

## Welcome to the 2009/2010 School Year!

The Notes Home is our way of communicating with the families about upcoming events and information regarding the school. Each Wednesday, we will be sending a paper copy of Notes Home with each student as well as an email to each parent address we have on file. As part of the Study Skills program at Clear Spring School, please review your child's notebook and look for the Notes Home on Wednesdays.

We have a very busy year with music, art, field trips, camping, and more. We have school Calendars and CSS Student/Parent Handbooks available. If you did not receive either of these items, please call us at 479-253-7888 and we will send it home in your child's notebook. You can also visit our home page at [www.clearspringschool.org](http://www.clearspringschool.org). The calendar is under the "Parents" tab. When there are changes, we will notify you in both Notes Home and on the website.

Also, enclosed is the **2009/10 Clear Spring School Directory**. Please keep this available, especially during the winter months.

Since students hike and participate in outdoor adventures, we are asking that all students wear sturdy footwear and layers of clothes during the colder months.

Because of the students outdoor activities, please check for ticks, chiggers, etc. each day. We do provide bug spray. If you would rather we do not use bug spray on your child, please let us know.

## APT POTLUCK

Due to rain, postponed until next Thursday, Sept. 10th.

## Labor Day School Holiday Sept. 7

## Doe, a deer, a female deer...

Karen FitzPatrick (Noah's mom) will be teaching Music with the Lower Elementary through Middle School every Tuesday and Wednesday from 2:00 - 3:30 pm. She is a member of the band, *The Ariels*. Thanks, Karen!

## Art for Art's Sake

Natalia Cole (Asia's mom) will be teaching Art with PrePrimary through High School on Mondays and Wednesdays. She and her daughter are both great artists and wonderful people. We are very thankful to have them both here!

## The Joy of Dirt

Stacy Mahurin (Cyrano, Lila and Uri's dad) will be teaching organic farming with all the students. He will be working with students on preparing and maintaining garden beds and growing vegetables. Students will need to bring the following as soon as possible.

- 2 oversized shirts (one for art and one for gardening) so not to ruin good school clothes.
- 1 hat for gardening to keep the sun off heads
- 1 pair of gardening gloves

The students will not be sharing these items, so please make sure they're labeled.

We have begun a "wish list" also for anyone who can donate the following items:

Stone rakes (4); Hand trowels (10); Small spades (4); square-head shovels (4); Garden claws (4); Seed trays; "garden" scissors (4); Manure (one truck load); 3 bags organic topsoil; Straw bales (20); Clay Dirt for PrePrimary Road; Sand (one truck load); Bags of *playground* sand; Window unit exhaust fan; LCD Projector; Computer for Cox/Linux System;

## Food For Thought

Our lunch program, *Food For Thought*, is scheduled to begin on September 8th. We have several dedicated parents who have agreed to prepare meals for our kids. Beginning today, Wednesday, September 2nd, you'll be receiving a weekly menu in Notes Home for the following week. Payment is due on Fridays for whichever of the next week's meals you'd like for your child. Each meal will be \$4. If you want to sign up for the entire program, you'll get to take advantage of the discounted price of \$60/month which we can add to your billing statement. The levelized monthly discounted price is \$60 every month throughout the school year.

### *Food for Thought Menu Sept. 8-11*

**Monday** - LABOR DAY. No School

**Tuesday** - Spaghetti w/ red sauce  
Meatballs on the side/Salad/Bread  
*Provided by Local Flavor*

**Wednesday** - Black Bean Taquitos/Salad  
*Prepared by Samantha Hutchison*

**Thursday** - Pizza: pepperoni / cheese / veggie  
*Provided by Lovin' Oven*

**Friday** - Sandwich Bar with PBJ or Turkey/Ham  
*Prepared by Middle School Class*