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To: Smitty

From: Monty Aldrich

THOUGHTS FROM THE UNIT OFFICE...

Back by popular demand, the North Clay Academic Foundation is going to be sponsoring a large rummage sale in February. Here's how it works...if you need to get rid of some of your stuff, you will keep all of your profit. You simply rent tables from us in the Commons and use the facilities to sell your stuff. You bring it in, set it up, sell it, and take it down. This event is planned for Saturday, February 26, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. If you are interested in renting tables, call 665-3358 or email me at maldrich@northclayschools.com. If this goes well, we might have another in March. A flyer is also posted on our website at www.northclayschools.com.

A huge, fun event is scheduled for Friday, April 1 (no fooling) in our district. Starting at 4:30 p.m., we will be having a Rhodes Fish Fry. If you haven't tried this, they have fish, seafood, and all the trimmings for a reasonable price. This will go on from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Commons. At the same time, the North Clay Academic Foundation is sponsoring a basket raffle in the Commons. We've done this in the past and many businesses and individuals have donated numerous items worth a lot of money. Tickets will be cheap and you can put them toward whatever you'd like to win. And, we won't make you fill your name out on every ticket this time! We will be issuing you one number. **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A BASKET, CASH, OR OTHER ITEM TO PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS OR ADVERTISE, PLEASE CONTACT US AT THE UNIT OFFICE AT 665-3358.** We will advertise it for you! There will be tons of people coming through that night so it would be a good way to help your business.

Supercards event is also that night. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the high school gym. We plan to have the drawing and announce the winners of all the basket raffles prizes around 8:30 pm at Supercards. You don't have to be present to win. So, come out and enjoy an entire evening of fun on April 1. There will be numerous other booths in the Commons and grade school gym, and as always, there will be games for the kids.

All of our winter athletic events are at full steam! It's getting close to tournament time again. We've had a good year with all of these activities and I attribute that to having good kids to work with. If I had one wish it would be to see more attendance at these events and for all in attendance to become "North Clay fans" again instead of just rooting for one kid that belongs to you. The true fun and tradition comes back when we can all get together and get crazy while pulling for the "team". Wishful thinking...

Oh the roof project...many of you have asked me around town about the issues with the roof. I can only say that it has been a very difficult project for all of us involved. I can thank the staff at the high school over and over for being patient, positive and understanding with all the messes and disruption. Hopefully we are headed towards brighter days and progress with this and it will provide the school community with one less headache for years to come.

I'd like to address security measures within our buildings. As you know, incidents are becoming much more prevalent in public places. We are in the process of discussing some tactics and

construction ideas to further secure our buildings without making it all into a prison. For now, if you are stopped at the door and asked information, do not take it personally. If you know the person but they do not recognize you, do not take it personally. We plan to tighten some areas where people have roamed freely in our buildings. You may be asked to drop your child off once inside the building. As I said, it will not prevent you from visiting our schools. It will be more procedural and safe for all.

Again, I thank you for your support of the kids and our schools. Be safe out there.