

## Notes from the Principal's Desk

Dear Highview Learning Community,

Ohio Achievement Assessments are just around the corner. All of our teachers and students have been working hard all year and are looking forward to showing how much we know!

Please make sure your student gets a good night's sleep the night before a test. Regular, prompt attendance is also important. We want our students to be in a familiar, comfortable environment when testing. Having to make up a test not only puts them in an unfamiliar environment, but it also leads to more class time missed- please make sure your student is on time every day!

We know our students are well prepared for these tests. Please make sure you let your child know that

you know they can do it! Students that realize the importance of effort show greater gains in achievement.

Here is the schedule:

Tuesday, April 20- Grades 3, 4, and 5 Reading OAA

Thursday, April 22- Grades 3, 4, and 5 Math OAA

Tuesday, April 27- Grade 5- Science

Thanks for all your continued support at home,

Ms. Stokes

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



Our Third Quarter Behavior Incentive was held today. Students that followed our school rules in the classroom, the hallways, the cafeteria, and on the bus were invited to a skating party at Skateaway. A great time was had by all. Thank you to Middletown Skateaway for hosting our students!

We will have another behavior incentive at the end of the fourth quarter. Please remind your student to follow all our school rules everywhere they are during the school day. More information will be coming home soon.

Mrs. Deaton

## Important Information

Middletown City School District Open Enrollment applications for the 2010/11 school year will be available to parents who live outside the district or those who wish to enroll their child/children in a school outside their attendance area beginning Thursday, April 1. Completed applications must be submitted to the Student Services Office at 1515 Girard Avenue by 4:30 pm, Friday, April 30. Parents must re-apply each year. Applications can be obtained at the district's Central Office, 1515 Girard Avenue or from the principal's office in any building.

## Kind-hearted Kindergartners

Finally the weather has begun to warm up and we can once again enjoy outdoor recess. Our new language unit of study is called Spring is Here. We will learn more about weather, and read many more stories, including a very funny one titled Mrs. McNosh Hangs Up Her Wash. Our math focus has shifted from geometry to using standard notation to show addition. We are finding as many ways as we can to make numbers 5-10 by using plastic tile manipulatives. Example:  $2+2+2=6$ . We have played some fun games such as Toss the Chips and Racing

Bears, again to teach addition. Please continue reading to your child, and with your child, every night. Help your child learn the words on his/her word list. Keep on reading and thanks for everything!



*Childhood is a  
journey, not a  
race.*

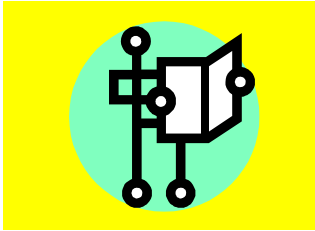
## Second Grade Superstars

Second grade has been working with main idea and details in reading. We read stories with partners and on our own and have practiced locating the main idea and a detail that goes with it. We've also learned about biographies and read about many famous people such as Jackie Robinson and Garrett Morgan. In math we have been working with groups of 10 and 100. We have played a game called "Spend \$1.00" and "Unroll a Square". Both fun games that help us subtract from 100. Next we will learn about fractions!

## Fantastic Fourth Grade

The fantastic fourth graders just finished or are in the process of making their miniature pond ecosystems. Ask your child if they know the three main parts of any ecosystem. The answer is producers (plants), consumers (in this case the fish), and decomposers (a snail). We had a blast with this project! In math, we are finishing unit 6 with decimals and starting unit 7 on 3D geometry and measurement.

Just as a reminder, the Ohio Achievement Assessments (formerly Ohio Achievement Test) are fast approaching with the tests taking place the last two weeks of April. We are very proud of how hard all of the kids have been working in preparation for these assessments during the after-school tutoring program and in the classroom! Please encourage them at home and make sure they are here each day of the test.



## News from Your PTO

News from the PTO:

April 12th- PTO meeting- 4pm  
April 12th - Highview Skateway night - 6pm-8pm  
April 19th- Highview Hosts the District wide PTO meeting - 6pm  
April 30th- Spirit Day Popcorn sale

Highview will be hosting the District wide PTO meeting for our new Superintendent, Greg Rasmussen, on April 19th at 6pm. We're excited to meet him. Come out and join us!

As always, thanks for your continued support with our Box Tops program. We appreciate it.  
Have a great April!

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student a star.***

## Principal for a Day

Mr. John Ridge, the owner of Java Johnny's and the Jug, acted as Highview Principal for a Day on Friday, March 12. Mr. Ridge made the morning announcements, visited classrooms, sat in on teacher planning meetings and got to enjoy lunch with some fourth grade students. He was a great principal and is welcome to come back anytime!

