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From the Principal's Desk

By Judith A. Gephart

Shawnee Middle School

We have all heard the old saying, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never harm me."

What do you think about that? Do you think words can harm you? You bet they can! Whoever wrote that old saying must not have heard about verbal abuse.

It isn't always adults who are abusing children with ugly comments. Young people abuse other young people with unkind words, and it does hurt!

I once heard someone say, "Nice words are free, so choose words that please another's ears."

I must have heard my mother say a thousand times, "If you can't say something nice about someone, please don't speak about them at all." It doesn't cost anything to speak kindly to others, but we pay a high price when we verbally abuse one another.

I hope you can spend a few minutes with your children and discuss these old sayings. Do you have the time?

2016 Testing Schedule

April 4, 2016: 5th & 6th English Language Arts
April 5, 2016: 5th & 6th English Language Arts
April 7, 2016: 7th & 8th English Language Arts
April 8, 2016: 7th & 8th English Language Arts

April 12, 2016: 5th & 6th Math
April 13, 2016: 5th & 6th Math
April 14, 2016: 7th & 8th Math, 8th Algebra
April 15, 2016: 7th & 8th Math, 8th Algebra

April 19, 2016: 5th Science, 6th Social Studies
April 20, 2016: 5th Science, 6th Social Studies
April 21, 2016: 8th Science
April 22, 2016: 8th Science



Shawnee Optimist Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, March 5th – 7 A.M. to 1 P.M.
Middle School Cafeteria

Adults \$6.00, Children 5 to 10 years
\$4.00,
4 years and under are FREE!

Congratulations to the Optimist Speech Medalists!

- Gold** – Madison Downing
Matthew Azzarello
- Silver** – Josie Graff
John Barker
- Bronze** – Aria Patel
Andreas Scutt

Congratulations to our winners!

Attention Parents of Sixth Grade Students:

The Ohio Department of Health has just released the new immunization requirements for the 2016-2017 school year. These changes will affect your students as they enter seventh grade next fall. The ODH is now requiring that all students entering seventh grade will need to have a diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (**Tdap**) booster and the **Meningococcal vaccine**. These immunizations can be obtained from the Allen County Health Department or from your family physician. The Allen County Health Department now requires that an appointment be scheduled in order to obtain immunizations there. You can contact the Health Department at 419-228-4457.

Your child will need to receive these immunizations before the start of school next fall. A reminder will go out in the spring and again in the summer reminding you that your student will need **both of these immunizations prior to starting 7th grade**. The school will require proof of these immunizations or your child could be excluded from attending school until the immunization requirement is met. You can fax your proof of immunization to me at 419-222-6572 or drop off proof of immunization in the Middle School office. If you have questions you can contact me at 419-998-8065.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Andrea Vogelgesang RN, School Nurse



Spring Picture Make-Up Days

Once again for spring, we are offering make-up days for spring pictures at Lifetouch Studio in Lima. This will be available to any student that was absent on picture day or would like to have a retake picture if they are not satisfied with their original package.

Pictures will be taken on the following dates:

Sat., April 9th and Sat., May 14th

If you are interested, please call 1-800-876-0099 or 419-228-1111 to set up a time.



Hoops For Hearts

A big **THANK YOU** to the 5th grade for raising over \$500.00 for the American Heart Association.

Top Donation Winner was:

HAYDEN HAMAN

Kindergarten Registration

2016 – 2017 School year

Shawnee Elmwood Primary School will be accepting kindergarten registration for the 2016-2017 school year during the week of **March 14th – 18th**. Children who will be **5 years old on or by August 1st** are eligible for enrollment in kindergarten. Registration forms will be available at **Shawnee Elmwood** from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. during the week of registration. After the initial registration week, we will be taking registrations at the Shawnee Schools Central Enrollment Office located at Shawnee Middle School.

Kindergarten Screening will take place on **August 25th, 26th & 29th**. Parents can sign their student up for a screening date during registration. Mailings will be sent out in early August reminding parents of their student's screening date and detailing orientation information.

The items listed below are required for enrollment and must be presented at the time of registration.

- ✓ Student's Birth certificate
- ✓ Social Security Card
- ✓ Immunization records
- ✓ Parent's ID
- ✓ 2 Proofs of residency
- ✓ Custody papers (if applicable)

Transportation

If you are in need of transportation in the Shawnee School District, please call our transportation department at (419) 998-8034.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday, March 2nd
2 Hour Delay

Monday, March 21st – Friday, March 25th
NO SCHOOL – Spring Break

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Wednesday, March 2, 2016
2 Hour Delay

Thursday, March 3, 2016

Friday, March 4, 2016

Saturday, March 5, 2016
Shawnee Optimist Pancake Breakfast (see article)
2016 Regional Spelling Bee - 10:00 AM at
OSU Lima Auditorium

Monday, March 7, 2016

Tuesday, March 8, 2016
PTC Meeting at 9:00 AM

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Monday, March 14, 2016

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Friday, March 18, 2016
End of 3rd Nine Weeks

Saturday, March 19, 2016

Monday, March 21 – Friday, March 25, 2016
NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK

Monday, March 28, 2016
Jr. High Baseball vs. Wapakoneta – 5:00 PM
Jr. High Softball at Wapakoneta – 5:00 PM

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

Wednesday, March 30, 2016
Jr. High Baseball vs. Spencerville – 5:00 PM
Jr. High Softball vs. Spencerville – 5:00 PM

Thursday, March 31, 2016
Jr. High Baseball at Ottawa – 5:00 PM



Shawnee Optimist Annual Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, March 5th
7:00 am – 1:00 pm
Shawnee Middle School Cafeteria
3235 Zurmehly Rd, Lima

Free D.A.R.E.
Photo/DNA
ID cards
9-Noon

Photos with
the Easter
Bunny
9-Noon

Usborne
Book
Sale!

Free Blood
Pressure
Screenings

Story time
9:30 -
Noon

Free
Kids
Crafts

Served on china
plates with warm
syrup and a
smile!

Carry out
available

Adult (11 yrs. And up) \$6.00
Child (5 to 10 yrs) \$4.00
Child 4 and under Free

All you can eat!
Carry out available

Proudly serving
**Biggby
Coffee!**



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Optimist Clubs are dedicated to "Bringing Out the Best in Kids."