

McCormick Tiger Tale

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McCormick Junior High School
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GRADE CARD DISTRIBUTION

Second quarter report cards were distributed on Friday, January 29th, at the end of the school day. Upon receiving your student's grade card if you wish to meet with a teacher, please contact the office (433-1234 ext. 2) in order to schedule an appointment(s). Parents are also reminded that students' grade cards were withheld if student fees, band fees, library fees, cafeteria fees, etc. were not paid or resolved by the end of the quarter. All students have been informed why their grade cards were withheld.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, February 4th, from 6:00 – 9:00 PM and Monday, February 8th, from 3:00 – 7:00 PM. If a parent would like to schedule a conference with a teacher, please call the office at 419-433-1234 ext. 2. For your convenience and to be guaranteed an appointment with a teacher, please call ahead and schedule a time.

SCIENCE FAIR

The Huron City Schools Science Fair will be held Monday, February 22, 2010 in the McCormick Junior High Cafeteria. The projects presented cover the traditional areas of life science, Earth science, and physical science, but may also include scientific investigations in other areas such as psychology, math, and technology. An experimental research project is part of our eighth grade curriculum, but the students are not all required to participate in science fair. Occasionally we have students, who are not required to do a project as part of their course work, also, enter science fair. This year we are expecting a couple projects from the high school and perhaps a seventh grader. Our local fair is an opportunity for students, who are willing to do some extra work, to display their projects and possibly advance to higher-level science fairs.

Students who receive superior ratings at our local fair are eligible to take their projects to either the Mohican District Science Fair at Ashland University or North Central Science Society Science Day at Heidelberg University, both on Saturday, March 27, 2010. Superiors at these fairs may go on to State Science Fair or Heidelberg Scholarship Day.

The student projects are evaluated by teams of two judges. We have a good corps of veteran judges from throughout the community, but we are always looking for more volunteers. No knowledge of any specific area of science is required, just an understanding of scientific method and a willingness to listen to the students, and even learn from them about their topic. Any new judges would be paired with experienced judges. Judges meet at 6:45 PM in the McCormick Media Center prior to the fair. If interested, please contact Tom Knechtges through the Huron City Schools voice mail, (419) 433-1234 ext. 2108 or leave a message at the McCormick office.

The science fair is open to the public. You are welcome to inspect the projects even though you don't have a son or daughter participating. However, most students would rather not have an audience while they are presenting to the judges. The fair runs from 7:00 PM until usually 8:30 or 9:00 PM. At any given moment only about a quarter of the projects are being judged, so there is plenty of time to see everything. Please join us for an enjoyable and enlightening evening.

PARENT AND STUDENT ACCESS TO STUDENT GRADES

Parent Access allows parents to see their child's grades online. Throughout the school year, parents may access this web site to review their child's progress. Login names and passwords are the same as they were last year. Any parent needing information on Parent Access should email Mr. Carter at chad_carter@huronhs.com or call the junior high school at 419-433-1234 ext. 2002.

STUDY ISLAND

Our school has purchased a subscription to a research-based standards mastery program called Study Island. During our subscription, your child can access Study Island free of charge anywhere that Internet access is available. Study session results are automatically recorded for teacher review, including results from sessions completed outside of school. The program is divided into sections based on subject (math, reading, etc.). Each section is made up of 15 to 30 topics, with each topic containing about 20 to 30 questions. Topics are accompanied by a lesson, which contains a brief overview of the material covered in that topic.

YEARBOOK NEWS

The 2009-2010 version of the McCormick Junior High Yearbook will be sold during the week of February 1st -5th. Order forms will be distributed to students during their first period classes. The yearbooks will cost \$18 each. Students will have the opportunity to have their names stamped on the cover for an additional \$5. All payments should be submitted via check, made out to *McCormick Junior High*. Make sure you reserve your copy now. This is a one time pre-sale price!

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council will be sponsoring a carnation sale for Valentine's Day. Carnation orders will be taken Feb. 3-5 and will be delivered on Thursday, Feb. 12th. Also, in March, Student Council will host a Penny War. All proceeds from this contest benefit the Northern Ohio Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, so start saving your pennies!!

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One for Haiti Fund Drive

The four extra-curricular McCormick Junior High Clubs – National Junior Honor Society, Art Club, Power of the Pen, Student Council – are working together on the “One For Haiti” fund drive in response to that country's devastating earthquake.

Student representatives from each of the clubs are selling wall tags designed by Art Teacher Mr. Josh Haplea to represent each dollar donated to Haiti relief. The fund drive is being run as a contest among homerooms, with a reward for the highest total donations from a 7th and 8th grade homeroom. The homeroom with the winning highest amount from either grade will be in the publicity photograph.

MCCORMICK'S STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Each month, two students will be recognized as our Students of the Month. This award will be based on the following criteria: attendance, attitude, workmanship, growth and improvement, classroom behavior and work completion. One student will be selected from each grade level and will be nominated by their respective grade level teachers. Mr. Carter and the appropriate grade level teachers will select the deserving student.

- September's Students of the Month were seventh grader Jep Bloor and eighth grader Jordan Stutzman.
- October's Students of the Month were seventh grader Allie Lenyo and eighth grader Ryan VanCauwenbergh.
- November's Students of the Month were seventh grader Christina Rivera and eighth grader Will Wilson.
- January's Students of the Month were seventh grader Megan Maley and eighth grader Shelby Stout.

Selected names and photos are given to the Huron Hometown News.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Three band students were selected to participate in the Ohio Music Educator's Association Junior High Honors Band. The band is made up of the best band students in the area. Kevin Tomczyk, Jack Springer, and Shelby Stout will be playing in the ensemble on Saturday, February 20th at Tiffin Middle School. Congratulations on being selected and good luck to those students!

We are approaching our midwinter band concerts. The 7th and 8th grade bands will join the Huron High School concert band on Thursday, March 4th in the McCormick Auditorium. We hope to see you there!

NEWS FROM THE ART CLUB

This semester the art club will be finishing past projects and continuing to experiment with new materials and processes. We have already used splatter paint, duct tape, potato prints, and dyes. The students also helped hang the winter art show throughout the McCormick halls for the Feast of Carols. We are currently making backdrop murals for the morning announcements and individually painted wooden panels for the art room doors. The Kool aid mural is finished so please poke your head in the room and take a look. The planning process has begun for the next mural next to the Kool aid man. Do you have any ideas? The plastic bottle-recycling program continues to keep us busy and the caps that we are saving will become a tiger mural by the end of this school year. Other projects in the planning stage are signs for above classroom doors and instrument signs for the band room. So much to do and so little time!

POWER OF THE PEN

McCormick Power of the Pen writers had a successful District Tournament in Gibsonburg on Saturday. Individual honors go to 8th grade writer Abby Wiseman - 9th place, to 7th grade writer Sammy Hebert - 9th place, and to Anna Schwerer - Best Story of Round 3. The 7th grade team of Kaitlyn Barton, Michael Fisher, Sammy Hebert, Kathleen Milchen, Megan Maley, Madi Mize, Kelsey Ohm, Ashtyn Stadler, and Alex Winschel took 3rd place team honors.

MERIT AND HONOR ROLLS:

To be eligible for the Merit Roll, a student must attain a grade point average of 3.00 with no grade lower than a "C."

MERIT ROLL – SEVENTH GRADE

Colleen Allen, Elsa Bertsch, Haley Burrier, Megan Cammalleri, Jessica Carroll, Courtney Crooks, Sean Eirons, Addison Enderle, Samantha Fantozzi, Kassie Hamilton, Zachery Harkey, Jack Hufnagle, Jack Ineson, Alex Johnson, Teya Johnson, Erin Lehrer, Julia Martello, Alex Martin, Kathleen Milchen, Logan Morin, McKenzie Mraz, Mackenzie Napholz, Noah Norcross, Sam Pietschman, Sarah Schoelwer, Nicholas Stauffer, Haley Strader, Rylee Stradtman, Riley Strickland, Julia Studer, Matty VanBarg, Jordan White, Jenna Witter

MERIT ROLL – EIGHTH GRADE

Ethan Adkins, Madison Brant, Benjamin Breay, Kayla Driftmyer, Jessica Emery, Nellie Enderle, Alee Faulkner, Molly Galvin, Austin Gardner, Gus Hinebaugh, Alex Iannantuono, Katsuyori Izumi, Tori Johnson, Andrea Kaman, Brianna Lewis-Griffaw, Jessica Mahler, Megan McCarthy, Kierra McKitrick, Jodi Minton, Conner Morehart, Bridget Moriarty, Ashley Myers, Katrina Owens, Brittany Porcenaluk, Austin Rathbun, Taylor Rathbun, Chelsey Richter, Benjamin Schoelwer, Zachery Souter, Jack Springer, Shelby Stout, Caitlyn Taylor, Cody Thompson, Valerie Tyree, Nathan Zeck

To be eligible for the Honor Roll, a student must attain a grade point average of 3.5 with no grade lower than a "B."

HONOR ROLL – SEVENTH GRADE

An asterisk (*) indicates a 4.000 grade point average.

Desmond Aaron, Karl Bates, Brooke Bauer, John Baus*, Jep Bloor, Tom Bogden, Alexis Brady, Allison Brownell, Megan Cammalleri, Austin Campbell, Hannah Cantrill*, Sarah Carroll*, Megan Decker, Michael Delahunt, Matthew Dewey, Nick Ernst, Benjamin Fries, Paige Graham, Tyler Graham, Kiersten Hammond, Danzell Harris, Samantha Hebert, Zachary Hoch, Michael Huffman, Shannon Hughes, Alex Klein, Renata Kurtz, Nicholas Lachowyn, Zoey Lehrer, Allie Lenyo*, Alison Litz, Sean Martin*, Graham Mast, Hannah Miller, Madison Mize, Hollie Mueller, Eric Myles*, Ryan Opfer, Madison Orzech, Jennifer Paiz, Bo Pettegrew, Christina Rivera, Samuel Sluga, Ashtyn Stadler*, Zachary Stauder, Caleb Stidham, Adam Storer, Anna Tanaka*, Courtney Thorne, Oshae

VonThron, Eric Weir, Morgan Welborn, Jacob Wise, Audra Wisehart*, Blake Wysocki*, Tricia Yates

HONOR ROLL – EIGHTH GRADE

An asterisk (*) indicates a 4.000 grade point average.

Paige Baker, Carolyn Balde, Benjamin Battiste, Morgan Bertsch, Keegan Bollenbacher, Nicholas Carroll, Diana Chaban, Brennan Cockrell, Katelyn Crawford*, Patrick Dusza, Jack Dwyre, Katherine Evers, Kaitlyn Greulich*, Drew Hanley, Kristopher Horman, Lillian Justus*, Shelby Kenville, William Koenig*, Alyssa Kopp, Jacob Lehrer, Spencer Maddox, Piper Miedema, Nicholas Mix*, Amelia Nagle, Hannah Neibler, Morgan Odell*, Ried Roshong, Nathan Schuster, LiAnna Schwerer, Kira Smith, Jordan Stutzman, Kevin Tomczyk, Ryan VanCauwenbergh*, William Wilson, Abby Wiseman*

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

February 4, 2010	McCormick's Parent-Teacher Conferences 6:00-9:00
February 8, 2010	McCormick's Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:00-7:00
February 12, 2010	No School
February 15, 2010	No School
February 19, 2010	High School Guidance Counselor to visit with 8 th grade students in their science classes to discuss next year's classes
February 22, 2010	McCormick's Science Fair 7:00-9:00
February 23, 2010	5 th and 6 th Grade Band Concert @ McCormick Jr. High
February 26, 2010	3 rd Quarter Interims
March 4, 2010	7 th Grade and Huron High School Band Concert
March 5, 2010	High School Guidance Counselor to visit with 8 th grade student in their history classes to discuss next year's classes
March 26, 2010	3 rd Quarter Ends