

# A clear "VIEW" of Clearview

Elementary School, District 742, St. Cloud, Minnesota

**A Message from our Principal  
Paula Foley**

Hola!

Welcome to a *chilly* week at Clearview! Winter is showing her true signs and we are adjusting by being extremely busy inside our school this week! It is *Minnesota Para Professional Week* next week and we take this opportunity to thank our wonderful paras for all they do for our children and for our school! Our para professionals are ~ Judy Beck, Julie Carner, Theresa Conroy, Jean Fraser, Patt Gerl, Dawn Gohmann, Ann Gray, Terri Hartmann, Gloria Hoffman, Bev Host, Rachel Kimmerle, Linda Kozak, Mary Lease, Pearl Lehnen (sub), Krista Schwartz, Karen Swan, and Carol Tesmer.

We were fortunate to have representatives of the South Junior High Jazz and Chamber Orchestra and Show Choirs here to perform today. It was great seeing our former Clearview kids! They were wonderful representatives of South and role models for our children. Life is good at Clearview!

We **DO NOT have school on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>** due to Martin Luther King Day, **and on Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**, as our teachers will have an in-service on how to better meet the needs of our children! We have an informational session on the District Immersion Programs tonight. It begins at 7:00 p.m. and will be televised on channel 6! This is a nice opportunity to learn more about the program. We also have a band concert at Talahi at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. It's great to have so many things to look forward to!

Our children have all experienced their first Spanish lesson with Profesora Susanna. Please be sure to check-in and see what they're learning. Sue Linn-Hasbrouck will be putting weekly pod casts on our web page so you can practice the language each week at home!

This is the time of the year that we truly need to focus our children on learning. We appreciate the days we have to teach and assess our students. This week, we did reading probes with the children. We have them read a passage and we check for fluency as a building block to comprehension. The bottom line for each child is we want to see them growing as learners, so we "test" them three times during the year to monitor their progress. The results and progress will be shared at our upcoming conferences. We ask you to ask your children what they do in school each day, read with them daily and challenge them to "think" while playing board games, word puzzles, sudoku, etc. We need to challenge ourselves to be the best possible readers, mathematicians and problem solvers possible!! Thanks for using the winter's 'inside time' to focus on school work, problem solving skills and building relationships with people!!

Kindergarten Registration will be held on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Clearview. Please spread the word as it is easier to balance our classes if we are able to plan ahead! Please let us know if you have questions prior to our registration. Spanish Immersion is an opportunity for all First Graders and in-coming Kindergartners. Workshops/camps will be available to help newcomers prepare. Stay tuned . . . more information is coming!

Keep reading and thanks for sharing your children with us! Thanks too, for the phone calls, returned surveys, and e-mails we receive regarding things that are going well, concerns about things happening at our school or suggestions on ways to improve. Our "goal" is to be a safe and challenging environment for our children. We need information and help in order to be the best school possible. We appreciate your insights!

Thanks for all you do!

## Words for the Month

**Tolerance** which means – an attitude toward others that is fair and free from emotional bias regardless of differences in beliefs, customs or race.

**Patience** which means – the condition or quality of being patient; the ability to wait.

**Honesty** which means – the condition or quality of being honest; acting honorably and justly; not lying, stealing or cheating.

**Promptness** which means – ready, quick. On time, punctual.



Thank you Manette Yapel and Rachel Kimmerle for putting together last weeks "View". You are truly appreciated!

Thank you to Amy Petersen and Pearl Lehnen for volunteering at the front door. Your help is greatly appreciated!

## Please help us!!

Our bus drivers are expressing their concern about the extremely tight quarters in the bus chute when cars are parked there. It has been a minor issue in the past and we have been able to deal with it. However, with the large amount of snow further restricting the amount of space, it has, at times, become impossible to maneuver our buses into their proper spots when cars are allowed to park in the bus chute. Some car drivers are nice enough to realize that we are coming in and they in-turn move their vehicle. However, there are many drivers that park their car and then walk into the building resulting in a barricade and traffic jam.

We want to keep our kids safe! Please work with us to keep our bus chute clear.

**Don't Forget . . .**  
**Year Book orders**  
**need to be turned in**  
**by February 1<sup>st</sup>!**

# NIGHT OF THE S ☆ T ☆ A ☆ R ☆ S

For the past seven years, LEAF (Local Education Activities Foundation) has held a "Night of the Stars" to help support student activities in arts, academics and athletics.

The LEAF "Night of the Stars" Variety Show and Silent Auction showcases the talented students and staff of District 742!

***This year's event will be held on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Paramount Theatre with shows at 7:30 p.m..***

100% of every ticket sold by a school group is returned to that school by LEAF. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$6.00 for students at the door. (Presale tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students) (LEAF makes its profits through business sponsorships of the Night of the Stars and the *Fabulous Silent Auction*)

## City Children's Dance in the Parks

The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board and The Minnesota Dance Theater & Dance Institute are pleased to announce a partnership for children ages 7-9 with no previous dance experience. Children can receive instruction at Powderhorn and Farview Parks for a minimum fee.

The curriculum will focus on the major elements of dance, including: **Time** (tempo, accent, pattern), **Force** (sharp, smooth, strong, light); **Space** (direction, level); and **Body** (parts, moves, steps). The City Children's Dance Project provides an opportunity for creative expression of the individual through dance.

**Where:** Farview Park, 29<sup>th</sup> & Lyndale Ave. N.  
612-370-4922  
Powderhorn Park, 34<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.  
612-370-4960

**When:** Saturdays, Jan. 17 - may 2009  
Fairview Park 10:30 - 11:30 am  
Powderhorn park 12:30 - 1:30 pm

**Cost:** \$10.00 for entire session

# Winterfest

## A Free Event

**Celebrating the National Refuge System  
106<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at  
Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge  
Saturday, February 7, 2009  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

### Guided Tours

10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Horse-drawn Hay Ride  
12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. – Winter Wonder Walk

### Activities

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Snowshoe Checkouts, Scavenger Hunt,  
Bird Feeders, Winter Nature Crafts, Face Painting,  
Wildlife Expo, Animal Tracks, Winter Survival,  
Bonfire, Puddles, Friends of Sherburne Gift Shop,  
Silent Auction, Hospitality, Birthday Cake,  
Brat & Hot Dog Lunch

### Presentations

11:00 a.m. – Raptors of the Midwest  
1:00 p.m. – Raptors of the Midwest

For more information, or special accommodations, call the refuge at 763-389-3323, ext. 13.

All activities begin at the Old School house located 5.5 miles west of Hwy. 169 on Sherburne County Road 9.

**Event Hosts: The Friends of Sherburne and the Refuge**

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual

## Sons of Norway Barnelopet

(children's Nordic Fun Ski Event, ages 3-13)

This FREE event will be held on  
**Sunday, January 25, 2009**  
1:00 p.m.  
Riverside Park, St. Cloud

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m.

Every finisher receives an Olympic-style keepsake medal!

# C o u n s e l o r s

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Life is full of challenges, and sometimes it helps to go “outside your box” to get some new ideas. Here are a few **upcoming resources** that might be useful...

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“Typical” parenting techniques are sometimes not effective with children who have a great deal of anger. Arguments, tantrums, time outs, bad language, trouble at school, problems with peers, refusal to cooperate, challenging transitions... There’s a workshop coming up that will teach ways to bring about real change with proven, positive, esteem-building strategies, and applies to all children, ages 2-18 years, or any child whose anger is interfering with a peaceful home life.

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## Transforming the Angry Child

Tuesday, Jan 20, 2009                      7-9 pm                      \$15/person or \$25/for two  
Resource Training and Solutions @ Westside Bremer Bank Building, Suite 550  
4150 2 St. South, St. Cloud

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Presenter: Tina Feigal                      Code: 7756  
**CALL ASAP to register... 320 255-3236**

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How about learning the basics of a practical problem solving process called Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)? It can help maximize the positives in your family environments and routines so children’s behavior is at its best. This four-week class, for parents of children from birth to age 8, helps with a plan to deal with issues and respond to challenging behaviors. St. Cloud Area School District 742 families will have priority in signing up for this class.

## Getting behavior in Shape at Home

FREE - 4 sessions, 2 hours each - FREE  
Wednesdays 6-8 pm  
January 27, February 3, 10 and 17  
Roosevelt Early Childhood Center, 3015 3<sup>rd</sup> Street N., St. Cloud  
**CALL RITA @ 253-5828 to register**

My January class lessons will include ideas at all class levels for dealing with **worry, stress and anxiety**. Everybody has some healthy stressors in their lives - but some are on-going or extreme, and can interfere with eating, sleeping, relationships, health and learning. The basics of breathing, awareness, coping skills and relaxation will work for most students. If your child has more constant or intense worries/anxiety and you would like some ideas or discussion, you can:

- Give me a call to talk about it.
- Check out a workbook from me on the subject.
- Sign your student up for a short group on this topic.

Stay warm! Hopefully you have a few family board games to play on these cold winter days inside together. We have fond family memories of being “snowed in” with time to burn...

Mary Jane Brewster ext. 3574



## Franklin Pierce

14<sup>th</sup> President – 1853 - 1857  
Handsome Frank

*“With the Union my best and dearest earthly hopes are entwined.”*

Franklin Pierce went to college at Bowdoin in Maine and by his second year, he had the worst grades in his class. He made a change, though, and turned himself around, graduating third in a class that included Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Nathaniel Hawthorne.

At 33, he became one of the youngest U.S. senators ever, but his wife, Jane, who was very strict and religious, hated the party-filled life of Washington, D.C. She made her husband resign and move back to New England.

Franklin Pierce joined the army as a private in the Mexican-American War and by the end of the war, he had been promoted to one-star general.

Just weeks before he was sworn in as President, his 11-year-old son, Benjamin, was killed in a train accident. The Pierces had already lost two other children. And so, the first days and months in the White house were very sad for president and Mrs. Pierce. Many believe his sadness made it hard for him to do a good job as president.

He tried to keep the peace between the North and the South, but he was never a very skilled politician. His biggest mistake was signing the Kansas-Nebraska Act, which set off deadly riots over slavery and seemed to hurry the country closer to the brink of a civil war, or a war a country fights within itself. He tried to buy Cuba, but Spain refused to sell. He did, however, add 29,000 square miles of land along the Mexican border. He was not nominated for a second term.

### ★ AT A GLANCE ★

#### Born

November 23, 1804  
Hillsborough  
(now Hillsboro),  
New Hampshire

**Political Party**  
Democrat

**Vice President**  
William R. D. King

**First Lady**  
Jane

**Children**  
Franklin, Frank Robert  
and Benjamin

## Dates to Remember . . .

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| Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup>       | - Parent Immersion Informational Meeting @ Apollo, 7:00 p.m. |  |  |
| <b>Jan. 19<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>- NO SCHOOL, Martin L. King Day</b>                       | <b>Feb. 16<sup>th</sup></b>                  | <b>- NO SCHOOL, President's Day</b>            |
| Jan. 22 <sup>nd</sup>       | - Band Concert @ Talahi, 7:00 p.m.                           | Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup>                        | - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade to Paramount           |
| Jan. 22 <sup>nd</sup>       | - Site Council @ 7:00 p.m.                                   | Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup>                        | - Tech Boys/Girls Basketball Team serves lunch |
| Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup>       | - Sons of Norway Barnelopet                                  | Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup>                        | - Parent/Teacher Conferences                   |
| <b>Jan. 26<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>- NO SCHOOL, Staff In-service</b>                         | Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>      | - K-2 Artist in Residence                      |
| <b>Jan. 27<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>- Kindergarten Registration</b>                           | Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup>                        | - Parent/Teacher Conferences                   |
|                             | <b>7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.</b>                             | Mar. 2 <sup>nd</sup>                         | - Site Council, 7:00 p.m.                      |
| Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup>        | - Building & Grounds meeting, 6:30 p.m.                      | <b>Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>- NO SCHOOL, Mid-Winter Break</b>           |
| Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup>        | - Site Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.                            | Mar. 17 <sup>th</sup>                        | - PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.                       |
| Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup>        | - 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Percussion Demo Field Trip           | Mar. 19 <sup>th</sup>                        | - Tech Dance Team serves lunch                 |
| Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup>        | - USAT   | Mar. 20 <sup>th</sup>                        | - USAT   |
| <b>Feb. 10<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>- 2 HOUR LATE START</b>                                   | <b>Mar. 25<sup>th</sup></b>                  | <b>- 2 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL</b>                |
| Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup>       | - PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.                                     | Mar. 26 <sup>th</sup>                        | - PTA Education Nigh, 6:30 p.m.                |
| Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup>       | - Jump Rope for Heart  | Mar. 26 <sup>th</sup>                        | - Report Cards go home!                        |