

A clear "VIEW" of Clearview

Elementary School, District 742, St. Cloud, Minnesota

**A Message from our Principal
Paula Foley**

Happy December ~

Welcome to another wonderful month at Clearview!! We are so thankful to each of you for sharing your children with us each day. We are so fortunate to have you and your families at Clearview ~ thanks for supporting your children and our school each day.

We had a productive in-service on Monday. We had two professors from St. Cloud State work with us about ways to better understand our children and how they learn. We gained some neat insights and strategies to help our children learn more effectively. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to work with your children and will continue to work on ways to best meet the needs of your children. It's a great thing!

It's gotten COLD and I thank you for sending your children to school ready to face the elements each day. We will go outside unless it's below -10 degrees. Please dress your children accordingly. If you are in need of help with hats, mittens, coats, boots, etc. please let me know. If you have any coats or boots that your children have outgrown and you do not know what to do with them, please call and let me know. We are trying to do some creative "Clearview Recycling" and hopefully our children will be warm and our pocketbooks a little heavier!

Our children are busy - our littlest ones are reading and improving their math skills. Our 5th and 6th graders are busy with Knowledge Bowl, USAT, Band, Orchestra and much more!

We have many options and life is good! Thanks for helping make this happen.

I hope you are taking the time to enjoy this holiday season. It is more than a day or two and I hope you can relax a little and enjoy the lights, music and overall fun! Life is short ~ relax and enjoy it!

You're children are kind and caring people! Thank you for sharing them with us!

Mark your calendars – Tuesday, December 16th
2 hour late start



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

Thank you to Pearl Lehnen for volunteering on Thursday at the front door. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Words for the Month

Generosity which means – the quality of being generous. A generous act.

Goodwill which means – having good feelings toward others; gaining a good reputation and having a cheerful willingness.

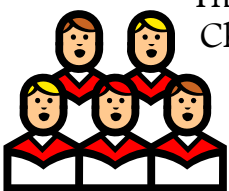
Kindness which means – Gentle, willing to help, friendly and considerate.



If you are in need of help or know of a family in need of help with food or gifts at Christmas time, please call 743-2241 and let Paula Foley know. The final day for requests will be December 12th.

A way to say "thank you" . . .

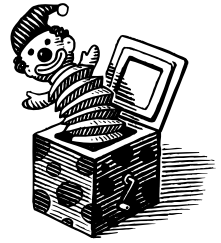
ServiceMaster will donate \$20.00 to our school for every carpet, upholstery, or duct cleaning service completed by January 31, 2009. Be sure to mention the \$20.00 donation and the name of the school when you call. See attached flyer!!!



The Land of Lakes Choirboys Christmas Concert is Saturday, December 13, 2008 at 2pm and 7 pm at the Zabee Theater in the Elk River High School.

Toys for Tots

The Toys for Tots box is located in the entryway at Clearview. Please bring any new, unwrapped donations in and put them in the box. It will be picked up on Friday, December 19th. We appreciate all you do to help others in need this Christmas season.



Magazines make a great gift . . .

You can place your order on our website at www.readingathome.com. Just enter our school code (130096) and 40% of your purchase goes to support our school as opposed to going to the magazine company. You may also renew your current subscriptions as your renewals will not start up until your current subscription ends. Subscriptions may be ordered any time throughout the year. Thank you for your support!

Artist in Residence

December 8th-12th, the 3rd and 4th grade students will have the opportunity to work with Susan Marie Swanson, an author and poet, on writing poetry. Each class will spend an hour each day working with her. On Thursday, December 11th, parents, grandparents and friends are invited to come to the Community Room after school to have their child share their poetry work.

This Residency is brought to us through the COMPAS program which provides opportunities for strengthening and expanding students' learning experiences throughout Minnesota. If you would like to learn more about COMPAS, you can visit their website at www.compas.org. If you have any questions about this program, please contact your child's teacher.

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Bucket Fillers



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My name is Sonia Hoversten, and I am a school counseling intern here at Clearview Elementary school. I am currently a graduate student at St. Cloud State University and will be with the school until the winter break. It continues to be a great experience learning from and working with Mary Jane Brewster, your school counselor. Also the staff and students at this school have created such a welcoming atmosphere for everyone, which is much appreciated. Working with your children is such a delight! I am having fun getting to know all the different charming personalities among the children!

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I wanted to share with you a lesson I am very fond of, which Mary Jane Brewster and I have introduced to the students this month. The concept of the lesson is "Bucket Fillers". We are using a wonderful book Carol McCloud wrote called, "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" It is a great book with beautiful fun illustrations.

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The concept of this book is that everyone has an invisible bucket which represents someone's self-concept, or emotional and mental health. We need other people to fill our buckets, and others need us to fill their buckets. When someone's bucket is full they feel happy and good; when their bucket is empty they feel sad and lonely. You can fill someone's bucket by being positive, giving compliments and showing respect. This teaches students how to show consideration and love for others.



There are "Bucket Fillers" but also "Bucket Dippers". "Bucket Dippers" are also known as "bullies". They are people who try to take good feelings and thoughts out of someone else's bucket. The children came up with great examples of "Bucket Dipping" such as name-calling, teasing, ignoring, pushing, showing off, and spreading rumors. This lesson teaches students the effect bullies have on others.

We have received a great response from the students and teachers while doing this lesson in all the classrooms. The students truly understand the concept and seem to love being "Bucket Fillers". We want to create a community full of "Bucket Fillers". We are sharing this concept with all staff here at Clearview Elementary.

Thanks for all you do to fill each other's buckets. It is a life long responsibility.

Sonia Hoversten
School Counseling Intern

Thank you for all your help with the PTA sponsored Family Fun Night!

We appreciated everyone's help to make the evening a
success!

**We would like to especially thank the following parents, teachers and staff
who volunteered their time –**

~ when we all work together, good things can happen~

Corinna Anderson, Judy Beck, Mairin Born, Karen Brettingen, Mary Jane Brewster, Julie Carner, Teresa Conroy, Missy Davis, Jeanette DeGuisseppi, Amy Dinkel, Gina Ehni, Paula Foley, Michelle Fruth, Kathy Gerds-Senger, Barb Goenner, Erin Goenner, Jean Goenner, Kylie Goenner, Michelle Goenner, Ann Gray, Joni Hagstrom, Kay Halligan, Joni Haus, Darren Haus, Tiffany Hoffman, Judy Hommerding, Amy Hopper, Sonia Hoversten, Karen Ingeman, Vern Jurek, Devin Johnson, Lori Johnson, Rachel Kimmerle, Linda Kozak, Julie Krebs, Adrienne Larson, Meilee Linn, Craig and Teresa Luttschwager, Juli Mader, Martha Martinez, Sheri Meline, Angie Orbeck, Joy Palmquist, Tracy Patchen, Mary Peters, Amy Peterson, Bob and Melanie Plombon, Lisa Riley, Kathy, Tom and Aspen Roberts, Kate Rolstad, Lisa, Butch and Kristina Ruchti, Ellie Schendzielos, Char Thelen, Jan Thyen, Jonette Tschida, Carolyn Unze, Rochelle Vandegrift, Peggy Voigt, Dustin Weleski, Steve Weiber, Lianne Winkels, Erin Woodman and Spring Wright.

We would also like to thank the following 6th grade students who ran BINGO –

Chase Aleshire, Parker Allen, Kortney Carlin, Dakota Heaton, Jacob Johnson, Joey Kimmerle, Megan Lehnen, Cody Mullen, Brennan Paulsen, Rachel Peterson, Nick Ruchti, Kateri Theisen, Isaac Wieber and Ian Zlotnik.

Linda Kozak would like to thank the following people
for their help with the Book Fair ~

- Amy Dinkel-VanValkenberg
- Corinna Anderson
- Julie Carner
- Teresa tschwager
- Kristi Schendzielos
- Amy Hopper
- Rachel Kimmerle

We would especially like to thank our DJ for the
evening – Cody Huntington!

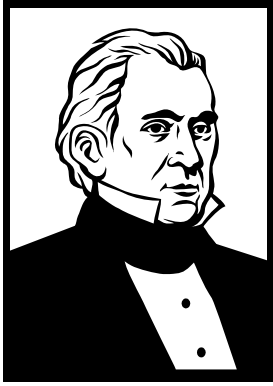
Cody is a 10th grader at Tech High School and this
was his 1st time DJ-ing at our Family Fun Night!

He did a FANTASTIC job!!!

Thanks Cody!

***Thank you also to the Randy McNeal and Scott Ring for helping to get
everything set up and torn down! You were very much appreciated!***

We apologize if we missed any one, but please know that your help was truly
appreciated!



James K. Polk

11th President – 1845 - 1849
Young Hickory

“No president who performs his duties faithfully and conscientiously can have any leisure.”

James Polk believed that our country was destined to expand to the shores of the Pacific Ocean. This belief was called “Manifest Destiny.” As Polk told Congress, “The people of this continent alone have the right to decide their own destiny.”

Of course, this thinking caused problems. First with the British, who were still settling Canada; An argument broke out over where the U.S. borders were in the Pacific Northwest. As if playing a poker game, Polk started the slogan “54-40 or Fight!” meaning the latitude on the map that would be the border. It would have extended the United States way up into what today is Canada. When the British agreed to the more southerly 49th parallel Polk was pleased.

Then on the southern border problems started with Mexico over Texas. The Mexican War broke out and was never a fair fight. When it was over, the United States had not only secured Texas, but also the lands that would become parts of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. Polk did pay the Mexican government \$15 million as compensation.

A longtime family friend of Andrew Jackson (known as “Old Hickory”), Polk came to Washington with the nickname “Young Hickory.” His wife, Sarah, was strictly religious and allowed no drinking or dancing in the White House.

When he ran for president, Polk promised he would only serve one term and not try to get re-elected. He kept that promise. Polk left the country two-thirds larger than when he took office. Sure, critics say, but he might have done it more peacefully. The job exhausted him and only months after retiring to his home in Tennessee, he died from cholera. His wife lived another forty-two years and would take neither side in the coming Civil War.

★ AT A GLANCE ★

Born
November 2, 1795
Mecklenburg County,
North Carolina

Political Party
Democrat

Vice President
George M. Dallas

First Lady
Sarah

Pets
Horses

Dates to Remember . . .

Dec. 5th - Community Classes Recital
 Dec. 7th - Santa Coming to Town
 Dec. 8th-12th - Grades 3 & 4 Artist in Residence
 Susan Marie Swanson
 Dec. 10th - RIF Book give-a-way
 Dec. 11th - Tech Language Club to serve lunch
Dec. 12th - **last day for Christmas requests!**
 Dec. 12th - USAT
 Dec. 12th - Spanish Immersion Program 11:30-1
 Dec. 12th - All School Spanish Program, 1-2 pm
Dec. 16th - **2 Hour Late Start**
 Dec. 18th - 5th & 6th Gr. Orchestra Concert 1 pm
 Dec. 19th - Grade 6 Orchestra Field Trip
 Dec. 23rd - Holiday Program in Gym, 1:00 p.m.
Dec. 24th-Jan. 4th – NO SCHOOL – Christmas Break!

Jan. 5th - Welcome Back!!!!
 Jan. 5th - Site Council, 7:00 p.m.
 Jan. 13th - PTA meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 Jan. 12th-14th - PROBES/GOM
 Jan. 14th - RIF Book give-a-way

Did you use lots of Campbell’s products in preparing your Thanksgiving meal? Bring those Campbell’s UPCs to school! The Campbell’s Classroom Challenge ends Friday, December 12th. Classroom totals are posted by the cafeteria tray line. The winning classroom will be announced sometime the week of December 15th . . . stay tuned!