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From the Principal's Desk

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It's hard to believe we have finished the first grading period and are half way through the second. Parent teacher conferences went well and I have already had some students express how much better they are doing in school. I asked the students what changes occurred to make their grades improve. A few of them responded that having their parents come in for conferences made a difference.

This made me think about what causes real change. Can small things like a parent coming in for a conference make a big, lasting change in someone's behavior? Perhaps that is the case. However, I believe that change has to come from within. Change happens when people admit that they need to change and then do their part to make the changes. As the saying goes, "We have met the enemy and he is us."

At school, we are trying to encourage our children to make small improvements in their behavior. To do this, we talk to our students about how change must begin on the inside. We reinforce that in order to win the public victory (real-life success), we must first win the private battle within ourselves.

Breakfast at the Middle School

We will start serving breakfast at the Middle School on Monday, November 30th. Breakfast will be self-serve and they will have 4 choices each day with one choice being a hot item. Breakfast will be served from 7:10-7:30 every day of the week. The only exception will be delay days. Breakfast will not be served on those days.

If your student qualifies for a free or reduced lunch, they will also qualify for breakfast. The cost for breakfast is \$1.50 and \$.30 for reduced students. Cash can be brought daily or the cost can come off your student's account just like lunch.

If you have any questions about breakfast or anything else, please feel free to call Sally Allen, Nutrition Services Supervisor, at (419) 998-8036.



Achievement Testing Dates

Fifth Grade: April 19th (Reading), April 21st (Math), April 23rd (Science)

Sixth Grade: April 19th (Reading) & April 21st (Math)

Seventh Grade: April 19th (Reading), April 21st (Math)

Eighth Grade: April 19th (Reading), April 21st (Math), April 23rd (Science)



Book Fair Update

The Middle School PTC would like to say **THANK YOU** to everyone for making this year's fair a huge success! We exceeded last year's sale which allows the school to purchase more books for the students and classrooms. We are already making plans to make next year's even bigger and better!

The success of this could not have happened without the gracious volunteering of Jackie Mitchell, Gerry Arabpour, April Counts, Krista Miller, Susie Cornell, Caterina O'Sullivan, Cindy Hanover, Karen Rhinehart, and Ronda Tucker. Thank you again for all of your help!

~Shawnee Middle School PTC

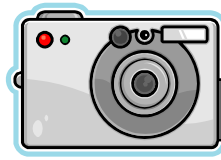


“Toys for Tots” Dance

The “Toys for Tots” Dance will be held on Wednesday, December 9th from 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. Drop off for the dance is at the back cafeteria entrance. Eighth grade parents please pick up your students in the back of the school at the 7th/8th cafeteria entrance. Seventh grade parents pick up students at the main entrance of the school.

Attention 7th & 8th Grade Students...Don't Miss Out

The Trip to Gettysburg, Williamsburg, Jamestown and Washington D.C. is scheduled for Wednesday, June 9th – Monday, June 14th, 2010. Pick up an informational packet from the office or login: www.worldstrides.org Trip ID #27413



Winter Sports Pictures

Pictures for winter athletes and clubs will be taken throughout the day on Tuesday, December 8th. If you would like to order team and individual pictures, the members of sports teams will receive order envelopes from their coaches. All photos must be paid for on picture day. This, of course, is purely optional; all athletes will be in the picture whether they choose to purchase photos or not.

REMINDER:

Wednesday, December 2nd
2-Hour Delay Schedule
Teacher In-Service



Christmas Time

*Its Christmas time again
The season of renewal
Love, faith, charity
And all that is beautiful
Chimes greatly in to every heart
Beating in celebrations
Of Spirit, togetherness, and affirmation.*

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

MATHCOUNTS – 2:40- 3:10 PM

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

2-Hour Delay Schedule – Teacher In-Service

Math Contest - 9:00-9:30 AM (2 Hr. Delay) or
2:40-3:10 PM

5th & 6th Grade Quiz Bowl Practice

Winter Choir Concert – 7:30 PM

H.S. Auditorium

Thursday, December 3, 2009

Magazine Sale Reward Day – Limo Lunch
Wrestling at Coldwater – 5:00 PM

Friday, December 4, 2009

Saturday, December 5, 2009

Sunday, December 6, 2009

Holiday Harmonies Band Concert

3:00 PM –H.S. Gym

Monday, December 7, 2009

5th & 6th Grade Quiz Bowl Practice
Wrestling at Coldwater Quad Meet – 5:00 PM

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Pictures - Winter Sports, Band, & Choir

MATHCOUNTS – 2:40- 3:30 PM
M.S. Boys Basketball at Elida – 5:00 PM
M.S. Girls Basketball vs. Elida – 5:00 PM

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

Math Contest - 7:00 -7:30 AM or 2:40-3:10 PM
5th & 6th Grade Quiz Bowl Practice

“Toys for Tots” Winter Dance –

6:30-8:30 PM

Thursday, December 10, 2009

M.S. Girls Basketball at West M.S. – 5:00 PM
Wrestling at Bath – 5:00 PM

Friday, December 11, 2009

Saturday, December 12, 2009

Wrestling at Allen East – 10:00 AM

Sunday, December 13, 2009

Monday, December 14, 2009

5th & 6th Grade Quiz Bowl Practice

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

8th Gr. Careers for Me with Apollo
Math League Contest – 2:25 PM at H.S.
MATHCOUNTS until 3:30 PM
M.S. Boys Basketball vs. Kenton – 5:00 PM
M.S. Girls Basketball at Kenton – 5:00 PM

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

5th & 6th Grade Quiz Bowl Practice

Thursday, December 17, 2009

M.S. Boys Basketball at Van Wert – 5:00 PM
M.S. Girls Basketball vs. Van Wert – 5:00 PM

Friday, December 18, 2009

“Holiday Tea”

Monday, December 21, 2009 –

Friday, January 1, 2010

NO SCHOOL – Winter Recess

***School Resumes Monday,
January 4, 2010!***



***Happy Holidays from our
family to yours!!!***