Happy December!

It’s hard to believe that we are already in our fourth month of school. There are so many things to be thankful for at Clifford: Our wonderful staff, incredibly enthusiastic students, beautiful campus, and dedicated parent community. The people, the students, and the spirit: We are so blessed and humbled to be a part of Clifford.

Best wishes for a wonderful, relaxing holiday break filled with good health, fun time spent with family and friends, and happy memories. Take time to enjoy the small things and give thanks for all of your blessings. We look forward to seeing everyone relaxed and refreshed in January.

Happy New Year and Kind Regards,

Clifford School Staff
Dear Clifford Families,

We hope you are having a wonderful start to the month, and are enjoying your December.

We wanted to take a minute to remind everyone of the importance of school attendance. Research shows that student attendance is directly linked to student achievement. Students who miss school at the elementary and middle school level are more likely to struggle academically throughout their school career. If your child is not running a fever (over 100 degrees), does not have an unexplained rash, or is not vomiting please make sure they are at school.

While we encourage vacation time and getting away with your family, over the past few years, we have also noticed a sharp increase in students who are being taken out of school to go on vacations-often for several days. Students lose valuable learning opportunities when they are not in class, and it often increases your child’s level of stress when they return from extended absences. Please know that these days are marked as “unexcused” unless there is a viable reason to excuse them.

Thank you so much for understanding and modeling how important it is for your child to be in school. It is much appreciated by administration and staff.

Sequoia Union High School District Placement Exams for 8th Graders

Friday, December 9, 2016 - English Language Arts Exam

Monday, December 12, 2016 – Mathematics Exam

To ensure that your child does his/her best, please make sure that he/she gets a good night's sleep and eats a well balanced breakfast before the exams.

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Picking Up Students Early From School

If you know you need to pick your child up early from school for an appointment be sure to call the office and let us know ahead of time. We can inform the teacher that you are coming and get your child packed up and ready to go.

It makes it much easier if you can come before they walk out for lunch recess. Finding students on the playground, and unlocking classrooms so they can retrieve their schoolwork and back packs is often challenging and takes a bit of time. Below are our lunch times.

TK: 11:30-12:00  
Kinder: 11:00 – 11:35  
1, 2& 3: 11:30 -12:10  
4 & 5: 11:45 – 12:25  
6, 7, &8: 12:22 – 12:52

MEDICATION REMINDER

By law, medication of any kind (including asthma inhalers, Tylenol, cough syrup, etc.) cannot be administered at school, unless a medication form has been completed and signed by the parent and doctor of the student. This is for the safety of your child and we must have these documents on file. Forms are available in the school office. *If there are any important updates concerning your child’s health, please be sure to contact the Clifford

DROPPING OFF ITEMS TO STUDENTS

If you have an item (lunch, homework, backpack etc.,) to drop off to your child please be sure to stop in at the office and leave the item with the school secretary or office assistant. We try to keep classroom interruptions to a minimum and will call into classrooms and let students know the item waiting for them right before their morning break or lunch recess.

Thanks for helping preserve our learning time.
Need to contact the Clifford office?

CLIFFORD SCHOOL OFFICE/CONTACT INFORMATION

Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.

Mr. Josh Swerdlow, Principal 482-2402
Mr. Jude Noyes, Assistant Principal 482-2402
Ms. Mayra Guerra, Office Manager 482-2402 ext 3246
Ms. Maria Stockton, Administrative Secretary 482-2402 ext 3217
Mrs. Jessenia Linares, Administrative Secretary 482-2402 ext 3251
Mrs. Karen Oslan, Health Clerk 482-2402 ext 3602
Mrs. Patti Barron, Librarian 482-2402 ext 3226
Continue to keep your family healthy this fall! Wash hands frequently, keep plenty of hand sanitizer available, and don’t forget to get your flu shot!!

**CELL PHONE POLICY**

**FOR ALL STUDENTS**

All student cell phones need to be powered off and not used for texting/calling while on campus.