

A clear "VIEW" of Clearview

Elementary School, District 742, St. Cloud, Minnesota

A Message from our Principal Paula Foley

Hello & Happy Days,

We love having your children back at Clearview and thank you for sending them prepared to learn each day. The routines are being formed and we appreciate your emphasizing rest, good study habits and the need for a good breakfast each day.

There is a lot happening and I appreciate your making an effort to absorb all that we have had to include in this View! We practiced our lockdowns, emergency weather and fire drills yesterday. Please talk to your children about what would happen in the event of a crisis/emergency at home and at school.

We have a great problem and appropriate solution that I need to inform you about. Our student population is currently 430, which is more than the 392 we originally projected. Our class sizes in some grades are more than we are comfortable with. We are developing plans to meet the needs in some of our grades; however, we are fortunate to have added a half-time teacher to reduce our 1st grade class sizes. We have hired Karen Brettingen, a familiar face, to teach that class and have a great plan in place for our 1st graders! Our teachers in our other large grades (3rd & 6th) will work with me and will get other extra help to those grades. They will communicate with parents in the days ahead. **ONE THING THAT WILL EFFECT ALL STUDENTS** at Clearview is receiving our Spanish Grant. I will fill you in on the details in the weeks ahead; we simply want you to know that Phy Ed, Art and Music times have changed, due to the addition of music time. All kids schedules will change beginning next week. Please watch for a note from your child's teacher. The changes are all good! Thanks for your patience!

An Operations Levy will be put on the November ballot for all of us to vote on. There will be an **Information Meeting regarding the Levy at Clearview on Thursday, September 18th from 6-7:30 p.m.** We will begin with some of our students sharing their talents and end with an informational levy speaker. Please join the Site Council, staff and I in being informed and sharing an evening together. There will be daycare available - please call ahead so we can staff accordingly.

Our PTA has some extra school supplies for those who need them. Please let your children's teachers know if you have any needs, and we'll do what we can to help meet them. Thanks to those of you who were able and made donations to our supplies. It is so cool to see what we can accomplish when we work together.

Our annual fundraiser began today. Please check backpacks for materials. Pickup day has been rescheduled for October 29th. Fall pictures are next Tuesday, Sept. 16th. A flyer is being sent home with each child today regarding payments. Please send them to school with your children on Picture Day. Thanks for your help!

Remember . . . we do have students with severe peanut allergies, so please adhere to our "no peanut butter" policy to keep them safe. We ask that you consider peanut free choices even if you are not directly impacted. Thank you for your help in keeping our school safe for all of our children.



We are looking for volunteers to help cover the front doors again this year. If you are interested in coming in for a few hours 1 or 2 days a week to help out, please call 743-2241 and

let Jan or Mary know what times and days you would be interested. While at the front desk, you can bring in a book and get some reading done, work on homework, crafts, just about anything! Thank you so much for your help.

If you are interested in helping with putting together the Newsletter on Thursday mornings, please let Jan know. Manette Yapel, a parent of a former student has offered to help again this year. If we can get one more person to help, it would be great! When two people work at it, it takes less than an hour and it is ready for collating and stapling by 7:30 on Thursday mornings. We look forward to hearing from you!

PTA News . . .

If you have not yet signed up for PTA, please do so as soon as you can. This organization works for YOU and YOUR CHILDREN!

For those of you who signed up for PTA at Open House, your names went into a drawing for a free lunch. Those winners are:

- Corinna Anderson
- Jeff & Jodi Madden
- Janel Eynck
- Paulette Weleski
- Lynda Ashcroft

Congratulations! Your tickets will be sent home with your child.

Our PTA Executive Board members are:

- Chair: Lisa Riley, 743-2512
- Co-chairs: Erin Woodman, 240-2273
Lisa Ruchti, 656-0152
- Treasurer: Michelle Fruth, 743-5575
- Pictures: Lisa Ruchti, 656-0152
- Fundraising: Open Position

Campbell's Update . . . It's time for another Campbell's UPC classroom challenge! From now until Friday, December 12th, turn in your Campbell's UPC's to your child's teacher. The class that turns in the most UPC's by Friday, December 12th wins! Classroom totals will be posted in the "View" periodically. Be sure and watch the grocer ads for Campbell's bonus opportunities ~ bonus points make a HUGE difference!

Because we submitted 12,900+ UPC's during the 2007-2008 school year, Campbell's gave us an incentive bonus of 2,600 points. For the 2008-2009 school year, Campbell's is challenging Clearview to submit 16,250 UPC's. If we reach this goal, they will give us a 3,000 point bonus!

Our current Campbell's UPC balance is 14,593. Our teachers have an extensive wish list from the Campbell's product catalog. Keep up the good work so we can place a big order following the UPC classroom challenge!

Easy Ways you can help Clearview raise money for your kids!!

- **Bring** in your Cub Food Receipts
- **Bring** in your Box Tops
- **Bring** in the UPC symbols from "Food Club" products
- **Bring** in your Campbell's labels
- **Bring** in your Kemps milk caps
- **Charge on your Target Visa** and designate Clearview Elementary to receive 1% of your purchases

Thanks for helping us with these PAIN FREE fundraising activities!

Thank you to Cindy Ritzer for the donation of CHALK for the playground. The kids love to

The best security blanket a child can have is parents who respect each other.

F.Y.I.

The Clearwater-Clear Lake Food Shelf located in the Lions' Building under the blue water tower at 1100 County Road 75 in Clearwater is open on:

Tuesday – 9-11 a.m. & 6-8 p.m.
Wednesday – 3-5 p.m.

This is supported by donations from area businesses, churches, civic groups and concerned citizens. Bring donations to the food shelf during hours or call 320-558-2954 for an appointment.

LIGHTHOUSE – 320-558-2990 Second Chance Clothing Store Hours

Mon-Wed: 10-5
Thur-Fri: 10-7
Saturday: 9-6

Drop-Off hours
Wednesday: 5-7
Saturday: 10-4

Life Line Screening the Power of Prevention

Stroke, Vascular Disease and
Heart Rhythm Package
All 4 screenings only \$149
Add Osteoporosis Screening for only \$10 more

Call 1-877-792-8480

Appointments Required.

Where: Clear Lake ~ St. Marcus Church
When: Tuesday, November 4, 2008

Bring your family and friends!

HELP WANTED!

Clearview is in need of a half time AmeriCorps person to work with students in Kindergarten through 3rd Grade on reading skills.

A half-time AmeriCorp person will work approximately 900 hours, with the majority of these hours accrued during typical school-day hours. This person will earn approximately \$215.00 every two weeks.

This position is open to recent college graduates, parents, retired teachers, current college students, parent volunteers, or people looking to make a career change!

You must have a high school diploma or GED, speak, read and write English fluently and be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident.

For AmeriCorp Information visit
www.americorps.org

To complete an online application go to
www.theMLC.org/ReadingCorps

Or call Justin Motherway,
Central Region Program Coordinator at
320-308-4233

Clearview's Blue Football Team Schedule is listed below. They will play at Tech's Clark Field unless otherwise stated.

Saturday, Sept. 13th – Noon
Tuesday, Sept. 16th – 7:00 p.m. – Under the Lights
(PTA will do concessions)
Saturday, Sept. 20th – Apollo, 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27th – 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, Oct. 4th – Clearview, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 11th – 10:30 a.m.

September 11, 2008

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Greetings, Clearview Families!

It is so good to be back at school, and I hope all had a great summer break. Of course there are some adjustments to a new school year, teachers, friends and earlier schedules and bedtimes - but we do manage to "fall" into the routines.

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We elementary counselors are in our second year of the Federal Elementary Counseling Grant, and are hopeful that this program will continue permanently in support of the students. I will do my best to help lay a good foundation of social/emotional skills, problem-solving and friendship practices, and academic habits that will continue with the children as they grow.

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My plan this year is to:

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- Teach a developmental guidance lesson at least monthly to each class.
- Lead small groups of identified students in learning better friendship, study or personal management skills. Teachers, parents or students may refer to groups. Parents will be contacted for permission and input. If you'd like a 6th grader in a group for "Organizing Skills" let me know.
- Support positive behavior choices by working with struggling students in supportive ways.
- Work individually with students as needed for personal issues.
- Maintain contact and communication with parents, community resources and staff to provide needed services for students.
- Be available on my Clearview days to support all students in learning successfully.

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Please let me know about any issues that might affect your students at school, such as family changes, illness or challenges. Even the death of an important pet can be traumatic for a child. I can either visit with your child, or at least check in periodically with the teacher to see if all is going well.

I welcome your calls, e-mails and notes. We truly are a team with your children, and it ought to be another great year here at Clearview!

Mary Jane Brewster
Licensed School Counselor
743-2241 Ext 3574 (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays @ Clearview)
maryjane.Brewster@isd742.org

Parents can plant magic in a child's mind
through certain words spoken with some
thrilling quality of voice, some uplift of the
heart and spirit.

“Caught Being Good” is a project run by the Lunchroom Staff. If your child is “caught” doing good things during lunch and/or recess time, they will be handed a yellow ticket. Your child is to put their name and their homeroom teacher’s name on the ticket. During lunch time, tickets are deposited in the can for the grade identified. Once a week, names from each can will be drawn for a prize.

Let’s get CAUGHT!

**** SALE ** SALE ** SALE ** SALE ****

Clearview Apparel (limited sizes) – act now!!!

Cougar t-shirts - \$7.00

Cougar sweatshirts - \$22.00
(if purchased together - \$25.00)

Cougar Hats - \$9.00

Academia de Español Vista Clara t-shirts - \$9.00

Cookbooks - \$6.00

Stop by the Office or see Deb Ackley to purchase!

On Sunday, September 21st, the Youth Football Program will be serving Omelet Breakfasts at the Clearwater Legion from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. The cost is \$7.00

Omelet Breakfasts include 9 ingredients to build your own 3 egg omelet, toast, hashbrowns, sausage, orange juice, milk and coffee.



Dates to Remember . . .

- Sept. 13th - Clearview Football @ Tech, noon
- Sept. 13th - Clearview Football Pictures
- Sept. 16th - Picture Day
- 6th Grade Band Info, 7:00
- Sept. 16th - Clearwater Football under the lights at Clark Field – 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 17th - Climb Theatre, Grades 3-6
- Sept. 18th - LEVY Informational Meeting, 6:00
- 6th Grade Band Info @ Talahi, 7:00
- Sept. 20th - Clearview Football @ Apollo, 9:00 a.m.
- Sept. 21st - St. Marcus Parish Festival
- Sept. 21st - Omelet Breakfast, Clearwater Legion
- Sept. 22nd - Grade 4 Field Trip – SJU Aboreatum
- Sept. 23rd - PTA Meeting, 6:30
- Sept. 23rd - Geckler Fundraiser ends
- Sept. 24th - 2 Hour Early Dismissal
- Sept. 27th - Clearview Football @ Tech, 9:00 a.m.

- Oct. 4th - Fall Family Fun Day & Race
- Oct. 4th - Clearview Football @ 9:00 a.m.
- Oct. 6th - Site Council, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 7th - Fire Drill/Lockdown practice
- Oct. 11th - Clearview Football @ Tech, 10:30 a.m.
- Oct. 14th - PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 16th & 17th - MEA – NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 23rd - Picture Retake Day
- PTA Education Night, 6:30
- Oct. 25th - Trunk or Treat @ St. Marcus Parish

American Red Cross Babysitting Training
(Ages 11-15)
Friday, November 7th

To register, call or go online to:
On-line go to www.stcloudcommunityed.com
Phone – 529-6500



George Washington

1st President – 1789 – 1797
Father of His Country

“I can foresee that nothing but the rooting out of slavery can perpetuate the existence of our union.”

When General George Washington’s army defeated the British in the Revolutionary War, some of the officers began talking about the possibility of making Washington king of their new country of America. Washington hated the idea.

When he was elected to be the first president of the United States of America, he won all of the electoral votes. When it came time to swear him into office, he had to borrow \$100 from a friend because he was out of money (he spent all of his on the war and hadn’t been paid back yet). He traveled from Mount Vernon, his home in northern Virginia, to attend his inauguration ceremony in New York City. He was a few days late –fifty-six to be exact.

At six-foot-two, 200 pounds, Washington was a big man. He wore size 13 boots. He had reddish-blond hair, and his face was scarred from smallpox he got on a trip to the Caribbean when he was a teenager. He also had terrible problems with his teeth. In fact, when he took the oath as president, he had only one tooth left and continually experimented with different kinds of false teeth made from ivory, hippo teeth, lead, and even some of his old teeth recycled. He owned six white horses and had their teeth brushed every morning. (Can you imagine why?)

Washington loved the outdoors, fishing and foxhunting especially. As a young man, he worked as a surveyor, hiking across all kinds of rugged landscapes measuring out large pieces of land. He carried a portable sundial, a kind of pocket watch. He never had any children of his own, but his wife, Martha, had two young children -- “Jacky” and “Patsy” -- from her first marriage and he raised them as his own. He had two ice-cream makers installed in his home in Virginia. As far as formal schooling went, he never went beyond grammar school and always had trouble spelling. But he did have an IQ of 125. He was a very loud snorer.

Seventeen cities, thirty-one counties, one state, and our nation’s capital are named

★ AT A GLANCE ★

Born
February 22, 1732
Pope’s Creek, Virginia

Political Party
Federalist

Vice President
John Adams

First Lady
Martha

Stepchildren
John “Jacky”
And Martha “Patsy”

Pets
Vulcan, Madame
Moose, Sweet Lips,
and Searcher,
all hounds

We are in need of individuals to help with the following projects/tasks/committees for the 2008-09 school year. If you are interested, please call Jan, Mary or Paula at 743-2241 and leave us a message. Thank you!

Door Greeters – This person will welcome and sign in people who are visiting our school during the day. If you would be willing to work with or read to students during your time here, let Jan know when you call her. Our school will be locked and an extra set of eyes at the front door is an added bonus to being warmly greeted when you come here!!

“Store” Keeper – We are working to coordinate the sale of our Clearview apparel, cookbooks, etc. We are looking for a volunteer to help us with inventory, advising and overall coordination. It wouldn't take a great deal of time and could be done during the evening, once a week, short visits to school. Call Kathy Roberts at 229-0106 to learn more or if you would consider helping us with this.

Fall Picture Coordinator – Our Picture Coordinator, Lisa Ruchti will be moving on to South next Fall. She will chair our fall pictures this year; however, is in need of a replacement for next year. This involves one fall day, coordinating volunteers and the photographer. You could 'shadow' her this year, so you saw how it's done. It is minimal time with a big impact on our school. To learn more or to volunteer, contact Lisa Ruchti at 656-0152.

Hospitality Coordinator – We have various evening concerts and programs throughout the year and are proud to have the participation that we do. We work to promote a sense of community and fellowship by having cookies/juice receptions after the concerts in the cafeteria. We are looking for people to help order the cookies, coordinate a light volunteer crew and assure the receptions are set-up, etc. It is an evening task approximately 4 times per year. To talk about it or to volunteer to help, contact Kathy Roberts at 229-0106.

Other Positions – there are a few positions that don't require much time or are done with others – 'training' is provided – that we could use help with. They include:

- Fall & Spring Family Fun Night coordination and planning
- Conference Meal coordination
- Fundraiser Chairperson/Coordinator (don't let the title scare you!)
- Roller Skating Coordinator.

If you would like to learn more about any of these, if you and a friend are willing to

Hello and Welcome to a Great New School Year!

We hope your first weeks of school are going well. It was fun to see all the “old” and new young faces. It’s such fun to serve your kids lunch!

We will again be offering three lunch options, with the choices within those options changing monthly. The choices will be:

- 1) MAIN LINE – We will follow the district menu as closely as possible. When we do make a change we will try to notify you ahead of time.
- 2) SALAD LINE – The chef salad consists of a lettuce salad, crackers, fruit and vegetable. Dessert is included if listed on the main menu. Students will be able to add to their salads with the following choices: eggs, cheese, tomato, onion, green pepper, diced meats, and bacon bits/sunflower seeds. Dressings offered this year are Ranch and French.
- 3) SANDWICH LINE – We will be offering meat sandwiches only in this line. In this line you will receive a meat sandwich with your choice of mayonnaise and/or butter, chips, fruit and vegetable. Dessert is included if listed on the main menu. For the entire month of September, Ham sandwiches will be offered. The month of October will be offering Bologna sandwiches and for the month of November we will be offering Turkey sandwiches.

All options include milk (or if allergic, with a doctors slip, orange juice)

We hope as parents you will plan to come and have lunch and check out the food and the options. Please call with any questions and concerns. We will do our best to accommodate you. Also if you would like to come and serve a few lines, we’d love to have you!

Have a great day from the Kitchen Staff in the Cougar’s Den!

Judy Hommerding Pat Travers Cheryl Lardy Sheri Meline

Communication at Clearview . . .

Phones: Office 743-2241
 Fax 529-4333
 Jen at KIDSTOP 743-2243

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

E-mail: Enter first name.last name@ISD742.org

For example: paula.foley@ISD742.org

We will make every effort to answer your messages within a 24 hour period.

Absences: Please call 743-2241, ext. 3501 and leave your child's name, your name and the reason for absence.

Locked Doors: For the safety all children, the doors will be locked from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. daily. Any visitors coming into the building will need to enter through Door #1 in front of the building.

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>

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

When you call school during the day and you get the answering machine, it is because we are either on the phone or away from the desk at that time. We ask that you please leave a message and someone will get back to you. **At any time during our message you can press your parties extension and the call will be transferred to the person you are looking for.** Below is a list of extensions, please put this list next to your phone for your reference. Thank you!

EXT.	NAME	EXT.	NAME
3565	Ackley, Deb	3508	Miller, Erica (Social Worker)
3576	Auer, Alison	3575	Nefs, Julie
3561	Baltes, Melissa	3558	Orbeck, Angie
3570	Band / Orchestra	3579	Palmquist, Joy
3571	Bienusa, George	3551	Peters, Mary
3556	Born, Mairin	3583	Plath, Jane
3566	Brettingen, Karen	3552	Reichert, Paul
3574	Brewster, Mary Jane	3562	Rodeberg, Jessica
3555	Cespedes-Schueller, Patricia	3503 / 3027	Saupe, Linda (Nurse)
3550	Corrigan, Linda	3577	Thelen, Char
3546	Custodian	3500	Thyen, Jan (Office)
3502	Foley, Paula	3578	Tschida, Jonette
3563	Gerdes, Judy (DAPE)	3595	Ulbrich, Julie
3567	Gerdts-Senger, Kathy	3581	Vandegrift, Rochelle
3582	Haus, Darren	3574	Varro, Patrick (Psychologist)
3584	Hoff, Laurie	3501	Wakeman, Mary (Office)
3505	Hommerding, Judy (Head Cook)	3546	Weese, Steve (Head Engineer)
3569	Ingeman, Karen	3570	Williams, Bev (252-6657)
3580	Jurek, Vern	3559	Wright, Spring
3560	Kapsner, Mary	3570	Zahn, George
3505	Kitchen	743-2512	Lisa Riley, PTA Chair
3553	Kluver, Margie	240-2273	Erin Woodman, Co-Chair
3557	Krebs, Julie	656-0152	Lisa Ruchte, Co-Chair
3554	Martinez, Martha	743-5575	Michelle Fruth, Treasurer
3545	Media Office		Fundraising

2008-09 Clearview Site Council

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