

Cougar Families,

I trust we all enjoyed wonderful weekend and are ready for the month of December! Huge thank you to the PTA, 8th Grade Committee and all the volunteers for a fabulous event at Applebee's this morning! Here are a few updates and reminders.

Attendance: I know this is the season for sickness, vacations and just wanting the stay snuggled up, but we need our scholars in school daily and on time!! We are hovering just over 96% attendance for the school year and need everyone's support to get us back to 97%!!

Family Income Forms: If you have not already done so, we need this form signed and sent back. Please do your best to send this in ASAP. These were all due by the first of the month. If you are not applying simply sign it and write N/A.

School Survey: This year, through the support of concerned parents, we began an Equity Committee.

One of the goals of this committee is to ensure we have an equitable and inclusive school climate. To accomplish that goal, it is important that all members of the school community feel safe, comfortable, and accepted. For this reason, each major stakeholder in our school community (staff, parents, students) will be given an opportunity to complete a survey. The purpose of each being to identify the needs of our school so they may be addressed as a part of our CIWP process.

The survey was passed out during report card pick up. If you were able to complete one at that time, they're is no need to complete another. However, if up were not able to complete an Equity Survey during report card pick up, please take two minutes to do so now. Your opinion matters.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1vwsankj_u3zo4MjQ5iPUrje5q3WYrZNR7NHazh_ohmg/edit?usp=drivesdk

The survey will be available from now until Monday, December 3, 2018.

Creative Computing: In partnership with PwC our scholars are able to support their development of personal connections to computing by drawing upon creativity, imagination, and interests in coding and robotics. This initiative is headed by a team of data and systems experts from the consulting firm, PwC. This team of individuals have volunteered their time (and thousands of their own dollars) to bring this program to our scholars. This team has made it one of their missions to help us update the technology in our computer lab to meet the needs of the program and train our scholars with the skills they need to not only use technology, but be the next generation of designers, creators and innovators!

Please contribute to the STEM lab today via the link below. ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

<https://pwc.yourcause.com/public#/fundraising/3799>

Thanks to the families that have donated so far!

Museum of Science and Industry: Our 7th and 8th grade scholars recently received trip forms for this event later in the month. Unfortunately, this will have to be changed to a 7th grade trip. Our staff will be planning the trip for 8th graders after the Winter break. If any 8th graders have already paid they will received their money back.

Cougar Communication: I wanted to make sure everyone was aware that during our our first snow storm and minor power outage I mistakenly send out an email to the Cougar community and didn't blind cc everyone. I do apologize for my mistake and will be more careful with this communication in the future.

Vision Outreach: Parents should expect some logistical and programmatic adjustments with our after-school program beginning this week.

Fun Lunch: Thank you to our PTA and all of the volunteers for another successful fun lunch this past Friday. The PTA will not be hosting another fun lunch this month due to the all the events and PTA driven activities- I think the deserve a break for their awesomeness!

Beverly Review: if you are not current getting the Beverly Review, you should and you can sign up through the school and have half of you yearly membership come back to the school!

School Uniform: scholars should be dressed in school uniform daily unless otherwise instructed. Hooded sweatshirts should not be worn in school. Also, please remember layering options now that the weather has shifted should be solid colored; maroon, navy, white or black.

Winter Band Recital: Band will the practicing this Tuesday at 6:30 and the recital will be Friday at 6:30.

Looking Ahead:

12/3 Equity Survey Closes

12/4 Band Recital Practice

12/5 Sport Pictures

12/7 Band Recital

12/11-12/14 PTA Holiday Shop

12/17-12/21 Spring Play Auditions

2/1-2/2 PTA Ski Trip

2/23 Celebrating Clissold Creativity at the Beverly Arts Center (7:00 pm)

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