

# CLINTON ELEMENTARY

## JANUARY 2012

### NEWSLETTER

“Children  
Are Fragile;  
We Handle  
With Care.”

#### FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT’S PEN BY: MARK LATRIELLE

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a pleasant holiday season. Pouring rain, windy, and no snow, doesn't sound much like January but it is what it is.

Thanks again to all of you who attended our Community Appreciation Dinner in December as we served 170 folks. It is truly our pleasure to host this event and give back to the community that has demonstrated outstanding support.

One of the requirements of the No Child Left behind (NCLB) Act is that all teachers in a school have to meet the “Highly Qualified” standard set forth by NCLB regulations. Four years ago I received a 44 page manual which spelled out the myriad criteria by which a teacher can be deemed Highly Qualified. I am please to tell you that all the teachers at Clinton School met the Highly Qualified criteria last school year and this.

I would encourage all of you to contact us if you have questions or concerns; effective communication between parents is absolutely the best way to ensure that students maximize their learning. You have insights about your children that we don't, and we welcome your input. School personnel can be contacted via email, telephone or voice mail.

I'd like to take this opportunity to once again recognize our PTSA chapter which has been very active and a great partner in supplying countless benefits for our students and staff. Most recently the PTSA did an outstanding job of running the book fair, organizing Santa's visit, and supplying pizza for the middle school students at lunch to name just a few.

For planning purposes we are trying to get an estimate on the size of next fall's kindergarten class. So, if you will be enrolling your child in kindergarten next year, here at Clinton, please call the office and let our secretary know. If you don't have a kindergarten age child but know someone who does, please ask them to get in touch with us. This is not a kindergarten registration for 2012-2013 but simply a survey to help us plan. We will be doing our official kindergarten registration in April and will publicize it at that time. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### Special Points of Interest:

- February Calendars
- Science Fair
- Spaghetti Dinner
- Trustee Positions
- School Closures  
Delayed Starts

#### Congratulations

2012 Honor

Band Members

Ambria Elliott

Chace Gurzynski

Joshua Carroll

Stephanie Novak

Alexander Trickey

Zackary Veseth



# SCIENCE FAIR — JUDGES NEEDED

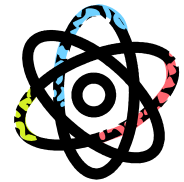
Clinton's 6th Annual Science Fair will be held on Wednesday, February 29, in the gym. Students in grades 4-8 will be participating. Each student will need to design and do an experiment at home, and then bring in a board explaining their project. Teachers have handed out information on this and will walk your child through the process. Further, we will have valuable information on the web-site to help guide you and your child. If you have any questions please contact your child's science teacher.

We are looking for community members with a background and/or strong interest in science to judge our projects. If possible it would be great for you to be here the entire day to judge grades 4-8. We will have the rubric/grade sheet for you. You will be giving a short interview asking the participants about their projects as well as judging the board.

Please contact Ms. McGill, 825-3113, ext. 244, or [amcgill@clintoncougars.com](mailto:amcgill@clintoncougars.com) if you are interested or have questions.

6th Annual  
Clinton  
School  
Science  
Fair

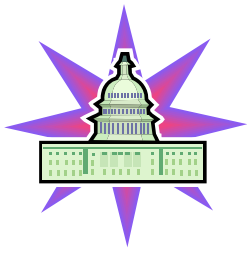
February 29  
Open for  
Viewing  
7:30-3:00



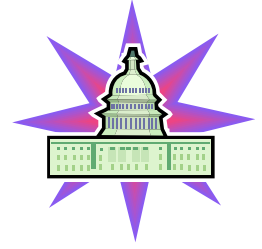
## CLINTON SCHOOL TRUSTEE POSITIONS OPEN

We have two Trustee positions (3 year terms) expiring in May 2012. Anyone who is interested in filing to run for the open positions, need to submit the following forms to Rhonda Decker, Business Clark, no later than Wednesday, March 28, 2012, 3:00 P.M. Questions... please call 825-3113.

1. Petition for Nomination of School Board Trustee
2. Affidavit for Person Circulating Petitions
3. Oath of Candidacy



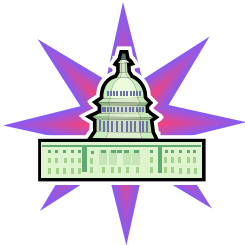
## Close-up Spaghetti Dinner



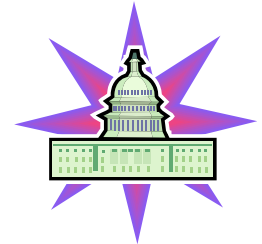
February 9, 5:00-7:00 P.M., Clinton Gym  
(Please note time change)

Tickets: \$5.00/Each or  
\$15.00/Family (2 adults, 3 children under 18)

Tickets available through Close-Up  
students or at the door that evening.



## CLOSE-UP LARGE ITEM RAFFLE



We are offering over \$2,500 worth of  
goods and services in the raffle.

Tickets \$1.00/each, 6/\$5.00, 15/\$10.00

The drawing will be held at the February 9th Spaghetti Feed

### Raffle Items:

- Direct TV Satellite Package 1 yr viewing with up to 4 receivers, antenna, installation valued at \$700-1000
- Quilt, Queen Size, Handmade, Hand knotted, Made by Marion Sands valued at \$350.00
- Plasma Cut Metal Mountain Scene donated by Iron Mtn. Studios valued at \$300.00
- Chainsaw Sculpture donated by Brent Rogers of Blue Pine Artworks valued at \$300
- 12 Session Fitness Training w/ Missy Hawley at Blue Horse Gym in Clinton valued at \$500
- 2 hr. Paintball Game up to 10 players at the City Life Center, donated by Young family valued at \$175.00

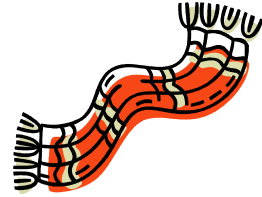
We would like to thank the community for supporting our students and making it possible to participate in this special program.

## From the Desk of Mrs. Espinosa January 2012



Reminder:

Please make sure your students  
are dressed appropriately  
for our Montana winter!



Congratulations to our 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students who made the honor roll in the first quarter. There were a record number of students on the honor this quarter, 83! Mr. Perry and Ms. Edwards chaperoned the students on an outing to the YMCA Pool. The YMCA staff stated that they were well behaved and they are welcome back. Well done, students!

Mrs. Carole Hedges has been offering TaeKwonDo classes to our after school students for three years now. Many of these students would otherwise not have the opportunity to learn about this sport. We appreciate Mrs. Hedges' work with the ASP. If you would like your student to be involved with the TKD class in the After School Program, please contact me.

### From the Studio of Mrs. Hedges

Well, here we are already in 2012! Hope you all had a very Merry Christmas! As you know, we wrapped things up in our first TaeKwonDo session. This class was driven with high energy drills for building skills. From "jump, duck, move" to obstacle courses and agility games, these kids stay movin'.

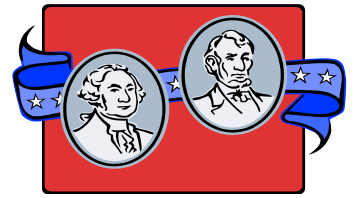
I would like to thank my students for all their hard work and dedication. This session we focused on teamwork through partner drills and 3 Step Sambos (The Attack and Defense). Although we have fun and do play games, I run a pretty tight ship in class. So Bravo and Hats Off to my 2011 TKD group. "You Guys Rock!"

Second session has begun and we are jumping into the New Year breaking boards! This class will be focusing on falls, rolls, and proper kicking technique. Don't forget to take advantage of the New Year! Energize your Mind and Maximize your Goals!

See you on the mat! - Miss Carole

# Clinton Elementary School

## February 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><b>EARLY RELEASE DAYS ARE CIRCLED</b></p> <p>Basketball Games Being at 4:00 7th Grade Plays First, Followed by 8th</p>		<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Volleyball Clinic 6:30—8:00 PM</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Boys BB at Bonner LV. 3:15</p>	<p><b>3</b> Report Cards Sent Home with Students</p>	<b>4</b>
<p><b>5</b> Smencil Sale (Scented Pencils) Feb. 7—14 During Lunch</p>	<p><b>6</b> Boys BB Game at Hellgate Elementary LV. 3:00</p>	<p><b>7</b> Boys BB Game at Clinton VS. Hellgate "Green"</p>	<p><b>8</b> Boys BB Game Here, vs St. Joes VB Clinic 6:30-8:00 PM Honor Band Concert 1:00 Clinton Gym</p>	<p><b>9</b> Early Release 1:30 Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 PM</p>	<p><b>10</b> Middle School Dance 3:30-5:00</p>	<b>11</b>
<p><b>12</b> Take Your Family to Lunch Day Feb. 15 During Lunch</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> ♥ School Board 7:00 PTSA 6:30 PM</p>	<p><b>15</b> Volleyball Clinic 6:30-8:00 PM</p>	<p><b>16</b> Clinton School VB Season Begins</p>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<p><del><b>20</b> NO SCHOOL IN SESSION PRESIDENTS DAY</del></p>	<b>21</b>	<p><b>22</b> Middle School Band Festival Adv. Band Gone All Day</p>	<b>23</b>	<p><b>24</b> Mid-Term Grades Sent Home With Students</p>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<p><b>29</b> Science Fair</p>	<p><b>Happy Valentine's Day</b></p>		