

1-21-18

Cougar Families,

This past week finished on a great note with a group of our scholars supporting the Special Olympics Basketball at the Kroc Center. Huge thank you to each of the scholars and chaperones that volunteered. We had multiple compliments about how our students represented Clissold out in the community. Way to go Cougars!! Each of you allowed to dress out of uniform with your new volunteer shirt on Monday.

Bi-Monthly IB Learner Acknowledgement: Parent Invitations were distributed this past Friday for scholars that have been selected for the months of November (Caring) and December (Open-Minded). The program will begin at 9:00am on Thursday the 25th.

FOC Sponsored Out of Uniform Day: Students donating \$2.00 to the FOC will be allowed to dress out of uniform on Friday.

FOC Family Bowling Night: We hope you have registered and we will get to see you this Friday for a fun family night of bowling at Eagle Lanes in Blue Island.

Prospective Parent Open House will be held on February 5th at 6:00 pm. If you have any neighbors or interested community members this would be a great night for them to get a sense of our incredible school.

NASA Donation: In very exciting news our Coordinator for the Vision Outreach After-School Program, Ms. Brewer has secured 10 computers, 6 laptops and a 3D printer from NASA to support our scholars afterschool working through STEM and Robotics projects.

Communication: I know we all loved the Sunday Cougar Call. Unfortunately, due to state regulations I am unable to send these calls out unless it is an emergency. I will be posting on the website weekly and sending a email entitled the "Cougar Communication." If you have not given your child's teacher your email address please do so. I have begun creating another mater distribution list based off each classroom distribution list since the previous email system isn't working effectively.

Attendance: As we know our school goal is 97% attendance for the year! We have slipped just under 96%. We need your help to recover after a challenging month of December. Maintaining a 96% school attendance rate provide us with a tremendous opportunity to work with scholars and allows our school to receive maximum points for our school report card.

On-Time: We know the snow might slow up down, but we still need to be on time. Our school day begins at 7:45 am and we need every minute to best support our learning time. Students will continue to receive detentions for excessive tardiness.

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Check out this YouTube! Clissold was in the news- Cooking with cops!!
<https://youtu.be/b7M0wChU5gk>

As you know we are a Montessori and IB Middle Years educational community who believes in the gift of every child to inspire and empower the future of our humanity. We greatly appreciate everyone's support and passion as we continue "Climbing Higher!"

Looking Ahead:

1-22: PTA and LSC Meeting

1-25: IB Learner Profile Acknowledgement

1-26: FOC \$2.00 Out of Uniform Day and Clissold Bowling Night

2-1: End of Quarter

2-2: No School

2-5: Prospective Family Open House

Kindly,
Mr. McNichols