



Thank you all who participated in our Akron Children's Change Bandit Campaign. YOU make PERRY PROUD!



Helping Kids Understand What the Actions of Others Mean

This month, we want to focus on helping students understand the difference between when another child is being rude, mean, or a bully. Part of helping our children, is understanding the language ourselves. Below is some of what we are using with students in our conversations at school.

When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they do it once, that is RUDE.
When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful, that is most often them being MEAN.

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it-even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset-that's BULLYING.

Knowing the language is just one small part of being able to talk with your student about a negative interaction they may have had. The next piece is helping them understand that they have to let their teacher know when something has happened that has hurt their feelings. Teachers (and staff alike) cannot help a student process their hurt feelings if they do not know something has happened and helping them learn to do this in the moment, is key. Teaching them to use phrases like: *My feelings are hurt because..., I am feeling upset because...* etc. are good starters to teach your child. When students express this to teachers/staff most often we find there are two sides to every story. Helping our young children look at the events that took place and dialogue through them, is a BIG part in helping students learn about how to interact with one another. This is all part of being a kid, learning how to interact with our peers. As much as we focus on and teach kindness here at Watson Elementary, we have to recognize that most of our young learners do not yet know how to or don't have the tools to effectively interact with their peers in ALL situations. They look to us as adults (both their teachers and parents) as models of how to interact. Therefore, both what we show them (with our peer interactions) and talk with them about is what helps shape their interactions with one another.

Please take a few minutes to check out this article:

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/growing-friendships/201410/is-it-bullying-or-ordinary-meanness>

Upcoming Events:

Friday	February 1	Smiles Mobile Dentist Program
Tuesday	February 5	Hat Day \$1.00 for ACH Change Bandit
Wednesday	February 6	Face painting \$1.00 for ACH Change Bandit
Friday	February 8	Behavior Party: Super U Challenge
Tuesday	February 12	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00 P.M.
Thursday	February 14	Class Valentine Day Party Parent-Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00 P.M.
Friday	February 15	No School
Monday	February 18	No School-President's Day
Tuesday	February 19	Watson Boosterthon—kickoff Assembly
Wed-next Thurs	February 20- February 28	Mindspark Mystery Lab begins
Friday	March 1	First Grade Bike Safety Assembly
Mon-Friday	March 4- 8	Right to Read Week
Wednesday	March 13	Spring Pictures
Friday	March 15	Father/Daughter Sock Hop
Mon-Fri	March 26-29	Spring Break-No School

Winter Weather Reminder

In the event of inclement weather Perry Local Schools will communicate closings and delays through several medias.

WHBC
 WKYC Channel 3
 WEWS Channel 5
 FOX 8 News
 WOIO Channel 19
 WUAB Channel 43
 CantonRep.com



This information will also be posted on the district website and each building's website as well as our Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Additionally, please make sure your students are fully dressed for the weather. Whenever possible we will go out for recess.



General Housekeeping...

- Some of you have been receiving form letters regarding attendance. Please make every attempt to obtain a medical excuse whenever your child is absent due to illness
- When sending a note or calling your child off from school, please make sure to include the following information: your name, your child's name, and the classroom teacher's name
- If visiting your student for lunch, please remember **NO** outside food is permitted in the cafeteria except a home packed lunch. Also, please refrain from taking pictures
- All parents have 24-hour access to our new Home Access Center (HAC) for the purpose of monitoring student grades. If you aren't sure how to monitor your student's progress through this system, please contact your student's teacher

Winter/Spring Testing Schedule

Grade	Test	Date
4	AIR ELA part 1	Tuesday, April 9
4	AIR ELA part 2	Wednesday, April 10
3	AIR ELA part 1	Tuesday, April 16
3	AIR ELA part 2	Wednesday, April 17
4	AIR Math part 1	Tuesday, April 23
4	AIR Math part 2	Wednesday, April 24
3	AIR Math part 1	Tuesday, April 30
3	AIR Math part 2	Wednesday, May 1

Winter/Spring testing schedule for both third and fourth grade has been released. Please make sure you refrain from scheduling vacations, doctors and dentist appointments on these dates specifically because the majority are given online and within very short windows.

Happy Valentines Day!



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SPEAK LIFE.
EVERY PERSON.
EVERY DAY.

WATSON WALK-A-THON: PANTHER FUN RUN

Parents! This year's main fundraiser is the **Panther Fun Run!** It's a 9-day program that kicks off with a Pep Rally on **February 20**. Families will then gather pledges for every lap your student runs (30-35 laps), and we'll celebrate at the Fun Run on **February 28**. With our big goal of raising **\$12,000** for **ALL our Watson Students**, we asked the Fun Run experts at Boosterthon to power our Fun Run and make it more profitable, easier, and fun.

Students will also experience an amazing character theme, **Mindspark Mystery Lab!** A mystery theme that combines S.T.E.A.M. skills (Science 🔬, Technology 📱, Engineering 🏗️, Arts 🎨, & Math 🧮) with character building. Your student will help a team of brainy kids solve problems using a super-lab hidden inside a school. While they are teaming up with the MindSpark Kids to solve mysteries, your students will learn five 21st-century character traits that will help strengthen themselves and our world: Citizenship, Growth Mindset, Zest, Integrity and Teamwork!

Donations will go toward **all of our fun events throughout the year, new technology** and to the entire 9-day experience. So please help our school by reaching out to sponsors. Thank you for your support!

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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year is speeding along, but we are still busy with Watson UNITE activities.

- **Feb 14: Valentine's party** The planning is underway and all classes have a head room parent. If you want to help with the party you must be on the list, please email watsonunite@yahoo.com or rsvp through remind.
- Nominations are underway for next school year. If you have ever considered serving on the board, this is a great time to start. It is a fantastic way to stay in touch with your kids. See Facebook or your child's gold folder for information
- **Feb 19 WATSON ONLY FUNDRAISER** its kick off time! We could really use your support. We spend this money on the kids, the families and the staff at Watson. Events like Glow night, Bingo night, Holiday shop, dance, bowling, skate night, field trips, class parties, and Field day could not happen without this fundraiser. This year it will be very user friendly and can be shared on Facebook. Donations can be made online. The Panther Fun Run will be held February 28 in our gym.
- **March 15** The Father/Daughter dance

Thank you for being part of the Watson family!