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What a terrific turnout we had for our "Back-2-School" nights welcoming our students and new families to begin a new school year. We had over 95% attendance with standing room only in many classrooms. Many parents enjoyed the new format of going directly to the classrooms. We are so excited to begin another school year!



The great news is that for the **EIGHTH** year in a row our district has been rated **EXCELLENT!** This is the top rating for student achievement in the state of Ohio! Our #1 goal for this school year is to maintain that ranking, rigor, and high achievement! Congratulations!!

In an effort to defray costs, this is the last year that we will be printing and publishing a monthly newsletter. Our school newsletter will be posted on the School Webpage as it already has been for the past 3 years. If you access the website now, you can see what the newsletter actually looks like in COLOR, as opposed to everything being printed in orange and black.

"What's New?"

3rd Grade STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) class once a week to broaden and continue explorations in these fields -taught by Mrs. Karen Boggs. All 4th/5th grade students have keyboarding once a week-taught by Mrs. Kelley Purkey.



Food, Rest, & Water

We ask that you send nutritious lunches and snacks so that your children will fully maximize their learning. Besides oxygen, brain cells also need glucose for fuel. Fruit is an excellent source of glucose as well as dried fruit such as raisins. Students should eat about 2 ounces (over 50 grams) of fruit. Under 10 years of age, students should have 9 hours of sleep for the brain to repair cells and store information. From 10-70 years of age, 8 hours of sleep a night is recommended. *A national study was conducted to find that 37% of students come to school sleep deprived.* Thank you for helping us in these two areas! Students may bring water bottles to school to keep their brains hydrated. It's always a good idea to wash down the fruit with an 8-ounce glass of water. The water gets the sugar into the bloodstream faster and hydrates the brain.



School-Wide Expectations/Procedures

On the first day of school students learned about the four overarching principles in our building.

**Be A Spartan Problem Solver.
Be Ready. Be Responsible.
Be Respectful. Be Safe.**

These guiding principles are located on pp. 17-19 of your Parent Handbook. I would encourage each one of you to sit down with your children and read through our Handbook.

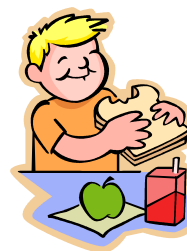
Students in Gr. 1-5 watched Miss Hartman on closed circuit television as she admonished students to BE and DO their very BEST in every aspect of school, in all locations including the bus, doing homework and practice, sports, and our school-wide expectations.

ANTI-BULLYING RULES

1. We will not bully others.
2. We will help students who are bullied.
3. We will include students who are left out.
4. If we know that somebody is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and an adult at home.

Drop and GO

Please drive away as soon as your child is safely away from your car. It is not necessary to watch the children walk all the way to the door. School personnel have been assigned to observe and greet students as they come up the walk. Review student arrival on Pg.12.



Lunch-EZ Pay is our on-line pre-payment system at Wayne Local Schools. It may be used to pre-pay any and/or all of your child's lunches and eliminate the need for cash to be sent to school for lunch. For more information, you may go to the web-link at www.wayne-local.com at:

www.spsezpaywaynelocal.com

Breakfast—Walkers buying breakfast may enter the building at 8:10 am and bus riders will be dismissed at 8:20 am to eat breakfast. Cost is \$1.50 and \$.30 for reduced price. The "Little Spartan Café" is open EVERY morning!

Monday, September 5

NO SCHOOL-Labor Day

Enjoy this last official day of summer!

Wednesday, September 7

PTO Meeting @ 6:30 in the Elementary Media Center

Friday, September 9

Picture Day! Smile!

Money for school pictures is due this day and checks should be made payable to Lifetouch.



Monday, September 12

DIBELS Testing—Kindergarten
Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills ((DIBELS) are a set of standardized individually administered measures of early literacy development

Principal's Magazine Sale Kick-Off

Gr. 3-5 Assembly @ 2:00 pm
Gr. K-2 Assembly @ 2:45 pm

School Board Meeting @ 6:00 PM in the Spartan Room

Tuesday, September 13

DIBELS—First Grade

Wednesday, September 14

DIBELS— Second Grade

Thursday, September 15

DIBELS-Third Grade

Friday, September 16
"Citizenship/Constitution Day"

Special Classroom Activities

COSI—"Astounding Astronomy"

In order for this program to be successful, we need VOLUNTEERS-at least 10 for the morning session and 10 for the afternoon. All students will attend an assembly, and students in Gr. 3-5 will have the opportunity to learn more through hands-on experiences. Please call Debbie Benton at 897-2761.



Wednesday, September 21

Parent Intervention Meetings

Wednesday, September 28

ONE HOUR DELAY-District-Wide
Students may enter the building at 9:30 AM.
There will be AM Kindergarten.



UPCOMING EVENTS

10/4—3rd Gr. OAA Test
10/6—Conferences (by request only) from 4:00-7:00pm
10/7— 2-Hour Early Dismissal at 1:30 pm. **NO PM Kindergarten**
10/10— No School
10/26— One-Hour Late Arrival
10/27—Picture Re-Takes
10/28—End of 1st Grading Period

Welcome



HEATHER PETERS

received her undergraduate degree from Northern Kentucky University with a degree in Elementary Education (PS-3) and Generalist Endorsement grades 4-5. She attended Miami University where she earned her Intervention License (K-12). This is her 7th year teaching, and she is our Math Intervention Specialist for Gr. 2-5.



MOLLI JANUSIK is joining our Third Grade Team. She is a graduate of Ohio Dominican University with a degree in Early Childhood Education and a Reading Endorsement (K-12). She has taught Kindergarten and Third Grade in the Little Miami School District, where she chaired the Scholastic Dollars program and served on the district 'Short Cycle Assessment' Team.



AMY SMITH is joining our Second Grade Team. She is a graduate of Grace College in Indiana with a degree in Elementary Education and studied abroad at Belgrano University in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to complete a minor in Spanish, which she speaks fluently. She taught 1st grade in Indiana and the last 3 years teaching 3rd grade at Fairview Elementary in Dayton. She has served as the Math Pentathlon Coach and on the Building Leadership and Math Teams. By December she will complete her Master's in Reading and Literacy.



ANN HANDLE is our paraprofessional hired to assist the 2nd grade Team. She and her husband Joe have two daughters-one in 4th and one in 2nd. She received her undergraduate degree in Early Childhood and Special Education degrees from Stevens Point in Wisconsin. and her Master's degree in Professional Development from Cardinal Stritch University in Wisconsin. She has taught for 9 years.

NO OFFICE REFERRALS— Each month we will draw names and recognize several students per grade level for outstanding behavior and no bullying. Please keep our school SAFE and BULLY-FREE! NO BULLYING HERE!

THANK YOU TO....

- Our outstanding secretarial staff, Debbie Benton and Becky Hanauer for helping get us ready for the 2011-12 school year.
- Mark McKeehan, Jim Philpot and his staff for having our rooms ready in July!
- Jim Lucas & Tyler McCall for technical and technology support/preparation.
- Parents/community members for donating school supplies and monetary donations.
- Supt. Pat Dubbs ,CFO Ron James, Wayne Local School Board, and PTO for their support and vision in helping us continue to be an **EXCELLENT** building. Mrs. Singleton's Young 5's classroom received a much-needed facelift!



PLEASE HELP THE OFFICE!

On page 16 of our Parent Handbook we have asked that calls for changes in transportation be made by **2:30 pm** unless there is an emergency. Children wanting to ride a different bus home **must have a written note**. It becomes very hectic when a child comes to the office at 3:25 pm with no note. Thank You!