



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.

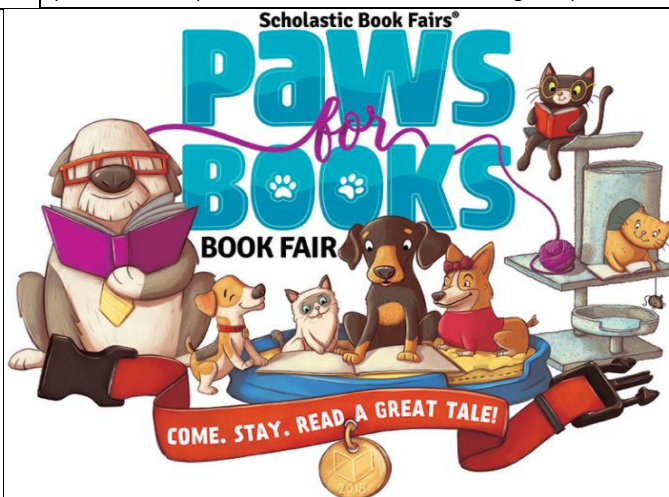
Grade	Test	Date
4	ELA Part 1	Tuesday, April 10 th
4	ELA Part 2	Wednesday, April 11 th
3	ELA Part 1	Tuesday, April 17 th
3	ELA Part 2	Wednesday, April 18 th
4	Math Part 1	Tuesday, April 24 th
4	Math Part 2	Wednesday, April 25 th
3	Math Part 1	Tuesday, May 1 st
3	Math Part 2	Wednesday, May 2 nd

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!

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 your child recognize when something is hard and work through it. As adults we all know the most rewarding experiences in life often involve significant struggle and sacrifice at some stage. Things like being married, being a parent, staying healthy are all things we have to work hard at. So, helping our students understand why learning to work through something they might be struggling with, is so important. Here are some ideas:

- Help your child become curious about errors or lack of success. Remind your child that failure is important on the way to success. Model this!
- Show your child the Michael Jordan Failure commercial www.youtube.com/watch?v=45mMioJ5szc Talk to your child about what the last line of the video means.
- Provide some puzzles and games that may create a little struggle for your child. Work together and discuss why struggle shows that you are learning and that you can build resiliency.
- Model and encourage resiliency-the ability to bounce back from errors and failures.

Adapted: Ready-to-Use Resources for Mindsets in the Classroom, Prufrock Press Inc.



The Book Fair is coming to Whipple Heights Elementary the week of April 9th-12th. As with every year, students will be able to shop throughout the week as well as during Family Night the evening of Monday, April 9th from 6pm-8pm. (More information coming home closer to the event.)

Upcoming Events

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

Wednesday	March 7 th	Bookmobile (1 st /2 nd Grade) Spring Pictures
Wednesday	March 14 th	Kidmobile (Kindergarten) WHPTO Meeting in Library (6:00pm)
Friday	March 16 th	Spirit Friday - Spirit Shop during Lunch
Tuesday	March 20 th	COSI on Wheels (Grades 1-4) We will need parent volunteers so please save the date!
Friday	March 23 rd	Positive Behavior Party #5
Mon-Fri	March 26-30 th	No School - Spring Break
Wednesday	April 4 th	Bookmobile (1 st /2 nd Grade)
Mon-Thur	April 9-12 th	Scholastic Book Fair in Library
Monday	April 9 th	Book Fair Family Night in Library (6:00-8:00pm)
Tues-Wed	April 10-11 th	4 th Grade English Language Arts State Assessment
Wednesday	April 11 th	Kidmobile (Kindergarten) WHPTO Meeting in Library (6:00pm)
Friday	April 13 th	Bicycle Safety Program (1 st Grade)

Ohio's Stark County C.A.R.E. Team Initiative



Coordinates & Aligns Resources to Engage, Empower & Educate Youth, Families & Community

New to Whipple Heights Elementary (as of this Winter), iCARE is a building based team that works to assist families with non-academic barriers, i.e. food, clothing, shelter, mental health services, etc. If you are in need of support or looking for resources, the Stark County Educational Service Center is providing us with a school based Family Support Specialist (FSS). Kim Matasich (our FSS) has an office here at Whipple Heights Elementary and is happy to connect with you. Simply contact the school and ask for Kim or email her directly at: kim.matasich@perrylocal.org

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 3rd 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 20th and Thursday, March 22nd

(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 13th Street SW, Massillon, Ohio 44646. Please enter through door #11.

COUNSELING CONNECTIONS



March's guidance topics are safety and good hygiene. Students in grades K-3 will participate in lessons focused around safety, while 4th grade students will engage in a discussion based lesson focused around promoting good hygiene.

Kindergarten will watch/discuss the DVD, "McGruff's Drug Alert."

First grade will watch the DVD, "Eddie Eagle's Gun safety" and discuss the information with DARE Officer Blanc.

Second grade will review/discuss water safety.

Third grade will review/discuss seatbelt safety with Officer Blanc.

Fourth grade will review/discuss good hygiene with Mrs. Goik

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance.

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Please keep the Box Tops coming! We are no longer accepting Campbell Soup labels as they have discontinued the program. Thank you everyone!



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PTO NEWS

We hope that families got a chance to attend the Winter Family Night/Art Show on Wednesday evening. Getting a chance to engage in some fun activities and view all of the great works of art with your children is such a fun opportunity.

Also, we hope you got a chance to attend our Annual Talent Show which took place early last month. We had so many fantastic acts. A big Thanks to Brian and Lindsey Miller for working so hard to make this such a great event. We celebrated Valentine's Day too last month. Thanks to all of the parent volunteers and *Points of Contact* for making the classroom parties such a fun experience for our children.

Coming up this month, we are looking for volunteers to assist with Spring Picture Day (2 people) on Wednesday March 7th, and COSI (approximately 10-12 people) on Tuesday, March 20th. If you are able to help out please contact us ASAP.

Did you know? The WHPTO sponsors two \$750 scholarships to seniors that attended Whipple Heights Elementary for at least four years. If you have a senior that qualifies, please visit Perry Local's Central Office for an application.

Our next PTO meeting will be held Wednesday, March 14th. If you are interested in being on the board and have attended (at least) 2 meetings please come for nominations. All positions will be open for the coming year.

With Perry Pride...

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National School Breakfast Week



Slated for March 5-9, 2018, 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.