

CLIVE LIVE!



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From the Principal's Desk . . .

Parent/Teacher Conference sign-up sheets are currently posted in the front entryway of the school. Please stop in some time before Nov. 12 to sign up for your child's conference.

Conferences are an excellent opportunity for parents and teachers to have a face-to-face conversation about the education of your child. We look forward to discussing your child's progress and how we can work together to provide your child with the best educational experience.

Sincerely,

Brandon Pierce, Principal

Congratulations to our Students of the Week

At Clive Elementary this year, we are recognizing students for demonstrating respectful, responsible and safe behavior in the hallway and on the stairs. When students are demonstrating positive behaviors, they can receive positive behavior slips from Clive staff members. At the end of the week, each class draws from their container of tickets for the Student of the Week. The students below have been recognized for their classes: Dylan Moulder, Jessie Thomas, Madison Snyder, Danna Quintana, Stella Rose, Emma Cross, Alisa Deo, Emma Moran, Jaime Herrera, Brody Kucharo, Kamil Lee, Lauren Huffman, Jonathan Fitzgerald, Dalton Wedig, Kaitlyn Clarke, Thuan Ngo, Michelle Nguyen, Skyler Young, Ryan Schultz, Leiz Chan, Payton Caldbeck, Josi Huffman, Christian Suarez, Mason O'Brien, Cassy Yardley, Callie Skembo, Jessie Gates, Nairah Saldana, Megan Chadd, Sara Sorenson, Hannah Croonquist, Ethan Lebeda, Ryan Greenough, Ty Davis, Graham Hagan, Maren Tuttle, Will Rettenmeier and Julian Castillo. Congratulations students on your positive behavior choices.

Calendar of Events

Nov. 2-6	Iowa Test of Basic Skills-3-6 Grades
Nov. 10	5 th Grade Band @ Hillside, 7 p.m.
Nov. 14	Clive Talent Show @ Indian Hills, 7 p.m.
Nov. 16	Clive Connections-PTO Meeting, 6 p.m.

Lost and Found

Is your child missing a favorite sweatshirt or jacket? If so, now would be a good time to stop by the Clive Elementary lost and found to claim those lost items. The lost and found is located in the main entry of the building. All items that remain unclaimed will be donated to charity. Thanks!

Educational Non-Discrimination Statement

The West Des Moines Community School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental disability or socioeconomic status in educational programs and activities.

Clive Digikids

Clive Elementary has selected the 2009-10 Digikids who will work with computer programs, digital photography and film to highlight events that take place at the school throughout the year. They have covered such events as band concerts, class projects, Fun Night and many others. Congratulations to this year's Digikids: Emily Schnoor, Lauren Townsend, Hannah Youngwirth, Zach Wright, Katie Hurley-Boyd, Julian Castillo, Callie Skembo, Greta Carlson, Emma Baxter, Madi Yaeger, Tiana King and Turner Scott.

Current Information Requested

Please notify the office (633-5800) of any phone number or address changes that may have taken place since pre-registration last May. If there has been a change in your contact information for non-household relationships, we would like to have that updated as well. Thank you for helping us provide for all your child's needs.

HALLOWEEN CANDY BUY-BACK DAY!

Here's a chance to send a sweet taste of HOME to our Troops in Iraq! Bring your wrapped Halloween candy and we'll pay \$1 per pound for the kids' treats! All candy collected will be sent to our Armed Forces in Iraq. This is a small act of kindness that will bring joy to many soldiers and less cavities for our kids!

WHERE:

Plaza Dental Group
1089 Jordan Creek Parkway #100
West Des Moines

WHEN:

November 1, 2009 from 1-3 p.m.

Pay Pal -- Important

To pay off a negative balance using Pay Pal, you must put money into the cash account. You cannot use lunch credits to cover a negative balance. Lunch credits can only be used for lunch, not a la carte items such as juice, water, milk or second entrée. Those items must come out of the cash account. If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 633-5800.

SCHOOL CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Up-to-the-minute recordings about cancellations, dismissals and closings are available at **633-5555**. The WDMCS hotline is provided as a service for students, parents, staff and community members to call if school must be cancelled or dismissed early due to weather conditions or other emergencies.

ParentLink, the district's emergency notification system, will be used to notify families of cancellations, early dismissals or other emergencies. Calls are made to home phone numbers, cell phone numbers and/or work numbers as provided to the school and entered into the Infinite Campus data system.

This information is also shared with the local media on the following **television stations** KCCI (Channel 8), WHO (Channel 13) and WOI (Channel 5); **FM radio stations** KJJY (92.5), KIOA (93.3), KGGO (94.9), KHKI (97.3), KWQW (98.3), KZZQ (99.5), KSTZ (102.5), KAZR (103.3), KLTI (104.1), KPTL (106.3) and KISS (107.5); and **AM radio stations** KPSZ (940), WHO (1040), KWKY (1150), KRNT (1350), KXNO (1460) and KBGG (1700 – Spanish Language).

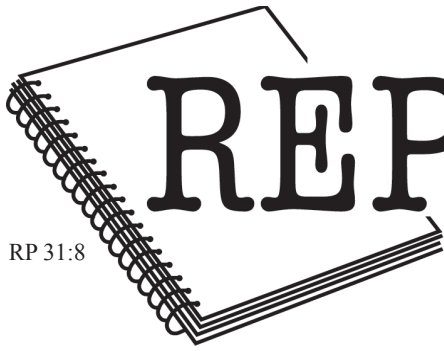
Student days missed due to school closing will be made up beginning Thurs., June 3, 2010.

Transportation Fees

Bus fees for the second quarter were due Tues., Oct. 20. If your child will not be riding the school bus the second quarter, please call 633-4900 to inform transportation office.

Please send your payment in an envelope marked with your child's name and bus number or pay online at www.wdmcs.org by clicking on the PaySchools graphic.

SECOND QUARTER:
OCTOBER 26, 2009 - JANUARY 13, 2010
K-6 Round Trip: \$115
K-6 One Way: \$60



REPORT_{to} PARENTS

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Test Preparation

Whether you've been out of school for five years or 15, the thought of taking a test probably still makes your heart race and palms sweat. Now imagine what it's like for your children. Today, with the No Child Left Behind Act in place, testing is more frequent and taken more seriously than ever before. Here are some ways to help your child shine when testing time comes.

Know your child's strengths and weaknesses. Stay in contact with your child's teacher during the year to see if there are any areas your child might need a little extra work on. Find out what you can do at home to help reinforce what students are learning in the classroom and help your child feel at the top of his or her game when testing time comes.

Get them moving. Children know test-taking time is a big deal at their schools. And, whether they show it or not, most of them are feeling stressed about it. Doing something physical can help them let off steam. Whether it's bike riding or playing tag, get them moving in a fun sport or physical activity.

But not too much. While working off a little pressure is great for kids, participating in organized sports during test week can actually add to the stress. If your child is in a competitive sports activity, cut back during test week.

Scale back the excitement. Although many kids enjoy relaxing by watching movies or playing video games, it's important that they scale back on any high-energy programs during test week, particularly when it's getting closer to their bedtime. They need quiet minds so they can relax and get a solid night's sleep.

Bedtime is important. Endless studies have shown that American schoolchildren get far too little sleep on the average night. You may be surprised to know that elementary and middle school children do the best on 10 hours of sleep. Kids who aren't

thoroughly rested do more poorly on tests, so get them in bed early (making sure they're not watching TV, if you allow it in their rooms).

Give them the fuel they need. Many families are so rushed in the mornings that breakfast is an afterthought. A toaster pastry and a bottle of water just don't provide the energy your kids need to keep their minds and bodies functioning strongly until lunchtime. They need to have a complete breakfast every day of testing. Cut back the high-sugar cereals and pastries and make the time to have a healthier, more substantial breakfast.



Help them relax. People who are anxious about their performance on a test do worse than those who are relaxed—the anxiety actually hurts your children. Teach them a few tricks to use during the test. If they get stuck on a question, instead of frowning and concentrating, teach them to smile for a few seconds. Their bodies will automatically get less tense. (Try it!) And help them learn how to take a nice, slow, relaxing breath in and out.

Practice makes perfect. Ask the teacher or principal if there are practice tests or worksheets your child can work on at home before the big day. These tests can help your children get used to how the questions are worded and how to make sure to fill in the test sheet bubble the right way before test day anxiety takes hold.

Let them know you believe in them. While it's really important to let your children know that you believe in them and know that they'll do well, it's also key to make sure they understand you're not judging them on what their test scores report. Certainly, they need to realize that it's important to try their hardest and do their best, but they also need to know your love for them and respect for their abilities has nothing to do with what some computerized report says about their scores.

ATTENTION!!!!

ALL CLIVE STUDENTS AND STAFF:

It is once again time to sign-up for this year's **Talent Show!** Please fill out the Talent Show **sign-up** sheet. They will be collected on the following days during lunch recess in the Media Center:

Thurs., Oct. 29

Fri., Oct. 30

Tues., Nov. 3,

If you are using a specific song, please copy the song you are using onto a blank CD. Write the name of the song and your name/group's name on the CD. All CDs will be returned at the end of the show.

Please limit your acts to **THREE MINUTES**. I am **not** holding auditions, only collecting sign-up sheets and music CDs.

Let's make this the best Talent Show yet!!!!

Thank you,
Mr. D
Talent Show coordinator.

NAME(s) _____

HOMEROOM _____

NAME of ACT _____

CONTACT # _____