

Cougar Families,

I hope everyone is enjoying a relaxing weekend. Our week finished in a wonderful way with our students and guests performing to celebrate Black History Month. Huge thank you to Ms. Lane and Dr. Henderson for putting this program together for the entire school to witness the talent and creativity of our scholars. This was a wonderful follow up to our event at the Beverly Art Center as our same engaging and entertaining 8th grade hosts took us through some historical demonstrations.

Here are a few reminders:

Box Top & Dimes Class Competition: Congratulations to Room 109 and 208 for winning the Box Tops = Dimes Challenge. Your efforts have won your class a pizza party from Barraco's Pizza that will be held on March 8th, 2019 funded by Clissold PTA. Forms are due by Tuesday, March 5th to secure your pizza order.

PTA Track: Forms were distributed last week! Athletes' interested need to return these as soon as possible to participate in another exciting season!

Technology: Please be mindful and observant of your child's screen time. It has been brought to our attention that students are searching, discussing, watching and taking part in potentially dangerous activities online. It is extremely important for all of us to be vigilant with our children when it comes to what they are doing on line. It is all of our responsibility to put safeguards in place and protect the innocence of our scholars.

Register NOW for SelectivePrep's After School NWEA/MAP Test Program (for 7th Graders): SelectivePrep offers a 16-hour program to help prepare students for the Measure of Academic Progress (NWEA/MAP) test that will be used for the 7th grade standardized test score. Scores from this test represent one third of the Selective Enrollment admissions score. Additionally, scores from this Exam will play a crucial role in whether or not a student is admitted to other competitive programs including International Baccalaureate (IB) and advanced magnet high schools. To fully prepare students for these more rigorous tests, the SelectivePrep program has incorporated material based on the new tougher Common Core standards.

- Classes at Clissold Elementary will start on Monday, March 11, 2019 and run for 8 sessions from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM.
- We will need a minimum of 10 students to run the class at Clissold Elementary – so please spread the word. The deadline for registration is Monday, March 1, 2019.
- [Click here to Register NOW](#) OR go to the SelectivePrep website & look under the 7th Grade Programs tab, Register for a Class for the “On-Site Clissold” class. If you need more information or have any questions, please visit our website at <http://www.selectiveprep.com> or call 312-409-8411.

Traffic: The conditions outside will only make it more challenging during drop off and dismissal. Please be patient and courteous, do not forget to use the kiss-n-go near the playground. No cars should be parking in the bus parking spaces.

Parking Lots: The school parking lots are for school staff only. Do not park in lots or block the entrances.

School Uniform: Scholars should be dressed in school uniform daily unless otherwise instructed. Also, please remember layering options should be solid colored; maroon, navy, white or black.

Planning Ahead:

- March 5: Flyers are due for the Mother/Son Movie Date on March 30th, Fat Tuesday-Donut Day for those supporting the 8th graders with this fundraiser.
- March 8: Box Tops = Dimes Challenge Classroom Pizza (109 & 208)
- March 13: IB Learner Profile Acknowledgement
- March 14: Pi Day
- March 15: 2nd Annual Family Bowling Party
- March 18: PTA/ LSC Meetings
- March 27: Cafe Clissold & PTA Sports Pictures for boys basketball, girls volleyball and track.
- March 28: Band Concert
- March 29: PTA Fun Lunch and FOC Out of Uniform Day
- March 30: Mother/ Son Date Night

Finally, it is with a heavy heart that I inform our entire school community about one of our beloved teachers, Ms. Miceli's son Nick. We recently found out Nick's cancer has come back. Nick and the entire Miceli Family has been incredibly strong. We know this will only continue with the support, positivity and prayers extending from everyone in our school community. Please keep Ms. Miceli and her entire family in your thoughts during this extremely emotional time as Nick continues his fight!

As you know, we are a Montessori and IB MYP educational community who believes in the gift of every child to inspire and empower the future of our humanity.

Collaborate with one another
Support one another
Care for one another
Encourage one another
And
Remarkable things will happen!

Kindly,

Your Clissold Administration