

McCormick Tiger Tale

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McCormick Junior High School
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OHIO ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENTS

Starting on Wednesday, April 21st, students at McCormick will begin their annual state testing from the Ohio Department of Education. All 7th and 8th grade students will take the reading portion on April 21st, the math portion on April 22nd. Eighth grade students will take an additional test over science on April 28th.

Students are encouraged to get a good night's rest, eat a healthy breakfast and try their best, as these assessments are an important measure of our performance as a school. Also, all students will need at least two #2 pencils. Mechanical pencils are not acceptable for test use. Calculator will be provided by the school for all students to use during testing. Students should report to their homeroom classes on the testing days.

HEIDELBERG SCIENCE DAY

Students who received superior ratings at Huron's local science fair are eligible to participate at higher-level science fairs. Three of Mr. Kucbel's students took advantage of this opportunity and presented their projects at Heidelberg University's Science Day, on Saturday, March 27. Morgan Odell and Aly Kopp both achieved superior ratings on their projects, "Can a Computer Win at Tic-Tac-Toe?" and "Is Smiling Contagious?" Alee Faulkner received a high excellent on her "Mentos and Pop" project. Aly Kopp returned to Heidelberg Scholarship Day, Wednesday, March 31 for an even more selective competition. Aly received an excellent rating, just one point short of a superior. Congratulations to these three girls for their outstanding achievements.

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.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council will be sponsoring the end of the year dance, "A Night in the City" on Friday, May 7th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. The dress code for the dance is skirts or dresses for girls and slacks (no jeans or shorts) and a collared shirt for boys. Tickets will be sold May 5 - 7 during both lunch periods and at the door.

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.
- February's Students of the Month were seventh grader Ann Hagstrom and eighth grader Madison Brant.
- March's Students of the Month were seventh grader Allison Brownell and eighth grader Chuck Basting.

Selected names and photos are submitted to the Huron Hometown News each month.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Solo and Ensemble:

Many seventh and eighth grade students participated in the Ohio Music Education Association's solo and ensemble contest. This year the contest was held at Seneca East School, on March 27th. There were 16 students that played solos and 37 students that participated in ensembles. All of our entries did well and we are proud of all those that participated. The following students represented McCormick Junior High School as part of ensembles: Benji Battiste, Kelsey Bickley, Allison Brownell, Jacob Dawkins, Michael Delahunt, Katie Evers, Brandon Garza, Kris Horman, Alex Johnson, Andie Kaman, Will Koenig, Renata Kurtz, Alexandria Lenyo, Alison Litz, Sean Martin, Graham Mast, Jodi Minton, Conner Morehart, Amelia Nagle, Noah Norcross, Ryan Opfer, Katrina Owens, Alyssa Pine, Brittany Porcenaluk, Nathan Schuster, LiAnna Schwerer, Sam Sluga, Kira Smith, Ashtyn Stadler, Shelby Stout, Jordan Stutzman, Kevin Tomczyk, Valerie Tyree, Will Wilson, Alex Winschel, Jacob Wise and Nathan Zeck.

The following students played solos: Benji Battiste (xylophone and snare drum), Michael Delahunt (Snare Drum), Alex Johnson (xylophone), Andie Kaman (timpani), Will Koenig (trumpet), Alison Litz (flute), Sean Martin (xylophone), Conner Morehart (euphonium), Katrina Owens (clarinet), Nathan Schuster (trumpet), Shelby Stout (clarinet), Jordan Stutzman (alto saxophone), Kevin Tomczyk (xylophone), Will Wilson (trombone), Alex Winschel (alto saxophone), Jacob Wise (timpani), and Nathan Zeck (alto saxophone). Congratulations to all those that participated!

Upcoming Band Dates:

May 14th or 15th: Large Group Contest (more information forthcoming)

May 27th: 7th and 8th Grade Concert (7:00 PM McCormick Auditorium)

NEWS FROM CHOIR

These choir students participated in the OMEA Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event on Saturday, March 27.

Soloists:

Will Koenig, Superior
Paige Graham, Superior
Haley Strader, Superior
Rylee Stradtman, Superior
Kacie Thornburgh, Excellent
Ethan Adkins

Boys Ensemble, Excellent

Bo Pettegrew
Karl Bates
Garrett White
Nicholas Herner
Jason Cobleigh
Mason Carmel
Austin Enderle

Girls Ensemble, Superior

Erin Lehrer
Haley Strader
Allison Brownell
Olivia Breay
Rylee Stradtman
Christina Rivera
Paige Graham

Congratulations to all the participants! It was a very successful day.

POWER OF THE PEN

MORGAN ODELL HEADS TO STATE TOURNAMENT

Nine seventh and five eighth grade writers attended the first Power of the Pen District Tournament in Gibsonburg in January. Five seventh grade and four eighth grade students qualified to move on to the Regional Tournament in Avon Lake in early March. One eighth grade student, Morgan Odell, qualified from the Regional Tournament to represent McCormick Junior High at the State Tournament to be held at the College of Wooster in late May. The Power of the Pen is a story writing competition. Students from all over Ohio attend district and then regional tournaments and write stories to prompts in three forty minute sessions. Their stories are scored and ranked, and the top qualifiers move on in the competition, culminating in the State Tournament at Wooster.

This year, 17 writers joined the McCormick Power of the Pen Team in early September and met weekly over the lunch/study hall hour, first eating lunch together, then moving to adviser Mrs. Gwen Aber's classroom to learn techniques and skills and practice writing to a variety of prompts. We are proud of all the McCormick Writers, and

wish our state qualifier, Morgan, the best of luck as she competes among about 600 others at The College of Wooster on May 21, 2010.

Members of the 2009-2010 McCormick Power of the Pen team are: Will Koenig, Lianna Schwerer, Morgan Odell, Abby Wiseman, Katy Evers, Julia Studer, Ashtyn Stadler, Kelsey Ohn, Elsa Bertsch, Kaitlyn Barton, Samantha Hebert, Alex Winschel, Maddie Mize, Megan Maley, Kathleen Milchen, Wyatt Hofacker, and Michael Fisher.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

29 TO BE INDUCTED INTO N.J.H.S.

Just prior to Spring Break, 6 eighth grade students and 23 seventh grade students were notified of their selection for induction into the McCormick Junior High Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. These students met the academic criteria of having a 3.5 grade point average, as well as demonstrating excellence in the standards of leadership, service, citizenship, and character. Students completed an information form detailing their leadership and service accomplishments and submitted a short essay explaining how they displayed and upheld the standards of character and citizenship. An induction ceremony will be held during a morning assembly on May 5, 2010, during which current members of the Chapter will introduce each new inductee.

This year the N.J.H.S. sponsored two fund-raising dances at McCormick, assisted the Red Cross organization during an October blood drive, helped to raise money for Haiti disaster relief in conjunction with three other school organizations, and will hold a fund-raising car wash on Saturday, June 5, 2010. The Huron Food Pantry and the Children's Library Collection of Huron Public Library both were recipients of cash donations from the chapter this year, and the chapter has also created a fund to grant an annual scholarship to a graduating senior from Huron High School who has been a member of the National Junior Honor Society and who has maintained the standards of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship and good character throughout his or her high school career.

ACADEMIC CHALLENGE TEAMS

Congratulations to McCormick's 7th and 8th grade Academic Challenge Teams. The 7th grade team placed second in the Erie County competition, and the 8th grade team won both the Erie County and the Tri-County Competitions. Seventh grade members are Jacob Wise, Sean Martin, Michael Delahunt, Caleb Stidham, Alex Winschel, Renata Kurtz, and Zoey Lehrer. Eighth grade members are Kevin Tomczyk, Benji Batiste, Spencer Maddox, Kris Horman, Will Koenig, Jordan Stutzman, Morgan Odell, and Abby Wiseman.

8TH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS CLASSES

The 8th grade Language Arts classes spent a large portion of third quarter studying the Holocaust through the readings of *The Diary of Anne Frank* and *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*, in addition to watching documentaries. Max Edelman, a Holocaust survivor shared his personal story with our 8th graders during an assembly. Mrs. Rowen's class also studied the poems from the book *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*, these poems

were written by children at the Terezin Ghetto. In memory of the 1.5 million children who died during the Holocaust, Mrs. Rowen's class made butterflies that will be sent to the Holocaust Museum in Houston, Texas. The butterflies will be part of a display that the museum is working on.

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

Desmond Aaron, Colleen Allen, Joe Asberry, Brooke Bauer, Elsa Bertsch, Haley Burrier, Mason Carmel, Jessica Carroll, Courtney Crooks, Megan Decker, Matthew Dewey, Sean Eirons, Addison Enderle, Austin Enderle, Monika Giardina, Tyler Graham, Ann Hagstrom, Zachary Hoch, Wyatt Hofacker, Alex Johnson, Teya Johnson, Alexander Klein, Kaitlin Lance, Julia Martello, Alex Martin, Kathleen Milchen, Logan Morin, McKenzie Mraz, Mackenzie Napholz, Noah Norcross, Sarah Schoelwer, Destini Smith, Nicholas Stauffer, Haley Strader, Rylee Stradtman, Riley Strickland, Courtney Thorne, Oshae VonThron, Jenna Witter, Patricia Yates

MERIT ROLL – EIGHTH GRADE

Kelsey Bickley, Benjamin Breay, Gabriel Camella, Nicholas Carroll, Diana Chaban, Dalton Corwin, Kayla Driftmyer, Jessica Emery, Nellie Enderle, Alee Faulkner, Austin Gardner, Gus Hinebaugh, Kristopher Horman, Alex Iannantuono, Alyssa Kopp, Jessica Mahler, Kierra McKitrick, Piper Miedema, Rhian Morgan, Bridget Moriarty, Ashley Myers, Katrina Owens, Austin Rathbun, Benjamin Schoelwer, Zachery Souter, Jack Springer, Brett St.Clair, Caitlyn Taylor, Cody Thompson

HONOR ROLL – SEVENTH GRADE

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

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."

Karl Bates, John Baus, Jep Bloor, Tom Bogden, Alexis Brady, Allison Brownell, Megan Cammalleri, Austin Campbell*, Hannah Cantrill, Sarah Carroll*, Michael Delahunt, Nick Ernst, Benjamin Fries, Paige Graham, Kiersten Hammond, Danzell Harris, Samantha Hebert, Michael Huffman, John Hufnagle, Shannon Hughes, Jack Ineson, Renata Kurtz, Nicholas Lachowyn, Erin Lehrer, 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, Julia Studer, Anna Tanaka*, Madison VanBarg, Eric Weir, Morgan Welborn, Alexander Winschel, Jacob Wise*, Audra Wisehart*, Deryk Wray, Blake Wysocki

HONOR ROLL – EIGHTH GRADE

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Paige Baker, Carolyn Balde, Benjamin Battiste, Morgan Bertsch, Keegan Bollenbacher, Madison Brant, Brennan Cockrell, Katelyn Crawford*, Patrick Dusza, Jack Dwyre, Katherine Evers, Molly Galvin, Kaitlyn Greulich*, Drew Hanley*, Tori Johnson, Lillian Justus*, Shelby Kenville, William Koenig*, Jacob Lehrer, Brianna Lewis-Griffaw, Spencer Maddox, Nicholas Mix*, Amelia Nagle, Hannah Neibler, Morgan Odell*, Brittany Porcenaluk, Taylor Rathbun, Ried Roshong, Nathan Schuster, LiAnna Schwerer, Kira Smith, Shelby Stout, Jordan Stutzman, Kevin Tomczyk, Valerie Tyree, Ryan VanCauwenbergh, William Wilson, Abby Wiseman, Nathan Zeck

ELGIBILITY

Students and parents are reminded that in order to be eligible to participate in any extra-curricular activity (sports, class/club officer or Student Council), students can't earn two letter grades of F and/or earn a grade point average (GPA) lower than a 1.6 during a grading period.

Also, please remember that fourth quarter grades also determine eligibility to participate in extra-curricular activities during the first quarter of next school year. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Carter.

ATHLETIC PHYSICALS- MAY 27TH

Save the Date! Huron High & Jr. High School physicals will be on Thursday, May 27th, at Firelands Regional Medical Center, South Campus, from 5-7 pm. There will be a \$10 charge and all proceeds will benefit the Huron Athletic Department.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

April 21, 2010	7 th and 8 th Grade <u>Reading</u> Ohio Achievement Assessment
April 22, 2010	7 th and 8 th Grade <u>Math</u> Ohio Achievement Assessment
April 28, 2010	8 th Grade <u>Science</u> Ohio Achievement Assessment
May 7, 2010	4 th Quarter Interims sent home.
May 7, 2010	McCormick Student Council End of the Year Dance
May 20, 2010	McCormick Academic Honors Banquet 6:00-7:30
May 27, 2010	7 th and 8 th Grade Band Concert
June 2, 2010	7 th and 8 th Grade Choir Concert
June 4, 2010	4 th Quarter Ends
June 11, 2010	McCormick's Final Grade Card Mailed Home