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The Explorer Compass

Parents, teachers and the community working together to promote educational excellence for our children.

Co-Presidents' Corner

by Kristi Mitchell & Diane Henderson, Co-Presidents

If your household is anything like mine, you are in the middle of all the prep, hustle & bustle of getting ready for the holidays and the New Year. Shortly, the children will be on Winter Break and then after a few days, as Bing Crosby sung, "mom & dad can hardly wait for school to start again". (If my kids are reading this, I am just kidding, honey, I love having you home for two weeks.) When the children do return to school, the PTA has many activities planned for 2012.

But first lest old acquaintance be forgot, I wanted to mention the programs we have held so far this year. In support of our mission to promote educational excellence in our children, we have hosted both Science Club and Art Club. Both were hits with those who attended and more sessions for both will be held next year. The PTA also spon-

Family Game and Craft Night

by Tabitha Yaffee, Game Night Coordinator

The Family Game and Craft Night on December 9th was a great success. Chloe Clark families enjoyed holiday music, a fun and easy craft, tasty snacks, and lots of board games. Four lucky students took home new board games to enjoy with their families and friends in our door prize raffle. Thanks to all of the families who attended, and a special thank you to the fantastic Chloe Clark PTA volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to make the event possible.



Co-Presidents' Corner

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sored an assembly during school with Pacific Science Center presenting Volts and Jolts, an electrifying experience if there ever was one. A recurring monthly program is Ready, Set, Read which rewards and encourages children to read 5 days a week -- so far 167 children have earned rewards.

We have also worked to promote family fun with our Family Movie Night and Family Game and Craft Night. Another Family Movie Night will also take place in the new year.

Our recurring fundraisers of the Box Top Store and Popcorn Wednesdays are popular with the children and help to fund these activities.

Along with continuing all these programs in 2012, we will also have Bingo Night, the Spring Carnival, Math Night and the Family Fun Run. We hope one New Year's Resolution you keep is to enjoy some of these great activities with your children.

Wishing you all the best for the New Year and the happiest of holidays,

Kristi and Diane



Chloe Clark PTA going Green.

In an effort to cut back on the amount of paper used for communications, the Chloe Clark PTA will be turning to more electronic avenues. To continue to get all your information regarding the Chloe Clark PTA visit www.chloeclarkpta.com where you will find the latest updates on activities, forms, volunteer opportunities and dates or "like" us on FACEBOOK to be kept in the loop!



Treasurer's Report

NOVEMBER 2011

by Bonnie Landes, Treasurer

Income:	\$ 3,160.44
Expenses:	\$ 1,612.15
Ending Balance:	\$20,130.58

Chloe Clark Students Enjoying Science

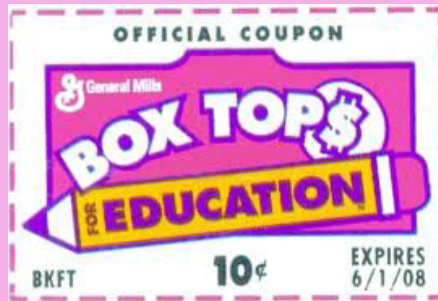
by Jennifer McDonald, Science Club Coordinator

Thanks so much to all who came and participated and made our first Science Club meeting a success! And MANY THANKS to our volunteers and the countless parents who volunteered on the spot by helping with crowd control, impromptu experiment making, and clean up!!! We really appreciate you.

For those who missed it, we got to learn about chemistry and made magic mud, flubber, playdough and butter. If you want to try these at home, here's the website where you can find the recipes (and other fun science projects) on: <http://www.greensim.com/lemonade/concoctions.html>.

We're looking forward to our next PTA Science Club night, so please be on the lookout for details about what we'll be doing and where we'll be. We are so excited to have another great night. If you're an adult and want to help out, please send an email to: frymcdonald@gmail.com.

**Box Top Store
is coming
December 16!**



Opens at 8:30 am

Chloe Clark PTA needs your photos!

by Allison Buford, Yearbook Chairperson

Do you have photos of your child and friends at school events or day to day activities around Chloe Clark? Would you like to see these pictures featured in the 2011-2012 Chloe Clark Yearbook?



If so please send them to yearbook@chloeclarkpta.com.

Please put "Yearbook photos" as the subject include name(s) and grade(s) for each child.

Yearbook pre-sales start in January 2012!! Watch our website for more information.

Thank you

Pacific Science Center

by Claire Jones, Assemblies Coordinator

A big thank you to Pacific Science Center for our exciting Volts and jolts assembly in November. Chloe Clark students learned interesting facts about electricity, emphasizing details about protons and neutrons with focus on positive and negative charges. A small group of students even received the opportunity to join in on a few hands on experiments. The PTA is looking forward to sponsoring another assembly in the Spring details to follow soon.



PTA OPPORTUNITIES

Leaf Your Mark Chairperson:

Promote sale of leaves and fence posts to fund school enhancement grants, and paint ceramic leaves to attach to the tree mural in the school's entrance hallway.

Bulletin Board Coordinator:

Design and create PTA bulletin boards in Chloe Clark's hallways.

Audio / Visual Volunteer:

To assist with A/V equipment during PTA movie nights.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Pocorn Wednesday
December 14

ACE Early Release Day
December 14 at 2:45 pm

Box Top Store
December 16 opens at 8:30 am

Julie Nauman Retirement Assembly
December 16 at 3:15 pm

Winter Break
December 19 - 30

No School ~ New Year's Holiday
January 2

PTA Board Meeting
January 3 at 6:15 pm

Popcorn Wednesday
January 11

ACE Early Release Day
January 11 at 2:45 pm

No School ~ Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 16

Popcorn Wednesday
January 25

PTA Bingo Night Fundraiser
February 3

Secretary Julie Nauman Retiring from Chloe Clark in December

by Amy Turner Senfleben, Vice President

After 30 years in education, Julie Nauman, is retiring from her position as front office secretary at Chloe Clark Elementary. A special assembly in her honor will be held on Friday, December 16th at 3:15pm in the Chloe Clark Community Room. Please join us as we thank her for her many years of dedication and care for our children.

Julie hails from a long line of educators and began her career in 30 years ago as a substitute teacher and classified staff member in Guam. Upon her family's return to the United States in the early 80s, she volunteered and worked as a substitute teacher at Cherydale Elementary. Her later training as a developmental Kindergarten teacher made her well suited to start a specialized program for special needs children in the district in 1985. Then, in May 2001, Gary Yoho asked her to join him in opening Chloe Clark Elementary, where she's been working ever since.

As highlights to her career at Chloe Clark, Julie lists welcoming children to school on the first day of classes, caroling in Winter, and spending time with all of the wonderful people she works with every day. Anyone who's ever stepped into the front office at Chloe Clark will remember Julie's warm smile and kind words. She makes a point of getting to know all the faces and names of incoming students, and makes sure Chloe Clark is a welcoming place for everyone. "I am proud that we are a place where everyone is welcome: kids, parents, dogs, everybody," Julie says with a twinkle in her eye.

As school secretaries, Julie Nauman and Melissa McGann keep the heart of the school humming and orderly. Calling their days "busy" would be an understatement. But Julie doesn't plan on leaving the busy school life behind entirely. After her retirement from administrative work, she plans to sub in the elementary schools district wide. She is also busy as the Membership Chair for the Washington Association of Education Office Professionals.

When asked what words of advice she leaves to the person who will replace her, she responds "patience, communication, and customer service. The most important thing is loving the kids and being partners with their parents and teachers so the kids have the best experience possible." Thank you, Julie Nauman, for making Chloe Clark a great school. You will be missed.



Volunteer of the Month

by Kristen Newman, Volunteer Chair

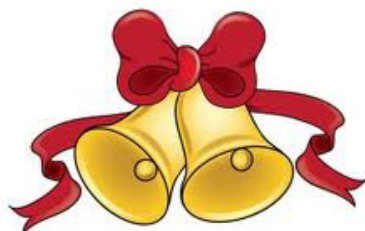


Volunteers of the month for November 2011 are Janelle Mock and Laura Bryant.

Janelle and Laura have been outstanding volunteers at Chloe Clark! Janelle and Laura have been working so hard putting together the Chloe Creations Art Club. They both have put in many volunteer hours and have had very successful Art Club events enjoyed by parents and students, we are so lucky to have great volunteers like Janelle and Laura at Chloe Clark. Congratulations to Janelle Mock and Laura Bryant for Volunteer of the Month October 2011.

Chloe Clark Volunteers you are amazing! For the month of November, we had *396 volunteer hours*. Your donated time at home, in the classrooms is greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for the work that you do. I can honestly say that the volunteers make Chloe Clark an even better school for the students.

And a special thank you to Jennifer McDonald for coordinating the Explorer Science Club nights. Those have been very fun to attend and the students were thrilled by the recipes.



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*Farrelli's (DuPont) * Forza Coffee (DuPont)*

*Sue Larson at DuPont Realty * Liberty Inn (DuPont)*

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