

CLEMENT TIMES

October 2009 Issue

September was a fun month as the children quickly settled into their classes and made new friends. The “color theme days” have been great! Yellow day looked like a huge ray of sunshine on the playground. We are looking forward to a very exciting October with the start of our popular Sing-a-Longs, classroom sharing, and our Lunch Bunch after school enrichment program. We end this month with our spooktacular Halloween Parade! Definitely, a Kodak moment for all families.

Have a wonderful month,
Mrs. Susan Gardner, Director
Mrs. Shahana Shah, Executive Director

WE ARE GOING GREEN!

In order to reduce paper waste and help our environment, you will only be receiving this newsletter on-line. There are two ways to receive the Clement Times:

1. On-line – go to our website and click on Newsletter-they will be archived there.
2. Subscription- once again, go to our website, click on “Newsletter” 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.

Important Dates

October 4	Clement’s Annual Open House Sunday, 1:00 – 3:00 pm All family members welcome.
October 14 and 15	School pictures
October 8 and 9	Sing-a-Longs 9:40 - 10:00
October 22 and 23	Sing-a-Longs 9:40 – 10:00
October 8 and 9	Black theme day
October 22 and 23	Orange theme day
October 29 and 30	Halloween Parade 11:00 sharp (early dismissal by 11:30)

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.

We look to our wonderful parents to donate delicious treats and goodies for this family event. Please bring in cookies/brownies/rice krispy treats to share with our Clement families. Thank you!

October Items of Study

Themes: Night Sky/My Body/Halloween, Letters: G,O,P, Colors: Orange/Black Shape: Square, Numeral: 2, 3, Preposition: On, Off, Math: 3 part sequencing
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Thank You

Thank you to all our families for your generous classroom donations to support educational enrichment materials to be used in your classrooms this year. On average, each classroom earned approximately \$120. Thank you again!

Innisbrook Fundraiser

Remember to complete your Innisbrook order at their easy on-line ordering website. This fundraiser ends on October 9th. If you wish to order, please submit a printed copy of your order with your check attached. Checks should be made payable to Clement School. Again, thank you for your excellent support!

Lunch Bunch

Lunch bunch is back and will begin on October 7th. This is our extended day enrichment program which features fun theme based activities. Students bring a lunch, have lots of fun, and are picked up by parents by 2:15 pm. Flyers were sent out in September. There has been a great response for our Wednesday class. However, we still need more students before we will be able to open our Thursday class. Come and join the fun!

Halloween Parade

Come join your children as they parade around our school during our annual Halloween Parade.

Children arrive at school in their regular clothes and bring their costumes in a paper bag labeled with their name. Please no masks or weapons. They will enjoy special activities and treats during class. After recess, the children will change into their costumes and start the parade at 11:00 am.

Please do not be late as the children parade only for a few special minutes. We would not want you to miss this spooky time! The children return to their classes after the parade. You may pick up your child in their classroom. The sign-in/out sheets will be in their classrooms. This is an early dismissal day and all children need to be picked up by 11:30 am. Unfortunately, if it rains, we will cancel the parade.

Jr Kindergarten Newsflash

The Bat Lady from the Wild Bird Center will present why bats are good for the environment (and not scary). Then we blast off studying space. This month also includes a wonderful field trip to Uesugi farms with a train ride around the pumpkin patch, a movie, and each child receives a pumpkin to take home!

Themes: Dinosaurs, Space, Halloween (pumpkin life cycle and spiders)
Letters: Gg, Oo, Pp Colors: Orange, Black Shape: Square Numeral: 2, 3
Preposition: On, Off Math: 3 Part Sequencing Phonics: Alliteration

Earthquake/Fire Drills:

We have begun our earthquake and fire drills. We practice having the children leave the building when they hear the fire alarm go off. Each class has a designated place to meet in case of fire. Once we have cleared the building, all students return to their classes and we then practice “duck and cover” inside – in case of an earthquake.

Reminders

- Binder Sign-in/Out: When you sign your child in/out at arrival and dismissal, please be sure that you are signing your full name and time.
- Labels: Please be sure to label your child’s jacket/sweater, backpacks/book bags.
- Traffic: Thank you for your patience in the car line. Traffic seems to be moving smoother. Please be careful on Branham Lane, do not block the apartment driveway, and circle around the block if you cannot safely enter the driveway.
- Pest Control: In order to control the ants and spiders we have around our playground and provide a safe environment for our children, we are having the play area sprayed. This will be done on Fridays, once a month. The safe products they use are posted on our parent board in the office.

Have a Safe and Happy Halloween!