



Clow School News & PTA Newsflash 9.20.18

September

20th - Book Fair (closes at 6:00 pm)

20th - PTA Bingo Night (6:00 pm)

21st - Book Fair (9:00 - 12:00)

October

5th - School Spirit Day (wear green/gold or Clow Spirit Wear!)

8th - No School (Columbus Day)

10th - PTA Meeting (7:00 PM)

19th - End of Quarter One

31st - PTA Fall Classroom Celebrations (2:00 - 3:00 pm)

Safety Drills - This morning at Clow School we practiced procedures that would be used in the event that a lockdown was necessary. Students and staff were aware that our procedures were implemented today as a drill. Clow students did an excellent job listening to staff directions during the drill. Students have also had an opportunity this year to practice procedures for fire, severe weather, and bus safety and we will continue to practice and reinforce these procedures throughout the school year.

Fall Parent/Teacher Conference Sign-Up - Sign-ups for conferences were available on Curriculum Night. If you did not have the opportunity to attend or sign up for a conference, your child's teacher will soon be in contact with you to schedule one. Conferences are scheduled for November 1st (4:30 - 8:00 pm) and November 5th (8:00 am - 8:00 pm).

IPEF Clow Runners - Support Team IPEF runners this fall by donating to the Clow School staff participants listed below! These runners will participate in the Naperville 5K on Sunday, October 21st. All money that is raised will come back to Clow and District 204.

Mrs. Patty Bauer <https://www.cherryfish.com/TeamIPEF2018/1437>

Mrs. Nicole Fader

https://www.cherryfish.com/event_dashboard.aspx?entityid=2058&entitytypeid=2&eventid=3&teamid=1752#donate

Mrs. Hannigan <https://www.cherryfish.com/TeamIPEF2018/1502>

Mrs. Molly Mackey

https://www.cherryfish.com/event_dashboard.aspx?entityid=2058&entitytypeid=2&eventid=3&teamid=1827

Indian Prairie Educational Foundation (IPEF) actively works to encourage student development, support academic success, and promote educational excellence. They support individual classroom endeavors as well as several district programs and events, like the A+ Award, Fine Arts Festival, Teacher Grants and more.

Third-Party Educational Programs - The following companies have rented space in our schools to offer an after-school educational program for students. The distribution of this material is in no way an endorsement of programs, services, activities or products by District 204. For more information about the programs listed below, visit:

Clow: Illinois Chess Teachers Chess Club

Clow: NanoBeasts STEM & Robotics

In Cougar Pride,

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PTA Newsflash (9.20.18)

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

9/20, 9/21: Book Fair in the LMC

9/20: BINGO Night

9/25: Restaurant Night: Taco Diner

OCTOBER

10/10: PTA Meeting in the Cougar Den at Clow at 7:00 PM

10/15: Restaurant Night: Sharkos

10/23: DEADLINE for REFLECTIONS Program

10/26: Fall Fundraiser

10/31: Classroom Fall Parties

Thank you to all that have reached out individually to help fill some vacant positions for the 2018-2019 school year. We couldn't be more excited for what is to come and couldn't do it without your support.

REFLECTIONS

COMING SOON! We are super excited that we have a volunteer to help with the National PTA Reflections Program this year and A big shout out to Michelle Biesadecki for taking on this role especially given its 50th Anniversary in the District. This inspiring program welcomes all grades and abilities to explore and be involved in the arts. Does your child enjoy art, music, dance or have an interest in writing, producing films or taking photos? Then join us and have fun unleashing your inner artist with PTA Reflections. Your children are invited to reflect upon the 2018-2019 theme ***Heroes Around Me*** and create original works of art in the categories of **dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts**. The deadline to enter the National PTA Reflections Program is October 23! Look for more information to come home with your student next week. Any art piece that was created during the 2018 calendar year is eligible for submission.

What's Reflections? Your children are invited to reflect upon the 2018-2019 theme of ***Heroes Around Me*** and create original works of art in the categories of dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts. All projects are judged by a team of Clow parents and community art enthusiasts. Each art category will advance the highest scoring project to the District level in two age groups: K-2 and 3-5. Projects have the opportunity to then advance to a Regional, State and even National level. Please email Michelle Biesadecki(biesadecki777@hotmail.com) or Diane Guskey (guskey.clowpta@gmail.com) with any questions, if you would like submission criteria, or if you are interested in being a part of the Reflections Committee. We look forward to seeing all of the wonderful artistic work created by Clow students! The next PTA newsletter will contain a link with the submission form.

BINGO NIGHT

TONIGHT! TONIGHT! TONIGHT! We are super excited to introduce our first Bingo night coming up later today on **Thursday, September 20th**. In conjunction with the Book Fair happening, we will have our very own Mrs. Fader (and a couple special guests) as the maestros of the evening. Come play a round or two of Bingo from 6-7 pm in the Multi-purpose room. Prizes to be given to each winner. \$1 per card with a limit of 3 cards per person to increase your chances of winning. Cards will not be automatically cleared to enhance our number of winners. Please enter through Door #10. ☺ Hope to see you later! Go Cougars!

D204 WINTER COAT DRIVE

Fall is the time of year to clean out our closets and make room for the new given growth spurts and even just a sense of organization when the seasons have decided to stop switching. During the month of October, Indian Prairie Parents Council (IPPC) is holding a district-wide winter coat and boot collection. Due to the growing need in our district, they will be collecting new or gently used, clean coats of all sizes (infant through adult), in addition to other winter accessories (boots, hats, coats, scarves, snow pants, etc.) – basically anything externally you wear in the winter months. Please consider donating your gently used winter outdoor wear to this cause. The coats will be distributed to families in need within our district in early November. A collection box will be placed in the lobby of Clow's entrance on October 1st. If you are interested and able to give a bit of your time and volunteer at the District wide collection site at Builta Elementary on October 29, 30th or November 1, please reach out to Diane Guskey (guskey.clowpta@gmail.com) for more information. Many hands are necessary to assist in this collection effort and volunteers time slots are in 2 hours increments. As part of Clow's Unity Committee role with the IPPC, let's have Clow really represent during this drive.

SPIRIT WEAR

Special thanks for our Spirit Wear Vendor, Deb's Embroidery for stopping by at Curriculum Night. Current orders were available for pickup at her table. We hope you were able to browse some of the selection. If you are interested, online Spirit Wear orders can be made through Deb's Embroidery. If you are having sizing questions, samples are available in the school office. Sizes are true to size except for the girls tie-dyed hoodie which runs on the smaller side.

Spirit Wear Store: <https://www.debsembroidery.com/>

click: New Store

locate Clow Elementary and enter password: cougars (all lower case)

PTA MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to those that took advantage of the extended deadline and joined the Clow PTA. As part of the Illinois Parent/Teacher Association, our mission is to enhance children's education experiences here at Clow and throughout the District. Directories are in the process of being finalized and will still be distributed to PTA Members in October. Please note, membership is always open, and signing up does not automatically make you a time committed volunteer -- but it does mean that you support our group and believe in what we are trying to achieve.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

NEW UPDATES! BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: Box Top collection for our first classroom contest will begin on Monday October 1st and end on Friday October 12th. This year, we have extended the Box Top collection time frame so that we can give everyone an opportunity to participate and ensure that we reach our goal. Box Tops will be collected in each classroom. We will provide an update after Week 1 so classrooms can see how they are doing in their collection efforts and announce the winning classrooms following Week 2. Please reach out to Paula Hamric (paula913@hotmail.com) or Jen Pellicano (jlpellicano@yahoo.com) if you have any questions!

AMAZON SMILE: Just a "smile" reminder for all you Amazon shoppers out there -- we have registered our school on Amazon Smile as a simple, easy way to raise some money for our school and classrooms. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases to the charities selected by customers and Clow's unique charity link is: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-3028473>. Be certain to use this link or search for "Clow PTA" on Amazon Smile and have a percentage of your total purchases automatically come back to Clow. Please note, Amazon Smile cannot be used through the app on your mobile device for charitable donations. You can however, use the app to fill your basket and then go through safari or your web browser using the link above on your mobile device to complete your purchase for ordering. All proceeds received from Amazon will go directly to our students. Happy Shopping!

FOLLETT BOOK FAIR (SEPTEMBER 17-21)

Clow was honored to host author Kwame Alexander for a short period of time this week. Be certain to check out @NikkiFader and @ClowCougars to see the pictures from his visit. The Follett Book Fair runs through September 21st in the LMC so please join us for a literacy event that provides the books kids enjoy reading! Supporting a love for reading is critical to student success. Supporting your school is just as important. The Follett Book Fair encourages your child's reading habits, builds their personal libraries, and raises funds for the school, all at the same time. You can expect a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable titles for every reading level. Certain Bingo prizes may relate to the Book Fair 😊

We hope to see you at our Book Fair. Remember, all purchases benefit our school!

Book fair Hours:

Thursday 9/20 8:30-6:00 (Also Clow's BINGO Night from 6:00-7:00)

Friday 9/21 9:00-12:00

PTA PLANNING/SURVEY

Results are IN and individuals are in the process of being contacted. Thank you to all of those that have shown interest and have generously volunteered your time. Your commitment to the school is amazing. Individuals room parents will be contacted this week to allow time to plan the first classroom parties 😊 .