



Book fair is here! Family night is Monday April 9th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Whipple Heights Library. Students will also be able to shop during their library times during the week of April 9th-12th.

We are still in need of volunteers! Send in volunteer slips c/o Gracie Dale in Mrs. Ousley class or go online to signupgenius.com and use email whptobookfair@gmail.com to sign up for your time!!

Any questions call or text Mandy Dale [330-705-1650](tel:330-705-1650)



Upcoming Events

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

Wednesday	April 4 th	Bookmobile (Grades 1&2)
Monday	April 9 th	Book Fair Family Night 6-8pm
Mon-Thurs	April 9-12 th	Book Fair During Library
Tues-Wed	April 10-11 th	4 th Grade Spring ELA AIR Test
Wednesday	April 11 th	Kidmobile WHPTO Meeting in Library 6:00pm
Friday	April 13 th	First Grade Bicycle Safety
Tues-Wed	April 17-18 th	3 rd Grade Spring ELA AIR Test
Friday	April 20 th	Spirit Friday - Spirit Shop @ Lunch
Tues-Wed	April 24-25 th	4 th Grade Spring Math AIR Test
Tues-Wed	May 1 st -2 nd	3 rd Grade Spring Math AIR Test

***We have lots of events coming up in May, from field trips to awards ceremonies. If you find yourself needing information on the day or time of an event, simply visit our website and check out our building calendar. All of this information is listed on their by date.

Mistakes are Opportunities for Learning

This month, we want to focus on coaching students through mistakes and developing mistake-friendly teaching strategies.

When parents and teachers swoop into protect children from failure, they do them a disservice by depriving them of opportunity to learn how to fail in a way that is productive and meaningful.

Knowing how to fail is valuable skill, and one that more and more children are not mastering thanks to overprotective parents and self-esteem culture. Some call it "failing up." Some call it "failing forward." Whatever you call it, productive failure is the idea that mistakes and setbacks can be transitioned into valuable learning opportunities.

Here are a few successful failures who all failures around the world should consider:

- J.K. Rowling
- Steve Jobs
- Bill Gates (Bill Gates was a Harvard dropout)
- Albert Einstein (The word 'Einstein' is associated with intelligence & synonymous with genius)
- Abraham Lincoln
- Michael Jordan
- Steven Spielberg
- Walt Disney

Please take a few minutes to check out this article:

<https://www.parents.com/kids/development/behavioral/failure-is-an-option/>

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!

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 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.



Orders are Due to your child's teacher by 4/13/18 and will arrive on 5/3/18. Check out the information coming home with your student the first week of April.

This is a great opportunity for you to purchase your child's artwork on memorable keepsakes to be cherished for years.



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 of Autism Awareness each Wednesday throughout the month of April!



PTO NEWS

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Spring! We still have a few events left to go this year. As always, we will need volunteers to assist with selling of our extra stock of yearbooks when they arrive. This will mostly take place in the mornings for a short period. Please contact me for further details. We will also be saying farewell to our fourth graders as they make their transition to Pfeiffer next year. We are in need of a few donation items, bakers and volunteers to assist with these events. Please let me know if you are interested in helping.

As we are nearing the end of the school we have one WHPTO meeting left. The next one will be held on April 11th, in the library at 6pm. At this meeting, we will be presenting the candidates for the 2018-2019 WHPTO board. The following positions had nominations at the last meeting:

President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Executive Board; shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed in these bylaws or assigned by the organization and shall coordinate the work of the officers and any and all committees in order that the objectives of this organization may be fulfilled.

Vice President: The Vice-President shall act as an aide to the President and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or inability of that officer to act.

Secretary: The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the organization and of the Executive Board. The Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence assigned by the President. Please feel free to contact me with any question or concerns!

The only position that didn't have any nominations was that of treasurer. The existing treasurer has been asked to stay on with a vote from the board to amend the existing by-laws.

With Perry Pride...
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COUNSELING CONNECTIONS



Positive coping skills or strategies

"Coping strategies and skills are the reactions and behaviors one adopts to deal with difficult situations." Coping strategies can be helpful and others can actually be harmful.

Below are examples of coping skills that can be helpful strategies to become more resilient in the face of challenges. These strategies can be helpful for both adults and students.

1. Write, draw, paint, photography
2. Play an instrument, sing, dance, act
3. [Take a walk](#), or go for a drive, exercise
4. Play a game
5. Clean or organize your environment
6. Read
7. Take a break
8. Talk to someone you trust
9. Care for or play with a pet
10. Role-play challenging situations with other
11. Brainstorm solutions
12. Get enough sleep
13. Eat healthy foods
14. Deep/slow breathing
15. Enjoy nature

For more information, please refer to <https://healdove.com/mental-health/Coping-Strategies-Skills-List-Positive-Negative-Anger-Anxiety-Depression-Copers>

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance.

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