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## Notes from the Principal's Desk Clinic News

Dear Highview Families,

January is behind us and we are all in full learning mode. Regular attendance at school is crucial to a student's academic progress. Research shows that every missed school day is a missed opportunity for your child to learn. Please do everything you can to help your child have a successful school career. Making sure they are at school, on time, every day is one of the most crucial responsibilities of parenting. So much learning takes place during the school day in our classrooms and we don't want any child to miss out!!

Have a great February!

Ms. Stokes

This is a reminder regarding the medication policy of MCSD. No student is permitted to take any medication whatsoever without a form completed by the physician, including cough drops. There are many different cough drops out on the market, some being medicinal, so we can not allow a student to take these without a physician's order. The medication forms are in the office if a student or parent needs one. Any OVER THE COUNTER medication is included in this policy.

Thank you,  
Nancy Coates  
Highview School Nurse

## Don't Miss from Mrs. Deaton!!



So that all children are safe, please make sure you are dropping off and picking up your children in the BACK of the building!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter is now over. To celebrate all our great behavior, we had a dance January 15. We learned line dances, such as, Electric Slide, Cha Cha Slide, and Cupid Shuffle. KG – 2 graders had fun with the Hokey Pokey and the Chicken Dance. While the 3 – 5 graders learned The Hustle and Macarena. Now that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter is underway, we are getting geared up for the next BIG Party. Hope everyone is on their best behavior at all times. Don't be left out of the fun! Happy Valentine's Day!

Mrs. Deaton

## Notes from the Music Room

Bravo to our third-graders for their performance "Just a Little Concert" held in December. We had over 250 family and friends gather to hear our third grade voices and to share their own! Thanks to family and friends for your sing-along participation and beautiful echo in "Do You Hear What I Hear". As well, special thanks to fifth grade parent, Mrs. Ferrell, for "pitch-hitting" as accompanist. This is an amazing story, and I certainly appreciate her gift.

Attention all Fifth grade families:

The fifth graders will be performing Highview's World Music

Concert held on February 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in Highview's Cafetorium. Details will be sent home to families in early February.

Attention all third grade families:

Recorders will soon be distributed to all third graders. No money is needed as this is included in the school fees. Every third grader will receive a recorder with their name engraved on it. They will keep them here at school until they can play a song for you, usually sometime around April.

## Kind-hearted Kindergartners



Dr. Brown with Bee winners  
Luke Ferrell, Nathaniel  
Clayton and Erica Smith



*Childhood is a  
journey, not a  
race.*

This month our Kindergarten students will be starting a Reading theme called Wheels Go Around. We will read books about transportation and how things move. In Math our Investigations program will explore two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes. February brings Black History Month and Valentine's Day. We will be learning about famous African-Americans and doing a project about President Barack Obama. Look for a note from your child's teacher about Valentine's Day.

## Fabulous First Graders

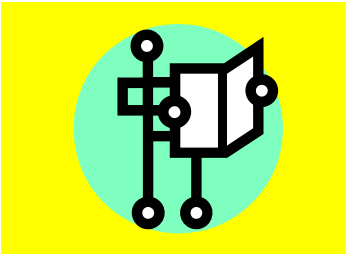
The first grades will be learning about a new genre called biographies. They love learning facts so they can dazzle their parents. We will be sharing these during our read alouds and the students will be reading some on their own. Look for biographies on your next visit to the library. Be sure to share with your child a biography you enjoyed as a young reader. Conversation helps improve your child's comprehension. Remember you are your child's first and best teacher.

## Second Grade Superstars

Second grade has continued to work on main idea and details as well as learning how to answer a written question with a complete sentence. We have been reading non-fiction and have read about environments and habitats in our science book and we are going to read

about ants in our reading book.

In math we have learned how to read and fill in a table and this week we will be working with patterns, learning how to recognize the patterns unit, or repeat as well as continuing to practice telling time and counting money.



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student a star.***

## Terrific Third Graders

In reading we've covered many different genres: realistic-fiction, fantasy, non-fiction, poetry, fairy tales, fractured fairy tales, folktales...just to name a few. In addition, the students have been learning a variety of comprehension skills as well as self-monitoring strategies to help them become better readers.

In our Math Investigations we are finishing up a chapter on 2-D geometry and measurement. Students have been finding perimeter and area and exploring angles. In

our next unit, we'll be beginning multiplication and division. Students daily have been working on a variety of story problems and how to explain their work, show their work, and share strategies with the class. We look forward to seeing you all at conferences and discussing your child's progress. As always, thanks for your continued help and support from home!

## Fantastic Fourth Grade

The fantastic fourth graders are celebrating Black History Month with group projects on the Civil Rights Movement, famous black inventors, and other African-American individuals noted for their groundbreaking accomplishments. Please stop by and see our display in the fourth-grade hallway! In preparation for spring state testing, the fourth graders are preparing for the Ohio Achievement Assessment tests (formerly OAT's) through a variety of interventions and tutoring. In reading, students are focusing on reading.

comprehension and fluency through various fiction and nonfiction literature. We are working on Unit 6 in math and learning about fractions and decimals. Please have a look at the parent handbook for ways to support your child at home with the *Investigations* math program.

## Fun Fifth Graders

In Language Arts, the students just finished nonfiction book reports using cereal boxes. Watch for your child's project to come home. We have now started a new theme called Person to Person. During this theme we will be reading stories about how people help one another as well as complicate one another's lives. Math students are continuing exploring fractions, percents, and decimals. They have learned a game to help them place fractions, decimals, & percents in order. Next time you go shopping during a sale, share

with your child how you mentally calculate the sale price of an item with a certain % off. Assuming no one has been zapped as we finish our electricity unit, the 5<sup>th</sup> graders next venture into light and sound (an area they are good at producing!). In Social Studies, the aboriginal people are watching new, strange people arrive with different customs and beliefs. We shall see the cultures collide and the newcomers overthrow the authority of the monarchies across the ocean.

## News from Your PTO

PTO meeting - February 8<sup>th</sup>- 4:00

Highview Skate night - February 8<sup>th</sup>- 6:30-8:30

Spring Fundraiser Kick Off - February 17<sup>th</sup>

Spirit Day Popcorn Sale- February 26<sup>th</sup> - during lunch

Our Spring Fundraiser will begin on February 17<sup>th</sup> with an all school assembly. We will be selling our Hawk Discount cards again! These are great little

cards to help you save money all over town. Also, our Spirit Day Popcorn sales will begin again this month. Yay!!! The last Friday of every month we will be selling popcorn for fifty cents a bag during lunch. We will send home a reminder closer to the day. Thanks again for all your continued support with our Box Tops program and other fund raising activities. We appreciate it!

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