

Immersion Elementary

Claremont

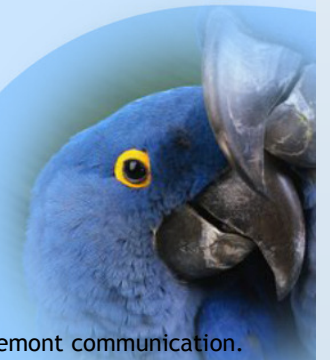
Escuela de Inmersion



School Calendar 2011-2012



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This calendar serves as a guideline and is subject to change. Please confirm dates and times by referring to the PTA website and Claremont communication. Specific times will be announced closer to the event date.

WELCOME TO CLAREMONT IMMERSION

Welcome to all! Bienvenidos todos! Claremont Immersion is a place where we want each child to “STRIVE FOR THE HIGHEST AND WORK TO CREATE A BETTER WORLD.” The principal has developed this student/parent handbook with the hope that it will be a useful tool in helping you learn more about the expectations at Claremont Immersion. This handbook will answer many questions for you. It contains information related to the operation of the school, instructional programs, and policies and regulations. We recommend that you use it throughout the year. Remember we are here to serve you and your child; by working together, we will have a very successful year.

Claremont Immersion currently serves approximately 575 students in grades pre-kindergarten through five. Claremont enjoys a population rich in diversity.

At Claremont we recognize the importance of the individual and, therefore, offer a variety of programs designed to meet individual needs. We create ongoing opportunities for students and teachers to work together and share ideas. It is through this process that we learn. Throughout the year, we will reflect on the richness of our shared experiences and yet applaud and respect our individual differences. Parents are partners in their child’s education. You are welcome to visit your child’s classroom and attend ANY or ALL school events. For safety reasons, follow all sign-in procedures.



SIIP (Science Instruction in the Immersion Program)

The SIIP component provides greater opportunities to enhance the QUALITY of our Spanish instruction through additional time in reading, grammar, writing, art, music and science. Our science specialists utilize a hands-on, inquiry based approach to learning.

SPARK



SPARK, our Exemplary Project, seeks to “ignite” excitement about learning through unique cultural arts and creative learning experiences that furthers the dual language focus of Claremont Immersion School. Student appreciation of world cultures is promoted through our metropolitan area partnerships.

ADELANTE



Adelante is dedicated to helping our children in the discovery of the Spanish language and the cultures of Spain and Latin America. Adelante means “to move forward” as well as “to come in”. All are welcome!



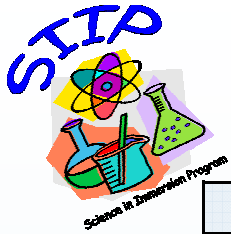
AIPN

The African-International Parent Network (AIPN) works collaboratively with parents, administration and community in an effort to develop academic success and personal empowerment of African-American students. All are welcome!

CLAREMONT IMMERSION HISTORY

Claremont Immersion Elementary School/Escuela Claremont de Inmersión officially opened its doors as the second immersion school in Arlington in September 2003. The doors opened with approximately 330 students: one Pre-K 2-year old class, two Montessori classes for 3-5 year olds and the remaining students enrolled in K-5th grade classes. In 2005 we added a Pre-K class for 4 year olds through the Virginia Preschool Initiative and a second class in 2009.

Each child spends 50% of the day learning subject matter in English (reading, writing, health, P.E. and social studies) and fifty percent of the academic day learning subject matter in Spanish (reading, writing, math and science). Students also receive either art or music in Spanish. The teachers are language dominant to maintain the integrity of the program with English or Spanish fluency.



September 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hispanic Heritage Month 9/15-10/15				1	2	3
4	NO SCHOOL Labor Day	6 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 8am-2:41pm 7:30am Parent Coffee	7 First Day of School for VPI & 2yr old Program	8 Sally Foster Coupon Book Sale Begins 	9 6:30pm PTA Back to School Social 	10 9:00-12:00 Escuela Bolivia Registration only
11	12 5-6pm *3rd Grade Math Workshop for Parents	13 Tuesday Packet 7pm *PTA Meeting  5-6pm *4 th & 5 th Grade Math Workshop for Parents	14 5-6pm *2 nd Grade Math Workshop For Parents	15 Hispanic Heritage Month Begins Sally Foster Sale Begins 	16 Summer Packets Due	17 Constitution Day 9:00-12:00 Escuela Bolivia
18 Fall Grounds Day (1-6pm) 	19	20 Tuesday Packet 5-6pm *1 st Grade Math Workshop For Parents	21 7pm Back to School Night	22	23 1 st Day of Autumn School Spirit Day Hispanic Heritage 7:30am Adelante Meeting	24 9:00-12:00 Escuela Bolivia
25	26	27 Tuesday Packet 5:30-6:00pm *3 rd , 5 th Grade Science Workshop for Parents	28	29 Rosh Hashanah 5-6pm *K-2 nd Science Workshop for Parents 6-7pm *K-2 nd ESOL/HILT Info Night	30 Sally Foster Sale Ends 	

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WHAT PARENTS CAN DO - PRACTICAL IDEAS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

1. Spend time with your child.
2. Talk with your children and listen carefully to what they want to share.
3. Eat at least one meal a day together as a family.
4. Look for things to do together.
5. READ with your child or to your child every day. ENCOURAGE READING!
6. Praise your child.
7. Encourage the use of English and Spanish whenever opportunities exist.

ARLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board meets regularly on the first and third Thursday of each month at the Arlington Education Center, 1426 North Quincy Street. The School Board members for the 2011-2012 school year are Libby Garvey and Abby Raphael (chair), Sally Baird and Emma Violand- Sanchez (vice chair) and James Lander (Claremont's liaison).

The School Board hires the Superintendent of Schools, who is responsible for the Central Administration Staff and principals. The superintendent is Dr. Patrick K. Murphy.









CLAREMONT PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

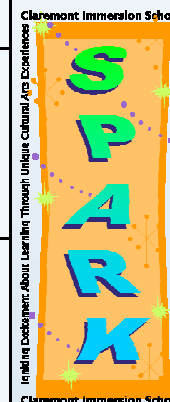
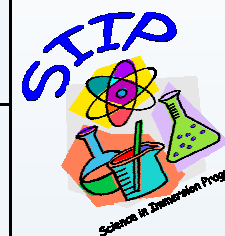
The Claremont PTA links the school and community together. The PTA meets monthly (usually the first Tuesday of the month) at 7:00 pm in the Claremont Library Media Center. The exact dates and times are marked on this school calendar. Spanish translation and babysitting are provided at every meeting. Everyone is welcome. 2010-2011 PTA officers are: Sarita Bhargava - President; Amber Dungan(Fundraising), Karen Hendren(Communications), and Courtney Holmes(Social) - Vice Presidents; Beth Connors - Recording Secretary; Clair Sassin - Corresponding Secretary; Rich Kelly - Treasurer; and Laura Novak - County Council PTA Representative.

The PTA is an important partnership for parent/staff relations at Claremont Immersion School. This is your organization; we hope you will support it, join it, and participate in all of the PTA-sponsored activities. The PTA is always looking for volunteers for PTA committees or events and welcomes your participation. Remember all activities and funds raised by the PTA benefit our students.

PLEASE JOIN THE PTA!

October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					5-6pm *3 rd -5 th ESOL/HILT Information Night	1 9:00-12:00 Escuela Bolivia
2	3 AIPN Meet & Greet 	4 Tuesday Packet 7pm *PTA Meeting 	5	6 NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Conferences	7 NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Conferences	8 9:00-12:00 Escuela Bolivia
9	10 NO SCHOOL Teacher Planning	11 Tuesday Packet	12	13 Hispanic Heritage In School Celebration	14 PTA Fall Fun Fest/Fiesta de Otoño 	15 Hispanic Heritage Month Ends 9:00-12:00 Escuela Bolivia
16 National Boss Day	17 Red Ribbon Week	18 Tuesday Packet	19 12:26 Early Release Teacher Planning	20	21 PTA Reflections' Entries Due Adelante Family Evening Event 	22 9:00-12:00 Escuela Bolivia
23	24	25 Tuesday Packet	26 Fall Picture Day 	27 7pm Gifted Services Info Night	28 School Spirit Day Halloween Parade 7:30am Adelante Meeting 	29
30	31 Halloween					



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CLAREMONT MAIN OFFICE STAFF

Cintia Z. Johnson, Principal
Susan Allan-Burnett, Assistant Principal
Kathy Mortenson, Administrative Assistant / Finance
Monica Hahn, Administrative Assistant - Students, Parents & Staff
Lety Macias, Administrative Assistant - Students, Parents & Staff
Haydee Colon-Jennings, Spanish Liaison - Students, Parents & Staff

GENERAL INFORMATION

The school hours are 8:00 a.m. to 2:41 p.m. PLEASE BE SURE YOUR CHILD COMES TO SCHOOL STARTING @ 7:40 a.m. BUT NO LATER THAN 8:00 a.m. Students are encouraged to participate in a before school recess when the weather permits. Please help your child to arrive at school by 7:40 a.m. Students enrolled in AM Extended Day may begin arriving at 7:00 a.m.

We will have the following early release Wednesdays (12:26 p.m. dismissal) for students: October 19th, December 14th, January 11th, March 7th, April 18th, June 13th, June 20th and June 22nd.

APPEARANCE

Appearance is a reflection of the pride a person has in himself/herself. We encourage children to dress neatly so that clothes are not a distraction from learning. Students are required to wear appropriate clothes and footwear. Inappropriate messages on clothes are NOT allowed. Hats and coats are not to be worn inside the building. Help your child dress appropriately for the weather. Dressing your child in layers is helpful because they can adjust their clothing to be comfortable. **For safety reasons, be sure your child wears tennis shoes for all PE classes.**







Office (703) 228-2500
ATTENDANCE (703) 228-2526

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(1-866) 322-4277
(703) 228-2505

Main Fax (703) 820-4264
Extended Day (703) 228-2522

November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Tuesday Packet 7pm *PTA Meeting 	2	3 Day in the Life of a Claremont Student 	4	5 9:00-12:00 Escuela Bolivia
6 Day Light Savings Ends 	7 AIPN Meet & Greet 	8 Election Day NO SCHOOL Teacher Planning	9	10	11 NO SCHOOL Veterans Day	12 9:00-12:00 Escuela Bolivia
13 	14	15 Tuesday Packet	16 Reflections Breakfast	17	18 Report Cards Issued 7:30 am Adelante Meeting PTA Movie Night 	19 9:00-12:00 Escuela Bolivia
20	21	22 Tuesday Packet School Spirit Day Dress-up Thankful Lunch (Parents Invited)	23 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Holiday	24 Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Holiday	25 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Holiday	26 9:00-12:00 Escuela Bolivia
27	28	29	30 Dress Rehearsal Winter Concert			Native American Indian Heritage Month



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ATTENDANCE

Attendance and being on time every day are important. If your child is absent 5 or more days or consistently tardy, you will be contacted, and you will receive a letter from the principal following that quarter's report card. Remember children are excused for illnesses, emergencies or religious reasons. Please call (703) 228-2526 before 7:45 a.m. if your child will be absent or tardy. This is important. We want to know where our students are AT ALL TIMES during school hours in order to ensure their safety. Students are tardy if they arrive after 8:00 a.m. and should report to the main office for a late pass. **NOTE: After three tardies, if a student arrives late to school, he or she must be escorted to the office by a parent or guardian to sign in before being allowed into the classroom. Students with 10 or more unexcused absences will be considered truant, and a truancy rate will be reported to the state for that student.**

BEHAVIOR

The school provides each student with every possible opportunity to acquire an education. No student has the right to interfere with another student's opportunity to learn by his or her actions, poor manners, or lack of consideration. In all regards, Claremont emphasizes respect for others. All our rules and regulations are developed and enforced with that principle in mind. School rules apply on the school grounds, going to and from the school grounds, and at any event where our elementary school is represented, regardless of location. We must actively work together to make sure that our school is safe and a good place to learn.

POLICY STATEMENT

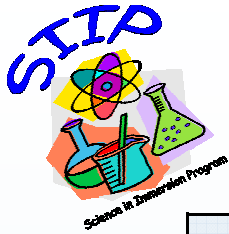
The classroom teachers have the primary responsibility for the discipline of their students. This policy is supported countywide and is intended to maintain the orderly behavior and discipline required for good learning to occur. It is expected that students will exercise self-control in their behavior and abide by the school's rules and regulations. Failure to follow the school rules and regulations will be handled on an individual basis in a consistent, firm, and fair fashion. The success of our learning environment is dependent upon the respect and support of children, parents, and staff.

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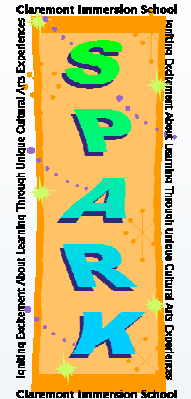
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December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Fall Photo make-up day Faculty/Candid/Clubs/Team & Staff Photos Adelante Family Evening Event	3 9:00-12:00 Escuela Bolivia
4	5 Book Fair Starts AIPN Meet & Greet	6 Tuesday Packet 7pm *PTA Meeting 5-6pm *Kindergarten Math Workshop For Parents	7 Winter Concert Book Fair Family Night	8	9 Book Fair Ends	10 9:00-12:00 Escuela Bolivia
11	12	13 Tuesday Packet	14 12:26 Early Release Teacher Planning	15	16 School Spirit Day Wear Blue & Gold 7:30 am Adelante Meeting	17 9:00-12:00 Escuela Bolivia
18	19	20 Tuesday Packet	21 Hanukkah Begins 1 st Day of Winter	22	23 NO SCHOOL Winter Holiday	24
25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa Begins NO SCHOOL Winter Holiday	27 NO SCHOOL Winter Holiday	28 NO SCHOOL Winter Holiday	29 NO SCHOOL Winter Holiday	30 New Year's Eve NO SCHOOL Winter Holiday	31

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POLICY STATEMENT - Continued

Students Will:

1. Be attentive to instruction.
2. Use polite language and behavior with all people.
3. WALK, not run, in the school building and to and from the playground.
4. Move together quietly in the halls.
5. Show respect to themselves, to others, and to school property.
6. STRIVE FOR THE HIGHEST AND WORK TO CREATE A BETTER WORLD.

Students will NOT:

1. Leave the school grounds during school hours without permission.
2. Use profane language or gestures.
3. Engage in any type of fighting or potentially dangerous activity.
4. Intimidate, harass, or threaten other students.
5. Be disrespectful to another's property.
6. Engage in body contact sports on the playground unless authorized by a teacher.
7. Bring toys, magazines, electronic games, CD players, or playground equipment to school without teacher approval.
8. Chew gum anywhere in the school.
9. Wear a hat or inappropriate clothing in school, unless it is related to a special activity or event at school.

Claremont students and staff strongly believe in the importance of “respectful” behavior. This is why THE CLAREMONT IMMERSION SCHOOL CONSTITUTION (see the next page) has been established, and is what all students and staff members abide by. Help your child understand and live by these rules.




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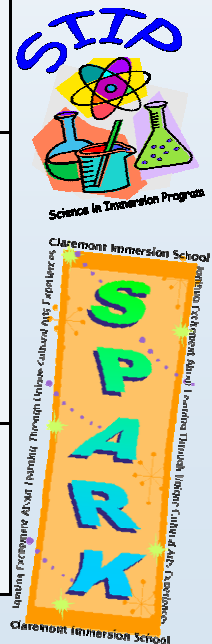
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January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Years Day	2 NO SCHOOL Winter Holiday	3 7pm *PTA Meeting 	4	5	6 6-8pm Adelante Family Evening Event 	7
8	9	10 Tuesday Packet	11 12:26 Early Release Teacher Planning	12	13	14
15	16 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Day	17 Tuesday Packet	18	19	20	21
22	23 NO SCHOOL Teacher Planning	24	25	26	27 School Spirit Day Wear International Dress 7:30 am Adelante Meeting PTA International Dinner & Dance 	28
29	30	31 Tuesday Packet				

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THE CLAREMONT IMMERSION SCHOOL CONSTITUTION

Student's Responsibility

1. *I will show kindness and respect to all students, staff, and community members.*
2. *I will arrive at school prepared and with a positive attitude so that I will be ready to learn.*
3. *I will demonstrate honesty and trustworthiness through my words and actions.*
4. *I will help create a safe and caring school environment.*
5. *I will strive for the highest and work to create a better world.*

Teacher's Responsibility

The teacher has the authority and responsibility to maintain discipline in the classroom that is consistent with school policy. Fair policies will be established, announced, and consistently enforced. When a problem occurs, a teacher should:

1. **Meet with the student;**
2. **Meet with the parent (and/or guardian);**
3. **Use the school wide discipline system, classroom disciplinary action; or**
4. **Refer the student directly to the principal/principal's designee using the appropriate discipline form.**

Administration's Responsibility

If a discipline issue has not been resolved after the teacher or other school personnel have used the general discipline guidelines to promote discipline in the school, the problem will be referred to the Principal or Principal's Designee. The Principal/Principal's Designee has the authority and responsibility to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning through a fair and consistent application of district policies and procedures. The Principal/Principal Designee will:

1. **Identify the problem (student's view and teacher's view);**
2. **Consider disciplinary action (conference/phone call to parent, suspension, exclusion from an activity, etc.).**



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February 2012

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Black History Month Healthy Heart Month			1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4
5	6 AIPN Meet & Greet	7 Tuesday Packet 7pm *PTA Meeting 	8 Report Cards Issued 9:15 to 10:45am Kinder. Transfer Orientation	9	10 School Spirit Day: mix and match wear PTA Movie Night 	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day Tuesday Packet	15	16	17	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL President's Day	21 Tuesday Packet	22	23	24 7:30 am Adelante Meeting	25
26	27	28	29			



Science In Dimension Program

Claremont Immersion School

Building Excellence About Learning Through Unique Cultural Arts Experiences



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EMERGENCY CLOSING AND LATE OPENING

Announcements will be made beginning at 6:00 a.m. over local TV, APS School Talk, Arlington County Schools cable channel (70), County website (www.arlington.k12.va.us), and radio stations. Delayed opening means the opening of school has been delayed a specified amount of time and field trips have been canceled for that day. NO breakfast will be served on late opening days. Always listen to your radio or television for this announcement or call the inclement weather telephone number at (1-866) 322-4277 or check APS Talk. DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION CARDS

On the first day of school, parents are required to complete and return an EMERGENCY INFORMATION CARD. Parents are expected to keep the information on these forms up to date. It is impossible to contact every parent in the event of an early closing; therefore your child should know what to do and where to go when schools close early. Parents are requested to make necessary arrangements for emergency childcare and to discuss these arrangements with their child. Please do not write "CALL ME" in the emergency contact space.

Each classroom is equipped with an emergency bag containing parent contact information, a first aid kit, and other emergency supplies. Teachers take this bag along on field trips and any other occasions when classes leave the building. This emergency bag will be used in the unlikely event of an emergency situation such as violent weather, terrorist attack, or natural disaster to assist in contacting parents and other emergency caregivers.







BICYCLES

Children are allowed to ride bicycles as long as safety rules are followed. Skateboards and roller blades (wheelie shoes) are not allowed at school because of the safety issues involved and the fact that we are not equipped to house these items securely.

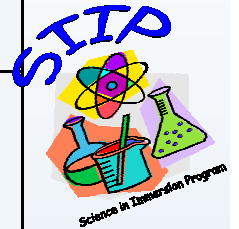
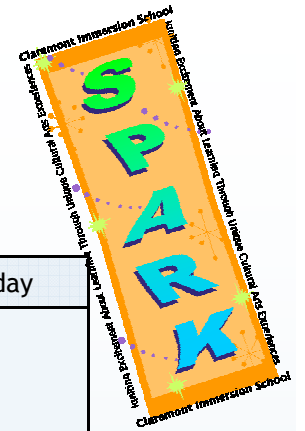
BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Textbooks are loaned to students free of charge in Arlington County. Students are responsible for lost or damaged books and will be expected to pay for them. Students are urged to take good care of books to avoid an assessment at the end of the year. Most supplies and art materials are furnished. If there are special materials that your child's teacher would like him or her to buy, you will be notified by your child or by a note from the teacher. Beginning of the year school supply lists are provided in June for the next school year.

March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nutritional Awareness Month Women's History Month				1 NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Conference	2 NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Conference	3
4	5 AIPN Meet & Greet PTA Artware Starts (Packets go home) 	6 Presidential Primary Election Tuesday Packet 7pm *PTA Meeting 	7 9:15 to 10:45 am Kinder. Transfer Orientation 12:26 Early Release Teacher Planning	8	9 School Spirit Day: Wear Pajamas	10
11 Daylight Savings Time begins 	12 	13 Tuesday Packet	14	15	16 Adelante Family Evening Event ArtWare Order Due 	17 St. Patrick's Day
18 1 st Day of Spring	19	20 Tuesday Packet	21	22	23 	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 7:30 am Adelante Meeting	31

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CAFETERIA SERVICE

Cafeteria service starts the first day of school. Students may buy their lunch daily or set up a lunch account. Lunch menus are distributed monthly. Breakfast will be served starting at 7:30 a.m. Children are expected to behave appropriately during the breakfast and lunch period.

Claremont is a full service cooking kitchen. This means that meals are prepared on site. A child may bring lunch from home or purchase lunch at school. Lunch purchased at school costs \$2.55. Milk is included. Milk, white or chocolate, may also be purchased separately for \$.55. Breakfast is \$1.35. Please send the exact amount needed to buy either lunch or milk or breakfast. Free or reduced-price lunch is available to eligible families.

Parents are responsible for making sure that their child has lunch money, an account, or a lunch brought from home. We encourage parents to set up lunch accounts in advance. This greatly reduces the problems caused by lost and forgotten lunch money. Lunch accounts can be set up and funded through the online payment service myschoolbucks.com.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

It is very important that you notify the school office if you have changed your address or home, work or cell phone numbers. We need to be able to reach you at all times in order to ensure the safety of your children.

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April 2012



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1 April Fool's Day	2 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	3 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	4 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	5 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	6 NO SCHOOL Teacher Planning	7
8	9 NO SCHOOL Teacher Planning	10 Tuesday Packet Support Staff Week 7pm *PTA Meeting Officer Slate 	11	12 6pm Museum Night, Math Night & Science Fair 	13 12:45 to 2:15pm Kinder. Transfer Orientation	14
15	16	17 Tuesday Packet	18 12:26 Early Release Teacher Planning	19	20 School Spirit Day - Twin Day PTA Movie Night 	21
22 Earth Day	23 Screen Free Week Spring Book Fair Starts 	24	25 Report Cards Issued	26	27 7:30 am Adelante Meeting Spring Book Fair Ends In school Día del Idioma Celebration 	28
29 Spring Garden Day (1-6 pm)	30					

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CLINIC

First Aid and Emergency Aid

Teachers and/or clinic staff provide first aid for minor injuries at school. In case of serious injury or illness, parents are notified immediately. PARENTS SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT THE SCHOOL IS ABLE TO CONTACT THEM AT ANY TIME OF ANY DAY IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY. Please make sure that the office and clinic have your current telephone numbers on the emergency cards. If we are unable to reach you in the case of an extreme emergency, we will contact the Arlington County Fire and Rescue Department to transport your child to the nearest hospital.

Medicine

Please let us know if your child has a specific health condition requiring special medical attention, i.e., food allergies, seizures, etc. We will add your child to our Claremont Health Alert List. This confidential list is provided to appropriate staff members to ensure your child's safety.

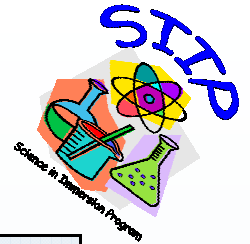
School personnel are, as a general rule, prohibited from administering medication to children. For children requiring daily medication, every effort should be made to have the dosage schedule adjusted so that it will not be necessary to take medicine during school hours. When this is not possible, medicine will be administered by the School Health staff or principal's designee under the following conditions:




- A separate "Authorization for Medical Release" form (ACS 04-09160) must be completed by the parent/guardian and a licensed pharmacist for each medication to be administered at school. Faxed copies of the Authorization Form are accepted.
- If your child has special requirements in taking medications (i.e., with applesauce, crushed, etc.), please discuss this with the school's clinic staff. If the child requires medication at home AND at school, a labeled container must remain in the clinic at all times.
- All prescription medications (e.g., Ritalin, Epipen, Glucagon, and Anticonvulsants) must have a pharmacy label with the following information: 1) Child's name; 2) Name of medication; 3) Licensed prescriber's name; 4) Dose/amount to be given; and 5) time to be given (12 noon, lunchtime, before PE).
- All over-the-counter medications and physician's samples do not need a pharmacy label, but: 1) an authorization form must be completed by parents and a licensed pharmacist; 2) the medication must be in its original container; and 3) the child's full name must be written on the container.
- Parents/guardians are advised to hand deliver medications with the Authorization Form directly to the school clinic or school office.

Please contact your child's teacher to discuss arrangements for administering medication during field trips.

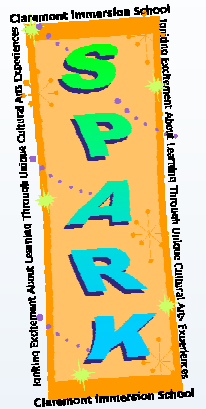
The "Authorization for Medical Release" form referred to above is available in the school office, clinic and online at the APS website. Please contact the School Health Clinic Aide or the Public Health Nurse if you have any questions or concerns.

May 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Asian Pacific Heritage Month		1 Tuesday Packet 7pm *PTA Meeting / Elections 	2 Dress Rehearsal for Spring Concert	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo
6	7 Teacher/Assitant Appreciation Week AIPN Meet & Greet 	8 Tuesday Packet	9 Spring Concert	10	11 School Spirit Day Hat Day 1:30 pm SOL Pep Rally Adelante Family Evening Event 	12 Nurse's Day
13 Mother's Day	14 SOL 3rd-5th Grade Testing (All Week)	15 Tuesday Packet	16	17	18 6-9 PM Worldwide Helpers Peace Concert @ Gunston	19
20	21 SOL 3rd-5th Grade Testing (All Week)	22 Tuesday Packet	23	24	25 7:30 am Adelante Meeting 	26
27	28 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day	29	30	31		

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EXTENDED DAY

The Extended Day Program offers before and after school care for children of working parents. The program begins at 7:00 a.m. and closes at 6:00 p.m. Fees are based on a sliding scale relating to income and number of family members. For more information, call the Extended Day office at (703) 228-6069.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are an important part of the school program. They are carefully selected and planned for various studies by the teachers. Permission slips are sent home before each trip. They must be signed and returned at least one day prior to the scheduled trip. You are encouraged to join your child on as many field trips as possible. The school needs your help to make these trips successful.

FIRE DRILLS - OTHER EMERGENCIES

Fire drills at regular intervals are required by law and are an important safety precaution. The alarm is a continuously ringing, very loud buzzer, accompanied by brightly flashing strobe lights. It is essential that, when the alarm goes off, everyone responds promptly and clears the building by the prescribed route as quickly as possible. Students should refrain from noise and remain outside the building until a signal is given.

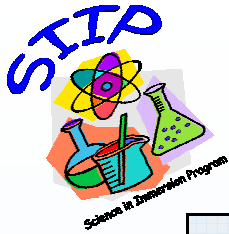
Fire drills are only one part of Claremont's "Emergency Preparedness Plan." Plans and procedures are in place for severe weather emergencies, chemical/biological emergencies, intruders, and other unlikely contingencies. Administrators and other staff members make up an identified crisis management team that is trained and equipped to deal with a wide variety of emergencies.

LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER POLICY

A major goal of the Claremont Library Media Center is to help students develop a love of reading and appreciation of good literature. Another goal of the library is to provide students with the tools and knowledge needed to access information and use it for school and leisure-time purposes. The librarian works closely with teachers to support and extend classroom studies and integrate information skills into the curriculum.

The Claremont Library Media Center is open to students throughout the school day. Students may visit the library to browse for books or work on research projects. Students are encouraged to borrow books from the library. The student is responsible for the library books he/she checks out. Proper book care is expected. If a book is damaged or lost, parents are expected to pay for a replacement copy. Please contact the library if you have a question or concern about library books.

The library is always in need of parent volunteers to shelve books, laminate book covers, and do various other jobs that help the library function well. Please contact the librarian if you can volunteer some time.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 AIPN Meet & Greet	5 Tuesday Packet 7pm *PTA Meeting	6 JW Harris Fitness Finals	7	8 School Spirit Day Wacky Hair Day SPARK Exemplary Project Presentations & 5 th Grade Dedication PTA Movie Night	9
10	11	12 Primary Elections Tuesday Packet	13 FIELD DAY 12:26 Early Release Teacher Planning	14	15 7:30 am Adelante Meeting	16
17 Father's Day	18	19 Tuesday Packet Year Book Distribution 7pm FIFTH GRADE PROMOTION	20 1 st Day of Summer 12:26 Early Release	21 12:26 Early Release Awards Assembly In School Celebration	22 12:26 Early Release Jump Start with Summer Packets Report Cards Issued LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



*Babysitting Provided

HOMWORK POLICY

Homework is an important part of a student's learning experience. Homework consists of learning activities assigned and explained by the teacher to be performed primarily outside of class by the student by a certain date, without the direct supervision of the teacher, and assessed by the teacher after it is performed. The following guidelines are intended to support principals, teachers, other staff, parents, and students in developing a common understanding of homework expectations.

Homework should:

- Prepare for, relate to, build on, and/or enhance learning in the classroom.
- Encourage a student's sense of responsibility, develop a sense of personal accountability, promote learning, and improve study habits.
- Strengthen the communication between home and school.
- Acknowledge individual differences among students through differentiation when feasible.

In general, the following total amount of time spent daily on homework over four nights a week is an average for the typical student.

- Grade K: maximum of 15 minutes **plus** an additional 15 minutes of reading or being read to.
- Grade 1: maximum of 20 minutes **plus** an additional 20 minutes of reading or being read to.
- Grade 2: maximum of 30 minutes **plus** an additional 20 minutes of reading or being read to
- Grade 3: maximum of 45 minutes **plus** an additional 20 minutes of reading
- Grades 4 and 5: maximum of 60 minutes **plus** an additional 30 minutes of reading.

If a student spends excessive amounts of time on homework, the parent should alert the teacher so that the teacher can assist the student and the parent to determine appropriate intervention. In order to keep track of homework, Kindergarten and 1st grade students will use daily homework folders. Students in grades 2 - 5 are given assignment notebooks. Parents and students should review the folder or assignment notebook every night. These tools serve as the primary mode of communication between teacher and parent. Parents are strongly encouraged to communicate in this fashion.

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LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found Center is located in the cafeteria. Please have your child check it if he/she misplaces something.

PATROLS AND CROSSING GUARDS

The school Safety Patrol is comprised of students from grades 4 and 5 who assist in the safe conduct of children to and from school. Safety Patrols are stationed at bus stops, on buses, and near the building. Bus patrols assist children entering and departing the bus in the morning and afternoon. Patrols must wear their belts while on duty. There may be additional adult crossing guards at key locations to ensure the safety of our students.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

We must act together to ensure that our children are in the safest possible educational environment. Students are not to bring any items to school that are hazards to the safety of others or which would interfere in some way with school procedure. Such items include: CD's, iPods, MP3 players, any item that can be construed as a weapon, electronic games, skateboards, or toys. The consequences will be in relation to the offense.

RELEASE FROM SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Children will not be allowed to leave the school during the day without a written request or direct pick-up from a parent or guardian. The written request should give the date and the time that the child is to be excused and the name of the person picking up the child. **PARENTS or GUARDIANS MUST REPORT TO THE OFFICE AND SIGN THEIR CHILD OUT OF SCHOOL. FOR SECURITY REASONS, NON-SCHOOL PERSONNEL ARE NOT PERMITTED IN CLASSROOM AREAS DURING SCHOOL HOURS WITHOUT OFFICE AUTHORIZATION. IF A STUDENTS NORMAL ROUTINE IS ALTERED AT DISMISSAL TIME A NOTE IS REQUIRED. THIS INCLUDES RIDING HOME ON THE BUS WITH ANOTHER STUDENT.**

When a parent or guardian makes a telephone request that a child be released during the school day, or that he/she be released to the custody of some other person, the identity of the caller is confirmed before the child is permitted to leave. All adults must sign students out. Please make sure that your child's emergency card lists the name of any adult authorized to pick up your child from school.

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REPORT CARDS

Communication between parents and school is an essential component of an effective partnership that supports children as they work to be successful learners. Report cards are one tool in an array of communication tools. They are used to summarize for parents and guardians the achievement of their children in attaining the knowledge and skills required for various content areas, at various grade levels.

Report Card Schedule

Kindergarten report cards will be issued in February and June. Standard report cards for grades 1 - 5 will be issued at approximately nine-week intervals in November, February, April, and June.

Report Card Content

The Kindergarten Progress Report summarizes the teacher's observations and evaluation of the child's growth in specified areas of development: social and personal development; physical and intellectual development, including language, mathematics, science, health, and social studies; and music and art. The report card for grades 1 and 2 is ungraded. In grades 3 - 5, student achievement in each academic area is evaluated using the symbols A, B, C, D, and E. For all grades, student effort is evaluated in each academic area based on teacher judgment of the effort the student demonstrates in performing school tasks. There are other reporting methods for Special Education, ESOL/HILT students, and for student progress in the Immersion Program.

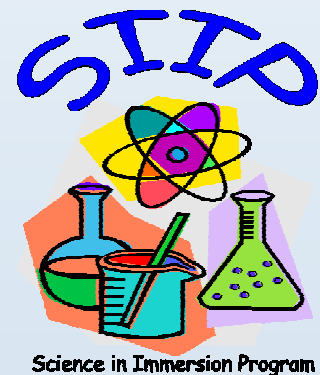
As students work toward achieving grade level expectations in all curriculum areas, teachers carefully consider students' demonstrated mastery of Arlington objectives. When determining student progress in all academic and special areas, the following are used:

- A collection of work over time
- Daily written or oral tasks
- Class participation
- Periodic assessments (quizzes, tests, performance tasks)
- Individual and class projects
- Formal and informal observation

Grades K - 5 Teacher Comments

Teacher comments are made to inform parents of one or more of the following:

- Improvement since the last report
- Particular difficulties and/or specific needs
- Unusual traits, talents, abilities, or accomplishments
- Work beyond assigned tasks, and other areas determined by the teacher to be important



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PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES

Claremont schedules two formal conferences with parents each year, one in the fall (October 6 and 7) and one in the spring (March 1 and 2). Along with discussing written reports and tests, parents can learn more about their child's potential and about classroom activities by attending these conferences. Parent-Teacher Conferences are a time for the parents and the teacher to exchange information for the benefit of the child.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

We want you to feel welcome at your school. Please look for our special events on the calendar. We would love to see you at the school as often as possible. Come to volunteer your time. We want your help and we always want you to be aware of what is happening in school. An asterisk on the calendar indicates that babysitting will be provided for that specific event.

VISITORS

All visitors should enter through the main doors and report to the office first. You must sign in and receive a visitor's pass. Please remember we must ensure that all children are safe at all times. All doors are locked at all times except for the main entrance, which is unlocked at arrival and dismissal times. When arriving at school after 8:30 a.m., please ring the doorbell and identify yourself over the loudspeaker when a staff member answers your ring.

NOTE: All locked doors can be opened immediately from the inside should students need to make an emergency exit.

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SERVICES

The following areas of study are included in the educational program: Arts Program (Visual Arts and Music), Physical Education, Health Education, Language Arts (Oral Language, Reading and Writing), Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science. Technology is an integral part of all subject areas.

A variety of services are offered to students: Computer Programs, Health Services, Pupil Personnel Services, Elementary Counseling, Special Education, Gifted and Talented, ESOL/HILT, Extended Day, Summer School, etc. More specific grade level objectives or program descriptions are stated in the local curriculum guides, state standards, and text materials. The “Program of Studies” publication provides parents with specific information pertaining to the Arlington curriculum and program opportunities.

SCHOOL SYSTEM ASSESSMENT

Arlington County Public Schools administers specific tests throughout the school year to specific grade levels. In addition, students in immersion participate in additional assessments. Refer to the school calendar for specific dates and times of these assessments.

STUDENT FILES

The school maintains a Student Cumulative Folder for each student. The file includes such records as report cards, other progress reports, information pertaining to special programs such as Gifted and Talented, Special Education, or ESOL/HILT, and results of standardized tests. For some students, a confidential folder may also be maintained with highly personal data such as psychological test results and legal reports. Parents or legal guardians have the right to review their child’s file with the principal or a qualified professional staff member to interpret the information.

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