



## Spring 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	Tuesday, April 10 <sup>th</sup>
4	ELA Part 2	Wednesday, April 11 <sup>th</sup>
3	ELA Part 1	Tuesday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>
3	ELA Part 2	Wednesday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>
4	Math Part 1	Tuesday, April 24 <sup>th</sup>
4	Math Part 2	Wednesday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>
3	Math Part 1	Tuesday, May 1 <sup>st</sup>
3	Math Part 2	Wednesday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup>

All students K-4 engage in district-wide assessments throughout the month of April, into early May. As always, please ensure your student is in attendance regularly!

## Helping Kids Understand What the Actions of Others Mean

As you know, each month we are working to include in our building newsletter tips for parents on talking with and supporting their children. 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's RUDE.**

**When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful, that's 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 don't 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'm 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 Whipple Heights Elementary, we have to recognize that most of our young learners don't 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. So, 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

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

Thursday	February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Variety Show Dress Rehearsal in Gym (5:30pm)
Friday	February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Variety Show in Gym (7:00pm)
Tuesday & Wednesday	February 6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Alternative Test (Select students needing to pass TGRG)
Thursday	February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Behavior Party #4
Friday	February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Valentine's Day Classroom Parties (2:15-3:15pm)
Tuesday	February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parent-Teacher Conferences (5:00-8:00pm)
Wednesday	February 14 <sup>th</sup>	WHPTO Meeting in Library (6:00pm) Kidmobile (Kindergarten Only)
Thursday	February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Parent-Teacher Conferences (5:00-8:00pm)
Friday	February 16 <sup>th</sup>	No School - Teacher Exchange Day
Monday	February 19 <sup>th</sup>	No School - President's Day
Friday	February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Spirit Friday - Spirit Shop During Lunch Smiles Dentist Program at Whipple Heights
Wednesday	February 28 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Literacy/Art Show Night (6:30pm)

## 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, Twitter and the Whipple REMIND account.

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

## General Housekeeping...

- Another batch of our form letters regarding attendance will be coming out soon. 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> absence (medical or non-medical). 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 make sure you call in at the start of the day if you are needing a cafeteria lunch.
- All parents have 24hour access to grades 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 2018-2019 school year. See below for specific days/times at the **Perry Local Board of Education**:

**Week of March 19-23, 2018**

(8:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm)

**Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

(5:00pm-7:00pm)

Contrary to prior practice of registering at the elementary buildings, kindergarten registrations for the 2018-2019 school year will occur at the Board of Education Office – located on the west-end of Edison Middle School. The address for the Board of Education is 4201 13<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Massillon, Ohio 44646. Please enter through door #11.

## COUNSELING CONNECTIONS



This month our guidance topic is Tolerance. Classrooms will be presented a lesson on accepting individual differences.

Kindergarten – Read/Discuss the Book “*It’s Okay to be Different.*”  
First Grade – Read/Discuss the Book “*Spookley the Square Pumpkin.*”  
Second Grade – View/Discuss the Video “*The Unforgettable Pen Pal.*”  
Third Grade – View/Discuss “*Putting Yourself in Someone Else’s Shoes.*”  
Fourth Grade – View/Discuss “*Planting the Seeds of Peace.*”

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.



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# PTO NEWS

## NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Excitement is in the air as we approach the Annual Variety Show which will be held on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Whipple Heights has so many talented students the show is sure to be a hit! Also, Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Classroom *Point of Contact* information went home a few weeks back. If you missed it, and are wanting to help, your child's teacher should be able to point you in the right direction.

Our next Spirit Shop is coming up on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> during lunch periods. We can always use some extra help if your time allows it. Please contact me if this is something you might be able to help with.

Last but not least, our next PTO meeting will be held on February, 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the library. If you are interested in being on the board next year you must attend at least 2 meetings. Nominations will take place at the March meeting. All positions are open for the coming school year.

With Perry Pride...

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Annual Winter Family Night & School-Wide Art Show

Date: Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

Time: 6:30-7:30pm

Come check out all of the AMAZING works of art created by our students and engage in some super fun literacy/math activities with your child(ren). Additional information and RSVP forms will be coming home soon so be on the lookout. We hope to see you there!

