dare I say it!) snow pants and boots. Students will stay inside for recess only when the wind chill is below zero degrees. We want to try to get the children out daily when appropriate and all of the necessary winter items are needed for them to enjoy themselves outdoors. Please be sure to label all coats and hats with your child's name in order to keep track of each student's winter items. Thanks!

Picture Retake/Make-Up Day



Jolesch Photography will be in our building on **Fri., Oct. 16**, to take pictures of those who were absent Sept. 18. Those who wish to have initial pictures taken should remember to bring their money in the picture envelope. Those who need picture retakes must bring their pictures with them. Extra picture envelopes are available in the office.

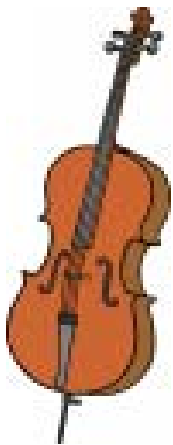
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School Based Therapy Services

Dorothy Lifka, a licensed independent social worker, is our new child guidance school based therapist. She has worked with children, adolescents and families in school, community and mental health settings for more than 25 years. Ms. Lifka is at Clive Elementary on Thursdays. She works with preschoolers through adolescents with a variety of mental health concerns. For more information or to have your child referred for services, please contact Mr. Pierce or Ms. Stricker. Ms. Lifka takes Medicaid, Hawk-I and private insurances. If your insurance requires a co-pay for mental health services, you will be billed for this amount.

Orchestra News



The West Des Moines Kiwanis Club invited elementary orchestra students to perform at their 50th Anniversary Dinner Celebration at the West Des Moines Country Club Sept. 29.

Several of our Clive sixth grade orchestra students accepted the challenge which included: learning extra music (extra practice), coming early another day of the week for extra rehearsal and an evening dress rehearsal Sept 28.

I'm excited with the students who accepted the challenge and have seen them grow musically and socially. They performed in a professional setting and were professional in their appearance, behavior and performance.

Congratulations to the following students for their extraordinary commitment: Joe Reck, Julian Castillo, Josh Dean, Mack Vos, Jake Reck and Will Rettenmeier.

Reminder from Your Clive PTO

Mark your calendar for Tues., Oct. 20 from 6-7 p.m. for the PTO meeting. Katie Schulte, school nurse, and Principal Brandon Pierce will provide an update and answer your questions about the district's action plan and preparedness to manage H1N1. Other agenda topics include fall fundraiser updates, event planning and outdoor sign progress. PTO meetings are one of the ways to stay informed about your child's school. Hope to see you there. Childcare will be provided.

Primary Extended Learning Services: K-3

The Extended Learning teacher works with primary classroom teachers to: assess students' strengths and needs using a variety of assessment tools which may include Dr. Bertie Kingore's Observation Inventory (KOI) re: advanced language, analytical thinking, meaning-motivated, perspective, sense of humor, sensitivity and accelerated learning.

Based on student strengths and need, the extended learning teacher may:

- provide resource materials for regular classroom use
- suggest strategies for curriculum modification
- collaborate with the classroom teacher to lead whole class lessons while assessing students using the KOI
- meet with small, flexible groups for short periods of time for further assessment and enrichment
- consult with parents/guardians in collaboration with classroom teachers and other staff

H1N1—Health Update

Here are a few things you can do to help.

- ✓ **Know the signs of symptoms of the flu.** Symptoms of the flu include fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater), cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache and feeling very tired. Some people may also vomit or have diarrhea. These symptoms apply to ALL types of the flu, not just H1N1.
- ✓ **Do not send children to school if they are sick.** Any children who are determined to be sick while at school will be sent home. Have a plan in place if you need to stay home with a sick child.
- ✓ **Keep sick children at home** for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever or do not have signs of fever, without using fever-reducing drugs. **Keeping children with a fever at home will reduce the number of people who may get infected.**
- ✓ **Teach your children to wash their hands often** with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub.
- ✓ **Teach your children not to share personal items** like drinks, food or unwashed utensils.
- ✓ **Teach your child to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues.** If tissue is unavailable they can cover up their coughs or sneezes using their elbow, arm or sleeve instead of their hand.

Recycling Challenge 2009: Oct. 5-Nov. 6

Clive Elementary, Metro Waste Authority and the Iowa Grocery Industry Association are teaming up for Build with Bags School Challenge this fall.



This challenge is about educating children and parents on recycling plastic shopping bags and using reusable shopping bags. Each school that turns in at least ten pounds of plastic shopping bags and receives credit for ten reusable

bags* (see “added twist” below) will get a \$100 store gift card. The top three schools will receive a piece of outdoor furniture/equipment made with recycled plastic. The contest starts Oct. 5 and will continue through Nov. 6. The winners will be announced Nov. 16.

An added twist! People who use reusable shopping bags at any grocery store in the metro (Hy-Vee, Dahl’s, Fareway) will receive one point for each reusable bag they use. The shopper will be able to tell the cashier which school they would like to receive their points. For every six reusable bags, the school receives credit for one pound. FUN FACT: it takes approximately 60 plastic shopping bags to make one pound. It’s easy to see that using reusable bags is the fastest way to reach the goal!

Start saving your dry, clean plastic shopping bags now! Bring them to school Oct. 5 through Nov. 6.