

## In case you missed it...

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, we held our annual *All School Slide Show* in conjunction with our *Whipple Art Show*. Wanting everyone to have an opportunity to see the slide show, this year's was recently uploaded to our Whipple Webpage. It is approximately 23 dazzling minutes long. (Simply scroll down on the right hand side of the main page to find it). A big Thanks to Mr. Clay (Kindergarten Parent) for putting this together!

## Upcoming Events

Thursday	May 1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade OAA Testing [Reading] Girls on the Run in Gym (4:00-5:00pm)
Friday	May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Boy Scout Camp Out
Tuesday	May 6 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade OAA Testing [Math] 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Wilderness Center Girls on the Run in Gym (4:00-5:00) Daisy Scouts in Art Room (6:30pm)
Wednesday	May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Eddie Eagle Gun Safety (Kdg.)
Thursday	May 8 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade OAA Testing [Math] Whipple 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Track Meet (2:00-3:15pm) Girls on the Run in Gym (4:00-5:00pm)
Friday	May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Behavior Reward Party Cut Off Point (Due to Scheduling this party will take place May 21 <sup>st</sup> . Participation in Field Day, May 23 <sup>rd</sup> , will be dependent on Behavior from this point on.)
Tuesday	May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Bookmobile (Grades 1-4) 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Tour of Pfeiffer (1:30pm) Girls on the Run in Gym (4:00-5:00pm) 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition in Gym (7:00pm)
Wednesday	May 14 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade District Track Meet (9:00am-12:00pm) Kidmobile (Kdg)
Thursday	May 15 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Bike Hike to Sippo Girls on the Run in Gym (4:00-5:00pm) Preschool Ready or Not at Sippo Library (6:00pm)
Friday	May 16 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade District Track Meet (Rain Date)
Monday	May 19 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teen Institute Celebration (9:30am) Market Day Pick-Up in Café (6:15-7:15pm)
Tuesday	May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Girls on the Run in Gym (4:00-5:00pm) Daisy Scouts in Art Room (6:30pm)
Wednesday	May 21 <sup>st</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation at Pfeiffer (6:00pm) All School Behavior Reward Party
Thursday	May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Kindergarten Field Trip to Akron Zoo Girls on the Run in Gym (4:00-5:00pm)
Friday	May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Whipple Heights Field Day
Monday	May 26 <sup>th</sup>	No School - Memorial Day
Tuesday	May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day for Kindergarten Students Girls on the Run in Gym (4:00-5:00pm)
Wednesday	May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Incoming Kindergarten Screening (By Appointment) 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Assembly in Gym (9:15-10:15am) 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Awards Assembly in Gym (10:30-11:30am)
Thursday	May 29 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration at Massillon Rec Center Girls on the Run in Gym (4:00-5:00pm)
Friday	May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of School (Grades 1-4)

## Working to Improve the Lunch Experience...

Over the last couple of weeks, the cafeteria staff and I have been working to streamline lunch services and provide an overall better experience for our students and families. That said, when you next join your student for lunch, please keep the following in mind as your help and support are very much appreciated.

#1 - If you are purchasing a lunch, please come with cash in hand and try to get here a few minutes before the start time. This way you can complete your transaction prior to the group coming through. With such limited time, we want to eliminate any potential hold ups in the line.

### Lunch Start Times

Kindergarten – 11:25  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade – 11:55  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - 1:00  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – 12:30  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade – 10:55

#2 – Absolutely **NO** outside food (except for a home packed lunch) is permitted in the cafeteria. With food allergies we cannot allow fast food of any kind.

#3 - If your child has a doctor's note stating that they have milk/dairy allergies, your child will **NOT** be permitted to be served **ANYTHING** that is a milk product, or that has milk in it, i.e. pizza, yogurt, cheese sticks etc. unless directly specified on the doctor's note. Student safety is our #1 priority!

#4 – Lastly we are going to begin moving to having parents sit directly with their student and student's friends vs. sitting at a separate table. This will make it a more inclusive experience for all and eliminate the need to single out only two friends or change seats after having already sat down.

***Much Thanks for your Support!***

## New District-Wide Attendance Policy for 2014-2015

Perry Local Schools recently adopted a new Attendance Policy set to begin at the start of the 2014-2015 school year. The policy contains many significant changes and will be reflected in our student handbook next year. Below are a few of the key changes:

- Notes excusing a student's absence must be received within 3 days.
- Anything over 20 minutes (after the Tardy Bell or before the end of the school day) will be counted as a half day absence.
- Family Leave Days (vacation) will be limited to 5.
- Parents of habitually or chronically truant students will have a complaint filed against them with the Judge of the Juvenile Court.

## "Everything Google" Overview Session for Parents

All Whipple students in grades 2-4 have been assigned a Google account, and are using Google products extensively during their time in the computer lab and on the Chromebooks. The Google suite being relatively new (as most of us have always used MS Office), is extremely impressive with its functionality and price (FREE to anyone!). **If you'd like to learn more about what your children are learning, we're offering an overview session on the Google drive and suite of products on Monday, May 12 from 6-7:00 p.m., here at Whipple. If interested, please RSVP to [connie.dumoulin@perrylocal.org](mailto:connie.dumoulin@perrylocal.org).**

## Counselor's Corner

### GUIDANCE PROGRAMS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

May has been designated as career awareness month. Students will be presented information in their classrooms that will address many different career options along with the skills and education needed to pursue these careers.

The fourth grade students will be culminating their Teen Talk program with a party held at the Perry Stadium. The students will enjoy a variety of games and events with the high school Teen Institute students. The fourth grade students will also receive their lesson on human maturation. Information regarding this was already sent home to all 4<sup>th</sup> grade families and a previewing was held on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at T.C. Knapp.

Please contact me if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Anne Case, M.A. School Counselor

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## BOX TOPS AND LABELS FOR EDUCATION

A Big THANK YOU to everyone who sent in Box Tops, Campbell's, Tyson and Our Family Labels this school year. The school total for April was 5,714 with the winning classroom being Mrs. Lab's class who brought in 1,608. Congratulations!!!

A special thanks to Kim Baxter, Jamie Dulcie and Betsy Ward for helping with the counting this month and to everyone who has helped with counting and classroom treats this year.

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# PTO NEWS

## NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is with a full heart that I write this final Letter from the President. On behalf of the 2013-2014 WHPTO officers, we'd like to thank you for a wonderful school year! As each of us "graduate" from Whipple, we are happy to tell you that the incoming officers are excited and ready to lead the PTO next year! I hope you take some time to enjoy some final memories at Whipple during these last few weeks; I know that we all will.

A big shout out to Patty Conrad, Mandy Dale and their parent volunteers for a wonderful book fair! We hope you were able to make it to our family night, and maybe find a good book or two!

I'd also like to thank Mrs. Mullane and Christopher Clay for the Art Showcase and Slide Show this past month. The time and effort these two put into planning the event was noteworthy!

To the 4th grade families, I hope to see you at our Recognition Ceremony, scheduled for May 13th. It will be a memorable evening with a slide show, recognition awards, graduation gifts and refreshments afterwards.

Thank you again for being an involved and invested group of parents! With wonderful parents, teachers and staff our Whipple family is top notch! May you continue the tradition of excellence as your children grow-up at Whipple Elementary School.

With Perry Pride

Your WHPTO Officers

Michele Wood, Jennifer George, Patty Conrad &

Becki Crookston