

Cougar Families,

Today's weather was equally as beautiful as our first week of the 2018-2019 school year! I hope everyone took advantage of the day and spent time enjoying the fresh air. Our year is off to an incredibly peaceful beginning.

During our opening week of professional development one of our themes was not expecting perfection, rather understanding and realizing that with 15 room changes and logistical adjustments we would be spending some time polishing our imperfections for improvement. Everyone's patience and passion this first week was refreshing and invigorating! Congratulations to the entire Cougar community for a tremendous beginning!

### **School Reminders:**

**School Documents:** Please be on the lookout for school documents that require parent's signatures. It is so helpful to get these back in a timely manner.

**PTA Meeting:** Our first PTA meeting will be tomorrow at 6:30pm in the auditorium. This will be a great night to meet our PTA Executive Leadership and Illinois Rep. for PTA policies.

**FOC Walk-A-Thon:** Our largest fundraising event of the year is the walk-a-thon held on October 5th. Keep an eye out for documents, deadlines and additional details.

**Arrival and dismissal:** Please be patient, courteous and respectful. Our staff is working extremely hard to ensure the safety of all of our scholars. As adults, we should be modeling and setting a great example for our students.

Students and parents should not be crossing the street between parked cars. We do not want any accidents or someone hit by a car. We had a couple very close calls our first week.

**Bus Parking:** Spaces along 110th Pl. are indicated with the white and orange stanchion for bus parking only during arrival and dismissal.

**Staff Parking Lots:** Parents are not permitted to use staff/ school parking lots.

**Breakfast:** All students have to opportunity for breakfast from 7:30am to 7:42am in the gym.

**Attendance Goal:** 97% attendance for the year!

2018-2019 Clissold School Attendance			
Month: September		Week of: Sept. 4 -7, 2018	
HOMEROOM	PERCENTAGE	HOMEROOM	PERCENTAGE
103	100%	214	100%
101	100%	301	100%
102	100%	302	100%
104	100%	304	99%
109	100%	305	100%
201	100%	401	97%
202	100%	402	100%
204	100%	403	99%
206	100%	404	100%
208	100%		
211	100%		
212	100%		

\*Homerooms with 97% or higher attendance will receive a special treat at the end of the month.

**Attendance Incentive:** Homerooms with perfect attendance daily can begin spelling "CLISSOLD" this week to take advantage of an attendance incentive and special treat.

**School Tardy:** We gave everyone a "free pass" the first week. We will begin tracking school tardies this week. Students accumulating more than three tardies in a quarter will be given a detention for every tardy after three.

**Indoor Recess:** If you have any gently used board games that you would like to donate to your child's class or school (fall cleaning anyone?) please have scholars bring them to school.

**Uniforms:** Please make sure our scholars are dressed in their proper school uniform daily unless otherwise indicated.

**School Spirit Wear:** There is FREE shipping on orders until 9/10. All orders outside after this date will have a flat rate of \$7.00 for shipping. Also, please be thoughtful toward our school colors. Spirit wear can be worn on PE days, admin chosen days and Friday (with school uniform pants).

**"Raise the Beam"** On Tuesday, September 11, Clissold School will be holding a dress down day. We will be accepting a donation of \$2.00 or more in support of the "Raise the Beam" fund. These funds are being used to create a 9/11 First Responders Monument in King Lockhart Park at [10633 S. Western](#). In 2013, the FDNY donated a steel beam to the CFD from 9/11. This beam will be part of the new monument in a park that is already dedicated to CFD firefighters. Thank you so much for your support!! Thank you Ms. Schuberth and Ms McKernin for heading this up!

**High School Fair:** Clissold is hosting a high school fair this Thursday from 5:00-7:00. Immediately following will be the 19th Ward "HS Application 101" informational session at 7:00 PM.

**Congratulations:** Our 4th grade girls' basketball team won their first game today. Also, the 4th-5th grade co-ed soccer team won their first game Saturday! Way to go Cougars!

**Vision Outreach:** Our Visionaries will begin the after-school program this week from 3:00-5:00.

### **Additional Reminders from Last Week:**

**Peaceful Playground:** Bikes and other forms of transportation must be walked once a student hits the perimeter of the school and peaceful playground.

**Playground:** The playground is closed from 7:30-3:00 daily for public use. This includes non-school aged children.

**Pets:** As much as we love animals, pets of any kind are not permitted on school grounds at any time.

**Kiss-N-Go:** 110<sup>th</sup> Street, near our playground in for our drop off. Students should not cross the street anywhere but the corners, this includes with a parent. If possible walk, it is very busy during arrival and dismissal- please be patient. If you drive, park a few blocks from the school and walk over. This will help immensely!

110<sup>th</sup> Place, near the main entrance must remain clear as this is designated for our Diverse Learners and bus parking. Do not block these spaces or resident's driveways. On a side note, school community members have been receiving tickets-be mindful of the signs.

**School Fees:** If you have not payed your school fees, these can be paid on line. Here is the credit card link. [Credit card payments](#).

### **This Week:**

#### **9/10- Monday:**

Band Concert: 4th and 5th graders from 10:30-11:00

PTA Meeting at 6:30

#### **9/11- Tuesday:**

"Raise the Beam" Out of Uniform Day- donation collection of \$2.00 or more.

#### **9/12- Wednesday:**

Band Trials: 4th -8th graders- 9:00-11:00

#### **9/13- Thursday:**

HS Day- Students can wear high school shirts with regular school pants.

Clissold HS Fair: 5:00-7:00

Band Parent Meeting: 6:00

19th Ward HS 101 informational Meeting at 7:00

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Kindly,  
Mr. McNichols