

"UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITIES"



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How do you contact the PTA?

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Need to talk to a board member?

Find our board members on the Clay Elementary web site. Click on "PTA information" and the board members names and phone numbers are listed there!



"LIKE" Clay Elementary and you will be kept up to date on events and happenings at Clay Elementary and the PTA.



How do you get the RAMnation?

Simply go to the Southeast Polk District web site. On the right hand side of the page is the RAMnation. Click to sign up and receive the emails regarding events that are happening in your school district. You can also read past issues of the publication.

(RAMnation replaced the Unifer last year.)

PTA meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30. Meetings are held in the PTA room which is located at the end of the 5th grade hallway.

PLEASE JOIN US!









Please note that the dates and times of the events are subject to change. Please check the weekly emails from the office or Facebook for updated information with PTA events.



Keep clipping and sending in the Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Labels!



August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	 Black & Gold Night	13
14	15	16	17	 Ice Cream Social & Open House 4-6 pm	19	20
21	 Grades 1-5	 Kindergarten	24	 SCHOOL PICTURES	 Fall Fundraiser Kickoff	27
28	29	30	31			

Our Fall Fundraiser is the first of several fundraisers held throughout the year. Please know that ALL sales, whether your student sells to one person or one item, contributes to the effort of the fundraiser. ALL money earned goes directly back to the students and staff at Clay.
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!



PLEASE consider helping make the homecoming float!!!

- Do you or someone in your family have a trailer or hayrack that we can use in the parade?
- Do you have a talent to help decorate the float?
- Can you chaperone during the parade?

We would LOVE for you to help represent Clay Elementary and the PTA in the Homecoming Parade!



Survivor Sundae: Scoopin' for Schools

Scoopin' for Schools is a sundae sales contest. Each participating SEP Elementary School will create a sundae (with some guidelines) to be sold in our shop. Sales will be tallied every Sunday night, and the sundae(s) with the least number sold will be eliminated from the contest. Each Elementary School will receive \$1 each time a regular size sundae is sold, and \$0.50 each time a junior size sundae is sold. In addition, the top three participants will receive a consolation prize from Over the Top. Prizes to be awarded are as follows:

Second Runner Up - \$50 Bonus
First Runner Up - \$100 Bonus
SOLE SURVIVOR - \$150 Bonus

5th grade student representatives will be given the opportunity to voluntarily represent their school at Over the Top on an assigned Saturday afternoon to promote their sundae to guests, and rally support.

Scoopin' for Schools will begin on Monday, September 12, and end on Sunday, October 9 (dates may change). **Sales totals will be tallied every Sunday night and the lowest selling sundae(s) will be eliminated.** The number of sundaes to be eliminated each week will be determined by the number of schools that participate.

MEETING AGENDA for September meeting:

- Homecoming week
- Homecoming parade
- Over the Top "Scooping for Schools" sundae contest
- Fall fundraiser
- Establish committee for Family Fun Night to be held in November
- PTA membership
- National Walk to School Day



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Not sure what's for lunch?

The lunch menu is on the Clay web site!

September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 No School Labor Day	6	7	8  PTA meeting 6:30 PM	9 FUNDRAISER ORDERS DUE TODAY!!!	10
11	12 Clay Night @ Sugar Shack 4-8 PM	13	14	15	16 GRANDPARENTS DAY @ Clay	17
“Scooping for Schools” competition at “Over the Top” Ice Cream Parlor thru October 9th						
18	19 HOMECOMING WEEK	20	21	22 HOMECOMING PARADE	23 HOMECOMING GAME	24
“Scooping for Schools” competition at “Over the Top” Ice Cream Parlor thru October 9th						
25	26	27	28	29	30	
“Scooping for Schools” competition at “Over the Top” Ice Cream Parlor thru October 9th						

Check the weekly newsletter for information regarding events during Homecoming Week! Crazy sock day, black & gold day, and other fun activities are planned throughout the week.

CHARACTERCOUNTS!

The Six Pillars of Character

Trustworthiness

Be honest • Don't deceive, cheat, or steal • Be reliable — do what you say you'll do • Have the courage to do the right thing • Build a good reputation • Be loyal — stand by your family, friends, and country

Respect

Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule • Be tolerant and accepting of differences • Use good manners, not bad language • Be considerate of the feelings of others • Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone • Deal peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements

Responsibility

Do what you are supposed to do • Plan ahead • Persevere: keep on trying! • Always do your best • Use self-control • Be self-disciplined • Think before you act — consider the consequences • Be accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes • Set a good example for others

Fairness

Play by the rules • Take turns and share • Be open-minded; listen to others • Don't take advantage of others • Don't blame others carelessly • Treat all people fairly

Caring

Be kind • Be compassionate and show you care • Express gratitude • Forgive others • Help people in need

Citizenship

Do your share to make your school and community better • Cooperate • Get involved in community affairs • Stay informed; vote • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules • Respect authority • Protect the environment • Volunteer

HAVE A SUCCESSFUL PARENT – TEACHER CONFERENCE!!!!

A parent–teacher conference is a time when important people in a student's life can talk about how that student is doing in school. It's a chance for you to ask questions about the class or your child's progress. It is also a time for you and the teacher to work together as a team to discuss ways you both can help your son or daughter.

Teachers need your help to do a first-class job. Together, you can help your child have a great school year.

Talk with ALL your child's teachers.

Please remember to talk to your child's "Specials" teachers – Music, P.E., and Art. Please discuss their progress in these classes also and address any concerns they or you might have. The Guidance Counselor is also a valuable resource for your child and collaborates with students, families, staff members and the community to achieve the goal of a positive educational experience for life-long success.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week brings millions of people together to raise awareness regarding the need for alcohol, tobacco and other drug and violence prevention, early intervention, and treatment services. It is the largest, most visible prevention awareness campaign observed annually in the United States.

PTA AGENDA for October meeting:

- Meals for teachers during conferences
- Family Fun Night planning
- Review income of fall fundraiser
- Review Homecoming parade & activities

October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5 NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY	6  6:30 PM	7	8
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>“Scooping for Schools” competition at “Over the Top” Ice Cream Parlor thru October 9th</p> </div>						
9 <i>Last day for “Scooping for Schools”</i>	10	11 CONFERENCES	12 FUNDRAISER DELIVERY 2-6 PM <small>5 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT 1 PM TO UNLOAD TRUCK</small>	13 FUNDRAISER DELIVERY CONFERENCES K – 5 EARLY DISMISSAL	14 NO SCHOOL	15
16	17 	18	19	20	21 	22
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>RED RIBBON & CHARACTER COUNTS WEEK</p> </div>						
23	24	25	26  CLAY NIGHT @ WENDY'S 5-8 PM	27	28  FALL PARTY	29
30	31					

Be sure to check the weekly newsletters for information and events regarding Red Ribbon and Character Counts Week!



About 50 volunteers are needed!!

Family Fun Night is an event for everyone to enjoy! To have a successful event, we need the help of many volunteers to work before, during, and after the event.

BEFORE: planning games, seeking donations for the silent auction, organizing volunteers, setting up the games the day of the event.

DURING: assist in running the games in shifts, work at the silent auction table,

work at the concessions

AFTER: put the games away, clean up after the event



EVERYONE, whether a parent, grandparent, teacher or staff member can be a member of the PTA. We all have the same goal: to benefit the students and their families of Clay Elementary.

Please consider joining the PTA!

MEETING AGENDA for November meeting:





- Final planning for Family Fun Night
- Clay Elementary Night at Sugar Shack
- Movie night information to be held in December
- Planning committee for Mother/Son event to be held in January
- Planning committee for the Father/Daughter dance

Got a suggestion for any of the events that are planned? *Come to the meeting!* We would love to hear your suggestions!



To honor the Veteran's in your family, bring in a picture of them to post in a special display at Clay Elementary starting on Monday, November 7th and throughout the week.

November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 	11 	12
13	14 Clay Night @ Sugar Shack 4-8 PM	15	16	17	18	19 
20	21	22	23	24 <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px; text-align: center; color: orange; font-weight: bold;">Thanksgiving Break</div> 	25	26
27	28	29	30			



Do you have some pictures of a school event that you would like included in the school memory book?

Email them to Roxanne,
beattrox@se-polk.k12.ia.us
or Rhonda,
rhonda.charleston@se-polk.k12.ia.us.

The Clay memory books are located in the office!



It's NEVER too late to join!

MEETING AGENDA for December meeting:

- Review Family Fun Night
- Discuss movie nights
- Committee update for Mother/Son event
- Committee update for Father/Daughter dance



Questions about Infinite Campus???

<http://www.se-polk.k12.ia.us/infinite-campus.html>

Find school notices, student attendance, reports and more!

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December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2  MOVIE NIGHT GRADES K-2 4-6 PM	3
4	5	6	7	8  PTA meeting 6:30 PM	9  MOVIE NIGHT GRADES 3-5 4-6 PM	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Last day of semester	23  WINTER BREAK BEGINS	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
WINTER BREAK						



How will your student celebrate the 100th day of school?

- Wear 100 hair bows
- Wear 100 crazy bands
- Glue 100 bugs to your shirt
- Eat a “100,000 Grand” candy bar
- Wear 100 bead necklaces
- Share 100 snacks with friends
- Wear 100 buttons
- Read 100 poems



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MEETING AGENDA for January meeting:

- Committee update for Mother/Son event
- Committee update for Father/Daughter dance
- Meals for teachers during conferences
- Planning committee for Walk-A-Thon

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January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 	5	6	7
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> WINTER BREAK </div>						
8	9	10	11 	12  6:30 PM	13	14
15	16 Clay Night @ Sugar Shack 4-8 PM	17	18	19	20	21  MOTHER & SON EVENT
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

HAVE A SUCCESSFUL PARENT – TEACHER CONFERENCE!!!!

A parent-teacher conference is not the only time when parents and teachers should make contact. Parents may want to schedule a special meeting with their child's teacher for a variety of reasons. If you need to set up an appointment with the teacher, make a phone call or write a quick note to the teacher, and let him or her know if you have particular issues you would like to discuss.

Talk to your child—Find out which subjects your child likes the best and the least. Ask why. Also, ask if there is anything your child would like you to talk about with the teacher. Help the child understand that you and the teacher are meeting to help him or her.

Gather input from others—If your spouse, another care-giving adult, or someone with pertinent information or insight (doctor, counselor, other guardian) can't attend the conference, ask for that person's concerns and questions before the conference.

Make a list—Before you go to the meeting, make a list of topics to discuss with the teacher. Along with questions about academics and behavior, you may want to talk to the teacher about the child's home life, personality, concerns, habits and hobbies, and other topics that may help the teacher or Guidance Counselor in working with the child (e.g., religious holidays, music lessons, part-time jobs, a sick relative).

AFTER THE CONFERENCE....

When discussing the conference with the child afterward, stress the good things that were covered and be direct about problems that were identified. If an action plan is in place, explain to the child what was arranged. When an action plan is in place, consider the following: Watch your child's behavior and check on class work and homework. Ask how the student feels about schoolwork. Stay in touch with the teacher to discuss your child's progress. Express appreciation as progress is made.

Continuing to keep in touch with the teacher, even if things are going well, can play an important role in helping the child do better in school. When a child knows parents and teachers are regularly working together, the child will see that education is a high priority requiring commitment and effort.

MEETING AGENDA for February meeting:




- Review Mother/Son event
- Committee update for Father/Daughter dance
- Meals for teachers during conferences
- Review planning for Walk-A-Thon



ATTENTION 5 GRADE BOYS:

Help earn money for your “End of Elementary” celebration by working the coat check at the Father Daughter Dance! ALL tips received will go directly towards the 5th grade party.

February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4  FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE 7-9 PM
5	6	7	8	9  6:30 PM	10	11
12	13	14 CONFERENCES	15	16 CONFERENCES K - 5 EARLY DISMISSAL	17 NO SCHOOL	18
19	20 PRESIDENT'S DAY	21	22  CLAY NIGHT @ WENDY'S 5-8 PM	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 5TH GRADERS!

Now is the time to start planning the “End of Elementary” celebration for your students.

Please discuss your plans for the celebration with your student’s teacher and the principal.



MEETING AGENDA for March meeting:

- Committee update for Walk-A-Thon
- Planning committee for Mother's Day event
- Plan for Administrative Assistant's Day

Does your student need a good book to read during Spring Break and they aren't sure what to choose?

You can access the school's library from home! On the Clay Elementary site, choose "LIBRARY SERVICES" and then "CLAY ELEMENTARY". From there you can conduct a search for the perfect book!!!



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March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Clay Night @ Sugar Shack 4-8 PM	6	7	8  PTA meeting 6:30 PM	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 NO SCHOOL	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
						
25	26	27	28	29	31	

<p>Do you own or work at a business that would be willing to donate prizes towards the Walk-A-Thon? We are looking for “fitness” type items (gift cards welcome) to give to the students who raise the most money.</p> <p>Or are you a fitness trainer and would like to help during the event?</p> <p>Contact us at claypta@hotmail.com or attend a PTA meeting. We welcome everyone’s ideas and help!</p>		<p>MEETING AGENDA for April meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Finalize plans for Walk-A-Thon → Committee update for Mother’s Day event → Plan Teacher Appreciation week → Committee to contact PTA members regarding board member positions for the 2012-2013 school year
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***The Walk-A-Thon scheduled for April 21st is our Spring Fundraiser. If weather permits, it will be held outside!
This is a FUN event for the whole family to get “fit” and involved!***

Look for information regarding season passes for the Altoona Aquatics Center to come home at the beginning of May. Simply complete the form and return it to the school or drop it off at the Campus BY May 31st with “CLAY” on it and a portion of each season pass will be retained by the PTA.

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April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 EASTER	9	10	11	12  6:30 PM	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21  WALK-A-THON Spring Fundraiser
22 	23	24	25 ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL DAY	26	27	28
29	30					<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Let's work together to bring more resources to our school!</p> </div>

Don't want your student to bring home all their school supplies at the end of the year?

Consider donating them to the Art room!



The PTA would like to thank ALL the volunteers who helped with the events throughout this school year. Without the help of MANY people, we would not be able to have the events that we do.

Your help is very much appreciated!

MEETING AGENDA for May meeting:

- Review Walk-A-Thon
- Committee update for Mother's Day event
- Update on Teacher Appreciation week
- Board member elections for the 2012-2013 school year

School registration for the 2012-2013 school year will be during the month of May. Look for registration dates in the weekly school newsletter, online, or on Facebook.

May 2012




Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 PTA MEETING 6:30 PM	11	12  MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK						
13 	14 Clay Night @ Sugar Shack 4-8 PM	15	16	17	18	19
20 SEP GRADUATION	21	22	23	24  (PENDING SNOW DAYS)	25	26
27	28 MEMORIAL DAY	29	30	31		

**A friend is what we want to be,
We'll treat each other respectfully.
We can help each other grow,
Caring, sharing, it will show.
Differences develop us – not divide,
Making us stronger, side by side.**

**You be you and I'll be me,
Together we'll get along famously.
Happy or sad, we don't care.
We're your friend and we'll be there.**



June 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	13	15	16
17 	18	19	20  First Day of Summer	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30