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From the Principal's Desk

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For the 2016-2017 school year, the English Language Arts (ELA), Math, Science, and Social Studies state tests will be given. At the middle school, all tests will be completed online. Tentatively, all testing will take place in the mornings, periods 1-3.

2017 Testing Schedule

Monday, March 27, 2017:	ELA (Session 1)- 5th & 6th
Tuesday, March 28, 2017:	ELA (Session 2)- 5th & 6th
Wednesday, March 29, 2017:	ELA (Session 1)- 7th & 8th
Thursday, March 30, 2017:	ELA (Session 2)- 7th & 8th
Tuesday, April 18, 2017:	Math (Session 1)- 5th & 6th
Wednesday, April 19, 2017:	Math (Session 2)- 5th & 6th
Thursday, April 20, 2017:	Math (Session 1)- 7th, 8th, Alg. & Geom.
Friday, April 21, 2017:	Math (Session 2)- 7th, 8th, Alg. & Geom.
Monday, April 24, 2017:	Science (Session 1)- 5th Social Studies (Session 1)- 6th
Tuesday, April 25, 2017:	Science (Session 2)- 5th Social Studies (Session 2)- 6th
Wednesday, April 26, 2017:	Science (Session 1)- 8th
Thursday, April 27, 2017:	Science (Session 2)- 8th



Book Fair

WHEN: November 7th – 11th

WHERE: Shawnee Middle School IMC (Library)

TIMES: 7:30 A.M. – 2:45 P.M.

FAMILY EVENTS: November 7th – 11th during student conference times

Thank you for your support and hope to see you there! If you are interested in volunteering at the book fair, please use the link below.

<https://volunteer.scholastic.com/#/signup/Mb2KHs7iQ>

Student-Led Conference Meeting Locations

**Please visit www.limashawnee.com for the link to sign up for 7th & 8th grade conferences online. Time slots are filling up quickly!*

Mon., Nov. 7th & Wed., Nov. 9th (evening)

- Azzarello Team – 5th/6th Gr. Gym
- Biss Team – 5th /6th Gr. Café.
- 6th Grade – 7th/8th Gr. Café.

Tues., Nov. 8th & Thurs., Nov. 10th (evening)

- All 7th & 8th Grade conferences are in the 7th/8th Gr. Café.

Friday, November 11th

- 5th Grade – 5th/6th Gr. Gym
- 6th Grade – 5th/6th Gr. Café.
- 7th & 8th Grade – 7th/8th Gr. Café.



Questions and Answers for Student-Led Conferences

How many conferences go on at once?

Since we are trying to get every student to come in for a conference, multiple conferences will be held at once.

Will I still be able to see teachers if I have a question?

All of the teachers will be close at hand. The teacher will not direct the conference. However, if a question arises a sign will be placed at your table that will signal to the teacher that you have a question or would like to speak to them. The teacher can then come over and answer specific questions.

How will my student know what to talk about?

We are going to train students to hold a discussion about their education. Topics will include: progress, areas of strength, areas needed for improvement and performance on assessments. A structured schedule and checklists have been created by teachers to help your student hold this conference.

Does preparation take a lot of class time?

Preparation is the key to success. Students will spend class time writing about their performance and preparing what they will say during the conference. Both of these tasks align closely with the writing processes and oral communication standards in our curriculum.

Will this be confidential?

Enough space will exist for your conference to be confidential. We will have many small clusters placed throughout the cafeteria and only your small group should be able to hear your discussion.

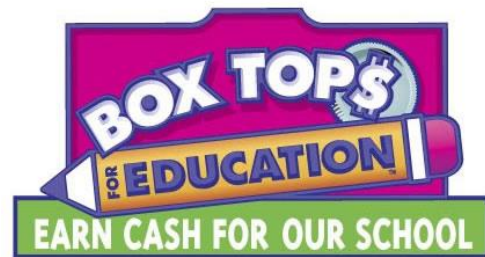
What are the benefits to this type of conference?

- Format provides a forum and time for parents and students to speak about educational progress. With busy schedules and the reluctance of the student these opportunities are very rare.
- Students learn and are given the opportunity to evaluate their own progress. Students know where they stand and what they need to do to improve.
- This type of conference allows the student to share some positives with parents and reduces the opportunity for the conference to be just about the negatives.

The Office Phone

Middle school is a very important step on the way of becoming an adult. It is a time of learning, growth, and becoming more responsible. With this in mind, don't be shocked or surprised if we do not allow your child to call home for forgotten homework, gym clothes, or other items. By dealing with the consequence of forgetting something, our hope is that they learn and become more responsible for the years ahead. The office phone will only be allowed to be used when the office deems something forgotten is an emergency. Examples of emergency situations are: a forgotten lunch or missing the bus.

Any abuse of the phone will cause the office staff to take away this privilege.

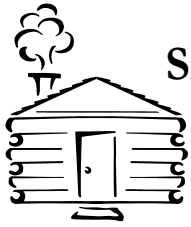


Box Tops for Education

Our PTC is now collecting Box Tops for Education. Please have your student bring Box Tops into the main office of the Middle School.

Download the Box Top app. With it you can:

- Buy - find offers, buy products
- Scan - scan your receipt
- Earn - watch the earnings stack up



Sixth Grade Heads to Camp Willson

Shawnee Middle School 6th Graders will once again have the opportunity to attend a 2 ½ day learning experience at Camp Willson in Bellefontaine, Ohio. Students will attend on the following dates:

November 14th – 16th, 2016: Howard, Patterson, O'Brien, Vonderwell, Adlesh

November 16th – 18th, 2016: Kieffer, Kopilchack, Lundin, Quatman

Cost: \$108.00

This fee will be collected in the student's first period class. We would like all payments made by Tuesday, November 1st.



The Shawnee Middle School Spelling Bee will be held **Tuesday, November 29th, at 3:00PM** in the Hugh Downs Auditorium at Shawnee High School. The snow date will be **November 30th**, same time and place. The classroom spelling bees to determine the school participants will be on Wednesday, November 2nd.

Good luck to all students!!



November PTC Meeting

The PTC meeting for November will be at 9:00AM on Tuesday, November 15th.



Election Day *Tuesday, November 8th*

A Glance Ahead:

Friday, November 11th, 2016
NO SCHOOL – Student-Led Conferences

**Wednesday/Thursday/Friday,
November 23rd, 24th, & 25th, 2016**
NO SCHOOL –
Happy Thanksgiving!

Wednesday, December 7th, 2016
2-Hour Delay –
Teacher In-Service

**Wednesday, December 21st, 2016 thru
Monday, January 2nd, 2017**
NO SCHOOL – Winter Recess

Monday, January 16th, 2017
NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

MATHCOUNTS – 2:40 – 3:30 PM

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

Free Digits Tutoring – Mr. Favro's Room

Grades 6 – 8 2:45-3:10 PM

Thursday, November 3, 2016

Camp Wilson Chaperone Meeting in the Middle School IMC @ 6:00 PM

Friday, November 4, 2016

Picture Retake Day

Free Digits Tutoring – Mr. Favro's Room

Grades 6 – 8 2:45-3:10 PM

Monday, November 7, 2016

BOOK FAIR

Free Digits Tutoring – Mr. Favro's Room

Grades 6 – 8 2:45-3:10 PM

Student-Led Conferences – 5th & 6th Gr.

4:30-8:30 PM

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Election Day!!!

BOOK FAIR

MATHCOUNTS – 2:40 -3:30 PM

Student-Led Conferences – 7th & 8th Gr.

5:00-8:30 PM

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

BOOK FAIR

Free Digits Tutoring – Mr. Favro's Room

Grades 6 – 8 2:45-3:10 PM

Student-Led Conferences – 5th & 6th Gr.

4:30-8:30 PM

Thursday, November 10, 2016

BOOK FAIR

Student-Led Conferences – 7th & 8th Gr.

5:00-8:30 PM

Friday, November 11, 2016

NO SCHOOL

BOOK FAIR

Student-Led Conferences – 5th - 8th Gr.

8:00 AM–12:00 PM

Monday, November 14, 2016

Camp Willson – Vonderwell Team (6B)

(returning on Wed., Nov. 16th)

Free Digits Tutoring – Mr. Favro's Room

Grades 6 - 8 2:45-3:10 PM

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

MATHCOUNTS – 2:40 -3:30 PM

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Camp Willson – Lundin Team (6A)

(returning on Fri., Nov. 18th)

Free Digits Tutoring – Mr. Favro's Room

Grades 6 - 8 2:45-3:10 PM

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Friday, November 18, 2016

Free Digits Tutoring – Mr. Favro's Room

Grades 6 - 8 2:45-3:10 PM

Monday, November 21, 2016

Toy Drive

Free Digits Tutoring – Mr. Favro's Room

2:45-3:10 PM

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

Toy Drive

MATHCOUNTS – 2:40-3:30 PM

Wednesday/Thursday/Friday, November 23,

24 & 25, 2016

NO SCHOOL –



Monday, November 28, 2016

Free Digits Tutoring – Mr. Favro's Room

Grades 6 – 8 2:45-3:10 PM

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

MATHCOUNTS – 2:40 -3:30 PM

MS Spelling Bee @ HS Auditorium @ 3:00 PM

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Free Digits Tutoring – Mr. Favro's Room

Grades 6 – 8 2:45-3:10 PM

MS Spelling Bee – Snow Date @ 3:00 PM

