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NEWS UPDATE:

PARENTS — If you move or change your phone number, please remember to call the school to update contact information.

(419) 433-1234 x 5500



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Spring Into Reading at Shawnee

In support of Read Across America, the theme for our annual, fun-filled Right to Read Week will be "Reading is Seussational!" and will be held March 5-9, 2012. Special reading activities are planned throughout the week for students at Shawnee. Each student will be asked to log the time spent reading at home during that week to earn a special reading prize. It is our goal that throughout the month of March, we will all renew our commitment to reading at school and at home.

We are looking forward to hosting a unique assembly for students with magical entertainer and master teacher Mr. Jim Kleefeld on Thursday, March 8.

Mr. Kleefeld is a retired kindergarten teacher and magician who incorporates solid educational objectives into his program. Jim will present eight routines that evolve around Dr. Seuss books and book characters. Students will hear him discuss concepts of vocabulary building, spelling, fiction identification, reading genres, and plot and character analysis. Mostly, they will so truly enjoy being whisked into a magical Seussical world, and afterward they are bound to run to the library eager to devour more Dr. Seuss books. Please ask your child to share with you how he/she felt about Mr. Kleefeld's Seussical Program.

The Scholastic Book Fair at Shawnee will be held during

the week of March 12. Opportunities will be available for classes to shop at the book fair during the school day. Families are invited to shop during our Book Fair Family Night, which will be held one evening that week. More information about our book fair will be sent home later this month.

A special thank you to the Huron Parent Teacher Organization and to all families for supporting our PTO, who is sponsoring our book fair and our Seussical Program!

"You're never too old, too whacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read with a child."

—Dr. Seuss

Happy reading!

Ms. Vonthron 

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- February 17 In-service Day—NO SCHOOL
- February 20 Presidents' Day—NO SCHOOL
- February 24 Interims sent home

- March 5-9 Right To Read Week
- March 11 Daylight Savings Time begins
- March 12-16 Scholastic Book Fair

- March 20 First Day of Spring
- March 23 End of Third Quarter
- March 30 Report Cards go home

- April 2-5 Call to register for Kdg / PreK Screening
- April 6-13 Spring Break—NO SCHOOL

MRS. RITTER'S GUIDANCE

CREATING A KINDER AND GENTLER WORLD...

How do we do this?? I don't have the answer, but I do have some thoughts to share. I believe being kind starts on the inside of each and every one of us. In order to show genuine kindness, a person needs to feel good about who he/she is. We call this self-esteem. So, how do we build self-esteem in our child(ren)? It starts with every person who plays a part in the child's life.

Children are like sponges...they soak up everything they see, hear, and sense from the people in their lives. Here are a few tips for us to show our own self-esteem; thereby, teaching by example. Reflect on how you demonstrate these characteristics to your children.

- * Self-respect and power come from admitting your mistakes, learning from them and taking corrective action.
- * When you embrace your own beauty and uniqueness, you show true self-acceptance.
- * Taking responsibility for your thoughts, words, and actions will set you free from the pain, blame and

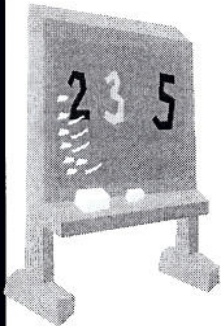
guilt.

- * Claim your needs as important and respectfully assert yourself.
- * You have the potential to be so much more than you might imagine; the most important thing is that your life has meaning for you.
- * By keeping your commitments you demonstrate integrity, credibility and earn respect.
- * To eliminate negative self-talk: (1) recognize it; (2) interrupt it; and (3) replace it with a positive message.
- * Your strong sense of self-worth allows you to maintain your power and still hear what others have to say without feeling bad about yourself.
- * When you're interacting with others it's important to create a sense of connection. Your direct, "easy" eye contact is a great way to help others feel connected and form a good impression of you at the same time.
- * Attending only to those situations that directly impact your life demonstrates respect for others.

(From the National Association for Self-Esteem)

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

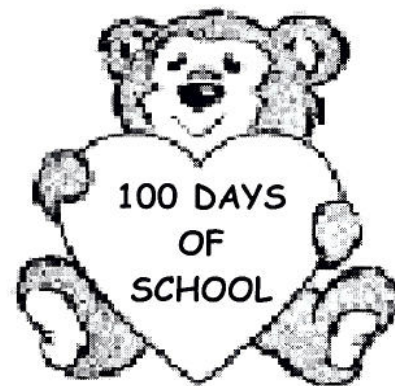
Things have been very busy in Kindergarten since the beginning of the school year. The students have been learning their letters and sounds. Now they are able to use this knowledge to write words and sentences. Learning their Popcorn Words also helps them in writing sentences.



The students have also been learning about numbers. They are doing a wonderful job writing their numbers, counting quantities and rote counting. We are learning about simple addition and subtraction.

The Kindergarten students have been learning a new handwriting style called D'Nealian. This will help them in the future when the time comes for them to learn cursive handwriting.

January 31 was a special day in Kindergarten. We celebrated our 100th day of school. We participated with games and activities to help us celebrate this exciting day.



Your kindergarten children have been very busy learning many new things in school and having fun in the process!

KDG / PRE-K SCREENING AND REGISTRATION

(Little Tigers Preschool will be screened during the same times as Kdg.)

Huron City Schools will conduct Kindergarten Registration and Screening on May 1, 2 & 3 at the Huron United Methodist Church, 338 Williams Street, Huron. Any child who will be five by September 30, 2012 is eligible to attend kindergarten.

Parents are asked to accompany their child to the screening.



Ohio State Law requires parents or guardians to supply the school with

- ★ An original birth certificate,
- ★ Immunization records,
- ★ Custody papers (if applicable).

We also require a current electric bill along with one additional proof of residency.

These items are needed to complete the necessary registration papers.

TO RESERVE A TIME FOR A CHILD'S MAY REGISTRATION AND SCREENING
PARENTS ARE ASKED TO CALL
SHAWNEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
419-433-1234 ext.5101
BETWEEN 9 AM AND 3 PM
FROM APRIL 2-5

Little Tigers Preschool will also begin accepting applications for their 3 & 4 yr. old classes beginning on April 2.

Applications may be obtained at the Shawnee School office and an appointment for screening will be made at that time. (Eligible children must be 3 or 4 years of age by September 30, 2012.)

Tuition is based on a sliding fee scale. Priority is given to children with special needs and families qualifying for reduced tuition.

IMMUNIZATION CLINICS
WILL BE HELD AT
THE PUBLIC HEALTH
OUTREACH CLINIC:
(8-10:00 am)

Huron Twp Hall - 1820 Bogart Rd.

Feb 21, March 13, April 3,
April 24, May 15

A parent or legal guardian must accompany the child and bring their immunization record. The cost is \$10.00 per immunization plus a \$25.00 (per child / per visit) administration fee. Please contact the Erie County Health Department at 419-626-5623 ext. 174 for more information.

www.eriecohealthohio.org

If you have any questions regarding your child's need for immunizations, feel free to contact the school nurse on Tues., Thurs., or Fri. at 419-433-1234 ext. 5511.

NOTES FROM NURSIE

Dear Parent:

Ohio Senate Bill 210, known as the Healthy Choice for Healthy Children Act, was signed into law on June 18, 2010. This law is aimed at reducing childhood obesity by ensuring that students have access to healthy meals and beverages at school and by providing students and parents with information about student health.

One of the first requirements of the law is that all districts and community schools must begin Body Mass Index (BMI) screenings for all students in kindergarten, third grade, fifth grade and ninth grade beginning by the 2010-2011 school year. BMI screenings then must take place in these grades every school year. Additionally, we screen first and second grad-

ers during our 'Watch Me Grow' program.

The Healthy Choices for Healthy Children Act also requires these educational institutions to keep student information private, by making sure that no other students are present when a child is screened.

We would like for all students to take part in the screening, but it is your choice whether or not to allow us to screen your child.

If you choose not to have your child participate, please inform the school in writing by April 1, 2012 so they are not included in the screening process.

Thank you.



