



Scholastic Book Fair

Family Night April 25th, 2016

BookFair is right around the corner!! **Monday April 25 from 6-8pm is Family Night!** Bring the whole gang! The school will be visiting the Book Fair during their library times throughout the week of April 26--April 28 (with the 29th being a make-up day) as well. We will need volunteers so make sure to look for the flyer going home or text or call Mandy Dale ([330705-1650](tel:3307051650)) to set up your volunteer time! Be ready for a groovy time!!

Speaking of Groovy...

Since this year's theme is *Reading is Groovy*, we invite everyone to dress in your best 60s/70s outfits on Friday April 22nd!

Spring Testing Schedule

Below is the schedule for the remaining state-mandated assessments our 3rd and 4th grade students will be taking this spring. Please make sure you refrain from scheduling any vacations, doctors and/or dentist appointments on these dates as the majority of our testing is being given online with very short windows for completion.

Grade	Test	Date
3	ELA Spring Parts 1&2	April 5 th /6 th
4	ELA Parts 1&2	April 7 th /8 th
4	Social Studies 1&2	April 14 th /15 th
3	Math Parts 1&2	April 19 th /20 th
4	Math Parts 1&2	April 21 st /22 nd

Beyond just state-mandated assessments, ALL of our students Kindergarten thru 4th grade will be engaging in a number of benchmark assessments (reading, writing and mathematics) throughout the month of April. These assessments will measure their individual progress when compared to their previous benchmarks. Ensuring your child is well rested and in attendance each day this month is super important!

Upcoming Events

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

Tuesday	April 5 th	3 rd Grade ELA Assessment - Part 1
Wednesday	April 6 th	3 rd Grade ELA Assessment - Part 2 4 th Grade Math Achievement Quest (3:40-5:00pm)
Thursday	April 7 th	4 th Grade ELA Assessment - Part 1
Friday	April 8 th	4 th Grade ELA Assessment - Part 2 4 th Grade Math Achievement Quest (3:40-5:00pm) 1 st Grade Helmet Safety Program
Tuesday	April 12 th	4 th Grade Math Achievement Quest (3:40-5:00pm) WHPTO Meeting in Library (7:00pm) Boy Scouts in Café (6:30-8:00pm)
Wednesday	April 13 th	Kidmobile & Bookmobile (Grades 1-3)
Thursday	April 14 th	4 th Grade Social Studies Assessment - Part 1 4 th Grade Math Achievement Quest (3:40-5:00pm)
Friday	April 15 th	4 th Grade Social Studies Assessment - Part 2
Tuesday	April 19 th	3 rd Grade Math Assessment - Part 1 Boy Scouts in Café (6:30-8:00pm)
Wednesday	April 20 th	3 rd Grade Math Assessment - Part 2
Thursday	April 21 st	4 th Grade Math Assessment - Part 1
Friday	April 22 nd	4 th Grade Math Assessment - Part 2 Groovy Spirit Day - 60s/70s Attire Spirit Shop During Lunch
Monday	April 25 th	Book Fair Week Begins - Parent Night (6:00-8:00pm)
Tuesday	April 26 th	Boy Scouts in Café (6:30-8:00pm)
Friday	April 29 th	Behavior Reward Party

Coin Drive Update

We want to extend a HUGE Thank You to our Whipple Families for another successful charity coin drive. This year we collected \$1,181.17! Add this total to our November Charity Week total and so far we have been able to donate over \$2,700.00 (plus non-perishable goods) to Perry Helping Perry this school year!

As with all of our past charity collections we know our Whipple families recognize the importance of paying it forward and are so thankful for the generosity you continue to display and teach to your children.

General Housekeeping...

- We make every effort to go outside for recess, even if we have to stick to blacktop only. Please make sure students are fully dressed for the weather.
- Many of you have been receiving form letters regarding attendance. This is part of our revised policy at Perry Local. You will receive a form letter at strategic points starting with the 3rd non-medical absence. Please make every attempt to obtain a medical excuse whenever your child is absent due to illness.
- 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 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.

Supporting Autism Awareness

Did you know?

Perry Local Schools has an established District Autism Team to help support students, staff and parents.



The goal of this team is to help provide increased awareness, offer help to those students who need support academically and behaviorally, and assist staff with effective strategies for working with our students with Autism.

Throughout the month of April the team will be rolling out several activities (District-wide) to promote autism awareness. Look for more information to come as our efforts continue to grow!

Wear BLUE in Support on April 2nd!!

COUNSELING CONNECTIONS



During the month of April, the guidance topic for grades 1-3 is SAFETY.

The kindergarten topic is gun safety. Students will view and discuss "Eddie Eagle Gun Safety with DARE Office Blanc. Four rules will be stressed: Stop! Don't Touch! Leave the area! Tell an adult.

The first grade's topic is "bus safety". Students will view a video entitled, "*Pooh's Great Bus Adventure*." Discussed will be the do's and don'ts while riding a bus.

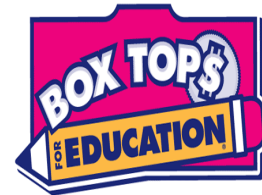
Grade Two will study "gun safety" including the video, "*McGruff on Gun Safety*". The message is, "Stay away from any gun and tell an adult!"

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance.

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Thank you to everyone who has sent in Box Tops, Campbell's, Tyson and Our Family Labels. Totals will be provided in the May Newsletter for both March and April. Please know this seemingly small thing really makes a BIG difference to our school.



PTO NEWS

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy April! Can you believe we are in the last 9 weeks of school? I hope your student has had a fantastic school year so far. Thank you to all the students who participated in the coin drive. 2nd grade was the winner and overall we raised right around \$1,100 for Perry Helping Perry!!

At the March PTO meeting, we accepted nominations for the 2016-2017 board members. We will vote at the April meeting. Thank you to those that have accepted the nomination:

President- Jennifer Catazaro

Vice President- Betsy Ward

Secretary- Tina Overturf

Treasure- Kwyn Bontrager

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 in to be scanned and returned or email them to: whipplefourthgradepictures@yahoo.com. We need 1 each of the following: baby to 1 year, kindergarten & 4th grade. We are in the process of scanning the ones we have already received and they will be returned to you very soon.

The book fair will be this month, so be on the lookout for a flyer to come home with your student. To stay up to date on all the school's events, check out the Whipple Website and click on Building Calendar.

Our next PTO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00pm in the Whipple Library. This will be the last one for this school year! All are welcome and encouraged to come.

With Perry Pride,

Jamie Dulcie (WHPTO President)

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