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Smoke Signals



**From the Desk of
Mrs. Losey, Principal**



April Showers Bring Spring Flowers

As I look out at my backyard I anxiously await the first real sign of spring, my daffodils blooming. I always love to see them bloom as I view them as a sign of hope. Some may say hope for warmer days but in my mind I see them as hope for student growth. Daily our students work with the staff to further develop their social, emotional, and academic skills. April is a very important time in your child's education as many yearly assessments are administered at this time. Please read over the following recommendations to help your child bloom and make that hope a reality.

What Assessments?

Third-sixth grade students will take the OAA Reading test on April 26th and the OAA Math test on April 28th. Fifth grade students will take the OAA Science test on May 3rd. Students in grades K-2 will also begin to complete a series of assessments starting the last week in April. Also several classes will continue to complete a variety of assessments into May-please

feel free to contact your child's teacher for more specific information.

How Can I Help My Child With These Assessments?

- Reschedule any appointments or trips that conflict with testing days
- Make sure your child arrives on time so they do not begin their day feeling rushed
- Support good sleep habits that allow your child to maximize their rest
- Make sure your child eats a nutritious breakfast (limit the use of sugar as it prevents sustainable energy)
- Tell your child how proud you are of them and how you believe in them
- Encourage your child to take their time and double check their work
- Notify the school in regards to excessive signs of stress demonstrated by your child

Continue Your Search for Hope on Page 5

This month Mrs. Puffenberger shared two wonderful essays written by her students in response to a story they had read, A Family Journey. I felt both essays were very appropriate for this month's newsletter as they speak of overcoming nervousness and family support. Thank you so much Corrin and Macey for this evidence of hope!

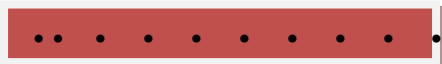
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Striving for Excellence

Your comments or concerns are important to me. Please feel free to email me at jlosey@hlschool.org or contact the elementary office

419-937-2804.



PTO News

PTO is a parent organization that gets together monthly to plan events and provide various levels of support to staff.



Whether you provided baked goods, worked a shift, or spent some quality time with your family-PTO wants you to know your support was greatly appreciated! The money earned that evening will assist in defraying the cost for 6th grade outdoor school and support other elementary needs.

Please consider coming to our April 4th 5:30 meeting as we will be creating some very special care packages for our students. Snacks and pizza will be provided for adult helpers.



PTO Calendar

All meetings in Room 111

April

- 4th PTO Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 26th Market Day Pick Up 3:00 p.m.

May

- 2nd PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 24th Market Day Pick Up 3:00 p.m.

Lost & Found



If your child is missing a clothing item you may want to check our lost & found area outside the elementary office.

Any clothes not retrieved by the end of the year will be donated to a clothing drive.



Feature Teachers... This

month are the kindergarten teachers: Michelle Burns & Debbie Steinhauer

This school year has been a great year for all three kindergarten classes.

It is truly exciting that the Kindergarten students can now read books to others!! Also, many of our kindergarten students are now creating 2 descriptive sentences and illustrating detailed pictures.

The students have been practicing poems and songs for the upcoming Kindergarten

Program to be held on Tuesday, May 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Hopewell-Loudon Auditorium. Please plan to attend this family event since all of the children are looking forward to providing a great performance!!!

In science, we will soon begin investigating plants. We are looking forward to planting and watching our spring flowers grow.

Parents, please realize that YOU are your child's first teacher and it is so important that reading skills be reinforced at home. Children imitate what parents do, so if your child sees you enjoying books they will want to become good readers also! Enjoy some great books together during our spring vacation!

Happy Spring,
Mrs. Steinhauer & Mrs. Burns

Kindergarten Registration for 2011-2012 May 5th & 6th

If you have not scheduled an appointment yet it is not too late! Please contact Mrs. Brickner, elementary secretary, ASAP between 8:00 and 4:00 as we need to finalize the arrangements for those days. 419-937-2804

Student Council News



Pennies for Pasta was a huge success!! Thank you for all your support. Mrs. Jordan's class raised a winning total of \$218.52, and will be enjoying a delicious Olive Garden lunch on April 5th. Mr. Swanagan rewarded his class with pizza for raising \$214.22. Both of these classes will receive a pennant for raising over \$200. Mrs. Steinhaur's Wednesday/Friday class and Mrs. Feindel's class will also receive a pennant for raising over \$100. A total of \$1040.06 was donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Way to go H-L Elementary!!

March Meeting Dates:

April 12th teacher helper meeting
May 12th last regular meeting
May 18th teacher helper meeting

Upcoming Events:

April 15th
Spirit Day

Hawaiian
Shirt Day!



Mr. Wilhelm's Wisdom

Ease Your Worried Mind

You don't need to see much news to hear about trauma, violence, or catastrophic events around the world. These situations are stressful for adults with experience and coping skills, but for youth they can be overwhelming. To aid children in tough times keep these tips in mind:

1. Know your supports. Identify people who you go to when you are feeling overwhelmed. Help your child identify their supports.
2. Listen to your children. Understand their concerns without judgment. Help them to discover their own solutions.
3. Look for the positive. Often difficulty brings people together for the common good.
4. Do something positive. Call a sick friend. Collect food for the needy. Rake an elderly neighbor's yard.
5. Eat, exercise and sleep well. Take care of yourself so that you have energy to move ahead.
6. Hold on to HOPE. According to Greek mythology when Pandora's Box is opened and all evil escapes there will be but one thing remaining: HOPE. Hold on to that hope and work toward a better future.

Life can sometimes be stressful for both adults and children; by taking control of our own lives and looking for the positive we can ease our worried minds.

Right To Read Week Summary:

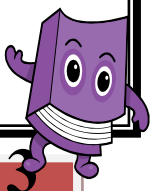
We had many activities during the week to help promote the importance of reading in our life like DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) everyday, decorating classroom doors with information about characters from Rick's book, writing biographies, pigging out with a good book, spirit days, adopt-a-book activity, reading contest and much more.

We had a reading contest and our **K-2 had 64 readers** who completed the challenge with a required 281 minutes or more of reading for the month of February with a grand total of **26,215 minutes** of out of school reading.

1st place Bryce Arbogast with 921 minutes
2nd place Kasey Ziebold with 870 minute
3rd place Madie Miller with 840 minutes.

In grades **3-6 we had 85 readers** who completed the challenge with a required 560 or more of reading for the month of February with their grand total of **61, 824 minutes** of reading outside of the school day.

1st place Lauren Sauber with 1680 minutes
2nd place Ethan Oswalt with 1397 minutes
3rd place Grace Portentoso with 1335 minutes.



Right-to-Read Week a BIG Success!

Mrs. Johnson's Top Library Picks



Kindergarten
Bunny's Easter Egg
-Anne Mortimer

First
The Easter Egg Farm
-Mary Jane Auch

Second
Dumb Bunny
-Barbara Park

Third
Rechenka's Eggs
-Patricia Polacco

Fourth
World's Worst Wedgie
-Nancy Krulik

Fifth
Spring Break
-Johanna Hurwitz

Sixth
Do Not Pass Go
-Kirkpatrick Hill

Cathy Walker

Reading Connection



I would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's Right-To-Read Week a success! We had a great time!

First of all a **BIG** **THANK-YOU** goes to the PTO who funded our speaker Rick Sowash. He gave us two great assemblies which we are still talking about. Thanks for being a **HERO** to our students. The memories we made will last a lifetime!

Joni Jordan, one of our 4th grade teachers, worked diligently preparing our young actors (all 4th graders) to make the characters come alive for us in Rick's presentation. Our 4th graders knocked the socks off the audience and gave a stellar performance worth an Oscar or two!

Burger King and Wendy's gave us coupons for each of our students. Make sure you thank them for the support of our Right-To-Read

week when you go in to redeem your coupons.

Mrs. Donna Gosche created our giant Ohio Map that we have on display in the lower hallway.

Student Council who made sure that each teacher had their door decorated with a different character from Rick Sowash's book.

Mrs. Johnson who created our bookmarks for our Pig out with a book day!

Mr. Nelson who set up the sound system for our assembly with extremely short notice. He demonstrated our theme for the week—Be a Hero!

Every parent who encouraged their child to read and participate in our spirit week.

The teachers who supported and incorporated lessons into their already busy schedule to help each individual student reach to be a reading hero!

Mrs. Losey for modeling, participating, and encouraging students to get involved in reading!



My Baby Brother

By: Corrin Hoover-3rd Grade

I was so nervous when my baby brother, Connor, was about to be born. I was so excited to have a baby brother, but nervous to hold him because I thought I would drop him. I was nervous about a lot of things because I had never had a baby brother before.

Before Connor was born my mom made us our very own special t-shirts! Mine had a picture of me and at the top it said, "I'm a big Sister" in big bold letters. Caden's said, "I'm a big Brother" in big bold letters too. When Connor was born Caden and I wore our t-shirts to the hospital.

Connor was born on September 11, 2005 at the Fostoria Hospital. We went to see Connor the following day and my dad helped me hold him on my lap. He was so cute and little that I forgot all about being nervous. All of the sudden having a little brother wasn't so bad.

It has been 5 years since Connor was born. We didn't know it then how truly special he was to be. You see, my little brother is handicapped. He has cerebral palsy. I think it is very special to be a big sister to him because he needs me to help him do things other children can do on their own. I help him and he smiles and that makes me feel loved.



Bascom WSOS

Preschool is Accepting Applications for 2011-2012

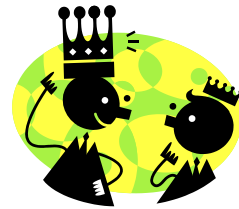
**Please contact
Alice Link, family advocate,
for more information
419-937-2988**



The Lake

By Macey Malagon-3rd Grade

Last summer I went to Lake Erie and my grandpa took my whole family tubing. I was very nervous. I held my grandpa's hand tightly and I carefully stepped on to his boat. The boat engine roared and went faster and faster. As the boat snaked through the deep water I secretly crossed my fingers. Then my grandpa's boat came to a short, sharp stop. My grandpa Jeff said, "this is a good spot to go tubing." Since I am the oldest grandchild I had to go first. I put my lifejacket on slowly and gently got onto the tube. My grandpa Jeff yelled, "are you ready?" I wasn't sure if I was, so I didn't answer. Then my grandpa repeated himself and said, "are you ready?" I said sure, not knowing if I actually was. "Grandpa," I said "will you go slow?" He said, "sure." Next my whole corny family was cheering my name. Finally, I told my grandpa we could move. The boat started to move and the boat moved really slow, so I told him to go faster. I started to like tubing and I still do. My friends and family call me an animal when I go tubing. I love tubing now and I am glad I got the guts to try!



The senior class play will be held
on April 8 and 9 at 7:30.
Tickets: \$3.00 for K-6 students
or \$5.00 for everyone else
Regardless of your age,
"The Bachelor King"
will make you laugh!

Please keep in mind our elementary
students eat lunch later in the day.
Elementary lunches are served between
12:15-1:30



Students have a snack break in every
class—we are unable to provide snacks
for everyone so it is very important you
send a snack in daily. We gladly accept
snack donations for students in need---
feel free to send in snacks.

April 15th 2:30-7:30
Please consider being a hero!
This year HL elementary
is sponsoring a
Pint Size Heroes blood drive.
If you are interested in being
A donor or a volunteer at the
event please call the office.





FRI1 All Day NY strip steak or crab legs/twice baked potatoes / choice / caramel fudge cheesecake / lowfat milk/APRIL FOOLS!! CHEESE PIZZA				
MON4 All Day breaded chicken sandwich/soft shell taco/taco salad/baked beans / choice / chilled fruit/lowfat milk	TUE5 All Day BBQ quesadilla/frito pie/cole slaw / choice / orange sherbet/lowfat milk	WED6 All Day sloppy Joe/hot ham & cheese sandwich / homemade vegetable soup w/ crackers / scalloped potatoes/chilled fruit/lowfat milk	THU7 All Day spaghetti w/ meat sauce/chicken supreme/tossed salad w/ dressing / choice / chilled fruit/garlic bread/lowfat milk	FRI8 All Day macaroni & cheese/ fish sandwich / seasoned green beans / choice / chilled fruit/lowfat milk
MON11 All Day chicken nuggets/baked steak/mashed potatoes w/ gravy / choice / chilled fruit / bread / lowfat milk	TUE12 All Day chicken & noodles/cooks sandwich choice/glazed carrots / choice / chilled fruit/garlic bread/lowfat milk	WED13 All Day cheezy ham & potato bake/meatball sub/cole slaw / choice / chilled fruit/wheat bread/lowfat milk	THU14 All Day breaded pork cutlet/baked ham/mashed potatoes/steamed broccoli/chilled fruit/whole wheat roll, lowfat milk	FRI15 All Day Italian combo/cooks choice sandwich/tossed salad / choice / strawberry / banana applesauce / garlic bread/lowfat milk
MON25 All Day Philly steak sandwich/chicken sandwich/baked beans / choice / chilled fruit/lowfat milk	TUE26 All Day hamburger / cheeseburger / hot dog or coney dog/chicken noodle soup w/ veg / choice / chilled fruit/lowfat milk	WED27 All Day hearty beef stew/chicken over rice/tossed salad / dressing / choice / chilled fruit/wheat roll / margaine / lowfat milk	THU28 All Day frito pie/BBQ sandwich / seasoned green beans / choice / chilled fruit/lowfat milk	FRI29 All Day stromboli w/marinara sauce/cooks sandwich choice/oven fries / choice / apple or cherry cutie pie/lowfat milk



Don't FORGET!

Ohio Achievement Assessments

**Reading Grades 3-8
Tues., April 26**

**Math Grades 3-8:
Thurs., April 28**

**Science Grades 6 & 8
Tues., May 3**

Helpful Hint: When sending in money for your child's lunch account please be sure to include their full name on the envelope or the check---you may be surprised by the number of students we have with the same first name. By placing your child's full name on the envelope or check you ensure the money will make it to their account.



BoxTOP WINNERS

Mrs. Steyer's Class brought in the most box tops-670! The class has selected a snack and story time with Mrs. Losey as their prize.

Special thanks to Kathy Wilfong for counting all the boxtops!

Thanks to everyone who brought them in:

K-476

1st-779

2nd-1313

3rd-1171

4th-622

5-798

6-234

Total-5,393=\$539.30

The funds will be used to help pay for student incentives for the OAA and end of the year activities---THANK YOU!

DECEMBER 2010 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Kindergarten

Cody Foos, Jagger Endicott, Conner Berrier

First Grade

Brandon Boes, Jacob Schling, Hannah Meade

Second Grade

Allen Reinhart, Katelyn Coss, Alyvia Roth

Third Grade

Rachel Faber, Madison Flechtner, Peyton Hoover

Fourth Grade

Bailey Livesay, Colby Miller, Jenna Ickes

Fifth Grade

Chelsea Arbogast, Jacque Burns, Brittain Marker

Sixth Grade

Alaina Gosche, Brooklyn Arbogast, Grace Portentoso

JANUARY 2011 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Kindergarten

Abigail Oswald, Asia Smith, Michael Hoover

First Grade

Christine Roberts, Emma Shellhammer, Chloe-Lynn Gallagher

Second Grade

Bryce Arbogast, Adam Sendelbach, Bryson Fuller

Third Grade

McKenzie Coleman, Macey Malagon, Travis Milligan

Fourth Grade

Stephanie Wilfong, Darek Feindel, Noah Borer

Fifth Grade

Meghan Dillon, Zach Kreais, Bryndon Young

Sixth Grade

Alyssa Naus, Justin Coleman, Drew Swanagan

Mark Your Calendar

April 4th

5:30 p.m., Room 111

PTO Meeting

This is a monthly meeting where parents and staff review and plan for future events. This month the group will also be working together to assemble some special care packages.

April 6th

Midterm

Teachers will complete midterm reports for each student and these will be sent home on Friday, April 8th.

April 15th

2:30-7:30

Pint Size Heroes Blood Drive

The elementary is sponsoring a blood drive in the auditorium. If you have not signed up to donate it is not too late! Just contact the office and we can assist you. There will be a kids' corner where students can wait while their loved ones give blood.

April 18-22nd

Spring Break

No school

April 19th

6:30 p.m., DLL

Board of Ed Mtg

This is a monthly meeting where administrative requests are reviewed and acted upon in an effort to address the staff and students' needs.

April 26, 28th & May 3rd

Ohio Achievement Assessments

April 26th and 28th, students in grades 3-6 will take the reading and math assessments. May 3rd, 5th grade students take the science assessment.

April 26th

Market Day Pick Up

Cafeteria

Monthly you have the opportunity to stock your pantry and support our PTO by ordering delicious treats.

April 28th

7:00 p.m.

5th/6th Grade Band Concert

Mr. Nelson and his students will entertain everyone with their skills which they have worked so hard to develop this year.



2011
3rd QUARTER HONOR ROLL

4th Grade All A's

Jadyn Miller, Garrett McCoy, Renae Kapelka, Jenna Ickes, Darek Feindel, Bailey Breidenbach, Max Harris, Bailey Livesay, Allison Merry

4th Grade A & B

Tyriana Settles, Zachary Raudebaugh, Caden Hoover, Mary Harris, Rebecca Greene, Abigail Glover, Reece Frederick, Joshua Cunningham, Noah Borer, Chelsey Depinet, Paige Kleinmark, Mykala Reinhart, Jake Simonis, Bryston Smith, Denver Staib, Sam Stickley, John Turco, Brock Williams, Aaron Yerkes, Gage Burns, Bailee Coss, Lauren Harden, Ben Hetzel, Tori Kirkpatrick, Colby Miller, Jaret Nelson, Hannah Rowell, Ethan Sendelbach, Dakota Thomas

5th Grade All A's

Chelsea Arbogast, Braiden Blaser, Alex Falter, Zach Kreais, Shyenne Livesay, Kamren Zirger, Ryan Alvarado, Alec Bower, Hailey Coppus, Brendan Herbert, Courtney Hoffman, Morgan Hossler, Bryndon Young, Jacquelyn Burns, Lauren Reinhart, Ben Meade, Bailey Jameson, Devon Hossler

5th Grade A & B

Nathan Boes, Alex Endicott, Dominic Hedrick, Kyle Huth, Olivia Lear, Jazmine Nutter, Meghan Sayre, Hunter Schindler, Kenadee Siebenaller, Becca Steinmetz, Camie Tidswell, Conner White, Matt Boes, Nate Fox, Natalie Hunt, Kyleigh Krupp, Tatiana Muniz, Francisca Peace, Libbey Siebenaller, Garrett White, Alyse Burns, Marcus White, Hunter Starkey, Jasmin Levengood, Jessica Kreais, Jena Huffman, Alec Hoover, Lukas Hill, Kenneth Elchert, Nicole Colley, Cayelee Cahill

6th Grade All A's

Lizzie Erlanger, Alexis Feindel, Kevin Fruth, Grace Portentoso, Andrew Scaife, Drew Swanagan, Charlie Dell, Megan Dodge, Raven Spencer

6th Grade A & B

Gabby Gregg, David Irving, Tristan Molotla, Kayla Siebenaller, Eric Steinmetz, Brooklyn Arbogast, Katie Arnold, Noah Babcock, Nicholas Elsass, Callie Gelinias, Amanda Lane, Mateo Muniz, Alyssa Naus, Braedon Nickelson, Tra Powell, Kyle Reinbolt, Marissa Shaver, Makenzie Bouillon, Makayla Earl, Alaina Gosche, Dylan Hammon, Marisa Heldman, Emma Kirby, Viridian Molotla, Gabe Parrish, Gauge Sadler, Baleigh Searles, Hunter Strahm, Bobbi Taylor