

Welcome Back to School!
Clement Times
September 2009 Issue

Welcome back parents, teachers, and students to Clement's 2009-2010 School Year. The Clement Staff and I are pleased to see returning friends as well as new families. We are looking forward to getting to know you all better. At the beginning of each month you can look forward to a copy of the "Clement Times", this newsletter will provide updates on up activities and important messages. September promises to be an exciting month topped with apple harvest activities, new things to learn and new friends to make! Join us as we usher in fall and another fabulous year at Clement.

Please join me in welcoming our amazing Clement Staff:

Director	Mrs. Susan Gardner
Executive Director	Mrs. Shahana Shah
Office Staff	Mrs. Maria Nugent
Teaching Assistants	Mrs. Pam Dong Mrs. Sharika Prabhakar
Our Wonderful Clement Staff	Mrs. Denise Aitken Mrs. Teri Breen Mrs. Jeannine Deg Mrs. Madhavi Khona Mrs. Kelley Penner Mrs. Sangeeta Prabhakar Mrs. Joyce Walker
JrK	Mrs. Eve Ann Osborn Mrs. Cheri Reaves Mrs. Connie Sosa

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mrs. Maria Nugent, Mrs. Gardner or Mrs. Shah.

Warmly,
Mrs. Susan Gardner, Director
Mrs. Shahana Shah, Executive Director

We hope you enjoy your September Newsletter! We will not be handing out hard copies in the future in order to reduce paper waste and help our environment. We will post our newsletter online. You can receive it 2 ways:

1. Online – go to our website and click on Newsletters – they will be archived there.
2. Subscription – once again, go to our website, click on “Newsletters” and then click on “Subscribe” so that we may automatically send you emails. This is helpful as we periodically send out reminders and information during the school year.

September Items of Study

Themes: Me & My World
Letters: Aa, Mm
Colors: Red, Yellow
Shape: Circle
Numeral: 0, 1
Preposition: Up, Down
Math: 1-1 Correspondence

Open House:

Please join us at **Clement’s Annual Open House, on Sunday, October 4th from 1:00 pm – 3:00pm.** Everyone is welcome to join the festivities, so please bring your friends and family to meet your child’s teacher and view some creative, hand-made works of art.

Important Request:

Please install your car seat and place your child on the right side of the vehicle, behind the passenger seat. We ask that you wait with your children inside your car for the doors to open, as the parking lot can be a dangerous place. All children should remain buckled while their vehicle is moving. We also ask that you refrain from using your cell phone while driving through the line.

Please be patient the first few weeks of school as new parents adjust to drop off and pick up procedures.

Thank you for your patience during our drop off and pick up times. The safety of our students and staff is our primary concern.

Sharing and Sing-a-longs:

Sharing and Sing-a-Longs will begin in October. Please refer to your teacher’s newsletter for appropriate sharing items. Please do not bring any special blankets, valuables or toys that represent violence.

Color Days:

Color Days – Each month we will celebrate the colors in our curriculum by wearing something (clothing/shoes/socks/etc) with those colors to school. In September Red Day will be 9/10 and 9/11, and Yellow Day will be 9/24 and 9/25.

Handbooks:

Handbooks – This is our first year for our Parent Handbook. Please refer to your handbook for School policies, procedures, Clement Calendars, and general information.

Parking/Glenmont Drive:

Parking/Glenmont Drive – During our special events, due to our limited parking on campus, we request parents to park off campus. Please be courteous to our neighbors and do not block driveways when parking off campus. Thank you.

Donations - To help support our special class projects, journals, and Scholastic Magazines, we are asking for voluntary family donations for each student. We appreciate all your help and support. We would like to extend a hearty thank you to all our families who have contributed to this new program. A vast number of families have openly and generously donated to our special projects and we THANK YOU so much! While any amount is appreciated, we are recommending the following per child:

JrK - \$25/year

PreK- \$20/year

Preschool-\$10/year

Lunch Bunch:

Our popular Lunch Bunch is back! Look for paperwork (which will be out soon!) regarding our extended day enrichment program which will feature fun theme based activities. Students bring a lunch, have lots of fun and are picked up by parents at 2pm.

Special Thanks:

Thank you to all the parents for your referrals to your friends and family. The “word of mouth” recommendations about Clement have been extremely heartwarming and it is how we are able to continue to serve our community year after year. We appreciate you telling your friends, neighbors, and families about Clement!

Innisbrook Fundraiser

Our annual fundraiser begins September 17 and 18. The Innisbrook catalog has wonderful items ranging from wrapping paper to treats. Your help in selling and buying these items helps us improve the quality of our playground equipment, classroom furniture and more!

Friendly Reminders:

Pre-School/PreK Parents: Please do not arrive before 8:30am as our staff is arriving and needs to be able to park. Remember that doors open for the back building at 8:45 and close at 9:00 am.

JrK Parents – Please do not arrive before 9:05 am as preschool drop off is just concluding.

If you arrive late, please walk your child into the building and sign-in your child with full last name and time of arrival. If you walk your child to school, please walk through the playground and NOT through the driveway. Always have your child’s hand in your hand.

Safety is #1 – If you drive your child to school, please drive slowly and carefully for the safety of our children. Please DO NOT pass cars near the front building exit and never exit through the entrance. This creates a very dangerous situation. Please be patient during the

drop-off and pick-up times. Also, please keep your dogs at home – no dogs are allowed on campus.

Volunteers:

We are currently looking for volunteers to help during pick up and drop off. If you are available from 8:45am – 9am or from 11:40am – Noon, please call the office. Thank you. 😊

Brochure:

Parents, We have created a new brochure for Clement and Precious Preschools. If you could help up get the word out and place these brochures at local businesses or places you think would be appropriate, it would be greatly appreciated.

JR KINDERGARTEN NEWSFLASH

We have a super year planned for our JrK students. We are starting in September with a great curriculum:

- Letters: A, C, M;
- Colors – red, yellow;
- Phonics-rhyme
- Math 1-10 value and recognition, one to one correspondence
- Themes: Me, My Friends and Family, My 5 Senses, Apple Harvest

Our JK students will be preparing beautiful Self-Portraits and Apple Harvest fun for Open House on October 4th. Please stop sure you stop by to see all the creative hand-made art!

Looking Ahead - Important Dates – Please Mark Your Calendars:

September 17/18	Innisbrook Fundraiser Kickoff
September 24/25	Yellow Day – Dress in Yellow
October 4	Open House 1:00 – 3:00 pm (all family members welcome)
October 8/9	Innisbrook orders due to school
October 14/15	School Picture Day
October 29/30	Halloween Parade

Cheers to a Great September!