



Clark Connection



James Clark School
Mrs. Shelley Russell, Principal

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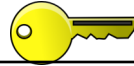
Clark Keys to Success

Choose Your Words

Like Yourself

Accept Differences

Respect Your School



Kindness Is The Key

A Note from Mrs. Russell



Dear Clark Families,

It is hard to believe that December is already here. This fall has been one to remember. The October storm is one I think we will be talking about for years to come. I know the week we had off was a hardship for many families and staff, but when the children came back to school they did not miss a beat. Children and teachers picked up right where they left off. Thanks to families, children, and staff for working as a team to make a smooth transition back to school.

December will be another busy month at Clark. **Parent Conferences** will be on December 8th in the afternoon and evening. This will be a ½ day for students. Appointment letters went home the end of November. The **Holiday Store** will be open on December 6th and 7th. We are also collecting **Toys for Tots** sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps until December 16th. The last day of school before the holiday break is December 23rd. This is a half day and dismissal will be at 12:20 p.m. We return to school on **Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012.**

During this busy time of year, I hope you have an opportunity to set aside a little time for you and your child to read. One of my favorite picture books to read this time of year is called "Silver Packages" by Cynthia Rylant. It is a beautiful story about kindness and giving. Sharing your love for reading is one of the best gifts you can give.

I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season, a relaxing vacation, and a happy and healthy New Year.

See you in 2012!

Sincerely,

Shelley Russell, Principal

Holiday Store



December 6th & 7th

Family Shopping Night: December 6th 6 ~ 8 pm

Students may shop during the day for holiday gifts for family members.

Classes will be assigned a shopping time during the school day.

Parents may come in during their child's shopping time to help their child shop.

PLEASE NOTE: STORE IS CASH ONLY! NO CHECKS ACCEPTED!

No gift wrapping will be done.

Please call Amy Mendrala {789-6880} with any questions.



We are accepting NEW, UNWRAPPED toys to be donated.

You will find the collection boxes outside the office. We will collect toys until December 16th.





PTO Meeting

No Meeting in December
Bookfair made \$920 for the school!

REMINDER!

Thursday, Dec. 8th - Early dismissal at 12:20 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 23rd - Early dismissal at 12:20 p.m.



Parent ~ Teacher Conferences

Thursday, December 8th
Afternoon: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Evening: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Conferences are by appointment only. Teachers will send home appointment forms so parents may sign up for a time in either the afternoon or the evening.

Report cards will be sent home via email. If we do not have an email on record, a report card will be printed and sent home with the student. Parents will have time to review the report card before conference night.

Please note: This is a Half Day of school for students. Dismissal will be at 12:20 p.m. No lunches will be served.

LOST & FOUND

Parents, if your child is missing *anything*, please stop by and check the Lost & Found box, in the cafeteria, when you come in for conferences on December 8th.

All unclaimed items will be donated to Goodwill before the Christmas break.

Thank You!

A Message from the School Nurse:

Now that cold and flu season is upon us, here are some guidelines for keeping sick students home from school.



- **FEVER:** The child should remain at home with a fever greater than 100. **If you child needs Tylenol in the morning in order to come to school he/she needs to stay home for 24 hours.** The child can return to school after he/she has been fever free for 24 hours (*without* fever-reducing medicine such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen).
- **DIARRHEA/VOMITING:** A child with diarrhea and/or vomiting should stay at home and return to school only after being symptom-free for 24 hours. If your child has vomited since dinner, he/she needs to stay home another 24 hours. This is in order to keep the children around them healthy and to not spread germs.
- **COLDS:** Consider keeping your child at home if he/she is experiencing discomfort from cold symptoms, such as nasal congestion and cough. A continuous green discharge from the nose may be a sign of infection. Consider having the child seen by your health care provider.
- **EAR PAIN:** Ear pain with fever should be evaluated by a health care provider. Untreated ear infections can cause permanent hearing loss.
- **SORE THROAT:** If a student is having difficulties swallowing and speaking and has a fever, he/she should be evaluated by a health care provider for strep throat. Student can return to school after being on medication for 24 hours and is fever free.

A sick child cannot learn effectively and is unable to participate in classes in a meaningful way. Keeping a sick child at home prevents the spread of illness in the school community and allows the child the opportunity to rest and recover.

Thank You!



James Clark PTO
President: Valerie Mulka
Vice President: Laura Fallon
Secretary: Paula Bolduc
Treasurer: Maria DiLullo
Fundraising: Amy Mendrala

Contact: jamesclarkpto@aol.com

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PBIS December Activity

Friday, December 16th
 "Inside-Out Day"

Wear your clothes inside-out!
 10 Keys to participate



**Second Grade
 Field Trip**

Second grade students need to have their field trip forms returned to school as soon as possible.

If they need another form, please contact Mrs. Magni at EMagni@agawamteachers.org

DRESS FOR COLD WEATHER!!

The weather is getting colder, so please make sure children are dressed for outside gym and recess.



Children should have warm coats, hat and gloves, as they will continue to go outside for gym and recess, weather permitting.

December 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Junior Lego League	2 Report Cards Issued	3
4	5	6 Inspireworks ~~~~~ Holiday Store	7 Holiday Store	8 1/2 Day of School ~ Conferences	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Junior Lego League	16 PBIS Inside-Out Day	17
18	19	20	21	22 Junior Lego League	23 1/2 Day of School	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas Vacation: No School from December 26th, 2011 through January 2, 2012						