

## Whipple Heights Parent Survey Results...

On behalf of the staff at Whipple Heights I want to send a big THANKS to all of our parents/guardians who completed the recent Parent Survey. We had 260 surveys returned out of our 435 students which is a really great rate of return considering many of our families have multiple students attending school here at Whipple. In an effort to be fully transparent below is a breakdown of the results.

Survey Statements	1 Strongly Agree	2 Agree	3 Neutral	4 Disagree	5 Strongly Disagree
When I visit my child's school, I am greeted with courtesy & professionalism.	70%	29%	1%	0%	0%
The school provides a safe learning environment for my child.	76.5%	23%	0.5%	0%	0%
My child's teacher(s) cares about him/her.	80%	19%	1%	0%	0%
My child's teacher(s) has high expectations for student learning.	77%	21%	2%	0%	0%
My child's school provides resources that support learning.	65%	33%	2%	0%	0%
I am satisfied with the level of communication with my child's teacher(s).	69%	26%	4%	0.5%	0.5%
I am satisfied with the level of communication with my child's school.	61%	31.5%	7%	0%	0.5%
My child's school communicates consistent behavior expectations.	73%	24%	3%	0%	0%
Students are motivated by being recognized for positive behavior.	68%	27.5%	4%	0.5%	0%
My child's school enforces the school rules consistently and fairly.	65%	30%	5%	0.5%	0.5%

After reflecting on this data as well as the handwritten comments provided, we have two areas we will continue to focus on with regards to improvement. The first being communication. While we have worked hard to both increase and streamline our communication methods over the last couple of years, we recognize that some errors (with regards to afterschool events specifically) have been made this year. In working with our AMAZING PTO all future communications regarding these events specifically will now come directly through the office for proofreading before being sent home. We will do our best to avoid any delays in sending information home and hope this extra check will alleviate future errors. Secondly, we have a team established that focuses on implementation of *Positive Behaviors and Supports*. The team has been meeting monthly to work to continue streamlining our efforts for consistency and have identified key updates to our system that will be rolled out in the 2016-2017 school year.

## Upcoming Events

Below is a listing of specific events scheduled for this coming month!

Tuesday	March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Achievement Quest - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading (3:40-5:00pm)
Wednesday	March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bookmobile Grades 1 & 3
Thursday	March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	PHS Students to <i>Spread the Word</i> during Lunch Achievement Quest - 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reading (3:40-5:00pm)
Tuesday	March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Achievement Quest - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading (3:40-5:00pm) Boy Scouts in Café 6:30-8:00pm WHPTO Meeting in Library 7:00pm
Thursday	March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Achievement Quest - 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reading (3:40-5:00pm) Incoming Kindergarten Readiness at Sippo Library (6:00pm)
Friday	March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Boy Scouts in Gym & Café - Pinewood Derby
Tuesday	March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Achievement Quest - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading (3:40-5:00pm) Kindergarten Registration A-M (4:30-7:00pm) Boy Scouts in Café (6:30-8:00pm)
Wednesday	March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Kidmobile (KDG.)
Thursday	March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Achievement Quest - 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reading (3:40-5:00pm) Kindergarten Registration N-Z (4:30-7:00pm)
Friday	March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Spirit Friday / Spirit Shop During Lunch Behavior Reward Party
Mon-Fri	March 21-25	Spring Break - Now School
Tuesday	March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Achievement Quest - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading (3:40-5:00pm) Boy Scouts in Café (6:30-8:00pm)
Thursday	March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Achievement Quest - 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reading (3:40-5:00pm)
Friday	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Spring Pictures

## National School Breakfast Week

Slated for March 7-11, 2016, National School Breakfast Week is a weeklong celebration aimed at increasing awareness of the School Breakfast Program among students and parents. A healthy breakfast helps students focus in the classroom and perform better. That's why we offer a healthy breakfast every morning in our schools to get them set for a busy school day. Breakfast is served daily in the cafeteria 15 minutes prior to the beginning of school.

Each day this week, the cafeteria will be giving some special prizes away to students who take advantage of our school breakfast.

Monday - Tattoos  
Tuesday - Pencils  
Wednesday - Rulers  
Thursday - Stickers  
Friday - Fruit Snacks

## General Housekeeping...

- Many of you have been receiving form letters regarding attendance. This is part of our policy at Perry Local. You will receive a form letter at strategic points starting with the 3<sup>rd</sup> non-medical absence. 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.
- All parents have 24hour access to Pinnacle. If you aren't sure how to monitor your student's progress through this system please contact your student's teacher.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in Box Tops, Campbell's, Tyson and Our Family Labels.



It is amazing how something so small can make such a BIG difference to our school.

For collections in February we had 2,783! The winning class was Ms. Teske's with 1,314. Thank you to Betsy Ward who will be providing the class treat. Since October, we have had over 7,000 box tops submitted. Keep them coming...

Mandy Dale  
Collections Committee Chairperson  
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3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Families Don't forget... Try to refrain from scheduling vacations, doctors and dentists appointments on these dates specifically.	Spring Testing Schedule - Reminder		
	Grade	Test	Date
	3	ELA Spring Part 1	April 5 <sup>th</sup>
	3	ELA Spring Part 2	April 6 <sup>th</sup>
	4	ELA Part 1	April 7 <sup>th</sup>
	4	ELA Part 2	April 8 <sup>th</sup>
	4	Social Studies Part 1	April 14 <sup>th</sup>
	4	Social Studies Part 2	April 15 <sup>th</sup>
	3	Math Part 1	April 19 <sup>th</sup>
	3	Math Part 2	April 20 <sup>th</sup>
	4	Math Part 1	April 21 <sup>st</sup>
	4	Math Part 2	April 22 <sup>nd</sup>

# PTO NEWS

## NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

A special thank you to Heather & Steve Lytle for the amazing job they did on coordinating this year's Variety Show. It was a HUGE success! For those of you that ordered DVD's, they will be delivered soon! I would also like to thank all that volunteered at the Valentine's Party. The kids had a great time and the parties couldn't have happened without all of your preparation and help!

COSI on Wheels is scheduled for March 18th and I am currently seeking volunteers for the event. Watch for the flyer to come home with your student or feel free to get a hold of me personally. Also watch for news on the upcoming Coin Drive the week before Spring Break.

Fourth Grade Parents... Don't forget to get your child's pictures sent in for the 4th grade slideshow. You may either send hard copies (attention Jamie Dulcie PTO mailbox) in to be scanned and returned or email them to: [whipplefourthgradepictures@yahoo.com](mailto:whipplefourthgradepictures@yahoo.com). We need 1 each of the following: baby to 1 year, kindergarten & 4th grade.

Don't forget that the PTO is holding nominations at the March meeting and voting at the April meeting. To be nominated, you must have attended at least 2 meetings during the current school year. All positions are open! Our next PTO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7th at 7:00pm in the Whipple Library. All are welcome and encouraged to come.

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## Kindergarten Registration

It's time to start thinking about Kindergarten Registration for the 2016-2017 school year. See below for specific days/times at Whipple Elementary:

**Last Name A-M**

Tuesday March 15<sup>th</sup> 4:30-7:00

**Last Name N-Z**

Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup> 4:30-7:00

## COUNSELING CONNECTIONS



This month our guidance topic is Tolerance. All students in grades K-4 will have a lesson on accepting individual differences.

**Kindergarten** will read/discuss the book, "I Accept You As You Are".

**First grade** will read/discuss the book, "It's Okay to be Different".

**Second grade** will view/discuss the video, "The Unforgettable Pen Pal."

**Third grade** will view "Putting Yourself in Someone Else's Shoes".

**Fourth grade** will view/discuss the video, "Planting the Seeds of Peace"

Also during the spring, the Kindergarten students will learn about gun safety with "Eddie Eagle." Officer Blanc, from the Perry Township Police Department will be visiting each Kindergarten classroom to show a video and discuss the dangers of guns and other weapons.

Please feel free to contact me...

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