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To: Smitty

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THOUGHTS FROM THE UNIT OFFICE...

When you get the chance to stop by at the grade school, check out the new concession stand and storage rooms within the multipurpose room. It is awesome! This was recently constructed and custom painted, and the entire project was donated by the North Clay PTO. A huge thanks goes to this organization!

HERE'S A GOOD, FREE AND EASY WAY TO HELP FUND OUR SCHOOLS: In March of 2010, you will either be mailed or have delivered the 2010 Census form. Completing and returning this form will help determine how \$400 billion will be allocated to communities across the country. I know how it is when I get surveys and other things in the mail, but this one is vital to us. It will ultimately determine what our low-income count will be which affects Title I money that we will or won't get. It is greatly important and appreciated that you will take the time to complete this. **Here's the good news! This form is one of the shortest forms in history. It's 10 questions which takes 10 minutes. Please fill it out, return it, and help out the students at North Clay.**

Lately, I've made numerous School Reach calls for weather cancellations. I know many of you have four or five numbers that are called through this system. If you receive a call after hours from this system (665-3358), please refrain from calling this number back and it slows down our system. If anyone at this phone number calls you, we will make it a point to keep calling to reach you. This is the designated number for the School Reach system. Again, if you do not want to receive these calls on a particular phone number, let us know and we'll remove it.

We had a temporary malfunction of the School Reach system early one morning. If you are wondering about school closings and are not sure whether we've called, please check radio station WNOI 103.9 fm in Flora or check their website at www.wnoi.com for cancellations.

The annual boy's basketball MTC tournament will again be held in Louisville this week, with the semi-finals and finals towards the end of the week. This is still a neat tournament and is bigger as we've added many more teams to our conference. There is a lot of tradition at this event, and there will be some really good basketball to watch. Speaking of basketball, make sure you check out the band, drumline, and student-centered activities at the games this year. The band is making a comeback under the direction of Mr. David Brown, and there is fun and games during intermission for all.

I'd like to communicate to all parents and guardians that on really cold days make sure someone is at home to meet students when getting off buses. We know you have work obligations and other things that may happen to delay you, but please give us a call if you know you're not going to make it home in time for your children to be delivered by bus. It is comforting for us to know that someone is there and that the children are going to be safe. Occasionally, we have to bring kids back off the routes due to no adults being visibly at home. We want to work with you on this, but our number one priority is to keep them safe.

With jobs being tough to come by right now, many are inquiring about possible work at the school district. We currently have openings for substitute cooks, custodians, bus drivers, and paraprofessionals. If you need temporary work until you are able to either return to work or find something full-time, inquire about these positions.

I again invite you to attend one of our board meetings, come and visit some classrooms, eat lunch with your child, or attend some extracurricular events. We have some really good things going on around here with both students and staff. Hopefully by spring, we will have most of the new technology that we were able to purchase through ARRA grants up and running. We had some much needed technology upgrades to make, and now nearly each classroom will be equipped with new ways of teaching and learning.