



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!

Raising Resilient Children

As we have each month, we are continuing our exploration of the book *Raising Resilient Children* by Robert Brooks, PH.D, and Sam Goldstein, PH.D. This month's focus is on Accepting Our Children for Who They Are. Brooks and Goldstein start this section by stating, "To truly nurture a resilient mindset requires that we love our children unconditionally. To do so, we must accept our children for who they are and not necessarily what we want them to be."

Four Steps to Developing an Accepting Mindset with Your Child(ren):

- Become Educated**
(Become familiar with your child's temperament and the expectations that go with it. Often we expect behaviors and skills that certain temperaments don't lend themselves to without additional work.)
- Measure Your Mindset**
(Examine the original hopes and dreams you had for your child before they were born. Then, compare that to your actual behaviors and feelings towards them now. Do they match?)
- Make Necessary Adjustments**
(Acceptance means admitting reality might not match our expectations. If we want our children to change their behaviors, in most instances we as parents must first have the courage to change ours.)
- Begin the Process of Collaboration**
(A Partnership is best achieved when you can accept your child for who they are and not be sidetracked by wanting them to instantly be what you want in the long term. Then, engage in meaningful dialogue with your child to create and/or adjust what you hope to improve now.)



The Book Fair is coming to Whipple Heights Elementary the week of April 8th-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 8th 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 6 th	Spring Pictures 3 rd Grade Achievement Quest 3:45-5:00p.m.
Thursday	March 7 th	Kindness Club in Gym 3:45-5:00p.m.
Tuesday	March 12 th	Scouts in Café/Gym 6:30p.m.
Wednesday	March 13 th	3 rd Grade Achievement Quest 3:45-5:00p.m. WHPTO Meeting in Library 6:00p.m.
Tuesday	March 19 th	Scouts in Café/Gym 6:30p.m.
Wednesday	March 20 th	3 rd Grade Achievement Quest 3:45-5:00p.m.
Thursday	March 21 st	Positive Behavior Party #6 Kindness Club in Gym 3:45-5:00p.m.
Friday	March 22 nd	End of 3 rd Nine Week Grading Period District-Wide Hat Day Spirit Friday / Spirit Shop During Lunch
Mon-Fri	March 25-29 th	Spring Break - No School
Monday	April 1 st	Back to School

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



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

Did you know we have a Family Support Specialist right here at Whipple Heights Elementary?

Kim Matasich (our FSS) is happy to connect with you and/or assist you with anything that might help support family success. She has so many connections in and around the community. Her goal is simply to help parents/families faced with any type of hardship (large or small).

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. No pictures can be taken during this time. And, 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 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 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.

Heidi Giok, School Psychologist

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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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Collections Committee Chairperson

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PTO NEWS

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Don't forget that the PTO is holding 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! Our next PTO meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13th at 6:00pm in the Whipple Heights Library. All are welcome and encouraged to come.

A special Thank You to Brian and Lindsay Miller for the amazing job they did on coordinating this year's Variety Show. It was a HUGE success! I would also like to thank all that volunteered at the Valentine's Party. The kids had a great time and events like these parties couldn't happen without all of our wonderful volunteers!

Fourth Grade Parents... Don't forget to get your child's pictures sent in for the 4th grade slideshow. You should send copies (attention Mrs. Ousley) to be scanned and returned. Any questions, please email them to:

Mindy.Ousley@perrylocal.org

With Perry Pride,

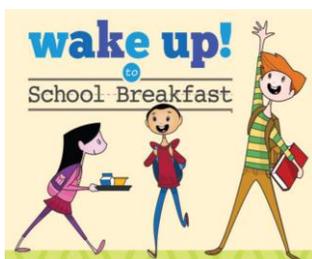
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National School Breakfast Week



Slated for March 4-8, 2019 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 school to get them set for a busy day. Breakfast is served daily in the cafeteria 15 minutes prior to the beginning of school.