

Be On the Lookout Whipple Heights Elementary is one of the Spotlight Schools in the upcoming Perryite. This means two whole pages are devoted to highlighting the happenings here at our school. These should be mailed home shortly.



## Winter/Spring State Testing Schedule

As occurs each year, our third and fourth grade students will be participating in some state-mandated testing this Spring. To the right is a copy of the upcoming testing schedule for your planning purposes.

Please make sure you refrain from scheduling vacations, doctors and dentists appointments on these dates specifically because the majority of assessments are given online and within very short testing windows.

Grade	Test	Date
4	ELA Part 1	Wednesday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>
4	ELA Part 2	Thursday, March 16 <sup>th</sup>
3	ELA Spring Part 1	Tuesday, March 21 <sup>st</sup>
3	ELA Spring Part 2	Wednesday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>
4	Math Part 1	Tuesday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>
4	Math Part 2	Wednesday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>
3	Math Part 1	Tuesday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>
3	Math Part 2	Wednesday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>
4	Social Studies Part 1	Tuesday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup>
4	Social Studies Part 2	Wednesday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Whipple Coin Drive March 13-17<sup>th</sup>

**100% of Donations Benefit Perry Helping Perry (PHP)**

Be on the lookout for information coming home soon about our upcoming Annual Coin Drive. Each year we hold this weekly event to help benefit *Perry Helping Perry* and the students/families in need right here in Perry Township. Last year we collected approximately \$1,200 (in change) during this one week. Let's see if can beat that this year! As in past years, the grade level whose bucket reaches the highest point will earn a grade level reward.

## Upcoming Events

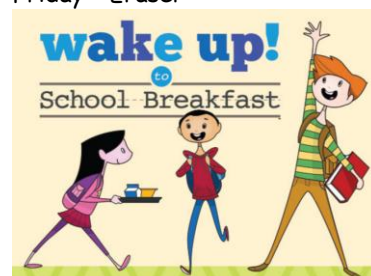
Below is a listing of specific events scheduled for this coming month!

Tuesday	February 28 <sup>th</sup>	Achievement Quest (3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade) 3:45-5:00pm Cub Scouts in Café (6:30-8:00pm)
Wednesday	March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Achievement Quest (3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade) 3:45-5:00pm
Monday	March 6 <sup>th</sup>	GIRLS on RUN Begins (Afterschool)
Tuesday	March 7 <sup>th</sup>	COSI on Wheels (Grades 1-4) <b>Volunteers Needed</b> Achievement Quest (3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade) 3:45-5:00pm
Wednesday	March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Bookmobile (Grades 1/3) Achievement Quest (3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade) 3:45-5:00pm
Thursday	March 9 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Bicycle Safety Program (In Afternoon) K-Ready Program at Sippo Library (6:00pm)
Mon-Fri	March 13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	Square One Art & Whipple Coin Drive Week
Tuesday	March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Achievement Quest (3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade) 3:45-5:00pm WHPTO Meeting in Library (6:00pm) Cub Scouts in Café (6:30-8:00pm)
Wednesday	March 15 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Spring ELA AIR State Assessment Part 1 Achievement Quest (3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade) 3:45-5:00pm
Thursday	March 16 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Spring ELA AIR State Assessment Part 2
Friday	March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Behavior Reward Party #5 <b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Tuesday	March 21 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Spring ELA AIR State Assessment Part 1 Kindergarten Registration Night 1 (A-M) Cub Scouts in Café (6:30-8:00pm)
Wednesday	March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Spring ELA AIR State Assessment Part 2
Thursday	March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Spring Pictures (Lifetouch) Kindergarten Registration Night 2 (N-Z)
Friday	March 24 <sup>th</sup>	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks Spirit Friday / Spirit Shop During Lunch
Mon-Fri	March 27 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>	Spring Break - No School

## National School Breakfast Week

Slated for March 6-10, 2017, 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 - Pencil  
Tuesday - Stickers  
Wednesday - Magnet  
Thursday - Donut Key Chain  
Friday - Eraser



## General Housekeeping...

- Another batch of our form letters regarding attendance just went out. This is part of our policy at Perry Local Schools. 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 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.

## Kindergarten Registration

It's time to start thinking about Kindergarten Registration for the 2017-2018 school year. See below for specific days/times at Whipple Elementary:

**Last Name A-M**

Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup> 5:00-7:00

**Last Name N-Z**

Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:00-7:00



## COUNSELING CONNECTIONS



This month our guidance topics are safety for grades K-2 and hygiene for 4<sup>th</sup> Graders.

**Kindergarten** will view and discuss the DVD, "McGruff's Drug Alert".

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

**Second grade** will be taught and have a discussion on water safety.

**Fourth grade** will have a classroom lesson on hygiene. What is hygiene and what can we do to be clean and healthy.

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



Collections for February are still being counted. So far we are well over \$1,000 but with some classes still remaining we haven't yet identified a winner. We'll make sure to share these results in next month's update.

Mandy Dale

Collections Committee Chairperson

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# PTO NEWS

## NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

WHPTO hosted a *Family Fun Day* at Sky Zone on February 20<sup>th</sup>. I hope that everyone that attended had a great time! We still have several events coming up that we will need help with. Flyers will be going out for these events as they approach. Please plan ahead if you can help on March 7<sup>th</sup> with COSI on Wheels (1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade) and/or March 17<sup>th</sup> for the next Behavior Party Bricks4Kidz (Lego) event. We are always thankful for the help.

The WHPTO sponsors two \$750 scholarships to seniors that attend Whipple Heights Elementary for 4 years. If you have a senior that qualifies, please visit the central office for an application.

Our next PTO meeting will be held March 14<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in being on the board and have attended 2 meetings please come for nominations. All positions will be open for expect the treasure's seat. Also, we have added a PTO meeting for May. It is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. As always please feel free to contact me or another board member with any questions, comments or concerns.

With Perry Pride...

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