

CLEVELAND GAZETTE

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

I'm very pleased to report that Cleveland School students continue to make big academic gains on the Illinois Standards Achievement Tests (ISAT). Dedicated teachers, hard working students, and parents who understand the importance of homework have all helped to make this happen. There has been a 20% gain in the previous overall reading and math scores from 54.6% at or above level, to 65.4% of all students performing at grade level or above.

teachers working together have produced a positive learning climate. We remain committed to providing a well-rounded and excellent education to every one of our students.

Jack Rocklin,
Principal



It is worth noting that the trend of school improvement began at about the same time we committed to full-time Art, Music, and Dance programs. All of our

ATTENDANCE CONTINUES TO IMPROVE!

Cleveland School is proud to announce dramatic attendance improvements for the 2006-2007 school year. Our average daily attendance rate has improved to 96% from the 93% reported last school year. Cleveland would like to congratulate

all students and parents who have emphasized the importance of school attendance. Our goal is to reach 100% attendance and we are confident that we can do it. As an incentive Cleveland is offering a free pizza party to those classrooms

that receive perfect attendance for an entire month. Posters on the first floor bulletin will celebrate the accomplishments of those particular classrooms. If for any reason a student will be absent, please make sure to send a note with your son/daughter.

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Special points of interest:

- Attendance continues to improve at Cleveland School.
- State test scores reach a new high at Cleveland.
- Character Education counts at Cleveland School
- Sport program kicks off with great success.

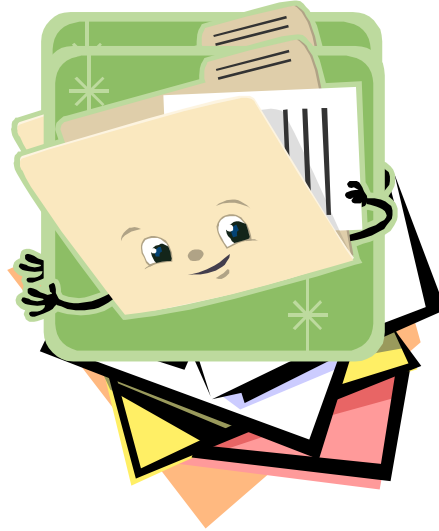
CHARACTER COUNTS!!!

This year at Cleveland School we are incorporating the importance of character in school and in life. We have created an incentive program to encourage and promote good character. Each month the teachers, staff and administration will focus on one word, such as *respect, tolerance, fairness*.

Teachers will reinforce the word through writing, journaling, modeling and other methods.

When any staff member sees a student portray the word of the month, that student will receive a shape, reflective of the month (September=Apple, October=Pumpkin, etc), to place on the Character Counts at Cleveland bulletin board. At the end of each month, all students whose name is on the board will then be placed into a raffle. One student's name will be drawn to receive an award, such as movie tickets, or gift

cards, from local area supporters, to



CHARACTER COUNTS!

show them that...*Character Counts at Cleveland!*

We would like to extend our gratitude to our sponsors and local retailers for their support and generous donations.

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LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL / P.A.C. VACANCIES

Cleveland School would like to recognize the hard working efforts of our new Local School Council. Local School Councils are the site-based management team of each school. The LSC which works on a voluntary basis works with the school administration to institute important policies. Our gratitude is extended to: Ingrid Giron, Martha Silveyra, Raul Villa, Monica Arroyo, Nicholas Delaney, Maria Villacres, Victor Torres, Gabriel Parra, Junlah Madalinski,

and Jack Rocklin.

Our current LSC has been hard at work and continues to develop and implement policies that are in the best interest of all our students. At the moment the LSC is seeking to fill a parent position on the council. If you are interested in joining this dynamic team please contact Ms. Ward.

Further, Cleveland School will begin the process of organizing a Parent Advisory

Committee. The PAC will work closely with the LSC and the school administration to better serve the interest of the students. The PAC also provides support to parents by providing information about education services, by assisting parents in developing educational programs for their children and by making recommendations to the Local School Council. If you are interested in joining the PAC, please contact Mr. Parra in the main office.

JOIN US FOR SCIENCE NIGHT

Come and experience fun science activities for our first annual Science Night. Do you buy bottled water? Take the

taste test! Check out Aliens! How well do you wash your hands? Can you save Fred before he drowns? How many drops of water can fit on a penny? Can you make snow? How about rain? Come join the Science Department and have some fun



Science Night!

with students, teachers, and parents. The event will take place on Wednesday, November 1st in the north lunchroom. Please be prompt as the science experiments begin at 6 p.m. and end at 7p.m. Please remember that all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Save the date! Science Night, November 1st 2006, in the Lunchroom from 6-7 p.m.

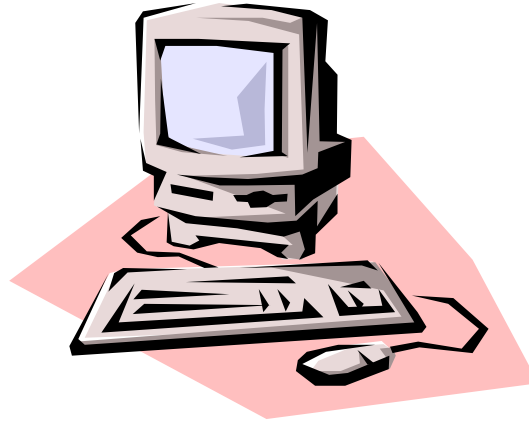
AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Cleveland School will offer an after-school program that will run from October 23, 2006 to April 13, 2007 from 2:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Students will be dismissed from the lunchroom after a brief snack. The After School Counts program will target students in 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. Students will meet in the lunchroom at 2:45 p.m. where teachers will pick up students for instruction.

The program is centered on learning reading and math strategies as well as improving study and organizational skills. A homework club and a bilingual support program will also be offered as part of this program. Students will meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The program will be offered to those students that need the extra sup-

port.

In addition, Cleveland will offer an After-School All-Stars program. This program



is designed to give students an opportunity to participate in non-academic activities after-school. Activities include a knitting club, a salsa club, woodshop, yoga/fitness club, school newspaper staff, book club, and a social center. Permission slips have been handed out and the program is open to all students in grades 5th to 8th. Spaces are very limited and permission slips will be accepted until those spaces fill up. A waiting list will be generated and spaces will become available if participants drop-out. The program is only available to students not participating in the After School Counts program or the Sports Program. For more information please see Mr. Parra.

AFTER-SCHOOL FINE ARTS PROGRAM

Cleveland School is proud to announce that in collaboration with the North River Commission we have received a grant that will allow us to fund an after-school fine arts program.

The Cleveland School's North River Commission's After School Collaborative (NRASC) is designed to enrich and advance the academic

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program of Cleveland School by providing students with the opportunity to activate student's multiple intelligences through creative writing and fine art, specifically drama. Students will work in two teams. Team one will incorporate creative writing, drama and fine arts to produce a puppet show. Team two will use their writing and creativity to design and perform a spring musical.

The program is limited to 20 students in grades 3 to 8, and permission slips will be distributed soon. If you have any questions about the program please contact Ms. Ward.



FUNDRAISER

The annual Cleveland School Gift Sale is taking place. Please support our school!

This year's catalog and brochures feature over 200 quality items, including wrapping paper, magazines, World's Finest Chocolate, candles, collectibles, and much more. Items are reasonably priced and most are exclusive to this program. There is truly something for everyone!

Proceeds from our fundraiser will be used to meet a number of important goals for the school. Up to 50% of the purchase price of every item in the catalog is retained by our school as profit. Every order counts! Our goal is to have every student participate.

Every student who has an order will have their name entered into our drawing. The winner will receive a \$50 gift

card to Target. Every dollar helps.

Help our school earn more profit this November by placing your orders for Market Day. Choose from over 30 items including ChicNSteakes, Seasoned Salmon, New York Cheesecake and more! Plus holiday favorites like fruit, chocolates, and Gingerbread Boys. Look for the order sheets soon. For more information contact Mrs. Chang.

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SPORTS PROGRAM

The Cleveland School Sports Program has gotten off to a wonderful start. Students in 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade continue to benefit from our program. The sport department believes that student participation in athletics has positive effects on school performance and adolescent development, fosters success later in life, and promotes physical development and fitness.

To this end, we seek to challenge our students to achieve excellence both on and off the field by supporting, enhancing and acting in concert with our students' curricular experience.

The Cleveland School Junior Varsity and Varsity Soccer teams have had an outstanding season. Both teams ended the

season with winning records and are awaiting their schedule for the playoffs. The flag football team, the girl's volleyball team, and the cross country team also showed us proud by showing that Cleveland sports is a force to be reckoned with.

Please look for the tryout dates for basketball and cheerleading during the month of November. More information will follow.

Dates to Remember....

October 19— Half-day, dismissal at 12:30

October 24—After-School Counts Program begins

October 30—After-School All-Stars Program begins

October 24—Picture Day has been Cancelled

October 26—LSC meeting Room 120 at 6 p.m.

November 1— Science Night

November 2—Market Day orders due

November 3— Teacher Institute Day (School Closed)

November 8—Report Card Pick-Up

November 14— Half day, dismissal at 12:30

November 20-22—Science Fair

November 21—Picture Day

November 23 & 24—Thanksgiving Break (School Closed)

December 1— Science Fair Finals (gymnasium)

