

Notes from the Principal's Desk

Welcome to the second quarter of the school year! Many of our students attended a School Dance last week celebrating positive behavior. These students followed Highview's School Rules: Take Care of Yourself, Be Kind to Others, Take Care of our Environment and their classroom rules for the entire first quarter. We are very proud of them! Overall, behavior at Highview is very good, but there is always room for improvement. Starting this month, we will begin a new incentive program for students and classes that are "caught" following our school rules. Please look for more information regarding this new program soon.

The second and fourth Wednesdays of most months are early release days for students. During the early release time, the teachers meet to look over

assessment data and plan for instruction. The following dates are the remaining early release days for this school year;

November 4th and 18th
December 2nd and 16th
January 13th and 27th
February 10th and 24th

March 10th and 24th
April 7th and 14th
May 5th and 19th

On these days, students will be released from school at 2:45. Please mark these special days on your calendars and have a plan in place for early dismissals.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Ms. Stokes

Don't Miss from Mrs. Deaton!!



With the cold and flu season upon us, I want to remind everyone of what to do if your child misses school. When a student is absent from school, parents please make sure to submit a note following your student's absence. Please make sure it includes your student's name, teacher's name, date of the absence, and the reason why your child was absent. You may also submit your child's absence excuse online to www.middletowncityschools.com/schools/highview or send an email directly to me at rdeaton@middletowncityschools.com. This email will serve as your excuse note so you do not have to send one with your student when they return to school. Your help with this is greatly appreciated!

If at any time during the school year, your phone number or address changes, please let me know as soon as possible. It is important to keep all of your contact information current in case an emergency should arise. I will forward your information downtown so your phone number will be current for the school district's cNotify system (the automatic phone call alerts).



Kind-hearted Kindergarteners



As we approach the holiday season we will study about our families. We will read stories about family traditions and activities, Thanksgiving, and harvest. In our Math program, Investigations, we will begin our unit on patterns. We continue to practice counting everyday. Students should be counting objects at home.

Fabulous First Graders

First grade news: We want to thank the parents who were able to meet with us for conferences. The more we work together the more progress your child makes. It is very important for your child to see the bond between parents and teachers. It is also important for your child to know that you value the work they are doing. If you were unable to meet with us, please do not let that stop you from setting up a time to talk. We are more than willing to share all we know about your child and are eager to hear from you.



*Childhood is a
journey, not a
race.*

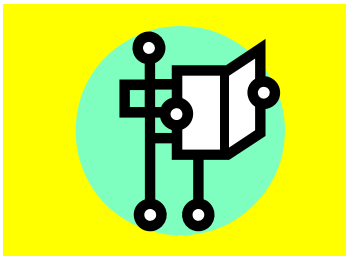
Second Grade Superstars



Second grade is in the Nature Walk unit and we are reading the story Around the Pond. We have been working with consonant blends as well as short and long vowel sounds.

In math we have been working with shapes, geoblocks and learning about symmetry and mirror images. So far we have liked working with shapes the best!

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student a star.***

Terrific Third Graders

It's hard to believe the first quarter is over! Parent/teacher conferences were held Monday, October 26th and Wednesday, October 28th. We appreciated getting the opportunity to meet with each of you and discuss your child's progress.

The new math is keeping us busy. Kids are presently working on investigating and interpreting bar graphs and line

plots along with continued work on story problems and various strategies used to solve each.

In reading/science we've been talking about animals with a special emphasis on bats. We took a field trip to the Cincinnati Zoo on Thursday October 29.

Thanks again for your continued help from home. We make a great team!

Fantastic Fourth Graders

Dear Families,
October has been a busy and exciting month in fourth grade! The fourth graders had a great time on their field trip to Miami University Middletown to see the Miami University Steel Drum Ensemble! Thank you to our Highview PTO for funding the cost of transportation!

We will be sending home student math handbooks to go along with the new math program called *Investigations*.

This handbook is to help families understand the math concepts that the children are learning at school.

Additionally, the handbooks include fun

math games that will help your child develop important math skills. Please feel free to keep the handbooks until the end of the school year.

Looking ahead to second quarter in language arts, we will be focusing on the following skills:

- Making inferences
- Drawing conclusions
- Answering comprehension and evaluative questions
- Understanding words through context clues

We are looking forward to a great second quarter of learning!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Delehanty, Mrs. Edgar and Mrs. Parks

Fun Fifth Graders

The fifth grade mathematicians have begun investigating 3-D figures to learn about volume. The readers in fifth grade are exploring the 1930s through Out of the Dust. To help improve reading skills, students should be reading independently books of their choice for 20 minutes each night at home. In Social Studies emphasis is on market economy and a person's ability to choose how to make money.



In Science we are traveling with Interplanet Janet throughout the solar system. The students should be going outside at night to observe and record the phases of the moon.

Mrs. Slone gave birth to a healthy, bouncing, baby boy October 6, 2009.

News from Your PTO

Here are just a few reminders for the month of November.
November 9th- PTO meeting 4pm; Everyone is welcome.
November 9th - Highview skate night at Skateway-6pm Thanks to everyone who participated in the Fall Fundraiser.

We should be delivering the orders to students by mid November. We will also be having our BMX show for the top sellers this month. As always, continue cutting and sending in your Box Tops, Campbells and Tyson A+ labels. We appreciate your support!

NOVEMBER 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Savings	2	3 Election Day	4 EARLY RELEASE - 2:45	5	6	7
8	9 PTO Meeting 4:00-5:00 Skateway Party 6:00-8:00	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 EARLY RELEASE - 2:45	19 PAC NIGHT	20 PICTURE RE-TAKES	21
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October 2009

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