



Clay Elementary

SOUTHEAST POLK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Parent Newsletter #03

November 4, 2019



### Rams Way Assembly

Our Rams Way assembly was held on Wednesday, October 30th. 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade participated in the assembly with a fun game and a grand prize drawing. Our prizes for this month were a class tailgate party won by Sophie W for 5<sup>th</sup> grade Mrs. Rivas' class, and 2 ISU football tickets won by Sophia B in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Ms. McCoy's class. K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders had their first Clay Clubs meeting. Be sure and ask your child about the club they chose. This is a new program we started this year and the students and staff alike are really enjoying it.



### Grandparents' Day

Clay Elementary will welcome grandparents (or special guests) to school on Wednesday, November 27. Look for a form to be coming home with your student soon with more information. We will celebrate grandparents and show them what we do at Clay. Grandparents will be invited into their grandchild's classroom for one hour. Since we have such a large student population and limited parking, we ask that guest not arrive too early:

- ❖ K-3rd grade classroom guests from 9:30-10:30 AM
- ❖ 4th-5th grade classroom guests from 11:00 AM-12:00PM

**Grandparents will not be able to stay for lunch because of limited seating.** We look forward to seeing you!

### Dress for the Weather!

The temperatures are starting to drop! With temperatures fluctuating, please make sure your child(ren) is dressed appropriately to be outside before school and for recess. Students will be outside when the temperature and wind chill are above 10 degrees!

Thanksgiving Break – No School November 28-29

### Food and Personal Care Item Drive

During the month of November Clay's 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade Service Club is doing a food drive to help families in need throughout our community. Non-perishable food and personal care items can be brought to Clay through November 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support!

## **Arrangements for End of Day Transportation**

Clay is home to over 600 students. We are so happy to serve each and every family but in order to best serve you and our students we ask that you please make arrangements for the end of day transportation as early as possible. We understand that sometimes emergencies arise but for ordinary circumstances we request that you please notify the office of any transportation changes for the day at least an hour before dismissal. Thank you for your help with this.

### **School Hours**

Regular hours: 8:45-3:35

Wednesday hours: 8:45-1:35

## **The Clay Way is the R.A.M.S. Way!**

We are **Respectful** of everyone

We are **Always Responsible**

We use our **Manners**

We practice **Safety**

Clay Elementary students have been taught the R.A.M.S. expectations in the classrooms, hallway, restrooms, cafeteria, bus, and on the playground. The students will receive RAMS tickets for demonstrating behaviors that follow school-wide expectations. We will have monthly assemblies, random drawings, and whole class incentives to motivate and acknowledge students.

## **Upcoming Events**

<b>November 7</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> grade to Iowa Wild game</b>
<b>November 7</b>	<b>Clay PTA meeting 6:30 in the library</b>
<b>November 12</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> grade to Science Center</b>
<b>November 15</b>	<b>PTA Ornament Decoration Night</b>
<b>November 15</b>	<b>End of 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester</b>
<b>November 27</b>	<b>Grandparents Day (see above for grades/times)</b>
<b>November 28</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING DAY – No School</b>
<b>November 29</b>	<b>No School</b>

**Reminder: All parents and visitors to Clay Elementary need to check in at the office if you need to go to a classroom. Thanks!**



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## Dates to Remember!

- 11/7** – November PTA Meeting at 6:30pm
- 11/13** – Father Daughter Dance planning meeting at Fireside, 6:00pm
- 11/15** – Bulldog Ceramics Family Night at CLAY Cafeteria \$8.50 per ornament, 5:00 – 7:30pm
- 11/28 – 11/29** – Thanksgiving break
- 1/10** – Mother/Son Tae Kwon Do Event at Clay 6:00 – 8:00pm
- 1/18** - Father Daughter Dance
- 2/16** – Skateland Special \$1 pre-order admission, 2:00-5:00pm

## Conference Week Thanks

HUGE thanks to everyone who volunteered at the book fair and donated items for teacher meals. It was a very successful week!

## Altoona Hy-Vee Reusable Bag Program



For the month of NOVEMBER, Clay Elementary PTA has been selected for the Altoona Hy-Vee Reusable Bag Program! Purchase a bag and \$1 goes directly to Clay PTA! Look out for these bags only at your Altoona Hy-Vee location.

Thank you for your support!

## Father Daughter Dance: Jan. 18, 2020

Get ready for a good time! We're planning now for the annual Father Daughter Dance hosted by Clay PTA at the SEP Junior High. All girls, pre-K through 6th grade, in the SEP school district and their fathers or caregivers are welcome. We'll have a make it glow theme and fun for all.

We'd love to have your help. The next committee meeting will be at Fireside Grill in Altoona on Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p. Watch Facebook for other upcoming meetings. Can't make it to meetings but want to help? Email [ptaclay@gmail.com](mailto:ptaclay@gmail.com). There will be lots of opportunities to lend a hand.

## PTA Meeting: Nov. 7 @ 6:30 p.m.

Our next meeting is Thursday, Nov. 7. Meetings are held in the Clay Library. Childcare is provided. We hope to see you there!

## Box Tops

Thank you for all your support! We have collected \$462.10 in clipped and scanned Box Tops! Almost 1/3 of our \$1500 Goal! Check the Clay Elementary Facebook page for the October winners and updated totals from our collection yesterday!

**November Incentive:** Top 3 Classes get an ice cream party and the traveling Box Tops Trophy for the next month!

**DOWNLOAD the App!** Box Tops is phasing out clipping! Download the Box Tops for Education App, scan your receipts, AND assign CREDIT to your student! After you scan your receipt, click the star to assign credit to your student name in this format: **Grade-Teacher-Student-Name.**



## Bulldog Ceramics Family Night – Friday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:30pm

Bulldog Ceramics is coming to Clay Elementary and will supply ornaments to paint. Each ornament will cost \$8.50. This will be in the Clay Cafeteria. Watch for a Facebook event for more details to come.