

Clark Connection

James Clark School
Mrs. Shelley Russell, Principal

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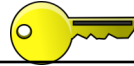


Choose Your Words

Respect Your School

Clark Keys to Success

Like Yourself



Accept Differences

Kindness Is The Key



A Note from Mrs. Russell

October is one of my favorite months of the year. The sky is blue, the air is crisp, the foliage is beautiful and children and families are settled into the routine of school. The transition for students from the lazy days of summer to the structure of a school routine went very well. Thanks to all of you for preparing your children to be happy and ready to come to school.

Back to School Night was a huge success. I would like to thank all of you for taking time out of your very busy schedules to come out to meet the teachers. James Clark has always had the reputation of wonderful family participation, and you certainly showed your interest that night. Parent involvement is one of the keys to children having a successful education.

The PTO is always busy planning events for the school. This month our **Harvest Fest** will be on **Saturday, October 29th from 12:00—4:00**. The committee has been working hard putting together a fun filled day for families. I hope we have a crisp fall day for the event. Watch for more information on this exciting occasion.

During the month of October we will begin our **Annual Parent/Student Luncheons**. More information will be coming home later on this month.

Thanks again, to all of you for making my first month as principal such a positive experience. I look forward to getting to know all of you as the year moves forward. Clark is such a wonderful school, and I am thrilled to be your educational leader.

Shelley Russell
Principal, James Clark School



Dates to Remember:

- ◆ **October 11 & 12:**
No School
- ◆ **October 19:**
PTO Meeting
- ◆ **October 20:**
Title I Parent Information Night
- ◆ **October 20:**
1st Grade Parent/Student Lunch
- ◆ **October 21:**
School Pictures
- ◆ **October 24 ~ 27:**
Book Fair
- ◆ **October 27:**
2nd Grade Parent/Student Lunch
- ◆ **October 29:**
Harvest Fest

PTO Meeting

Wednesday

October 19th

6:30 p.m.

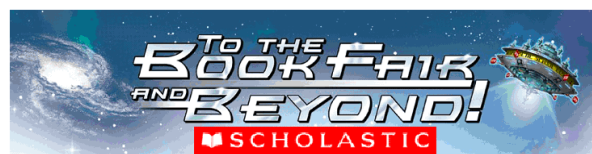
School Cafeteria

Fall Book Fair ~ October 24th - 27th

Classrooms will be assigned a day and time to shop during the school day. Family night is October 25th from 6 to 8 pm.

Volunteers are needed. Please contact Paula Bolduc at 789-0191 or dpbolduc@comcast.net

Room parents will also be calling to look for volunteers from individual classrooms.



● Cathy Marvin, from Lifetouch, will be here. Anyone interested in working on the yearbook should attend this meeting.

● Voting on the PTO Vice President position will take place.



JAMES CLARK HARVEST FESTIVAL



Please join us for a fun filled day celebrating the fall harvest.

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

When: Saturday, October 29th

Where: James Clark Elementary School

Music Pumpkin Painting Bounce House Costume Parade Finale!

Tickets are \$7.00 per person (children under the age of 2 are free). Ticket price includes meal (hamburger/hotdog, chips, drinks, and a dessert), a pumpkin, and access to all activities.

Lunch will be served from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Tickets must be purchased by October 21st

If you would like to volunteer for the Harvest Festival for a 45-minute slot please call Christie at 896-2636 or Valerie at 214-9679

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY— Friday, October 21st

All students will have their picture taken for the yearbook, even if parents are not buying a photo package.

Order forms will be sent home with students.

**Contact person:
Paula Bolduc**



Title I—Parent Information Night

October 20th Robinson Park School

Open to parents of students in all elementary schools receiving Title I services for math or reading.

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS



Elections for the James Clark Student Council will be held before October 14th. Each 3rd and 4th grade classroom will elect two students to represent their class. The Student Council meets during lunch recess about once a month.



Parent/Student Luncheons

Grade 1: Thursday, October 20th 11:30 a.m.

Grade 2: Thursday, October 27th 11:30 a.m.

The menu for all lunches will be:

Pizza, Salad with Lite Dressing, Fruit, Dessert of the Day



We are asking that all parents who attend purchase a school lunch. The cost is \$3.00 per adult. Order forms were sent home with your child. Tickets must be purchased by October 14th. Lunch tickets will not be sent home. You will pick them up outside the office on the luncheon day.

Due to space restrictions, you are asked not to bring siblings to this luncheon.

*Please note: 3rd & 4th grade luncheons will be held in November.
Kindergarten luncheon will be held in March.*



James Clark PTO

President: Valerie Mulka

Secretary: Paula Bolduc

Treasurer: Maria DiLullo

Fundraising: Amy Mendrala

Contact: jamesclarkpto@aol.com



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NOTICE FOR ALL PTO VOLUNTEERS

In order to volunteer in the Agawam Public Schools, all volunteers must complete the following requirements:

- CORI check (at Superintendent's Office)
- Volunteer Orientation (Clark School)
- Questions may be directed to Valerie Mulka, PTO President



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9	10 NO SCHOOL Columbus Day	11 NO SCHOOL Primary Day	12	13	14	15
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