

A message from Principal Brunson.....

Where has the time gone? It's hard to believe that we are already in the month of May. Many thanks to our A-team for promoting Autism Awareness during the month and the PTA for sponsoring the Autism Awareness Walk/Run.

Parent Input for Class Placement Questionnaire

Parents, please be on the lookout for written correspondence that will help us to plan and to prepare for the 2015-16 school year. Return to Cloverly and Class Placement Parent/Guardian Input are two important communications that have gone home to parents and should be returned to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Additional forms are in the main office.

Happy Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day to all of our amazing Cloverly mothers! Your families are very fortunate to have the guidance and nurturance you provide and demonstrate through your loving actions. Thanks for sharing your "pride and joy" with us each and every day. I thank you whole-heartedly for volunteering your time at Cloverly to support our instructional program. You are one of the major reasons why Cloverly is considered to be a great place to learn!

Classes for FY 2017

We are slated to have the following classes next year:

- Three classes each in kindergarten and in grades 1, 2, & 3
- Two classes each in grades 4 & 5
- One 4/5 combination class
- Six partial-day Pre-School Education Program (PEP) classes, 3 classes in the morning and 3 classes in the afternoon
- Three Autism Program classes

We expect that there will be some staffing changes. Proposed changes will be communicated in the June Paw Prints.

Fourth and Fifth Grade Combination Class

Yet again, we are slated to have a 4th/5th grade combination class. Elizabeth Helberg, current 4/5 grade teacher will be serving as the homeroom teacher. In addition to balancing the class in terms of gender, level of academic achievement, racial/ethnic background, work-study skills, and any special needs, we are aiming to have the class be comprised of students who work well together and have demonstrated a level of independence. We expect that students in the 4/5 combination class will attend specials and receive majority of their instruction with their respective fourth and fifth grade peers just like they did this year. We will finalize plans for the 4/5 combination class in August 2016. On August 26, we will be holding a meeting with parents to discuss the 4/5 combination class. The time for this meeting will be included in the summer letter.

Lost and Found

Once again, our *Lost and Found* is full and overflowing. If your child is missing any clothing items, it's likely that it is our *Lost and Found*. If clothing items aren't picked up by **Friday, June 10**, they will be donated. Thanks so much for your cooperation and understanding.

Final Thoughts

As the school year draws to a close and as the weather gets warmer, we are asking parents to continue to encourage your children to complete their homework, projects, and class assignments. Encourage

positive interactions with peers and continued adherence to school rules in all settings, including the bus. Remind your children that we do not allow toys, especially electronic games and cell phones, at school. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, students must attend school every day. We must continue to work in partnership – parents and school staff – to ensure the momentum of our students until the last day of school.

