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The Clare Woods Academy Voice

"It is Our Nature to Nurture"



Why celebrate Valentine's Day at school?

One day of the year we tell someone we love them, we care, we are glad to be their friend. One day about romance, chemistry, destiny. One day of the year you may feel in the clouds in love or all alone with no one to love.

At Clare Woods Academy we should really call it FISH DAY instead. I know that sounds silly but FISH stands for a philosophy where EVERY day you:

- **Play- Have Fun**
- **Make Someone's Day**
- **Be There For Someone**
- **Choose Your Attitude**

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I am touched by Clare Woods when I see students and teachers living out the FISH philosophy. I am grateful every time another FISH touches my life and makes a difference in my day. It encourages me to pass it on and participate. Don't complain if you haven't seen any FISH activity by you – go ahead and start your own and you will see how much better the day will be.

Like all families, we have good and bad days and everyone has a special gift they bring to our family table at CWA. CWA is a place to encourage and enhance those gifts.

So Happy FISH Day! Keep it coming everyday. Be a FISH to someone today.

-J Banghart, 102B Aide-

On Campus— Another Successful Evening. . .

Building on the success of their spaghetti dinner, the Student Council hosted their second parent night. The evening began with a delicious chili dinner. Following dinner, the students went to the gym to attend a fun fair. While the students enjoyed themselves winning games and prizes, parents were invited to listen to guest speaker Rhonda Brunett (pictured top-left). Rhonda is the mother of an autistic child and author of the book

From Autism to All-Star, which describes her son's experiences.

Thanks to the Student Council and their PTO supporters for helping make this a successful evening. Proceeds from the evening will benefit the new school fund. Watch the calendar for the upcoming Student Council dinner to be held in spring.



VALENTINE QUESTIONS

ROOM 206

How do you show love to your family?

You care about them, are there for them, act nice and love them. (James)

Who do you love?

Mom and Dad. (Max)

What would you like to do for the world to make it better?

Clean up litter, make sure people have places to live, buy food and clothing for everyone, buy them shoes to wear and give them somewhere to sleep. (Joe)

What people are you grateful for?

My Grandma and my whole family. (Mike)

My parents, my brother, and my Grandma. (Chuck)

ROOM 110A & 110B

What is love?

Having strong feelings for another person. (Keven)

Showing your appreciation and showing that you care. (Nathan)

Love is strong feelings for someone you care about. (Kristen)

Love is someone you can talk to, someone you can spend time with, someone who is patient, and someone you trust. (Alicia)

Love just is! (Bethany)

When you care about and like someone and think they are attractive. (Ronnie)

Love is like a roller coaster, once you get on the ride of love, you can't get off! (Dianna)

What are things that can communicate love?

A hug and being with friends. (Sam)

Hugging, kissing, cuddling and caring. (Julie)

What are other things that can communicate love?

Being nice and respectful and showing others that you care. (Luis)

What are symbols of love?

Hearts, flowers, cards, candy, and niceness. (Peter)

What people are you grateful for?

Mom & Dad. (Casey)

My parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. (Tony)

ROOM 102B

What is love?

Love is caring and being nice. (Katie B.)

Love is patience. (Mitchell)

Love is kindness. (Marquette)

Love is when you really care about someone or something. (Katie S.)

Love is caring. (Trent)

Doing what is best for one another. (Mrs. Banghart)

What people are you grateful for?

I am grateful for my dad, sister, and Miggy. (Katie B.)

I am grateful for Nicole, Mrs. Banghart, and Miss Martin. (Mitchell)

I am grateful for Trent, Salvador, and Saul—my friends. (Marquette)

I am grateful for my sister. (Sarah)

I am grateful for the U.S. Army because they protect America. (Katie S.)

My Mom and Dad. (Evan)

I'm grateful for my brother Brian and my basketball teammates. (Griffen)

My Dad. (Trent)

I am grateful for my wonderful, loving family who always knows what is best for me. (April)

ROOM G8

Who do you love?

My brother, Mom and Dad, and Copper. (Scott M.)

My Mom. (Serene)

Shirley and Don. (Adam)

Miss Jeanette. (Joseph)

Mommy, Poppy, TeTe, and Miss Keri. (Jared)

My Mom and Franco. (Alex)

My fish, cat, frog, and family. (Scott V.)

My Mom and Dad. (Michael)

My Mother and Father. (Jamie)

ROOM G1

How do you show love to your family?

By respecting Mom and Dad and watching only the TV shows that I am supposed to watch (Jack).

(G1 cont.)

Who do you love?

My Mom, my Dad, and dinosaurs, especially the meat-eaters!
(Justin)

Who do you love?

Miss Jenny, Miss Rose, Miss Maureen, Miss Jan, Miss Fonda,
Sister Margaret, and Miss Sarah. (Marisa)

My brothers and sisters. I also love my Mom and Dad. I love
Spiderman, too! (Marnell)

Daddy, Mommy, and my Grandma. (Kyle)

Mom, Dad, Jack, and Mimi. (Emma)

I love Danielle, Joey, Nick, Mom and Dad. (Teresa)

What is love?

Love is knowing you are cared for day-in and day-out.
(Tommy)

What people are you grateful for?

Mom, Dad and Ms. Fonda. (Sean)

ROOM 267

What people are you grateful for?

I am grateful for my Mom, my Dad, and my dog Bandit.
(Justin)

Who do you love?

I love Mommy, Daddy, my sister Erin and everyone. (Kaitie)

What would you like to do for the world to make it better?

I would open more religious schools. (Derrick)

What is love?

Love is a way you feel towards someone special to you.
(Brogan)

How would you show love to your family?

I would give them hugs and kiss them goodnight. (Anthony)

What area some symbols of love?

Giving someone a hug. (Bryan)

ROOM 202A

Who do you love?

My family and my classmates. (Brian)

My Mom and my grandparents. (Stacy)

My Mom. (Jon R.)

My family. (Jon J.)

What people are you grateful for?

My grandparents, family, and everybody in this school.
(James)

Mom, Dad, and Kayla. (Ryan)

My Dad and Mom, Annie, Jennifer, and my teachers. (Val)

What is love?

Love is an unselfish, loyal, and benevolent concern for others. (Miss Susan)

ROOM 209A

What are things that can communicate love?

Your words, body language, hugs, and showing you care.
(Giselle)

Who do you love?

I love Mom because she always treats me nicely. (Bryan)

I love my friends. (Katrina)

How do you show love to your family?

I help make a special meal and I give hugs. (Emma)

What is love?

It is the feelings from your heart. (Tony)

ROOM 209B

Who do you love?

My Mom and Dad and it depends! (Gabe)

Ms. Joyce and my Mom. (Michael)

Everyone, all the people who help me, and all the people I help. (Amanda)

Mom and Dad, my brother, and Rosie Red, my dog! (Colin)

My Mom and my dog, Gabby. (Jackie)

I love O.T. and my Mom and Dad. (Scott)

My teachers and family. (Denzell)

How do you show love to your family?

I try to clean. (Denzell)

What people are you thankful for?

My parents, family & animals. (James)

My Mom, Dad, Ms. Kim, Ms. Terri, and Ms. Sheila. (Scott)

What would you like to do for the world to make it better?

Stop the war between the colors of skin! (Denzell)

How do you show love to your family or groups?

I let them know that I am always around with open arms and a good ear to listen to them. I also let them know that I am open for new and improved ideas to make life better for all of us. (Miss Barb)

What are some symbols of love?

Flowers, rainbows, sunsets, babies, smiles, kisses, and hugs. (Miss Joyce)

ROOM 202B

How do you show love to your family?

I help around the house, help Mom with homework, give Mom hugs or a massage. (Brian)

What are some symbols of love?

Hearts, the words, "I love you," and roses. (Asia)

What would you like to do for the world to make it better?

Clean up other people's messes, make sure people are okay, and talk to each other. (Lisa)

Who do you love?

My Mom, Dad, brother and other family members. (Sarah)

How do you show love to your family?

I respect them and listen to them. (Tuan)

I respect them, I act responsibly by not being silly, and do the things they ask. (Saul)

I love my Mom. (Dan)

I love myself, my cousin, and my friends. (Sal)

What are other things that can communicate love?

Family game night, going out to eat, picking up a special movie, helping to make dinner, and getting a card. (Sean)

What people are you grateful for?

My family—they make me who I am, they are my soul for existence. (Mrs. Wood)

My kids, grandchildren, and all my "true" girlfriends...thank you with all my heart (that is slowly healing). (Miss Barb)

ROOM 269

Who do you love?

Dad, Ginger, and Mom. (Bob)

Mom and Dad, my brothers and sister. (Joe)

My family: Mom, Dad, and Alex. (Michaela)

What people are you grateful for?

Mark Joyce. (Bob)

My sister. (Joe)

Miss Amanda and Elmo. (Michaela)

My Mom and my Grandmother, Aunt Barbara, Uncle Joe, and Cousin Joey. (Miss Kelly)

How do you show others love?

Hugs. (Bob)

I make them pictures. (Joe)

I help at home. (Michaela)

What are some symbols of love?

Hearts. (Bob)

A heart and chocolates. (Joe)

Hearts and smiles. (Michaela)

How do you show love to your family?

I show love by making dinner and cleaning the house. I also show love by writing them a little note. (Miss Kelly)

ROOM G2

Who do you love?

Momma, Dadda, Ross. (Mark H.)

Michael, Mom, Dad. (Michael)

Mom, Dad, Nichole, Daisy. (Matthew F.)

Mom, Dad, Justin. (Jason G.)

Grandma, Grandpa, Mom, Dad. (Ashton K.)

Mom, Dad, Angelica. (Christian P.)

Mom, Dad, Spiekey, Kiara. (Kyle P.)

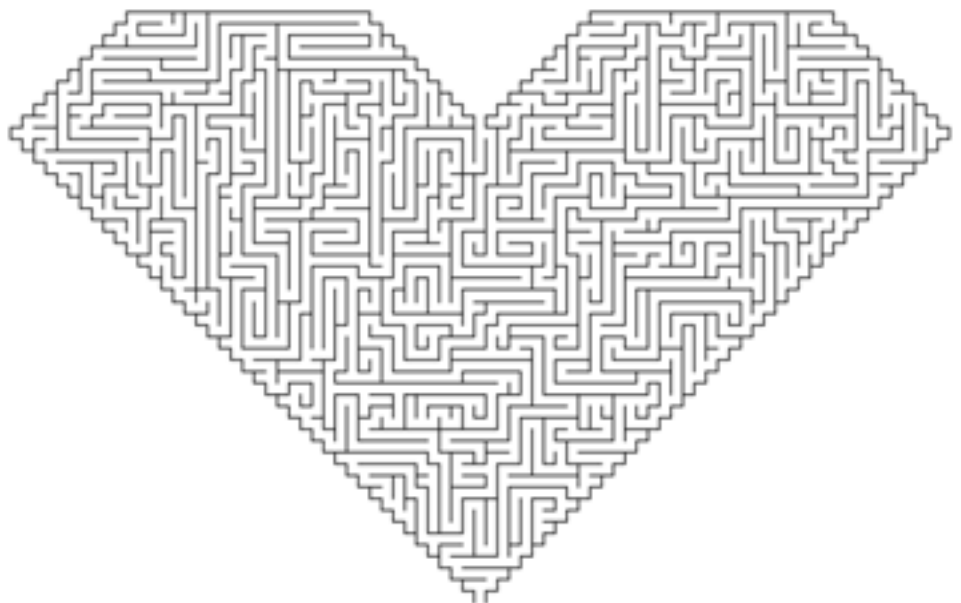
Mom, Dad, Selma. (Donte R.)

Mom, Dad, Sisters. (Doug C.)

Mom & Dad. (Patrick M.)

Here is your maze:

(Start at the top portion of the maze, and work your way down to the exit.)



"Happy
Valentine's Day!"

From the Students and
Staff of ClareWoods
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Up-Coming Calendar Dates...

March 3, 2006	School Improvement Day — In Service — No Classes
March 11, 2006	Special Olympics Swimming Meet at Barrington High School
March 24, 2006	Spring Break Begins (End of School Day.)
April 3, 2006	Classes Resume
April 27-28, 2006	"CWA's Galaxy of Stars" Spring Play

*** **Future Voice Issues:** Spring Break, Spring Play, June Finale *****

Principal's Forum

By Anne Craig

It is that time of year when everyone is anxious for spring to arrive with warmer weather, and sunnier days. For all of us at CWA, springtime is a time to start planning for the traditional end of year annual events.

The biggest of these events is the annual spring play. The theme for this year will be "CWA's Galaxy of Stars." Students will take to the stage on April 27 and 28, 2006.

The faculty has also been very busy gathering the final work samples for student portfolios. The portfolios, also known as Alternate Assessment, will be submitted to Measured Progress for evaluation on February 14th. Results will be sent to the home school districts, parents and CWA in early fall.

As many of you are aware, the PTO is working very hard to have a new playground installed at the far east end of the soccer field. The playground will be surface mounted in order to allow for easier relocation of the equipment once construction for the new school begins. In the meantime, we have purchased additional outdoor games for students to play with when spring does arrive.

Plans for prom, awards day, school picnic and graduation are underway. Specific information with dates and times will be announced in the near future.

New this spring at CWA is our web site. Please check it out at www.blcinc.org. We are still in the process of working out a few of the kinks, but are very interested in your feedback.

I would like to welcome Mark Banghart, our new computer teacher, Katie Cox, high school teacher, Sarah Menich and Tony Baier who are both paraprofessionals in G-1, Amber Cozza, paraprofessional in 209A, and Aska Konopka, an occupational therapist. I would also like to extend a CWA welcome to the student teachers from Northern Illinois University who will be joining us this spring.

We look forward to seeing you at all of the upcoming events.

Happy spring!! (A bit early)