



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 9 th
4	ELA Part 2	Wednesday, April 10 th
3	ELA Part 1	Tuesday, April 16 th
3	ELA Part 2	Wednesday, April 17 th
4	Math Part 1	Tuesday, April 23 rd
4	Math Part 2	Wednesday, April 24 th
3	Math Part 1	Tuesday, April 30 th
3	Math Part 2	Wednesday, May 1 st

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

Tuesday	January 29 th	Variety Show Tryouts in Gym 5:00-7:00pm Scouts in Café 6:30pm
Thursday	January 31 st	Variety Show Tryouts in Gym 5:00-7:00pm
Thursday	February 7 th	Variety Show Dress Rehearsal in Gym (Time TBD)
Friday	February 8 th	Variety Show in Gym 7:00pm
Monday	February 11 th	Hoops for Heart Kick Off
Tuesday	February 12 th	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00pm Scouts in Café & Gym 6:30pm
Wednesday	February 13 th	WHPTO Meeting in Library 6:00pm
Thursday	February 14 th	Valentine's Day Parties 2:15-3:15pm Parent-Teacher Conference 5:00-8:00pm
Friday	February 15 th	No School - Conference Exchange Day
Monday	February 18 th	No School - President's Day
Tuesday	February 19 th	Scouts in Café & Gym 6:30pm
Thursday	February 21 st	Smiles Dentist Program at Whipple Kindness Club in Gym 3:45pm
Friday	February 22 nd	Spirit Friday - Spirit Shop During Lunch
Tuesday	February 26 th	COSI (1 st -4 th Grade) Scouts in Café & Gym 6:30pm
Wednesday	February 27 th	Winter Art/Literacy Night at Whipple 6:30-7:30pm

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 (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. **Lastly, no pictures can be taken on your phones!**
- 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 2019-2020 school year. See below for specific days/times at the **Perry Local Board of Education**:

Week of March 11-15, 2019

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

Tuesday, March 12th and Thursday, March 14th

(5:00pm-7:00pm)

Contrary to prior practice of registering at the elementary buildings, kindergarten registrations for the 2019-2020 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



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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Raising Resilient Children

Continuing with our focus on providing tips/language from the book *Raising Resilient Children* by Robert Brooks, PH.D, and Sam Goldstein, PH.D., this month we are exploring steps for loving our children in ways that help them feel special and appreciated.

6 Steps to Helping Your Children Feel Loved:

- Let Your Memories of Childhood Be Your Guide
- Create Traditions and Special Times
- Don't Miss Significant Occasions
- Be Demonstrative with Your Love
- Build Up, Don't Chip Away at Your Children
- Accept Your Children for Who They Are, Not What You Want them to Be

PTO NEWS

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Can you believe we are moving into February already?!?! This school year is just flying by! I want to bring to your attention that the PTO is currently seeking officers for next school year. We will have nominations at the March meeting and voting at the April meeting. To be nominated, you must have attended at least 2 meetings during the current school year. **All** positions are open!

Fourth grade parents...Start getting your child's pictures ready for the 4th grade slideshow. Mrs. Ousley is heading this project so be on the lookout for information!

Don't forget the Variety Show Friday, February 8th at 7pm. Even if your child is not participating, it's a fun event to come and watch. Also, Winter Class Parties will be here in a few weeks, so get signed up to come in and help in your child's room. Please contact me if you need to know who the Point of Contact is for your child's class. 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 Wednesday, February 13th at 6:00pm in the Whipple Library. All are welcome and encouraged to come. You will stay informed about the rest of school year news.

With Perry Pride...

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Annual Winter Family Night & School-Wide Art Show

Date: Wednesday, February 27th

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!

