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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

I have to start by thanking everyone who helped make the school dance the huge success that it was. I especially want to thank Matt O'Shaughnessey for all of the hard work he put into this new event. Matt's idea for a dance came up at a PTA meeting last year. After much thinking, planning, and great volunteering it came together perfectly. It was an enjoyable night for our students (most importantly), and I think even a few parents had a good time :) I'm sure we'll be discussing this more at the next PTA meeting on Tuesday, April 11th, at 6:30. Please come join us - this is where great ideas turn into reality. We have an awesome PTA!

Students in grades 3-6 began MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing this week, and grades K-2 will test next week. This test measures and evaluates the progress of our students. This is a web-based system, and it offers a lot of great features while helping our teachers see the progress each student has made this school year. Sometime towards the end of April or early May, each student's teacher will be sending home papers explaining your student's MAP results.

Once the students are done MAP testing they will be taking a student survey to give us feedback to make our school the best it can be. Within the next week I will be emailing and publishing a link in the newsletter for all parents to complete a parent survey. Please take the time to complete this survey. **The survey results from both surveys will be reviewed and used to recognize one teacher with the Sister Adela Diller Teacher of the Year Award.** Sister Adela was a teacher and principal of our school, and she was an inspiration to all. The teacher receiving this award will be recognized at the end of the year awards ceremony.

God Bless!

Mr. Linder



Our Battle of the Books (B.O.B.) team brought home the hardware last Wednesday. The team defeated Paulding in the first round, Oakwood in the second round, and Payne Elementary in the Championship round. We are so proud of our students for all of the hard work they put into making this possible. Team members are (from left to right): Eli Stuart, Caden Tumblin, Kailyn Dienstberger, Kaitlin Slade, Maggie Cox, KatieAnna Baumle, and Raelyn Schweinsberg. We've never won back-to-back championships...maybe next year? :)

School Dance Photos

Father doing the locomotion!



Classroom Curriculum News

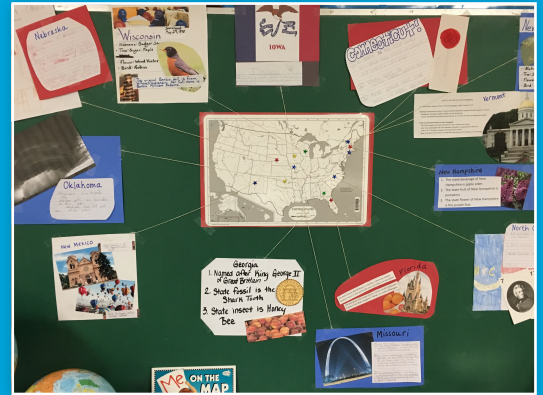
Mrs. Lopshire - Preschool

Spring has sprung and the chicks have arrived! The Pre-school enjoyed cutting, coloring, and assembling this art project (top picture). During the week, the class used numbered cards to count, add and subtract. Each student picked a card from the table. They needed to recognize the number and then fill it with the right amount of pegs. The whole class thought it was a great game! Thank you Mrs. Linder and Clare for sharing Marvin K. Mooney and his book with us.



Miss Kaufman - Kindergarten

This week in Kindergarten the students got to expand their knowledge on using "tangram" math manipulatives, by covering designs. Some students found this a little challenging at first, but then we learned the vocabulary words slide, flip, and turn. Once students understood what these three words meant they were easily able to manipulate the tangram pieces so that they fit properly into the design shape. Students enjoyed acting out the motions to the new vocabulary words to help them remember what they meant and loved the challenge of trying to solve the designs by figuring out what shape piece fit where.



Miss Shuster - Grades 1 & 2

Last Friday, as well as early this week, 1st and 2nd Grade had a "Learning Show and Tell!" Each student was assigned one of the fifty states, and brought in at least three fun facts about that state, as well as a picture of something associated with that state, for Show and Tell. Miss Schuster was so impressed by the depth and creativity of the students' findings! We then made a class collage with the pictures to hang in the classroom. What a fun learning experience! (second picture down)



Mrs. Gideon - Grades 3 & 4

In Science class, we are studying about the design process and input and output. The students put together a multistep machine that picked up a small tootsie Roll from the floor. Here Conner Davis, Caleb Cox, Zaden Chavez, and Chase Holt discuss their creation, which they named "The Tootsie Grabber 3000". (third picture down)

Mr. Grant - Grades 5 & 6

In fifth grade reading, the class has started working on their final projects for the book *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis. For their projects, the students are selecting their favorite image from the book and creating a visual display of that image on a poster board. They are also doing work on characterization and plot development as part of their projects. In this photo, KatieAnna Baumle is working on her poster board drawing of Lucy and the lamppost. (bottom picture)



Mrs. Gerardot - 2, 4, & 6 Reading

Fourth grade was reviewing sequence of events while reading "Adelina's Whales." On Monday, students cut and pasted 6 main events that happened in the introductory story to put those events in chronological order. They were able to grasp the concept easily.

All Edchoice paperwork needs to be all turned in by April 23rd:

- **application**
- **proof of address**
- **income verification** (If you want me to mail this please send it into school, and I can get it sent in.)

Enclosed in this Wednesday's Envelope is information on a 2017 Summer Reading Camp. This is a great opportunity for struggling readers who will be entering grades 3-6. Please let us know if you have any questions about this.

Upcoming Dates:

Apr 3-7	- Spring Book Fair - MAP testing grades 3-6
Wed 4/5	Book Fair Guest Lunch
Fri 4/7	Spring pictures with Lifetouch
Apr 10-12	MAP testing grades K-2
Tues 4/11	PTA @ 6:30 in Mr. Grant's room
Wed 4/12	Easter basket hunt at school

EASTER BREAK APRIL 13-17

Tues 4/18	- Classes resume - Staff meeting after school
Wed 4/19	- Kindergarten Screening @ 8:00 in gym - Preschool open house 5-6 - School council meeting @ 7:00
Tues 4/25	- World's Fair in gym @ 7:00-8:00
Wed 4/26	Secretary Day - feel free to let our two secretaries know how awesome they are!
Fri 4/28	- 2 hour delay - Teacher in-service - Spring Program in gym @ 1:00 (preschool through 6th grade performing)