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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.

Smoke Signals



From the Desk of

Mrs. Losey, Principal

One Fish Two Fish Red fish Blue fish

No, the title of my column is not referring to the Lenten season, but rather to one of my favorite authors-Dr. Seuss. Theodor Seuss Geisel, otherwise known as Dr. Seuss, was born on March 2nd, 1904 and is honored yearly on his birthday by teachers and students for all of his wonderful work. You may be asking yourself how does the work of a children's author apply to me or my child? Well...let me see-how could this be?

While a moment between a parent and a child may seem mild... it may change a situation and open an imagination!

When asked how he found rhythm to write his books, Dr. Seuss shared that his mother, who had worked in a bakery as a he was growing up, inadvertently taught him about rhythm. Daily she would make up chants to sell pies and at night she would share them with her young son in an effort to help him go to sleep.

Those special moments you have with your child may make all the difference in the world-what will you do with your child tonight?

I want my child to be smart, but reading is the hard part..

Yes, reading can be one of the most difficult skills to acquire but it is a skill that can be developed with practice. Take time to read materials with your child that will allow them to be successful. Dr. Seuss took it as a personal challenge to write fun and interesting books for struggling readers. The Cat in the Hat contains only 236 words that are considered new-reader vocabulary words. Also a child favorite, Green Eggs and Ham, only consists of 50 words. Improving reading skills takes practice and patience...please help your child develop both by reading with them nightly.



Kindergarten Registration coming soon-plan ahead

PRE-Registration for Kindergarten Students for the 2011-2012 School Year can be found on the H-L web page. (www.hlschool.org) Kindergarten Screening will be held May 5 and May 6. Appointments can be made by calling the elementary office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at 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.



Bakery Bingo

Saturday

March 5th, 2011

6-8 pm.

There will be food, Raffle baskets, and 50/50.

Please come and have an enjoyable evening!

Last year our approximate profit for this family fun event was \$4,650.00 which helped pay for 6th Grade Outdoor School.

Note this year it cost us about \$7,900.00 for 68 students to enjoy this wonderful experience.

Please show your support by participating in this fun family experience on March 5th. Or you can buy raffle tickets in advance if you are unable to attend!

You can purchase tickets through 4th and 5th grade students or you can contact the office.

Unfortunately with cold and flu season upon us we are still in desperate need of the following items:

- Kleenex
- Wet wipes

Please feel free to send these items in to your child's class or the office any time.



PTO Calendar

All meetings in Room 111

March

- 5th Bakery Bingo 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 7th PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 16th-18th Spring Book Fair
- 22nd Market Day Pick Up 3:00 p.m.

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. We have a rather large collection.



Feature Teachers

... This month are our 5th grade teachers: Sue Frank, Lisa Gelinas, and Brad Snyder

Fifth graders are working hard to prepare for the upcoming Ohio Achievement Assessments. In Mrs. Gelinas's room they have been writing essays, answering extended response questions, and manipulating the English language in every way possible.



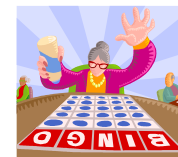
Mrs. Frank has encouraged the mastery of multiplication to ensure success. The students

have recently learned the order of operations, using proportions to find percentages and the adding and subtracting fractions with regrouping. Mr. Snyder has assigned science fair topics and the students are working



hard at home to compare and contrast two products to determine which is of better quality. The

students need to be ready to present these products during the week of April 11-15.



In preparation for the Outdoor Education field trip your child will be taking in sixth grade we are asking for your help with

Bakery Bingo. We still need workers to make this event a success. You may receive a call from Mrs. Gelinas or Mrs. Weaver in regard to this event.

Delay Reminders

In the event we have a two hour delay keep in mind school starts at 10:00 with only a cold breakfast available for students.



Student Council News

Due to lack of days in school, we will continue Pennies for Pasta until Friday, March 4.

Keep sending in your loose change! Remember, you are competing for Olive Garden pasta and breadsticks. YUM! YUM!

A special thanks to the families who allowed their children to attend the extra meetings to create props for the 1st and 2nd grade music programs. The extra sparkle made those little stars shine just a bit brighter!



March Meeting Dates:

March 15th teacher helper meeting
March 30th regular meeting



Upcoming Events:

March 17th
Spirit Day

Dress in green to show your St. Patrick's Day spirit!

Mr. Wilhelm's Wisdom

A Bully by Any Other name is Still a Bully.

Bullying behavior is any repeated, deliberate attempt to make another person uncomfortable or embarrassed. Many of us know what it feels like to be on the receiving end of a bully's taunt. We have heard a thousand times that we need to tell someone, to ask for help if we are being bullied, but what if we are the bullies?

Below are some thoughts to help you start a discussion with your child about what bullying is and your expectations. Take the bully quiz and see how you score.

Bully Quiz

1. Do you like to hurt other people or animals?
2. Do you feel good when another person is crying or hurting?
3. Do you laugh when others make mistakes or get hurt?
4. Do you get angry a lot?
5. Do you want to get revenge when someone hurts your feelings?
6. Do you always lie or blame others for your mistakes?
7. Do you destroy or steal others' property?
8. Do you enjoy calling names, hitting, punching, teasing, scaring, insulting, threatening, kicking, or gossiping about others?
9. Do you always have to be a tough kid?
10. Do you feel happy when others feel bad?



If you answered yes to these questions, there is help for you too. Ask for it. Ask someone that you trust what you can do to change your behavior. Make a plan to change. Monitor your progress. Ask a mentor how you are doing.

Victim or bully there are steps to change the situation. Talk about positive ways to express frustration and anger. Ask for help and work until the problem is gone. Never accept the abuse of another as a 'normal' part of life.

Internet Links

<http://www.pbskids.org/itsmylife/friends/bullies/>

http://pbskids.org/itsmylife/friends/bullies/print_books.html

<http://www.bullying.org/>

Other Resources

Bullies Are a Pain in the Brain by Trevor Romain, Illustrator and Elizabeth Verdick, Editor

Cliques, Phonies, & Other Baloney by Trevor Romain

How to Handle Bullies, Teasers, and Other Meanies: A Book That Takes the Nuisance Out of Name Calling and Other Nonsense by Kate Cohen-Posey and Betsy A. Lampe, Illustrator

Why is Everyone Always Picking on Me?: A guide to Handling Bullies by Terrence Webster-Doyle



Reading Connection

Recipes for Success-

6 Ways to Improve Reading Comprehension

Help your child retain what they read — a crucial skill, especially as they get older and need to glean important information from textbooks.

with comprehension, they may need more help with their reading — for example, building their vocabulary or practicing phonics skills.

5. **Supplement class reading.**
If your child's class is studying a particular theme, look for easy-to-read books or magazines on the topic. Some prior knowledge will help them make their way through tougher classroom texts.
6. **Talk about what they're reading.**
This "verbal processing" helps them remember and think through the themes of the book. Ask questions before, during, and after a reading session.

Before: "What are you interested in about this book? What doesn't interest you?"

During: "What's going on in the book? Is it turning out the way you thought it would? What do you think will happen next?"

After: "Can you summarize the book? What did you like about it? What other books does it remind you of?"



Mrs. Johnson's Top Library Picks



Kindergarten

Little Beauty

– Anthony Browne

First

I Can Lick 30 Tigers Today

– Dr. Seuss

Second

Anytime Mapleson and the Hungry Bears

– Mordicai Gerstein

Third

Hooray for Diffendoofer Day

– Dr. Seuss

Fourth

Lawn Boy

– Gary Paulsen

Fifth

Olive's Ocean

– Kevin Henkes

Sixth

Lone Wolf

– Kathryn Lasky

1. **Have them read aloud.**
This forces them to go slower, which gives them more time to process what they're reading. Plus, they're not only seeing the words, they're hearing them, too. You can also take turns reading aloud.
2. **Provide the right kinds of books.**
Make sure your child gets lots of practice reading books that aren't too hard. They should recognize at least 90 percent of the words without any help. Stopping more often than that to figure out a word makes it tough for them to focus on the overall meaning of the story.
3. **Reread to build fluency.**
To gain meaning from text, your child needs to read quickly and smoothly - a skill known as fluency. By the end of 2nd grade, for example, your child should be able to read 90 words a minute. Rereading familiar, simple books gives your child practice at decoding words quickly, so she'll become more fluent.

4. **Talk to the teacher.**
If your child is struggling



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART 2010-2011

During the week of February 15th the Elementary participated in a fundraiser for the American Heart Association.

Students in Kindergarten through Sixth grade were asked to collect donations, and then the students participated in jump rope activities during their recess time. The students brought in an amazing \$3,500! Through their efforts the students also made it possible for our school to receive \$200 in PE equipment from US Games.

Thank you to all who participated in this wonderful event!
Mr. Ream, Elementary PE Teacher



COACH FOR THE CURE

Special thanks to the following businesses and individuals for their donations that made the raffle baskets possible for the Coach for the Cure campaign:

- Alamar Graphics
- Dr. Tim & Jill Bedelschies
- Ketih & Jody Scaife
- Rob & Dawn Bour
- Tony & Robin Gorrell
- Marlene Burns

NEW BUILDING UPDATE

MARCH 9

5:30-6:30 P.M.

IN DLL

Monthly the architects are hosting a building update meeting prior to the Board of Education meetings. Please mark your calendar now to hear what progress has occurred and to find out what next steps will soon be approaching. Community input is extremely important during this process and we will keep you updated as additional meeting dates and times are known.



Morning Drop Off Reminders

The drop off zone for elementary students extends the length of the sidewalk by our entrance doors. Please understand the sidewalk is cleared to allow a safe entrance for all of our students and by taking advantage of the full length of the sidewalk you help create a safe and timely drop off for everyone. Don't forget if you need to bring your student into the building you must park in the visitor parking in front of the building or across the street so as to allow continued traffic flow for everyone.



Bascom WSOS Has Preschool Openings

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



28	TUE1	WED2	THU3	FRI4
All Day <u>spaghetti w/ meatsauce / breaded chicken sandwich/crisp garden salad / choice / chilled fruit/garlic bread/lowfat milk</u>	All Day <u>Asian chicken over rice/Philly steak sandwich / cucumber salad / choice / peach cup/vanilla wafers/lowfat milk</u>	All Day <u>Oven baked chicken/baked steak in gravy/mashed potatoes w/ gravy / choice / fresh apple/wheat bread/lowfat milk</u>	All Day <u>Hamburger / cheeseburger / ham and cheese wrap/baked beans / choice / cocoa bar or trail mix/lowfat milk</u>	End of Third Quarter All Day <u>Beef n cheese nachos/chicken fajitas/seasoned green beans / choice / chilled apricots/lowfat milk</u>
MON7	TUES	WED9	THU10	FRI11
All Day <u>BBQ quesidilla/cooks sandwich choice/seasoned spiral fries / choice / apple turnover/lowfat milk</u>	All Day <u>Meatball sub/breaded pork cutlet/scalloped potatoes / choice / chilled fruit/lowfat milk</u>	All Day <u>Macaroni and cheese/fish sandwich or egg salad sandwich/cole slaw / choice / strawberry cup/lowfat milk</u>	All Day <u>Hot ham n cheese sandwich/sloppy Joe/homemade potato soup / crackers / choice / chilled fruit/lowfat milk</u>	All Day <u>Cheese pizza/cooks sandwich choice/vegetable pasta salad / choice / chilled fruit/lowfat milk</u>
MON14	TUE15	WED16	THU17	FRI18
All Day <u>Grilled cheese sandwich/tomato soup/choice/hot dog/chilli dog/chilled fruit/oatmeal cookie/lowfat milk</u>	All Day <u>Turkey tetrazini/cooks sandwich choice/buttered peas / choice / chilled fruit/garlic bread/lowfat milk</u>	All Day <u>Italian sub/frito pie/seasoned green beans / choice / chilled fruit/lowfat milk</u>	All Day <u>Shepards pie/Irish boiled dinner (ham,potatoes, cabbage)/glazed carrots/pears in lime jello/whole wheat roll/lowfat milk</u>	All Day <u>Lasagna roll-up/cooks sandwich choice/tossed salad / choice / strawberry / banana applesauce / garlic bread/lowfat milk</u>
MON21	TUE22	WED23	THU24	FRI25
All Day <u>Beef n cheddar sub/stromboli w/ marinara / buttered mixed vegetables / choice / chilled fruit/lowfat milk</u>	All Day <u>Breakfast for lunch/cooks sandwich choice/oven potatoes/chilled fruit or juice/lowfat milk</u>	All Day <u>Enchilada casserole w/ chips/BBQ riblet sandwich / seasoned green beans / choice / cherry delight/lowfat milk</u>	All Day <u>Cold cut trio/pepperoni pizza/buttered corn / choice / chilled fruit/lowfat milk</u>	All Day <u>Italian combo/cooks sandwich choice/tossed salad w/ dressing / choice / peaches / lowfat milk</u>
MON28	TUE29	WED30	THU31	
All Day <u>Crispitos w/ cheese sauce/soft shell taco or taco salad/spanish rice / choice / chilled fruit/lowfat milk</u>	All Day <u>Macaroni n beef/garlic bread/smoked sausage sandwich/cheezy California blend / choice / chilled fruit/lowfat milk</u>	All Day <u>Chicken nuggets / salisbury steak/mashed potatoes / gravy / choice / chilled fruit/wheat roll/lowfat milk</u>	All Day <u>Chicken and noodles / bread / cooks sandwich choice/glazed carrots / choice / chilled fruit/lowfat milk</u>	



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.



PTO COOKIE DOUGH PRIZE WINNERS

Top Seller

\$10.00 IC Treats Gift Certificate:
Grace Swaisgood

Top Seller in Each Class

IC Treats Ice Cream Cookie Sandwich:

Mrs. Burns-Neveah England

Mrs. Steinhauer-Abby Oswalt

Mrs. Lucius-Aiden George

Mrs. Wise-Evelyn Hurst & Hope
Kreais

Mrs. Gosche-Cole McDonald

Mrs. Sayre-Reece Berrier

Mrs. Steyer-Kayla Fruth

Mrs. Copus-Ashyton Wolph

Mrs. Puffenberger-Ethan Oswalt

Mrs. Jordan-Just Wilcox

Mrs. Rumschlag-Garrett McCoy

Mrs. Snyder-Josie Rumschlag

Mrs. Weaver-Drew Swanagan

Top Class

Warm Cookies & Milk Party:

Mrs. Lucius' class who sold 38 boxes!

**SPECIAL THANKS TO
EVERYONE WHO PURCHASED
COOKIE DOUGH—WE SOLD 169
BOXES WHICH BROUGHT OUR
MONTHLY MARKET DAY
PROFIT TO \$803.19!**

Mark Your Calendar

**March 1st-March 31st
Open Enrollment Application Period**
Forms are available online or in the
Board Office. One student per form.
And all forms must be turned directly
into the Board Office.

March 4th
End of 3rd Quarter

March 5th
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Bakery Bingo

PTO sponsored event which helps to raise funds to pay for 6th
grade Outdoor School.

March 7th
6:30 p.m., Room 111

PTO Meeting

This is a monthly meeting where parents and staff review and
plan for future events.

March 9th
5:30 p.m., DLL
Building Update

This is a monthly update meeting to share the progress on the
new building project.

March 9th
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.

March 11th
2nd Grade Field Trip to the Ritz

The students will have the opportunity to enjoy a theatrical
presentation.

March 11th
3rd Quarter Grade Cards Go Home

March 16th-18th
PTO Book Fair

This is an opportunity for our students to purchase books.

March 22nd
3:00-4:30 p.m.

Market Day Pick-Up

All orders need to be picked up. Please be sure to pay in
advance or send your payment in with your child.



A NOTE TO SCHOOL

To: _____

From: _____
(parent's signature)

Date: _____

Subject: _____
(student's name)

(Check Applicable)

is late due to _____

will be picked up by _____
at _____ AM/PM.

will be going home with _____
address _____

is returning to school after an absence of _____
days due to _____

(other) _____



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