

# Mayfield Elementary School Newsletter

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**Just a reminder that Early Release is this coming Wednesday, May 6. Students will be dismissed at 2:45 PM.**

### **Kindergarten Spring Program Thursday, May 7**

Next Thursday is the Spring Program for Kindergarten students. Costumes are being provided, so all your child needs to wear is a white shirt. We will have a dress rehearsal at the school on that day at 2:30 PM. Parents and families are welcome to attend. On performance night, students need to report to their classroom by 6:30 PM. The performance begins at 7:00 PM. Please keep the main aisle down the center of the gym clear for the parade. **DO NOT SET VIDEO EQUIPMENT IN THE AISLE!** Hope to see you there!!

### **Spirit Wear Orders**

If you ordered spirit wear and have not received it yet or your order was incorrect, please call Mrs. Laswell at 420-4549 by next Friday, May 8.

### **Kindergarten/Preschool Registration**

If you missed our kindergarten/preschool registration on this past Tuesday, it is **NOT** too late to register. You may call for an appointment or just walk in to one of the registrations that are still being held at other elementary schools. Be sure to tell them that your child will be a Mayfield student and that secretary will forward the registration information on to Mrs. Laswell. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Laswell at 420-4549.

<b>Creekview</b>	<b>Thur., May 7 – 8:30-11:30 AM</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>Wed., May 13 – 8:30-11:30 AM</b>
<b>Highview</b>	<b>Thur., May 21 – 8:30-11:30 AM</b>
<b>Rosa Parks</b>	<b>Wed., May 27 – 8:30-11:30 AM</b>

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

May 1 – Fundraiser Items Arrive  
May 6 & 20 - Early Release at 2:45 PM  
May 7 – Girl Scout Mtg-5-6:00 PM  
May 7 – Kindergarten Spring Concert – 7:00 PM  
May 11-14 – Buy 1 Get 1 Free Scholastic Book Fair  
May 14 – PTO Mtg. – 4:00 PM  
May 14 – Girl Scout Mtg-5-6:00 PM  
May 19 – Skating Party – 6:30-8:30 PM  
May 20 – PAC Event – 8:00-8:45 PM

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## **Boxtops for Education**

A huge thank-you to everyone who has been clipping boxtops this year. The total received just for clipping boxtops was \$227.00 for the school year. Together we can make a difference!!

## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade News**

5th Grade: Owl Pellet Investigation Coming Up!  
Both 5th Grade classes will be dissecting the pellets of Barn Owls as a Science investigation within the next few weeks. Students will examine and classify the contents.

Owl pellets are the regurgitated undigested remains of the prey of barn owls. They are a natural educational tool. Our objective is for the students to better understand the role of owls in our local ecosystem, to determine the diet of the barn owl through exploration, to experience the nature of food chains, to learn basic skeletal anatomy, and most importantly to develop increased interest in the natural world around them.

Our pellets have been ordered from a reputable science instructional company, and the pellets have been sterilized by heat, using no chemicals.

This should be a fun and educational experience for our students (and their teachers)!

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### WAKE UP WITH MAYFIELD!

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

Please join us for our last PAC event on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am – 8:45am in the Cafetorium.

Rise and Shine with donuts, drinks and “Mayfield’s Morning Newspaper.”

*A good education is the next best thing to a pushy mother. –Charles Schultz (Peanuts)*

We would like to thank all the parents of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students that participated in the OAT After School Workshop for their support and cooperation. The partnership between parents and school is critical in ensuring success with the education of our students.

### Buy 1 Get 1 Free Scholastic Book Fair May 11 through May 14

We will be having another Scholastic Book Fair the week of May 11 through May 14. All of the books will be a buy 1 get 1 free. Students will go during their regularly scheduled library time. Library times will come home in next week’s newsletter. If anyone is available to help with the book fair, please call the school at 420-4549. Thank you in advance.

### Swine Flu Information

Today, the CDC has confirmed 64 cases of swine influenza A (H1N1) virus in the United States including 1 in Ohio. At this time there have been no deaths and one hospitalization.

- There are, however, several probable cases in Ohio awaiting lab confirmation that will likely increase the number of cases in Ohio. Most of the cases are in individuals who have recently traveled to Mexico.
- At this time there is not enough information to fully assess the health implications of this novel virus that

spreads through human to human contact. This is a rapidly evolving situation and all information should be considered interim and will be updated frequently.

- The best source of information at this time is the CDC website, [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). The Ohio Department of Health is setting up an information line at 1-866-800-1404 which is now available between the hours of 8-5, and of course you can call the Middletown City Health District at 513-425-1818.
- There is no vaccine available to prevent the spread of this virus. A vaccine will take several months to develop and produce. Fortunately, the virus has not shown resistance to the antivirals, Tamiflu and Relenza, and so they can be used to reduce the severity of the disease if taken within 48 hours of the start of symptoms. These are the antivirals that the federal government has been stockpiling since the first appearance of the avian influenza a few years ago.
- The symptoms of flu include;
  - fever
  - body aches
  - runny nose
  - and sore throat
  - they can include nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea
- To protect yourself and to prevent the spread of the flu we recommend the following:
  - Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or with your sleeve at the elbow. Throw away the tissue after use.
  - Wash our hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol based hand cleaners are also effective.
  - Try to avoid close contact with sick people
  - Limit contact with others if you get sick. If you get sick Do Not Go to Work, Do Not Go to School, Do Not Go to the Store, and Do Not Go to the Hospital.
  - If you are sick and feel the need for treatment, see your healthcare provider.

David Winfough  
Health Commissioner  
513-425-1818