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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**

Our celebration of reading will kick-off with the Scholastic Book Fair at Shawnee during the week of March 14. 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 from 4:30-6:30 PM on Tuesday, March 15. More information about our book fair will be sent home later this month.

In support of healthy nutrition and wellness, the theme for our annual, fun-filled Right to Read Week will be "Recipe for Reading" and will be held March 21-25, 2011. 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.

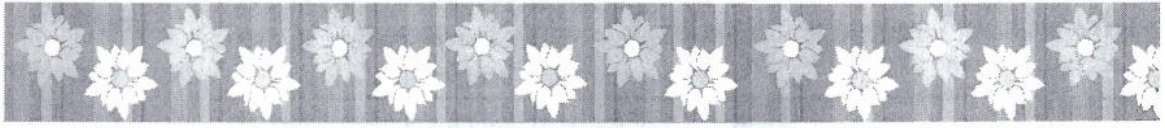
We are looking forward to hosting a unique assembly for students with Baffling Bill the Magician on Friday, March 25. Baffling Bill is a magician who teaches the importance of good nutrition while stressing the importance of reading. He places emphasis on eating properly and stay physically fit. The program will include a review of the food pyramid, ways to determine beneficial foods from unhealthy ones and

participation in a hilarious cooking lesson. Please ask your child to share with you how he/she felt about Baffling Bill's presentation and valuable message.

It is our goal that throughout the month of March, we will all renew our commitment to reading at school and at home.

A special thank you to the Huron PTO and to all families for supporting our PTO, who is sponsoring our book fair and Baffling Bill's presentation!

Happy reading!  
Ms. Vonthron 



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- March 2-4 Spirit Days at Shawnee
- March 14-18 Scholastic Book Fair
- March 15 Family Night (Book Fair) 4:30-6:30 PM
- March 18 End of Third Quarter
- March 20 1st Day of Spring
- March 21-25 Right to Read Week
- March 25 Grade Cards sent home
- Mar 28-31 Call to register for Kdg / PreK Screening

- April 6 PTO Meeting - 6:30 PM @ WDLs
- April 12-14 Kdg / PreK Screening
- April 20 Spring Pictures
- April 21 Interims sent home
- April 22-May 1 Spring Break—No School
- May 2 Back to School
- May 4 PTO Meeting - 6:30 PM @ WDLs

# RAISING A READER

Reading begins at home. As a parent you are the first and most important teacher your child will have. Enjoy stories with your child from an early age. Even newborns sense your enthusiasm when you read to them. Try to set aside a special time each day that you and your child can enjoy a number of books together.



Be sure to engage your child in conversations, for communicating orally is a prerequisite to understanding the written word. Encourage your child to ask questions as well as have them formulate the answers to questions.

Your child will have a lot of fun choosing books from the library or bookstore and will enjoy even the simplest of tales. Once your child begins to read independently, take turns reading to each other. This is also a great time to begin to read longer stories, perhaps a chapter or two a day.

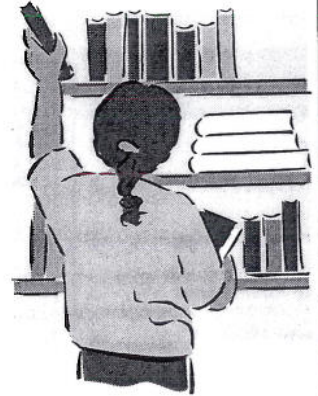
Be certain that your child has the opportunity to watch

you enjoy reading. Don't save reading those newspapers, magazines, novels until after your child is in bed, sit down and have reading time together.

Write your own stories! Even a child that cannot write yet can dictate a story to you. Keep a journal of favorite stories, family vacations, or just daily activities. Ask out of town relatives to correspond with your child by mail or e-mail. They will enjoy corresponding with family members.

Play word games! It is a fun way to learn new words and develop larger vocabulary. Have your children make up their own games.

Keep reading! Keep in mind that if you have questions about your child's reading, contact your child's teacher.



# FIRST GRADE IS FUN

First Graders at Shawnee are very busy learning and having fun participating in Read Across America. Read Across America Day is a celebration of Dr. Seuss and the importance of reading. The students are making Dr. Seuss character hats, sharing their favorite Dr. Seuss book, writing their own stories, and learning about Theodor Seuss Geisel.

In math, your children are working on identifying and counting coins, telling time to the hour and half hour, exploring elapsed time, and finding out about measuring using standard and non-standard units.



During social studies first graders are learning about continents, landforms, and economics.

Recently, first graders have been enjoying their research about ani-

mals. Soon they will be digging into their very first research report.



In science, the students are exploring the concepts of matter, motion, energy, and habitats.

We continue to enjoy chanting all of the hunks and chunks in the Phonics Dance. Each class has a way of making the chants their own.

We enjoy teaching your kind, sweet, funny, and smart children. Thank you for your guidance and support in your child's homework. It makes a difference.



Have a wonderful Spring! 😊

## HOMEWORK IDEAS FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER:

- \* Read each night. (5 minutes)
- \* Practice spelling and sight words. (10 minutes)
- \* Practice addition and subtraction facts to 18. (5 minutes)
- \* When your child is writing at home allow him/her to sound out unfamiliar words on his/her own. This is an important part of the reading and writing process.
- \* Children can sustain their focus on an age appropriate task for a total of 9 or 10 minutes in first grade. It is a good idea to do homework in 10 minute blocks with some physical exercise in between.

# 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 April 12, 13 & 14 at the Huron United Methodist Church, 338 Williams Street, Huron. Any child who will be five by September 30, 2011 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 THEIR CHILD'S APRIL REGISTRATION AND SCREENING**  
**PARENTS ARE ASKED TO CALL**  
**SHAWNEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**419-433-1234 ext.5101**  
**BETWEEN 9 AM AND 3 PM**  
**FROM MARCH 28 - 31**

Little Tigers Preschool will also begin accepting applications for their 3 & 4 yr. old classes beginning on March 28.

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, 2011.)

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 CLINICS :**  
(8-10:00 am)

**Huron Twp Hall**—1820 Bogart Rd.  
April 14, May 5, May 26

**Perkins Twp Hall**— 5420 Milan Rd.  
April 21, May 12

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](http://www.eriecohealthohio.org)

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

## OUR RESOURCE ROOM

Mrs. Correll's kindergarten, first and second grade students are excited about learning! We are very grateful to have upgraded the technology in the resource room with a SMART-board. Students look forward to the innovative hands-on and visual learning features that can now be a part of their small group instruction. Several students have also had the opportunity to explore Shawnee's new sensory room. By accessing the sensory room, students are learning what they may need to help calm down or wake themselves up so they are better able to return to class and pay attention. The room offers a variety of sensory opportunities, such as "wheelie" bikes, therapy balls, ball pit, pillows, balance beam, hand fidgets and various fine and gross motor activities. Mrs. Correll and her students are happy to use their new resources in ways that meet the diverse learning styles and needs in our classrooms.

## COMMUNITY MEAL

In an attempt to reach out to those in need, the Churches in Huron are sponsoring a free community dinner twice each month. Meals are held at the First Presbyterian Church located at 225 Williams Street from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. Mark your calendar for the next scheduled dinner on Wednesday, March 23rd and then the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month thereafter.



Please plan to attend if you feel that your family would benefit from this charitable community effort. For additional information call 419-433-5018.

# MRS. RITTER'S GUIDANCE

I occasionally receive inquiries from parents seeking books they can use to help their child(ren) deal with an issue or concern he/she might be having. With this in mind, I thought I would list a few websites that offer materials and books for sale at reasonable rates (approximately \$6-\$22). Some of the books might also be purchased through a local bookstore.

**Parentingpress.com** - This is a great site with lots of information covering a variety of topics ranging from parenting issues, family issues, and social and emotional issues your child(ren) may face. There are books for parents, books for parents to read to young children, and books for children (up to age 12) to read on their own.

**Renew.net** - This is a site for a place called Renew Center for Personal Recovery. BUT please do not let that name keep you from taking a look at the books they offer for purchase. Along the top of the webpage, there is a button to click "Book Catalog." The books are broken into age-brackets: elementary, middle/high school, and adult. There are a variety of topics such self-esteem, life skills, divorce, death and grief, and many more.

**Addwarehouse.com** - This is another site with information, materials, and books regarding a variety of topics for all age ranges through adulthood.

**Kidshealth.org** - This site was recommended by another counselor as a good resource for parents, kids, and teens. There are some fun things for young children, and the info for teens is presented at an appropriate level for them.



**Daylight Savings Time  
Begins on Sunday, March 13**

**Remember to change your clocks ahead one hour!**

## FAMILY TIME

With all members of the family involved with outside activities, it is increasingly difficult to find time together. However, in today's fast paced lifestyle, it is more important than ever to set aside specific time for the family. This time can be established on a weekly basis depending on individual schedules.

- ★ If it is feasible for your family, set up an "evening at home" as part of a regular schedule.
- ★ Include children in planning and fixing the meal and in choosing after meal activities.
- ★ Read together, play games or watch selected T.V. programs.
- ★ Pick a favorite restaurant and then choose an activity after dinner.
- ★ Bowling, skating, miniature golf or a movie may in-

terest all family members.

- ★ Plan an evening out.

Consider special family activities ranging from simple walks or outings to the park to more elaborate family trips. While young children may be happy with an afternoon picnic, older children may opt for a trip to an amusement park. Whatever your choice may be, include children in the decision making and enjoy activities as a family unit.

