

# CLOVIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## STUDENT COUNCIL - FALL ELECTIONS

### **What is Student Council?**

Clovis Elementary Student Council offers leadership development opportunities to prepare and empower students to become effective leaders, thus encouraging and influencing a positive school climate. Student Council plays a very important role in the school. Council members help share students' ideas, interests, and concerns with the teachers and principal. They participate in the organization and operation of a variety of activities. Being part of Student Council is something that will help our students become responsible and active members of the school community. Also, another goal is that Student Council provides a springboard to the Clark Intermediate and Clovis High leadership programs. And of course, Student Council is fun!

Student Council consists of officers and members and is open to students in grades 4 through 6. Students who wish to run for office will make a speech and be elected by their peers. Students who wish to be members will not make a speech, however, they will introduce themselves at the Election speeches. Officers will earn 2 Block C points for the semester. Members will earn 1 Block C point for the semester.

### **Officer and Member Explanation**

If a student wants to be an officer, they will give a speech in the cafeteria on Friday, Sept. 13. If they don't win the office election, they WILL STILL BE A MEMBER! If students don't want to be an officer, they may be a member. Members will introduce themselves on Election Day in the cafeteria on Friday, Sept. 13. Students can only be an officer for one semester but can be a Member both semesters. Now you can be on Student Council and earn points toward Block C ALL year.

The officers are as follows:

**President** (6<sup>th</sup> only)– runs meetings, **speaks at assemblies and morning announcements (must speak well)**, leads the group, leads Positivity Project activities, SC bulletin board

**Vice-President** (5 or 6<sup>th</sup> only)– works with President, helps with sharing school information, monitors lost and found, morning announcements help

**Secretary** (5-6)– takes notes at meetings, responsible for attendance, gives snack sign-up reminders

**Activities Commissioner** (5-6)– leads team with ideas for school wide activities, helps organize and coordinate rallies, leads team with ideas on campus beautification, regulates campus clean-up activities, safety monitor

**Athletics Commissioner** (4-6) – helps with sports equipment/ball cart, ideas for sports activities and spirit rallies, announces game stats

**\*Student Council Leadership Member** (4-6) – works with team to run events, votes in all decisions, assists Mrs. Volanti with special projects

Meetings will be held on Tuesday morning from 7:45-8:25 AM. Activities may also occur during some recesses. **Three absences** from meetings, earning less than a 3.0 GPA, and/or being suspended means you will not earn a Block C point and may mean you can be dismissed from council for the semester. Please remember this is a true commitment to leadership.

## Fall Elections

**Elections will be held for all the officer positions** (members will only be required to introduce themselves). **Those running for an officer position only:** Speeches should be one to two minutes in length. You should explain why you think you would be a good leader in your position. Students running for an officer position are encouraged to create a poster. Posters can only be 12x18 in size (classroom construction paper works great!)

Please follow the timeline below:

Tuesday, Aug. 27 <b><u>Informational Meeting</u></b>	Meeting in Room 25 to receive Student Council information
Friday, Aug. 30 <b><u>Application</u></b>	Turn in completed application to Room 25 before school, during recesses, or after school.
Thursday, Sept. 5 <b><u>Speeches and Poster</u></b>	<u>Bring 2 copies of your speech</u> (one for me and one for you to keep) and <u>1 poster</u> to the cafeteria at <b>10:00 recess</b> , where they will be hung up. <b>No changes can be made to your speech after it is submitted.</b>
Wednesday, Sept. 11	Speech practice at 10:00 recess in the cafeteria <b>All Student Council Leadership Members should attend.</b>
Thursday, Sept. 12	Speech practice at 10:00 recess in the cafeteria <b>All Student Council Leadership Members should attend.</b>
Friday, Sept. 13	Speeches will take place at 8:45 a.m. in the cafeteria. <b>All Members will introduce themselves to the student body using the provided form</b> prior to those making speeches for an officer position. All Grades 4, 5, and 6 students will vote in their classrooms. Results will be announced by the end of the day.
Tuesday, Sept. 17	First council meeting is at <b>7:45 a.m in Room 25.</b> ☺
Tuesday, Jan. 14	Pizza Party to celebrate Fall Student Council Service

Questions may be directed to Mrs. Volanti, Room 25; TinaVolanti@cusd.com