



Claire Lilienthal Alternative School



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Tues., 4/18 through Fri. 5/12 – **SBAC TESTING**

Week of April 17th

Thurs., 4/20 – **Madison Site Science Night** →

Sat., 4/22 - **Scott Garden Day** →

Week of April 24th

Wed., 4/26 – **Costa Rica Summer Trip Parent Mtg.**,

5:30 – 6 pm, Scott, Room 3 w/ Ms. Eller

Fri., 4/28 – **LOST AND FOUND PICK UP**

Dear Lilienthal Community,

In 2017, parenting can be awfully challenging; can't it? Video games, the Internet, and cell phones all seem to make that work even more complex at times. I'm sure you've all been in a place where handing your child a cell phone is the only thing that will allow you a few minutes of quiet time to yourself. Those devices certainly capture their full attention! To an extent, the power of technology can be a strong lever to increase student engagement in class. Showing videos, playing academic games, and collaborating over Google Docs can all be important learning experiences for our kids. Those experiences help them build the skills they'll need to be productive members of our society.

With that said, I wanted to share a few ideas that may help you teach, support, and manage screen time and cell phone use at home.

- Set rules that align with your family's values and stick to them. Consistency is key!
- Create space for tech-free time, cell phones off, computers away, and no i-pads!
- Check-in with your kids and to see how they're using technology. Is it age appropriate? Does it align with your values?
- Remind them (especially the older ones) that everything you say and do online can be traced, taken as a screen shot, and has a life online.
- If you go screen free, that means YOU too! No work e-mails, online shopping, or texting while you're asking kids to unplug. Model what it looks like

- Always remember, you're the one setting the rules. You can ask for input but don't get soft if you've set a rule and your kids are upset about what you're asking for. Do you remember what your parents did if you didn't like their rules?
- Keep talking to your kids! Technology is changing faster than most of us can keep up with. Check in, ask questions, and remind them to come to you if something uncomfortable happens online!

These are just a few starting guidelines. I'm sure many of you have some really clever rules, routines, and expectations already in place for your kids. Go grab coffee with a neighbor or family from CL and see what they're doing. You can also read more in these articles from Coolmomtech.com, Greatschools.org, and Nytimes.com.

I have deep admiration for the work you do in raising your children. The unending complexities of parenting are exhausting yet exhilarating at the same time. Thanks for taking the time to teach your children the skills they need to navigate this ever-changing world. Your modeling, listening, and conversation will help them grow into young men and women that will have a positive impact on the world.

With humility and gratitude,

Tyler Graff

Principal, Claire Lilienthal K-8

Madison Science Night Tomorrow!

Join us Thursday night from 5 to 7 PM for Science Night on Madison Campus! Spark your child's interest in science through hands-on activities students and parents can work on together. **And** there will be PIZZA, too! CL 7th Graders will be on-hand selling Pizza, Drinks, and Desserts to raise money for their graduation next year.

The **CLLA** (Claire Lilienthal Learning Academy) **Scott site afterschool program application window** for the 2017-2018 school year will be from April 17th- April 26th from 2-

5:30 (school days only) in the backstage auditorium CLLA office at the Scott Campus. All applications must be done on site. **All students must re-apply every year.** This is not a first come first serve process. Please contact CLLA Director Ramiro Lule at cllaafterschool@gmail.com with any questions or concerns."

Mayfair - How to Help and Have Fun!

Mayfair is right around the corner on Saturday, May 13th from 11a-3p! Looking for ways to participate?

[Volunteer >](#) There are plenty of fun opportunities with small time commitments. Have your kids volunteer with you for family fun! Volunteers needed **Friday (5/12)** and **Saturday (5/13)**. [Sign up here!](#)

[Donate Prizes >](#) In an effort to reduce costs, and maybe even to reduce the carbon footprint of Mayfair, we are collecting trinkets and party favor items as prizes. [Details can be found here.](#)

[Donate Books >](#) Please consider donating gently used books to the Mayfair 'Lilienthal Lounge' Book Exchange (we'll also accept gently used and complete puzzles or games). Bring your items directly to Mayfair or drop off in advance at the library.

Sponsor a Booth> Generous families or companies may underwrite some of the big attractions at the fair. If interested in sponsorships, please contact us at MayfairCL@gmail.com for more information.

[Check out our Mayfair page for more information](#) OR email us at - MayfairCL@gmail.com

Andrea Beach
Mayfair Coordinator

Looking for A Treasurer

Are you a bookkeeper, accountant or finance person? The PTA is looking for a Treasurer.

It might sound scary, but if Murray can hold it down for two years, you can. It's mostly accounts payable and watching cash flow. You're an important advisor to the board and the membership - the Janet Yellen of reason. It takes 4-8 hours a month of AP processing and a meeting once a month. It's you right? You'd be honored to serve and help fiscally guide the school.

Send the board your questions or your application at board_clpta@googlegroups.com.

2017-18 Budget

The proposed budget for the 2017-18 school year was presented again at the April PTA meeting. In case you missed it, [click here to view the new proposals and the budget >](#) We welcome your questions and feedback. Send them to murrayjoe@gmail.com and the budget committee will review and respond. Thanks!



Outdoor Classroom

Scott campus Community Garden Work Day is on Sat, April 22nd from 9am - 1pm. Bring the whole family as we always have something for everyone to do! Activities will include building benches, planting & weeding, and organizing the shed, while enjoying some outdoor time with CL friends. Please bring a potluck items to share - bagels, cream cheese, fruit, donuts and chips are always a hit. Coffee & grilled hotdogs for lunch will be provided. [Please sign up here >](#)

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Howlin' Moon 2017 Art Contest!

Next year's Howlin' Moon 5k & Fun Run is **Sunday, October 29, 2017**, at Little Marina Green. (Save the date!)

We're asking our talented and creative CL students to submit artwork for our Howlin' Moon Art Contest. The winner's art will be used on the T-shirts, banners, and posters for next year's event. There are no rules for the artwork – just be creative!

[Click here to see the winning entry from last year >](#)

Please submit your artwork on 8 1/2" x 11" paper to the Madison or Scott campus offices by **Monday, May 8**. The winner will be announced at Mayfair. Questions? Please email or call Mike Zwibelman at mzwibelman@gmail.com / [415.531.3228](tel:415.531.3228).

