

Notes from the Principal's Desk

Welcome to May! It's hard to believe the school year is winding down! It's been a very busy, productive school year. Please remind your student of our school rules. It's important that we follow these rules at school, on the bus, in the hallways, and on the playground.

I would like to thank all of our parents and volunteers who help our students so much, both at home and by volunteering here at school. We appreciate all you do for the Highview family! Thank you for sharing your children with us. They are all very special.

Ms. Stokes

The following students won scholarships for Art instruction at the Art Center. The Middletown Community Foundation sponsored the competition, the 40th Annual Young Artist Scholarship Competition.

First Place:

Savanna Birt
A.J. Goehring
Brad Potter

Michael Cruz
Stella Miller
Helena Salliotte

Second Place:

Matt Morgan
Stevie Spicer

Kaleb Mulligan
Kiyanna Woods

Third Place:

Calista Banks
Lauren Laxton-Mogul
Keili Mitchell

Alexis Dolph
Jaiden Minor
Gracie Pruett

Honorable Mention:

Jasmine Jackson

Taylor Vaughn

Don't Miss from Mrs. Deaton!!



The third quarter Behavior Party was held at Skateway the Friday before Spring Break. I had a wonderful time being the DJ. Congratulations to all who were able to attend.

I wanted to remind everyone of our district attendance policy. Each student is allowed seven parent notes excusing him/her from school. After the seventh absence note from home, a doctor's excuse will be required to excuse the absence. If you have any questions about your student's attendance, please call me.

As the school year comes to a close, it is so important that the office has correct phone numbers and addresses for each of our students. Over the summer, if we have important information to share we want to make sure that we can reach all our families by mail or phone.

Highview's got talent!! We will be hosting a talent show on Thursday, May 20 at 5:30. Tryouts will be Tuesday, May 11 at 4:30. You must try out that day- no exceptions! Start practicing your special talent so you will be ready to wow all your fans!!

News from your PTO

May 17th- Highview Skateway night- 6-8pm
May 3rd-6th- Teacher appreciation week
May 20th- Yearbook signing day
May 14th- Last day to turn in Box Tops

We are also in need of two new PTO officers for next school year. If you are interested please contact the school. The last day to turn Box Tops in will be May 14th. We have had a very successful year with Box Tops. There will be an end of the year flyer coming home giving a year-end total. Thanks for all your help this school year. Have a great summer!



Kind-hearted Kindergarteners

Well, here we are, and it is May already! My, how we have grown! We're not there yet, though. We still have lots of learning to do. We will be learning about plants and seeds, and reading informational books (non-fiction) describing parts of plants, plant life cycles, etc. Then we will switch to a study of different kinds of animals. This unit of study is called "A World of Animals". In Math, we are working on data collection, recording data on graphs, counting large groups of objects, and

using standard notation to show addition and subtraction through story problems. And as always, we are remembering to say "please" and "thank you". They are our "magic words". Since our Kindergarten year together will soon be over, Mrs. Helton, Mrs. Morgan, and Mrs. Neubrandner would like to say that it has been a great year, and an honor and a privilege to guide and teach your little ones. Don't forget our Kindergarten rules: Read, Stay Together, and Hold Hands!

Fabulous First Graders

Childhood is a journey, not a race.

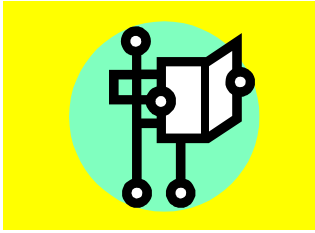
For May we have some special plans for the first graders! We will take a walk to Bull's Run Arboretum and learn about the plants and wildlife there. This really is a wonderful community resource that is free. We encourage you to take your child back to the arboretum over the summer and have them recall what they learned and notice the changes that take place in nature. We will also be reading (and acting out!) famous fairy tales while practicing the strategies that good readers use that we have learned this year.

It is hard to believe we are coming to the end of the school year. When we reflect back on this year with your children, it is amazing how far they have come academically and socially. First graders really are the best! Please be sure to check at the public library for the free reading program that they offer over the summer. Right now is the time to establish and nourish the love of reading. The children are excited about their new reading skills and are eager to practice them. With just a little bit of encouragement from you this summer they will become life-long lovers of books!

Second Grade Superstars



In reading we continue to work on comprehension strategies. We've read the story "Thundercake" and "The Art Lesson". Mrs. Russell's and Mrs. Sears' classes sampled Thundercake cupcakes and they were yummy! Mr. LeMay's class made jalapeno bagels after they read the story "Jalapeno Bagels". We will continue to work on comprehension for the rest of the year by practicing making connections, identifying the problem and the solution in a story as well as telling about the characters and the setting in the story we are reading. In math we worked with addition to 100 and we are currently working with subtraction from 100. Our next unit is on measurement.



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Terrific Third Graders

After completing our unit in math with multiplication and division, third grade students used those skills to analyze data. We have studied line graphs and charts and have used information to make predictions and comparisons. We are moving into the unit dealing with fractions and will finish the year with adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing with larger numbers. The students are making good progress this year with our new math program. The third grade teachers are proud of the work the students have done this year.

Our nonfiction stories in reading have focused on many topics both from the past, such as the Titanic and Pompeii as well as current events like the recent earthquakes in Haiti and Chile. We have also talked about weather conditions and safety. We have tried to include important information in science and social studies as we prepared for our Ohio Achievement Assessments that are given in April. The students are learning to read to find the main idea and central themes of their reading and answer questions using the details in the selections.

Fantastic Fourth Graders

Thank you for a great year in the fourth grade! We are finishing the year strong in all subject areas and will continue learning each day we have left! In math, we are finishing with Unit 9 (Patterns, Functions and Change). The unit

focuses on reading and interpreting graphs, linear change, and using tables to represent change. We are working on geography in social studies with an emphasis on Ohio and its regions. Again, thank you for the privilege of teaching your child this year! Have a great summer!

Fun Fifth Graders

Take me out to the ball game!!! The 5th grade is scheduled to attend the Reds Game on Tuesday, May 18th. This field trip was made possible by a generous donation from Precision Strip. This is the 9th year that they have paid for students in the Middletown City Schools to attend the game. Thank you! Students must keep an acceptable score on their scorecard to attend the game. Ask your child to see their scorecard.

In Language Arts class, we are involved in a baseball unit. We have read History of Baseball, and are now reading about the Negro Leagues and Jackie Robinson. We will finish the year by reading about the All American Girls Baseball Leagues, and then students will read a baseball fiction book of their choice.

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If you have had an awkward moment when your child asks where did I come from -- relax. In social studies we are studying immigration and ancestors. I would like the students to know what parts of the world and maybe when the family came to the United States. Any Daughters of the American Revolution candidates?

In science we are working on ecosystems and how people affect them. Recycle, reuse, and reduce should crop into the vocabulary.