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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

February is here—which means our school year is already half over! Can you believe it, this year is just flying by! This is a good time to reflect on what we have accomplished so far and what we have planned for the coming months. At the beginning of the school year, the PTA Membership adopted four goals to help guide us in our efforts to fulfill our mission of parents, teachers, and the community working together to promote educational excellence for our children:

- Develop ways to partner with teachers to further enhance our children's education
- Promote an environment that encourages parental involvement in both home & school
- Facilitate communication between district, school, PTA & home.
- Inspire children to grow in the arts, sciences & physical well-being.

Using these goals as our guideposts, we have developed and implemented new programs this year, like the Art Club, and Family Movie Night, and brought back annual favorites, including the Incoming Kindergarten Play date, Ready-Set-Read, Family Bingo Night, Box Tops Store and Popcorn Wednesday. As full as our year has been so far, there are many more fun, educational, and inspiring programs planned for the remaining months of the 2011–2012 school year. The Run 4 Fun, Spring Carnival and No Screen Week are all coming up this spring. Watch for the calendar of events in this newsletter of upcoming PTA events; continue to look in your weekly paper and email flyers for more information. Remember, you can always find an up-to-date listing of PTA events on our online calendar: <http://www.chloeclarkpta.com/Calendar.html>.

With all of these events come MANY volunteering opportunities. If you want to get involved but aren't sure how, please email us at president@chloeclarkpta.com or volunteer@chloeclarkpta.com and we can discuss your options. We also have updated volunteer and event information on our web site at www.chloeclarkpta.com so check it out and join we would love to have you!

Kristi and Diane

Spanish Language Program



Chloe Clark Elementary will be introducing a new before or after-school Spanish language program for its students beginning in March.

A.C.E. World Language & Culture Ambassadors is an enrichment program offered by Associates in Cultural Exchange that empowers children to become global leaders by teaching them world languages and exploring other cultures.

Classes will be held twice a week before or after school for 40 min each. Please look for a registration form with times and cost information .

Please visit www.cultural.org or contact Elke Armajo, Regional Coordinator at 360-456-1402 or elkea@cultural.org for more information.

Give your child an opportunity to communicate globally!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Popcorn Wednesday ~ February 15

ACE Early Release Day ~ Feb 15 at 2:45

Box Top Store ~ February 17

No School ~ President's Day Feb. 20

Popcorn Wednesday ~ February 29

ACE Early Release Day ~ Feb. 29 at 2:45

PTA Board Meeting ~ March 6 at 6:30 pm

Art Club ~ March 7 at 6:30 pm

Science Club ~ March 13 at 6:30 pm

Popcorn Wednesday ~ March 14

ACE Early Release Day ~ March 14 at 2:45

Art Club ~ March 21 at 6:30pm

PTA Ice Cream Social & Membership Meeting ~ March 27 at 7:00 pm

Popcorn Wednesday ~ March 28

Art Club ~ March 28 at 6:30 pm

Half-Day 12:45 Release ~ March 30

SPRING BREAK April 2 - 6

No Screen Week ~ April 23 - 27

Run 4 Fun ~ Saturday April 28

Fitness Club Golden Shoe Award Winners

Congratulations to our first Golden Shoe Award winners! These students recorded the highest number of steps on their pedometers for the month of January.

Kindergarten:

Aidan Balda and Kierstyn Chrans

1st Grade:

Colin McCormack and Madeleine Quitugua

2nd Grade:

Caleb Albert and Irma Vargas-Ochoa

3rd Grade:

Isaac Thompson and Kalea Sims



Art Club is Back!
Starting Wednesday
March 7th
at 6:30pm



Yearbooks on Sale Now

by Alison Buford, Yearbook Chairperson

Chloe Clark Elementary 2011/2012 Yearbook pre-sales are on now. Look for order forms in the Wednesday emails or a hardcopy order form in the PTA boxes by the front office. The cut-off for the pre-sales discount is March 31, 2012, after which the price for yearbooks will be \$21. The final day to order yearbooks will be April 18, 2012.

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 and include name(s) and grade(s) for each child.

Run 4 Fun On Your Marks, Get Set...

by Katie Godbey, Run4Fun Co-Chairperson



**SAVE THE DATE!
APRIL 28**

Save the date and set your New Year's goal for the Explorers' Run 4 Fun on April 28, 2012. Start this year off right by encouraging your family and friends to join you and your kids in this community wide event. There will be a 1/2 mile kids' fun run followed by the 5K run/walk; both starting at Chloe Clark Elementary. The 5K course will guide participants through Dupont's beautiful trails and streets giving them the sense as to why Dupont is such a great place to live. So... stretch out those legs, lace up your running shoes and mark your calendars for April 28, 2012.

Registration forms have been sent home with students and there are more registration forms in the school office. Also look for further information about the Run 4 Fun and printable registration forms online at www.chloeclarkpta.com.

The Run 4 Fun committee is still looking for volunteers for pre-race day and race day preparation. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Katie Godbey, co-chair, at 513-582-4302 or Jana Ross, co-chair, at 703-862-0048. We look forward to working with you.

Volunteer of the Month

by Kristen Newman, Volunteer Chairperson

Congratulations to Volunteer of the month for January 2012, Ms. Veronica Stills!

Ms. Stills has been an outstanding volunteer at Chloe Clark! She has put in almost 20 hours in January and her volunteering efforts are nothing short of amazing. She has been working so hard with in Mr. Slater's 3rd grade class as well as helping out in Ms. Johnson's preschool class. Ms. Stills has also been a wonderful popcorn volunteer and was very busy coordinating the recent Bingo Night. Congratulations again to Ms. Veronica Stills.

BINGO Night a Sold-Out Success!

Thank you to all the Chloe Clark Families, Friends and Neighbors who came out and joined us for a sold-out and fun-filled evening of Bingo. Over 300 people played and competed for many great prizes!

The evening's special grand-prize of a \$250 gift certificate to the Great Wolf Lodge was won by The Sayer Family. Brian and Jonathan Sayer are kindergarten students at Chloe Clark Elementary and we couldn't be more thrilled for them! A very

special thank you to Dr. Dhane of Dhane Orthodontics, Dr. Takenaka of DuPont Children's Dentistry and Dr. Bensal of Clarus Eye Center for their very generous donation of our grand prize.

There were a few surprise gifts announced throughout the evening: a \$75 gift certificate to Farrelli's was donated to us by the *America's Credit Union* in Dupont; a pair of COACH sunglasses was donated by *Dr. Bensal of Clarus Eye Center*; and a certificate for 18-hole golf (for two) at The Home Course was donated by *The Home Course*.

We would also like to thank our Bingo callers, Dr. Dhane, Dr. Bensal, Mr. Michael Stills, and Chloe's Mr. Bradshaw and Mr. Slater for their hard work calling out the lucky bingo numbers and providing us with much entertainment. And of course, all of the many PTA volunteers who helped out with the evening and made it possible.



~ Special Thanks to our Bingo Night Prize Donors ~

America's Credit Union
Amanda Cameron Photography
Michelle Hogan Brockmann
Candice Custom Cakes
Carmen's Cuties
Center Nails
Charlie's Safari
Dr. Bensal, OD of Clarus Eye Center
Dr. and Mrs. Dhane, DDS of Dhane Orthodontics
Dr. Takenaka of DuPont Children's Dentistry
Designer Tan
DuPont Nails
Everlasting Memories
Farrelli's Restaurant
Forza Coffee
The Home Course

Renee Peterson from Initial Outfitters
Renee Peterson from Mary Kay Cosmetics
Odyssey 1
Jennifer Bargiel from Pampered Chef
Paula Lake from PartyLite
Cecelia Boatner from PartyLite
The RAM Restaurant
Tiffany Swaggart from Tealightful Treasures
The Rock Pizza
Seattle Seahawks
Melissa Duffy from Sentsy
Tiffany's Skate Inn
Kryste Buoniconti of 31 Bags
Antinia Franco from Tupperware
Angela Finn from Uppercase Living

Science Club "Magnets, Motors and the Scientific Method"

by Jennifer McDonald, Science Club Coordinator

Thanks to all who came to our recent Science Club and to our volunteers who helped it go smoothly! We had a night of physics fun, learning about magnets and motors and the scientific method.

We hope you can make it to our next Science Club on Tuesday, March 13 where we'll learn all about Animal Science. It's going to be fantastic!



New Fitness Club Reward Program

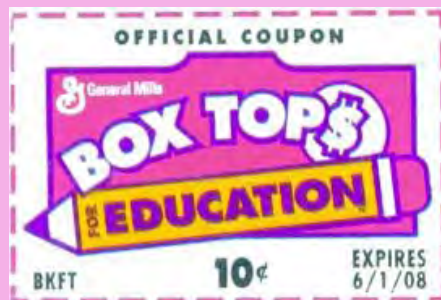
You may have heard your student talk about the reward program we announced last week at community time. Going forward, this program will award Golden Shoes to high steppers for each grade level every two weeks. You will see their names on the fitness bulletin board located in the hall to the right of the library.

Students will also receive footprint charms for every 25,000 steps they record. These charms will come home in Wednesday envelopes starting later this month. In the first January count alone we had 50 students reach 25,000 steps, so this piece will be something all students can attain.

We will also be tracking how far the students walk collectively as a school. Ask your student if they can remember where we've reached to this point. Hint: It's in Wisconsin.

We will also be tracking our progress on the fitness bulletin board. We're hoping to travel around the world and visit a few interesting places along the way.

**Box Top Store
Coming
February 17!**



**Opens at 8:30 am
and runs through
all lunch periods**

School Board Appreciation

On January 25th, schools and PTAs in the Steilacoom Historical School District had an opportunity to show their appreciation to the five individuals currently serving on the Board. The Chloe Clark PTA and students from Chloe Clark Elementary presented each of the School Board members with a homemade card and read a poem as a token of our gratitude. The students that read the poem were Andrew Jones, Jillian Holyfield & Madelyne Mitchell; they all did an excellent job representing Chloe Clark. The SHSD community is very fortunate to be served by the conscientious and hard-working volunteer members of our School Board. We all owe them our appreciation.



Treasurer's Report

JANUARY 2012

by Bonnie Landes, Treasurer

Income: \$ 2,877.42

Expenses: \$ 117.29

Ending Balance: \$22,439.36

Reflections Program Participants Advance to the State Level



by Janelle Mock, Reflections Chairperson

Six Chloe Clark students will have their artwork advanced to the state level of the PTA Reflections Program. The students were recognized at Community Time on January 10th, where each artist received a certificate of participation, ribbon of participation and ribbon of merit for their advancement to the state level. The artwork of Gabriel Ross, Emma Ross, Olivia Shortencarrier, Hannah Wargo, JaLynn Williams, & Ellie Mock, pictured above, will represent Chloe Clark Elementary at the Washington State Reflections Program for the 2011-2012 year. The theme for this year's program: "Diversity Means..."



The students and their artwork are featured in the photograph courtesy of Janelle Mock, PTA Reflections Chair. If you have any questions about the reflections please contact the Chloe Clark PTA at reflections@chloeclarkpta.com.

Congratulations to all of our January Ready Set Readers!

by Holly Wickenhagen, Ready Set Read Coordinator

Congratulations to all of our January Ready Set Readers! Gift Certificates went out Friday, Jan 10, just in time to enjoy a slice of pizza for the weekend! Thank you Farrelli's for our pizza awards each month!

We have officially gone paperless on our reading trackers. By doing this we have saved 500 unused trackers just in the month of January! Reading Trackers are available in the Wednesday online envelope email, and the Chloe Clark PTA website. Hard copies are always available in the PTA boxes by the office. Remember trackers are due by the 5th of the following month. Keep up the great work! We have some dedicated students, "reading" towards a free book at the end of the year!! Thank you!



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.

Fitness Carnival Co-Chairperson:

Help organize exciting activities and coordinate with local businesses for the Fitness Carnival on June 1st.

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.

The PTA's Nominating Committee is seeking a volunteer to fill the role of Treasurer for the 2012-2013 school year.

The Treasurer is an integral part of the PTA Executive Board,
with responsibilities that include:

- Reconciling the monthly bank statement
- Writing checks for expenses
- Providing a monthly income and expense report to the board

If you have a background in bookkeeping, or know someone who would be a good fit for this position, please email your nomination to
Lori Hunter: nomcom@chloeclarkpta.com.
The committee is accepting nominations until March 2nd.

Annual Recognition for Exceptional Volunteers & Leaders

It's time once again to recognize those individuals in our Chloe Clark community who have exceeded expectations in serving our students. The Chloe Clark PTA is proud to sponsor these recognition awards—though choosing the recipients from the many outstanding nominees is always a tough job! Parents, teachers, and staff members are encouraged to fill out the Nomination Form at the end of this newsletter—we have so many wonderful volunteers in our school, now is the time to brag about them! The Chloe Clark PTA will donate \$65 in the name of each recipient to the Washington State PTA Scholarship Program. From these contributions, WSPTA is able to provide grants to freshman students entering post-secondary education.

The Golden Acorn Award recognizes a volunteer who has given outstanding service to all children in the school community...not just an individual who has donated time to help in his/her child's class or a staff member who is doing a good job. It is to recognize volunteer service —above and beyond a particular job description.

The Outstanding Educator Award recognizes individuals who have provided outstanding educational opportunities for children and youth who go beyond the normal expectations of their jobs to make the learning environment fun, beneficial, and challenging.

The Outstanding Advocate Award recognizes individuals for continued and dedicated service to ALL children and a demonstrated commitment to helping create strong policies relating to the health, welfare, safety, and education of children and youth.

RECOMMENDATION FORM

**GOLDEN
ACORN
AWARD**



**OUTSTANDING
EDUCATOR
AWARD**



**OUTSTANDING
ADVOCATE
AWARD**



The **Golden Acorn Award** recognizes an individual who has given outstanding volunteer service to children and youth. The Golden Acorn is a very special award and is given for continued and dedicated service to all children and a demonstrated commitment to helping them achieve their potential.

The **Outstanding Educator Award** recognizes an individual who goes beyond the normal expectations of their job to make the learning environment fun, beneficial, and challenging. An educator may be defined as a teacher, assistant, custodian, bus driver, administrator or member.

The **Outstanding Advocate Award** recognizes an individual for their dedicated service to children and commitment to creating strong policies relating to the health, welfare, safety, and education of children and youth.

We invite you to participate in the selection of our award recipients. The Chloe Clark PTA Awards Committee will make the final selections. Recipients of these awards receive a commemorative pin and a special certificate. The Chloe Clark PTA will also contribute \$70 in the person's name to the Washington State PTA Financial Grant Program. **THANK YOU!!**

Please fill in this form and return it by
Friday, March 2, 2012

Kristen Newman, Volunteer Coordinator
Chloe Clark PTA
1700 Palisades Boulevard
DuPont, Washington 98327

(FILL OUT AS THOROUGHLY AS POSSIBLE—ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY)

I recommend that _____ be considered for a **Golden Acorn Award**.

What are some examples of this person's PTA service this year?

How has this person shown service to our school community?

What are some examples of this person's community-wide service?



RECOMMENDATION FORM (CONT.)

I recommend that _____ be considered for an **Outstanding Educator Award**.

(attach a separate sheet if necessary)

Describe why you feel this person is an outstanding educator:

List the programs and/or activities that enhanced the "normal" education for students:

If you were to write an article for a newsletter proclaiming this person as an outstanding educator, what might it look like?

I recommend that _____ be considered for an **Outstanding Advocate Award**.

(attach a separate sheet if necessary)

Advocacy means to speak up; to plead a cause; to make a case for another. Describe why you feel this person is an outstanding advocate:

How has this person shown a commitment to creating strong policies relating to the health, welfare, safety, and education of children and youth?

If you were to write an article for a newsletter proclaiming this person as an outstanding advocate, what might it look like?

Submitted by: _____

Phone: _____