

Cougar Families,

Happy Sunday! The sky is cloudy today but I hope everyone's expectations are bright as we prepare to begin our second to last week together for this academic year. It is encouraging to know that as the school year winds down, the learning and instruction for our scholars has not. Thank you Ms. Jordan for organizing a super successful Science Night last week. Also, thank you to everyone who was able to volunteer, attend and support this event.

Thank you to everyone for your flexibility on Friday as many classrooms hosted students who did not attend the 7th/8th grade trip to the Shedd Aquarium. And of course, thank you to all whose classrooms were visited during Friday's EOY Instructional Core Walk. Schedule changes were needed as late as moments before the walk began. Thank you to teachers who were able to accommodate the changes. Lastly, thank you in advance for an amazing week to come!

### **School Wide Attendance Goal**

Please continue to encourage our scholars to be in school each day, ready to learn. Their daily attendance counts! Year to date our school's attendance percentage is 95.47% We only need to have two additional students attending school each day to make the difference in reaching our goal of 96% attendance for the year. And there are only 9 days of attendance left!!!

Parents we are asking you please do not schedule appointments, plan trips or even take excused absences for the remainder of the year. It is important for your child to come to school each day for the next nine school days. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this request.

### **Book Fair**

This year's spring Scholastic Book Fair will be this upcoming week. The book fair is being housed in the gym. If you are able to do so, please send your child with money to purchase some great summer reading material.

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In addition to this weekly email, you may also refer to our school website for attachments that have been presented in the weekly email update. First, select "Parents", then go to "Bulletin Board" Currently, you will find information for a free summer camp for rising 6th - 8th grades and registration information for the [Selective Prep Test Prep](#) program for rising 8th graders.

Beginning Monday, you will also find this year's [Hot Dog Day Schedule](#), [Girl's Basketball Registration](#) (registration ends June 13) and [PTA Membership Form](#)

### **Hot Dog Day**

Hot Dog Day is this Friday, June 14. Students are to wear a Clissold shirt. If you have not done so already, please sign up to volunteer for Hot Dog Day. All help will be greatly appreciated.

Use this link for volunteer sign up [Hot Dog Day](#)

### **EOY Instructional Core Walk**

The overall theme/feedback from our Instructional Core Walkthrough , conducted by Network 10, was that of progress and growth. I am pleased to share that evidence of students understanding the purpose for their work, as well as their ability to articulate this purpose to our staff and guests, was clear. While there is still room for improvement and growth, the progress that was made is hugely encouraging as we continue to improve student academic performance as we strive to become a Level 1+ school.

### **8th Grade Parents - Freshman Connection Reminder**

The Office of College and Career Success is funding an **enrichment** opportunity that is available for all graduating 8th graders. Rising 9th-grade students will have the opportunity to participate in Freshman Connection during the summer over a three to four week period, four to five days each week. (NOTE: Each participating school has its own dates and times.) Students will participate in academic classes (ELA and Math), learn critical study skills, learn about enrichment school-based opportunities, become familiar with the school's culture and climate and receive an early orientation to their new high school. If any parent is interested in this **enrichment** opportunity, please complete the [2019 Freshman Connection Participant Application](#). This form can be completed directly by the parent or with the assistance of the elementary school.

### **Upcoming Events**

June 10-14 - Book Fair

June 12 - Graduation Practice

June 13 - 8th Grade Luncheon

June 14 - Hotdog Day

June 17 - 8th Grade Graduation

June 20 - Last Day of Attendance for Students

Kindly,

Your Clissold Administration

**Collaborate with one another**

**Support one another**

**Care for one another**

**Encourage one another**

**And**

**Remarkable things will happen!**