

A clear "VIEW" of Clearview

Elementary School, District 742, St. Cloud, Minnesota

Welcome Back to School!

Come **CELEBRATE** with us ~ Clearview is 40 years young!

A Message from our Principal Paula Foley

Happy New Year! I hope this edition of "The View" finds you enjoying the warm and relaxing days of August! I hope our wonderful students are making time to read and are getting to bed earlier and establishing a routine so the start of the school year goes smoothly!! We can't wait to have your children back!! We look forward to another great year at Clearview! Imagine...forty years of "Welcome Backs" at Clearview! How Fun!!!

Many things have happened at Clearview over the summer months.

- We welcome new members to our staff. They include:
 - Gail Harju, 1st Grade Spanish Teacher
 - Stephanies Bales 2nd Grade Spanish Teacher
 - Elisa Frerich General Music and Band
 - Lisa Riley Math AmeriCorp
 - Kathy Watrin – (Long Call Sub for Jessica Rodenberg)
 - Deb Johansen - DAPE

We also welcome back the following people who started mid way through the year last year:

- Sue Linn-Hasbrouck, Spanish Coordinator
- Donna Steinbach (was a substitute, and will be a full time para professional)
- Patt Gerl (was out on leave)

We are fortunate to have the incredible staff that we do. We welcome them all back to the new year!

*Our building looks great! The custodians did a fantastic job cleaning and we are ready for another

year!.

- There are many more things to celebrate and be proud of. Watch the View for other items in the weeks ahead.
- MCA's – Individual results will be mailed directly to parents. We found some challenges that we will work to meet this year. Stay tuned!!!
- Communication - We have a new reporting system, it is called Skyward. It is easily accessed from your home computers and will be a great way to keep in touch with each other. Our staff will be trained during workshop week and we will let you know when things are up and running. Until then, you can count on us sharing information via the View, email and on the telephone. We will work to return any correspondence within twenty four hours.
- Safety – As always, we will work to provide the safest possible school for all. We thank you for using the front doors during 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. as that is the door that has a security buzzer on it.

School starts on Tuesday, September 8th and our Open House is from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1st. There is a meeting for Immersion Parents and students at 6:15 in the Multi Purpose Room. Student-teacher assignments will be posted by the classrooms by 4:00 that day. We will be finalizing the lists until that time. WE ASK THAT YOU ENTER THROUGH THE FRONT DOORS during Open House, as we have many information tables for you to visit. Dinner (hotdog, pop and chips) is available for \$2.00 in the cafeteria.

Open House is a wonderful opportunity to join PTA, sign up for Fall Conferences, meet your children's teachers, eat, see other Clearview families and friends, talk to the bus companies and to take care of lunch accounts,

KIDSTOP, etc. Opportunities to sign up for Scouts, Community Classes and other activities will also be available in the gym. Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Graders will be able to purchase their planners at this time (\$5.00 each). If you would like to reduce your "line time", you can stop in any time before the 1st to put money on your child's lunch account and drop off your PTA membership form. Our office is open between 7:00 and 3:00 daily. Stop in any time! We look forward to seeing our returning students and are anxious to meet those of you that are new to Clearview

Currently we have a total of 430 children enrolled at Clearview. We have a GREAT school because of the GREAT people who are here each day! Our Site Council and staff work to keep class sizes as productive as we can, and will work for your children to that end.

It's going to be a great year. Please look for The View each Thursday, as we will keep you updated as to Clearview events and happenings! We are anxious to see you at our Open House. Until then . . . Take Care,

Classroom Teachers . . .

Listed below are our Clearview grade level teachers.

Kindergarten

Julie Krebs
Angie Orbeck

Spanish Immersion

Mairin Born
Patricia Cespedes-Schueller

Grade 1

Linda Corrigan
Margie Kløver

Spanish Immersion

Martha Martinez
Gail Harju

Grade 2

Paul Reichert
Mary Peters

Spanish Immersion

Stephanie Bales

Grade 3

Alison Auer
Julie Nefs

Grade 4

Char Thelen
Jonette Tschida

Grade 5

Vern Jurek
Joy Palmquist

Grade 6

Darren Haus
Rochelle Vandegrift

Class lists will be posted by the classroom doors by 4:00 on September 1st. When you check the class lists, please remember that thoughtful consideration is taken when making up these lists. Teachers try to balance many important factors in placing students. They consider parent requests, teaching and learning styles, gender, temperament, behavior differences, family and neighborhood situations, academic achievement and special education considerations. Much time and consultation goes into the final "class lists", and the best decisions are made with the available information.

Bus Companies . . .

The bus companies will be set up in the Media Center during Open House should you have questions. In the days ahead, you should be receiving information from the bus contractor that serves your students. If you do not receive this information, please call – Guardian Bus Service @259-8225 or Voigt Bus Service @ 252-1807.

School Hours . . .

The student day at Clearview is 7:45 a.m. until 2:10 p.m. Doors will open at 7:20 a.m. for all children.

For children needing to be dropped off between 7:00 and 7:30 a.m., the front doors will be open, but students will go to the cafeteria until the bell rings at 7:20 a.m. as there is no adult supervision available until that time.

The office hours are 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The phone number is 743-2241. Our Fax number is 529-4333. Please call if we can be of any assistance. We will do our best to see that your child gets any emergency messages during the school day.

Attendance . . .

During the school year if your child is ill and will be staying home or will be absent for some other reason, please call the Clearview Office before 9:00 a.m. at 743-2241, ext. 3501 and leave a message including your child's name, your name, your child's teacher, and the reason your child is absent. There are very stringent guidelines for student attendance. Students who have accumulated 7 unexcused absences from school will be considered truant and must be referred to the County Attorney. In addition, students arriving after 8:00 a.m. will have a tardy marked on their attendance records. Please be sure to review our Student/Parent Handbook that will be sent home for your signature for further details regarding attendance issues. Please look for a note that will be distributed during Open House for information regarding the flue and student attendance.

Lunch Prices . . .

The cost for lunches this year will be as follows: Student lunch \$2.10, breakfast, \$1.40, reduced lunch \$.40¢, breakfast no charge; adult lunch \$3.60, breakfast, \$2.25. The cost of milk is \$.40¢.

Lunch Account Balance: You can use your child's PIN number to look up his/her lunch account balance online at:

<http://isd742.org/foodaccounts.htm>

If you do not want to stand in line at Open House, you can mail your lunch money to us ahead of time, or stop by the office and drop it off.

Thank You . . .

Thank you to Gary & Ann Gray, Tom & Jonette Tschida, Chris Vasecka, Lori Johnson, Julie Nefs and Darren Haus for their support and leadership in our 4th Annual Golf Tournament. We also want to thank all of our sponsors, those who golfed and those who helped with our 4th Annual Clearview Cougars Golf Classic! The money raised will be used to purchase additional Promethean Boards.

School Dress . . .

We are asking parents to help their children in selecting school clothes that are appropriate for learning. Please avoid "short" shorts, miniskirts, high heels, halter-tops, "belly" shirts, low-riding pants, etc. Hats and bandanas are not permitted except on designated "hat days". Shoes with wheels are not permitted – you can wear the shoes but please leave the wheels at home.

Communication at Clearview . . .

Phones: Office 743-2241
Fax 529-4333
Voigt Bus Service 252-1807
Guardian Bus Service 259-8225
Jen at KIDSTOP 743-2243

E-mail: Enter first name.last name@ISD742.org
For example: paula.foley@ISD742.org

We will make every effort to answer your messages promptly.

Clearview Web Site: www.isd742.org/~clearview

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Newsletter: A Clear "View" of Clearview will be sent home each week on Thursday with your youngest or only child.

Site Council . . .

Our Site Council is a group of staff, parents and community members who serve as the leadership team for Clearview elementary. The Site Council is responsible for guiding the mission of our school and overall welfare of our children and programs at school. The Site Council will share much information with you via "The View". They meet at 7:00 p.m. four Mondays a year and as needed. Their next meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on August 17th. You are welcome to come and sit in at

a meeting, or if you have any ideas, or would like to join our team, please feel free to give us a call. WE APPRECIATE ANY NEW MEMBERS AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL GIVE US A CALL IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

PTA . . .

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month. All are welcome and encouraged to attend! The PTA's focus is on promoting a sense of "community" and supporting our students, staff, parents and school. Involvement looks different to various people. Please join and become as involved as you would like to be! If you have questions about PTA, please call our officers or Paula Foley. Thanks for making this commitment to your school! Membership forms are included in this packet.

Chair person	- Lisa Riley, 743-2512
Co-Chair	- Kiri Surma, 224-5154
Treasurer	- Michelle Fruth, 743-5575
Co-Treasurer	- Joni Hagstrom, 251-5335
Secretary	- Mary Peters, 251-2001
Fundraising	- Corinna Anderson, 743-4787
Membership	- Jean Goenner, 743-3549
Pictures	- Erin Woodman, 240-2273

Help needed! We have our Fall Picture Day on Friday, September 18th. We are in need of an adult volunteer to coordinate students and parent volunteers. No experience needed! Please call Lisa Riley at 743-2512 if you are willing to help out.

Community Classes . . .

Don't forget to sign up for our Community Classes!!!
Karate – Tim Kiel, 320-255-1171
Piano – Scott Gunderson, 320-492-2429
Guitar – Kristi Padron, 320-255-0318

Dates to Remember . . .

Sept. 1 st	- Open House
Sept. 7 th	- Labor Day
Sept. 8 th	- School Starts!!
Sept. 14 th	- Site Council, 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 15 th	- PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 17 th	- Geckler Fundraiser Kickoff
Sept. 18 th	- School Pictures
Sept. 22 nd	- 2 Hour Early Dismissal
Oct. 1 st	- Geckler Fundraiser ends
Oct. 3 rd	- Family Fun Fest @ Clearview

** This includes a Garage Sale. Please save any items you can donate and bring them to our receiving area before that date. Your help is appreciated!!

Oct. 5 th	- Site Council, 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 13 th	- PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 14 th	- 6 th Grade to Biz Town
Oct. 15 th & 16 th	- MEA – NO SCHOOL

Clearview Elementary School
7310 Highway 24
Clear Lake, MN 55319

To:

We are anxious to have you back!

What is PTA

Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is Clearview Parents and Teachers working together to improve our children's education and their learning environment. It is an Association that you can get involved in on what ever level fits your schedule.

Remember we, as parents set the tone for our children's future.

As a PTA we are involved in the success of many things in this school like:

Reading Programs
Book Fairs
Ball field upgrades
Playground upgrades
After School Activities
Field trips
Veterans Day Program

6th grade graduation party
Family Fun Night
Scholarships
School Pictures
Roller-skating party
Artist in Residence
And Much More

PTA is not all about the Tuesday night meeting. . .

There are things you can do to get involved here at Clearview on many levels You can do as little as baking a cake for teacher conferences, helping ½ hour in bingo at family fun night, serving drinks at the Veteran Day Program, Serve as a door monitor, help with the weekly news letter, "the View", gathering Cub Food receipts, counting Campbell food labels, helping with the fundraisers, joining the room parent committee or even chairing a committee... There is something to fit everyone!!

For the 2008-2009 school years PTA is going to offer two education seminars for the parents to attend. The full agenda is still being worked on. Some topics that have been discussed include; "Bullying," and "Problem solving". These are all issues that affect our children. As parents, we should be more aware of them and gain information and strategies on how to effectively deal with them.

PTA is a great opportunity to get involved, met new people and keep informed on what is going on in our children's lives and in our school. Remember you can volunteer with a friend or family member, or on your own. All help is appreciated, all involvement is valued!

If you have questions, call **Lisa Riley @ 320-743-2512.**

CLEARVIEW ELEMENTARY PTA 2009-2010

Membership Form

\$8.00 per individual payable to Clearview PTA

Please complete and return this form to school. All completed membership forms will be placed in a drawing for prizes at 5:55 on 9/1/09.

Need not be present to win!

The purpose of the Clearview PTA is to encourage family involvement in our classrooms, school and overall programs. Being a PTA member does not mean you must attend meetings, it simply means you are a part of a network of parents and staff that will work to support our school in whatever fashion works for you and your family.

Simply joining the PTA provides support for our school, as your dues are used for National PTA membership and to support programs at Clearview.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Email _____

Do Not Email

	Name	Grade - Teacher
Children at Clearview:	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

If you would like to be more involved in your child's school or classroom, please see the back of this form to sign up for ways in which you can help. Thank you!

Here are some other ways that everyone can help out Clearview, by collecting and dropping off at the school office....

- Cub Food Receipts
- Box Tops for Education
- Old Eye Glasses
- Used Cell Phones
- Campbell Soup Labels (UPC)
- Food Club (UPC)
- Used Ink Cartridges
- Kemps Milk Tops

Remember to let Target know that when you use your target card you want Clearview as your school for donations.

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To become more involved in your child's school or classroom, please check all that apply:

School Wide Volunteer

Media helper Front Door Monitor

Volunteer in my child's classroom _____

Room Parent (A room parent is a parent representative for each classroom.
All room parents meet monthly to plan/help with various activities.)

Activities Volunteer

- Assist with weekly Newsletter (assemble Thursday mornings)
- Fundraiser committee
- Family Fun Night
- Book Fair (day or evening)
- Parent Teacher Conference Meal/Appreciation Day for Teachers
- Roller Skating Event – February
- Picture Day Assistant – September 16 (during school hours)
- Jump Rope for Heart – February 13 (during school hours)
- Helping out at Concerts (day or evening)
- All School Field Trip
- Family Fun Fest (Run/Walk) – October 3rd