



# EagleGram



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## Celebrating the New Year!



Traditionally, January brings with it cold and windy days that make us yearn for hot chocolate and warm cookies. At Clermont, January brings with it our annual Chinese New Year Celebration, making our Clermont students long for dancing dragons, fortune cookies and chocolate coins to celebrate the arrival of the New Year.

Chinese New Year 2012 will begin on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and has been named the year of the Dragon. The Chinese dragon is known for its vitality, enthusiasm and energy. Everything we will need to keep us healthy and active during the winter months. The Dragon is known to protect our families and bring them “good fortune” throughout the year, something every family can use.

**Clermont’s Chinese New Year celebration will take place on the afternoon of February 3<sup>rd</sup>** this year. Mrs. Shey Gift, our Chinese teacher is already planning a fun filled event where students will demonstrate the knowledge of the Chinese language and culture that they have learned through our Chinese FLES (Foreign Language in the Elementary School) Program. Our Chinese FLES program was fully implemented in grades 1-6 this year. Our sixth graders will have the opportunity to continue their studies of the Chinese language at Mark Twain Middle School next year and at Edison High School in the future.

In addition to learning Chinese as a second or third language, Clermont students have been studying their Spelling Bee word lists, in preparation for the **Annual Spelling Bee on January 19<sup>th</sup>**. The classroom spelling bee’s will take place the week of January 9<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup>. If your child would like to participate and hasn’t begun learning the list of words for his/her grade level, then you still have time to download the list from our website page. We encourage all of our students to participate in the Spelling Bee and thank our PTA for sponsoring the event.

We extend a warm welcome to Ms. Andrea Slutsky to our Clermont faculty. Ms. Slutsky will be teaching Mr. Freeman’s class during his absence. We look forward to introducing Ms. Slutsky to our school community at the next PTA meeting.

Ms. Jacobs and I wish all of our Clermont families’ health and happiness in the year 2012.

*Janet Moran, Principal*



**NO School  
on the  
following days:**

**January 16th**

Martin Luther King Jr.  
Day

**January 30th &  
31st**

Teacher Workdays

## Happy New You!

### January's Theme:

"Working Together/Team Building"



**Kindergarten, First, Second and Third grade** will be starting out the new year with Parachute Play. Students will be working together finding fun ways to play and move the parachute. Through a variety of activities students will increase their ability to: follow directions, cooperate with a group, develop small muscle control, strengthen large muscles, socialize and have FUN! Some activities will be: Ripples & Waves, Popcorn, Cat & Mouse, Headless Horsemen & Circus Tent.



**Fourth, Fifth and Sixth graders** will be working together and team building in a Volleyball Unit. We will be learning overhead volley, forearm pass and underhand serve. The students will use these skills in stations and lead-up volleyball games.

With winter weather upon us it is also a time for winter boots. **Tennis shoes are required for class. If not worn, students cannot participate.** Please know the days your child has P.E. and plan accordingly. If you do not know the days please check with the classroom teacher.



Student can always pack tennis shoes in their backpacks.

Thank you for your cooperation!

**Ms. Mulcahy & Ms. Sowan**  
PE Teachers



The SCA will sell candy grams for a fundraiser again this year. The SCA officers, representatives and reporters will be selling Candy Grams between 8:20-8:40 in the gym on February 8th, 9th, 10th, 13th and 14<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$1.00.



**Candy Grams are small cards with a lollipop attached.** Candy Grams will not take the place of anything the class might be doing in the classroom to celebrate Valentine's Day. They are just a fun "extra" for those who would like to participate. Candy Grams will be delivered at the end of each day.

Parents are welcome to complete an attached note and bring it in with \$1 to buy a candy gram for their child. We prefer to sell candy grams in person so that there is no confusion; however, if it is impossible for you to come in during the time we sell candy grams, you can send the note and money in to Mrs. Treger in a sealed envelope. If you are sending money in, please limit it to three candy grams. Also, please write clearly and fill in the form completely so that the representatives can deliver it without any problems.

For students who have special dietary needs or sensitivity to sugar, an alternative treat can be made available. Please contact Mrs. Treger for more details.

The school store will not be open during the week we are selling Candy Grams.

What a fun way to let your friend (or teacher) know you care!

While supplies last!



## PATROLS OF THE MONTH

**JOLENE SEK**

**KASSANDRA QUEZA SORIA**

Thank you for keeping Clermont students safe!



Happy New Year from the Clermont Art Studio! Each grade level is really beginning to understand the meanings of their “**Big Ideas**” in Art under the FCPS Theme for Elementary Art, “A Sense of Place.”

We are also continuing to display some of the products of our creativity around the school! You may see some of our artwork will even be displayed during our Chinese New Year festivities!

**Kindergarten** artists have continued learning about themselves. This month we are focusing on our homes. They will be finishing up a collage of their houses. After this, they are then going to create pinch pots out of clay!

Clermont’s **first grade** artists will be talking about the houses they share with their families. They will be creating their dream home for their family out of a paper bag using collage techniques. We will then be using three dimensional paper cutting techniques to create an animal mask.

**Second grade** artists have already learned how to create a landscape with multiple ground lines. We will be using our skills to create a painting of a local landscape!

**Third grade** artists are going to start thinking about animals in culture. We are then going to create our own dragons to pay homage to Chinese New Year. This will then be followed by creating animals that are vessels out of clay!

**Fourth grade** will be continuing to learn how to draw people in motion with gesture drawing. They will then be learning about printmaking and create a print about change in weather!

**Fifth grade** will be discussing and looking at artwork about Global Heroes. They will then be creating their own global hero mask. They will then be creating an altered landscape painting connecting to the idea of how landscape changes around the globe.

**Sixth grade** is will be creating a collage about an evocative memory, a memory that communicates a personal story or experience. They will then be creating a scratchboard drawing about a place that is special to them.

In addition to the projects above, the fourth, fifth, and sixth grade artists have been working on the **Fairfax County Public Schools annual Student Safety and Wellness Office Bookmark Contest**. **The theme of this year’s contest is, “Making my school and community drug and bully free.”** The creations of our Clermont Artists to relate to this theme will be displayed in the cafeteria to share with all of Clermont!

The Art Studio at Clermont is also in need of some supplies. **We especially need baby wipes, paper towels (such as Bounty), facial tissues (such as Kleenex), and zip-lock sandwich sized bags.** These items are in addition to the continuing donations we always welcome posted on the Clermont website. We thank you in advance so much for your support!

Stay Creative!  
Mrs. Cangro

***Patriotic Song of the Month: Fifty Nifty United States***

**Kindergarteners** will focus on singing sol-mi songs; jumping and hopping to music; exploring high and low; identifying melodic patterns as same or different; identifying classroom instruments aurally and visually; exploring orchestral families and selected instruments; connecting the relationship between music and science.



**Composer:** Prokofiev and “Peter and the Wolf”.

**First graders** will focus on singing songs increased accuracy in pitch, focusing on the head voice; demonstrating the steady beat by playing a simple bordun; creating simple melodies to familiar nursery rhymes or chants; using graphic notation to show that music can be high or low; identifying like and unlike phrases; exploring orchestral families and selected instruments; connecting the relationship between music and science.

**Composer:** Prokofiev and “Peter and the Wolf”.

**Second graders** will focus on singing simple melodies; dramatizing songs, stories, and poems; using graphic notation to show that music can be high or low; identifying AB form; exploring how vocal inflections change the meaning of a story, poem, or song; exploring folk songs, instruments, and tales from various cultures.

**Composer:** Prokofiev and “Peter and the Wolf”.

**Third graders** will focus on learning to play the soprano recorder; understanding basic music symbols and dynamic markings; reading and naming the notes on the treble staff; exploring how vocal inflections change the meaning of a story, poem, or song; and exploring folk songs, instruments, and tales from various cultures.

**Composer:** Mozart



**Fourth graders** will work on playing simple I and V chords as instrumental accompaniments; creating melodies using the pentatonic scale; reading and notating more complex rhythmic patterns; identifying phrasing using pitched instruments; introduction to major scale on pitched instruments; exploring the relationship between music and math.



**Composer:** Mozart

**Fifth graders** will focus on playing soprano recorders, including the notes from low D to high D; singing a repertoire of music that contains a variety of musical forms; performing three-chord accompaniments; moving to music, demonstrating a variety of tempi changes; and identifying a minor scale.

**Composer:** Mozart

**Sixth graders** will be singing and playing recorders with three or more instrumental accompaniments, including three-chord accompaniments; performing complex melodic and rhythmic patterns; improvising short melodies over a given rhythmic accompaniment; recognizing form in music; identifying a repertoire of music that contains a variety of musical forms.

**Composer:** Mozart

***Happy New Year***

***from Mrs. Hill and Mrs. D'Alelio***



## Library

## ELL



Scholastic **Book Fair** is coming to Clermont from **Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> through Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Returning this year, along with the book fair, is a Friday evening community dinner – a fun family event and a nice cap to the book fair week!

Clermont's Book Fair, sponsored by the PTA, supports the library program. We have been able to purchase hundreds of books for our students, and over the years we have also used book fair funds to keep our library computers and equipment up-to-date.

If you would like to help with the Clermont Book Fair, we will need volunteers on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> to set up and Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> to take it down. If we get enough volunteers each day, it usually takes about 2 hours. It is true that many hands make light work.

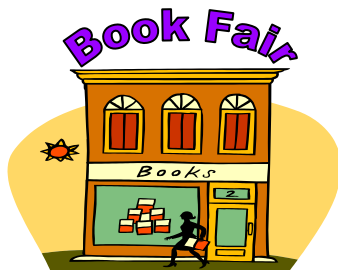
The other opportunities to volunteer are Tuesday through Friday when students come to browse and to make purchases. You can volunteer for an hour or two or the entire week. We will need people to work the cash registers and to assist students with wish lists and purchases.

Becky Fredenburg has agreed to chair the book fair, and we are grateful. Thank you Becky!! If you would like to volunteer, please email Becky at [rf@rfred.com](mailto:rf@rfred.com). You may also phone her at (703) 719-7615.

Book fair is a great way to see your children, get involved in your neighborhood school, and support reading and the library program.

Keep Reading!

Mrs. Blevins



Happy New Year to all students, parents and teachers from Clermont's ELL teachers. We hope everyone enjoyed their respective holiday celebrations, or just time off, and had time to rest for the busy new year.

January is always a big month for ELL students and teachers, as we kick off the annual WIDA Testing. The WIDA assessment is taken by all English Language Learners (ELL's) in levels 1 - 5. We will be busy this year, as Clermont has over 120 students to be tested. WIDA testing will take place from January 13 until March 7, 2012.

For those who are not familiar with WIDA, the acronym stands for "World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment". It is an assessment used by 26 states across the country to measure the English language abilities of non-native English speakers in all the language modalities – reading, writing, speaking, and listening. From the scores in each category, an overall score is calculated, from which a level (from 1 – 6) is assigned to each student. The ELL teaching looks for an increase of at least one level per year, and also uses specific modality scores to address areas of individual need for each student.

Should parents or caregivers have questions about WIDA, please contact Mrs. Pervez or Mr. Emrick on our ELL hotline at (703)-921-2432. Meanwhile, we are looking forward to the coming months to intensively prepare all our students to be successful in their classrooms and/or on their SOL tests. As such, we extend our wishes for a productive and fruitful new year.

Mr. Emrick and Mrs. Pervez  
ELL Teachers

## Reading Corner



Historical fiction books teach you about the past

Autobiographies tell a person's life story

Poetry can be rhyming or free verse

People love the digital books found on Tumble  
books and MyOn

You should read every day

Novels can be mysteries, science fiction or fantasy

Everyone likes reading picture books

Writing helps you understand what you read

You should visit the library once a week

Enjoy reading nonfiction to learn new facts

A variety of texts should be read

Read! Read! Read!

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

Mrs. Carver and Mrs. Ajello  
Reading Specialists

## Donations Needed

Mrs. Buckingham, our Health Room Aide, is asking for donations for the Health Room of:

Stretch pants  
Sweatpants  
T-shirts



Please no jeans.

## Hello Patrol Parents!

### Winter Greetings

As we approach the Winter Season we would like to have hot chocolate for our hard working patrols some of these cold mornings!

We usually have it on FRIDAY MORNINGS.

We are looking for a Parent Volunteer to coordinate the volunteer schedule. If you would like to volunteer as the coordinator or to come in on a Friday morning to make/serve hot chocolate please contact us.

Thanks You!

Mr. Emrick & Ms. Mulcahy  
Clermont Safety Patrol Sponsors  
(703) 921- 2400

[Wade.Emrick@fcps.edu](mailto:Wade.Emrick@fcps.edu)

[Meaghn.Mulcahy@fcps.edu](mailto:Meaghn.Mulcahy@fcps.edu)

### Supplies needed:

6<sup>th</sup> grade patrols please bring in Hot  
Chocolate Packets

5<sup>th</sup> grade Patrols please bring in small Styrofoam  
cups





FCPS wants to keep you informed. When we experience a critical situation— weather-related, schedule change, bus delay, community incident—that affects our students and their families, FCPS uses four primary communication systems to reach parents with accurate and timely information. These include:

**Radio and TV**

When appropriate, FCPS will notify all radio and television stations and newspapers to encourage the publications of emergency information through media channels.

**Internet**

[www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu)

**Red Apple 21**

Emergency messages are scrolled across the screen on the school division’s cable channel. (Available on the Channel 21 to Cox and Verizon Fios Cable customers.)

**FCPS Keep In Touch**

**Email Notification System**

Help Clermont and FCPS provide you with the information that you need. All Fairfax County Public Schools are able to send messages to families via **Keep In Touch**.

Anyone with an email address is eligible for the service.

**¡Padres de Clermont Elementary!**

Padres:

Si necesitan información sobre la escuela o tienen preguntas sobre cualquier papel que les haya mandado la escuela, y quieren la información en español, por favor llamen a:

La Señora Boyce al 703.921.2444

La Señora Estrada al 703.329.7354

**Inclement Weather Plans**

	<b>Two-Hour Delay Opening</b> Start two hours later than usual	<b>Two-Hour Early Closing</b>
<b>Monday</b>	10:50 am - 3:30 pm End at usual Tuesday -Friday time.	8:50 am - 1:30 pm
<b>Tuesday - Friday</b>	10:50 am - 3:30 pm Release at normal time.	8:50 am - 1:30 pm Release approximately two hours earlier than normal

**\*\*Please remember that on a two-hour late opening day, students are not to arrive at school before 10:20am unless they are in SACC. There is no one available to supervise them prior to these times.\*\***

Happy Valentines Day!

Candy Gram



To: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Happy Valentines Day!

Candy Gram



To: \_\_\_\_\_

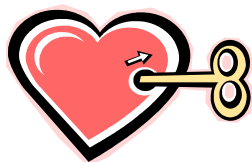
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From: \_\_\_\_\_

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Candy Gram

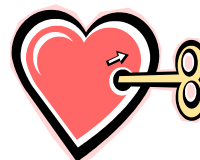


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Janet Molan, *Principal*  
 Tel: 703.921.2400 Fax: 703.921.2497

# January 2012

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*Where lifelong learning begins*

Jennifer Jacobs, *Assistant Principal*  
 Attendance Line: 703.921.2424

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
					1
2	3 <b>School Resumes from Winter Break</b>	4	5	6	7
					8
9	10 <b>PTA Mtg. 7:00 PM</b>	11	12 <b>PPTAC Mtg. 7:00 PM</b>	13	14
<b>Class Spelling Bee</b>					15
<b>FLE Week</b>					
16 <b>NO School</b> Dr. M.L. King Holiday	17	18	19 <b>Gr. 6 FT Twain Extravaganza</b> <b>Spelling Bee</b> <b>1:30PM – 3:30PM</b> <b>In Gym</b>	20 <b>Yearbook</b> <b>Candids &amp; Group Shots</b>	21
					22
23	24	25	26	27 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grading Period Ends</b>	28
30	31		Spelling Bee (Snow Date)	<b>Spirit Day</b> <b>Wacky Day</b>	29
<b>NO School – Teacher Workdays</b>					

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
		1	2 <b>Roy Rogers Family Dinner Manchester Lakes 5:00PM – 8:00PM</b>	3 <b>Chinese New Year Celebration</b>	4
					5
6	7	8	9	10 <b>PTA Bingo Night 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM</b>	11
					12
13	14	15	16 <b>Spectrum of Learning 7:00 PM</b>	17	18
					19
20 <b>NO School President's Day</b>	21	22	23	24 <b>Spirit Day Crazy Sock Day</b>	25
					26
27	28	29			
<b>Scholastic Book Fair – February 27<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup></b>					