

Stevenson Star

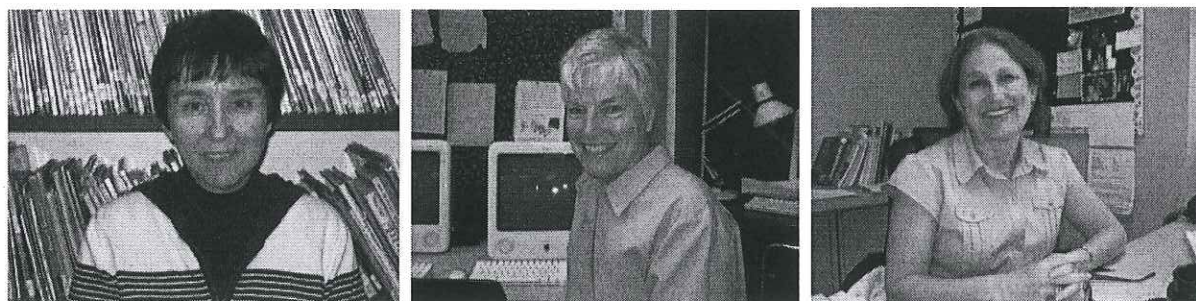
The Adventure Begins

MAY/JUNE 2010

Dear Families,

It is difficult to believe that we are finishing another school year. There are so many things to celebrate as we begin to enter the next couple of months and all of the joys that summer brings.

Congratulations to Mrs. Debbie Farynowski, Mrs. Jill Kuyper and Mrs. Alice Straub who will all celebrate their retirement at the end of the school year. Mrs. Farynowski has been at Stevenson for 10 years and Grandview Heights 23 years. Mrs. Kuyper has been at Stevenson for 6 years and Grandview Heights for 18 years. And Mrs. Straub has been at Stevenson for 7 years and Grandview Heights for 26 years. Among them, they have given 91 years of service to children during their careers and on behalf of the staff and students at Stevenson, we wish all of them the very best in the new chapters of life—you will all certainly be missed.



I would like to recognize the RLS staff as we enter Teacher Appreciation week on May 3. This staff cares deeply about children. Their commitment to learning and their passion for student success is an integral part of the many successes at Stevenson Elementary.

I would like to thank Brian Milner, outgoing PTO President, and the entire PTO Board. The staff and I are extremely thankful for your commitment to our schools and setting a strong foundation for a partnership that is unparalleled. We look forward to share a continued partnership with the newly-formed K-3 PTO in the fall.

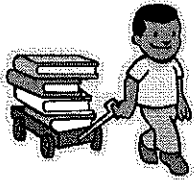
Remember to vote on Tuesday, May 4. One of the most important things we can do as citizens is model for our children the importance of using our voices during elections.

The close of the school year always brings preparations for the next. The staff and I will be working to finalize class placements for next year and notification of your child's teacher will be mailed to your home in early to mid-June.

I wish each of you a relaxing summer. I thank you for the opportunity to share your children and very much look forward to welcoming the Class of 2023 in the fall.

Sincerely,
Brian R. Bowser
Principal

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brian R. Bowser', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.



Library Lingo

May 5th will be Book Swap! Anytime during the previous week, students may bring in any number of books that are appropriate for kindergarten through third grade. These books should be in good condition and can be fiction or nonfiction. The most books that a student can receive on Book Swap Day is three. For example, if a student brings in ten books, he/she can only select three on Book Swap Day.

Students are asked to bring in extra books so that we have enough books for everyone. If a student does not bring in any books, he/she can select one book. This is a fun activity in which everyone gets a book and no money is involved. A special thanks to PTO for helping to organize this event.

May 12 - 19 will be Book Fair. This half price sale is the perfect opportunity to purchase books for summer reading.

Classes will come to the library during their regular library times. An open house for parents will be held on Thursday, May 13 from 5:00 - 6:00. If you would like to help, please contact Susan Hyde.

And lastly, many of you know that I am retiring this year. My twenty-three years in Grandview have been filled with many dynamic children who love reading. I have lots of wonderful memories, which I will always treasure.

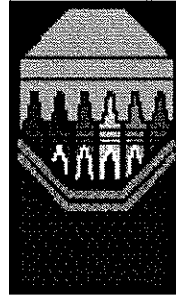
Keep a song in your heart and a book in your pocket!

Debbie Farynowski

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

If you know a child ready for Kindergarten for the coming year, we can still register him/her before the end of the school year.

Children who will be 5 years old on or before August 1, 2010 are eligible to attend kindergarten.



Registration materials may be picked up at the Board of Education Office, 1587 W. Third

Ave. Required documents include a birth certificate and proof of Grandview residency. We also need to make a copy of any custody agreement that may affect the child.

Please pass this information to neighbors and friends. If you have any questions, please call Teresa Rill at the Grandview Heights Board of Education, 485-4016.

PTO Flower sale pick up is Friday May 7th from 2-5:30 pm at the Edison Annex There will be EXTRA Hanging Baskets and annuals on sale that day for those who forgot to order or, need that last minute Mothers Day gift.

Edward J.O'Reilly,
Superintendent
Brian R. Bowser, Principal

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Don't forget to check Lost and Found. Everything left after school is out will be bagged up and donated. Thank you.



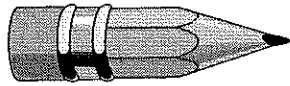
SUMMER ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITES

Thurber House offers a variety of summer writing camps for students in grades 2 – 8.

Deadline for registration is May 10th. For information about the workshops go to www.thurberhouse.org or call 464-1032.

COSI has a variety to summer camp programs for students. You can get a description of the offerings as well as a schedule at www.cosi.org.

Get the kids in your life geared up for summer and enrolled in weeklong studio workshops in June, July and August. **Wexner Center for the Arts** offers summer (as well as year long) programs for children, teens and families. Go to www.wexarts.org for a complete listing and description of wonderful programs



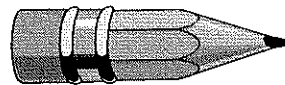
MARK YOUR
CALENDAR
WITH

THE FOLLOWING
DATES:

- May 1st
PTO RLS Grounds Clean
Up 9 - 12
- May 3 - 7
Teacher Appreciation
Week
- May 4th
Election Day
- May 5th
Book Swap
- May 11th
The Zoo visits
- May 12th
1st Grade to the Zoo
- May 12 - 19
Book Fair
- May 13
Book Fair 5 - 6 p.m.
- May 18th
Walk to School Day
- May 20th
2nd Grades to Darby
Creek
- May 21st All Library Books
Due
- May 21st All Arts Day
- May 24th Kindergarten to the
Zoo

- May 25th
3rd Grade to Slate Run
- May 28th
Outdoor Field Day (No
Rain Date)
- May 31st
Memorial Day No School
- June 4th Friday
Last Day of school

- Tuesday, August 24.
First day of school for
the 2010-2011 school
year. We'll see you then!



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR
FOR THESE

EVENTS IN THE FALL:

- August 10th
PTO Meeting at Wyman
Woods; 6:30 p.m.
- August 14th Saturday
PTO Supply Sale at
EIMS; 9 - 2
- August 17th
PTO Ice Cream Social;
6:30 p.m.
- August 24th
First Day of School
- September 9th
Back-to-School Night

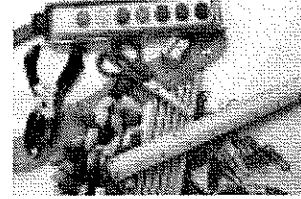
VOLUNTEER FORMS

Volunteers are a valued and integral part of the success of Stevenson Elementary. If you would like to get a jump-start for next fall, please complete the volunteer form included in this packet – it's easy!

Simply read and sign the form, attach a copy of your driver's license, and return it to the school office. It's that simple (for those not living in Ohio for 5 years, you will need to schedule in advance at the board office (481-3600) for your actual fingerprints). We thank you in advance.

**Remember to
Vote**

**TUESDAY, MAY
4th**



Want to get a jump-start on next school year?

Supply lists for the 2010 – 2011 school year are posted to the website for your convenience. And don't forget the PTO supply sale on Saturday August 14th from 9 – 2.

Pupil Services will soon be sending eBlasts regarding items of interest for special education, gifted, and English language learners. To sign up:

Go to the Grandview Heights City Schools home page

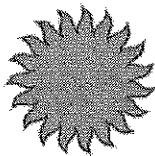
In the upper right hand corner, enter your email address where it says "eBlast Sign Up" and choose "Go"

Enter your eBlast subscription information and choose "Pupil Services"

Questions? Call Kathy Binou or Carla Lane at 614.481.3634.

Warm Weather Attire

We've experienced warm weather early this year, which has brought out the summer clothes for our students. This is a good time to remind parents and students of the dress code in the Student Handbook. Crocs, sandals and shoes with high heels or platform soles are NOT appropriate for school. If your child cannot run and play comfortably in the shoe, that particular shoe would be best saved for wear outside of school.



Shorts are o.k. but halter-tops, spaghetti straps and bare midriffs are not permitted. T-shirts displaying slogans or advertisements involving weapons, violence, alcohol or drugs are inappropriate. Please monitor your child's clothing choices for school and help them make good choices.

***Last Day of school
Is Friday,
June 4th***

Have a great summer!



All Arts Day MAY 21st

May 21st Stevenson will be filled with artists. There will be a Steel Drum Band in the morning and Arnett Howard will perform in the afternoon. We will be entertained by story tellers, drum circles and hands on art throughout the day. We are all looking forward to a great day at Stevenson!

GRANDVIEW KID'S CLUB

As summer approaches you may be looking for fun and engaging activities to keep your child busy once school lets out. Consider enrolling your child in our summer Kids' Club program. This year's theme is Summer Superkids. We will focus on all the things that keep kids (and adults) healthy. In summer Kids' Club your child can look forward to a variety of activities including field trips within the Grandview community and Central Ohio area, guest speakers, special events, sports, games, crafts and much more. If you are interested, don't wait to register. Spaces are filling up fast. At this time there are part-time spaces available in all age groups. Contact the Kids' Club office at childcare@grandviewschools.org or 485-4040 for more information.



Related Arts News

Music notes from Mr. Shaw

15 WAYS AN ARTS EDUCATION HELPS CHILDREN DEVELOP AND GROW

1. Develops creative thinking.
2. Provides means of self-expression and communication.
3. Serves as an emotional release.
4. Strengthens a student's self-concept and confidence.
5. Increases self-understanding.
6. Heightens aesthetic awareness and sensitivity.
7. Enhances the ability to visualize.
8. Encourages creative problem-solving/decision-making.
9. Develops appreciation for the individuality of others.
10. Leads to the integration of the individual.
11. Serves as a balance to classroom activities.
12. Aids physical coordination.
13. Develops work habits and a sense of responsibility.
14. Aids the adult in understanding and helping the child.
15. Generates JOY!

Physical education with Mr. Gilbert

Field day is Friday, May 28. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather that day. All children must have tennis shoes on field day to participate in the games and activities.

I encourage everyone to stay active and have a great summer!

Reminder: Please remember to send your child to school with tennis shoes on physical education days. Sandals, flip-flops and Crocs are not appropriate for physical activity.

Sweet and Sauer Art News

Kindergarten:

As we approach the end of the alphabet, we have completed projects for U, V, W and X. We made it rain very silly things for **U**mbrellas, learned about *Starry Night* and **V**an Gogh, made our own **W**ild Things and just finished up with a **X**ing sign for everything but pedestrians, it seems. Just Y and Z remaining followed by some extras for the last few weeks. The growth of your kids has been truly amazing.

First Grade:

Our animal unit continues with the completion of a penguin project. They had a lot of fun making these cute little guys of cut paper. Next we turn to a "How-to-Draw" lesson which will work in conjunction with projects in their homeroom. Each student will have an animal assigned to them before entering the art room and once there will learn how to use some very general ideas and rules to create a drawing of their particular animal.

Second Grade:

The students are just finishing their yarn paintings inspired by the Huichol people of Mexico in time to turn their gaze toward the Great Barrier Reef and Australia. This multi-media project will take us almost until the end of the year and will complete our tour of the world.

Third Grade:

Moving quickly around the time line, we have learned all about the artist Wassily Kandinsky and his importance to 20th century art (he generally gets credit for being the first abstract artist). Using his piece *Squares with Concentric Circles* we were able to work on an abstract piece of our own. Following this, we take a look at Andy Warhol and the Pop Art movement of the 1960's. Following this, just one more stop remaining.

The color of the object illuminated partakes of the color of that which illuminates it.

Leonardo da Vinci

Have a wonderful, fun-filled and safe summer.
Mr. Sauer



**The
BOBCAT AWARD 2009-2010**
*Recognizing Outstanding Employees
and Community Members of the
Grandview Heights City
School District*

Sponsored By
Tri-Village Rotary Club

The Grandview Heights City School District is synonymous with excellence. The district's faculty, staff, and community members have earned the district this reputation. Each employee and countless community members contribute to the overall success of the district each and every day.

To recognize the outstanding contributions of the many people who make the district successful, the *Tri-Village Rotary Club* has established, and is the sole sponsor of, ***The Bobcat Award***.

This quarterly award will be presented at a meeting of the Grandview Heights Board of Education to an individual, or individuals, who has made a noteworthy contribution to the district. The criteria for this award shall be as follows:

- All employees and community members of the Grandview Heights City School District are eligible to receive a ***Bobcat Award***.
- The Bobcat Award Committee will review written nominations. The committee will select each quarter's winner or winners.
- Employees, parents, students and friends of Grandview Heights City Schools can make nominations.
- Nominations will be accepted during the school year.
- Winners will be honored at a Tri-Village Rotary Club breakfast at the end of the school year.
- The award schedule for the 2009-2010 school year is:

<i>Nomination form due to the superintendent</i>	<i>Award presentation at the Board of Education meeting</i>
October 29, 2009	November 10, 2009
January 26, 2010	February 9, 2010
March 23, 2010	April 13, 2010
May 25, 2010	June 8, 2010



Tri-Village Rotary Club
BOBCAT AWARD
Nomination Form 2009-2010

Date: _____

Name of Nominee: _____

Nominee's position or relationship to the school district:

The purpose of *The Bobcat Award* is to recognize an outstanding contribution of time, talent or effort to the Grandview Heights City Schools by an employee or community member. Please explain in detail why your nominee is deserving of this award. (Please print in ink or type your nomination. You may attach an additional sheet if necessary.)

Name(s) of Nominator: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Are you a...(please check one)

student

parent/guardian

district employee

other

school volunteer

Please return this form to:

Edward J. O'Reilly, Superintendent
Grandview Heights City Schools
1587 W. Third Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43212

Volunteer Background Check Guidelines

1. Background checks are required of all volunteers that will have unsupervised access to students.
2. Recruitment and selection of volunteers is done at the local building level. Interested individuals should contact the building principal or his/her designee.
3. If you have been a resident of Ohio for 5 years or greater, please fill out the Grandview Heights City Schools Pre-volunteer Activity Disclosure Authorization and Release form (front and back). Turn in the form and a copy of your Ohio Driver's License to your building principal or the Board of Education Office.
4. Volunteers that have been residents of Ohio for less than 5 years must be fingerprinted. Call the board office at 481-3600 for appointment information. The Board of Education will assume the costs of fingerprinting.
5. Once approved as a school district volunteer, your initial approval will be valid for five years provided that you sign a yearly affidavit stating that no changes have occurred between background checks.
6. Background checks will be repeated on a five-year cycle or at the request of the school district.

Revised April 2010

GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOLS
PRE-VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY
DISCLOSURE, AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

I understand that to be a volunteer in the Grandview Heights City School District, I am required to provide personal information sufficient for the District to cause a criminal records and background check to be performed with respect to me. I understand that at any time during my volunteer service I may be required to provide a set of impressions of my fingerprints for a criminal records check. I understand that the Grandview Heights City School District will rely on this information as it considers my application and continued service as a volunteer in the District.

I have reviewed the criminal offenses listed on the back of this form. I certify that I have never been convicted of any of these offenses, or crimes of similar import or nature. I agree that I will notify the district if I am ever charged with any of the criminal offenses listed.

I hereby release the District and its agents from any and all liability related to the procurement or disclosure of any information provided by me or obtained about me in connection with my application for volunteering with the District. I further direct, consent and authorize the District or its agent to conduct criminal records and background checks and further authorize any third parties who may be custodians or in possession of information about me to disclose such information to the District or its agents in connection with criminal records and background checks.

I have read this Pre-Volunteer Activity Disclosure, Authorization and Release, and by signing below, direct, consent to the terms herein, and authorize the District or its agent to conduct criminal records and background checks in conjunction with my application and volunteer service.

I release the District of any obligation should I become ill or receive an injury as result of my volunteer services.

Volunteer Signature

Date Signed

Printed Name (First, Middle Initial, Last)

Social Security Number

Date of Birth

Telephone Number

Maiden Name (if applicable)

Current Address:

Street

City

State

Zip

Previous Address:

Street

City

State

Zip

_____ I have been a resident of Ohio for the past 5 years and have included a copy of my valid Ohio Driver's License with this application.

_____ I have not been a resident of Ohio for the past five years and have made arrangements with the Board Office for fingerprinting.

Principal/coach/advisor/sponsor _____

Activity _____ Building _____

Superintendent

Approved _____ Not Approved _____

DISQUALIFYING OFFENSES

2903.01	Aggravated Murder
2903.02	Murder
2903.03	Voluntary Manslaughter
2903.04	Involuntary Manslaughter
2903.11	Felonious Assault
2903.12	Aggravated Assault
2903.13	Assault
2903.16	Failing to Provide for a Functionally Impaired Person
2903.21	Aggravated Menacing
2903.34	Patient Abuse and Neglect
2505.01	Kidnapping
2505.02	Abduction
2505.04	Child Stealing
2505.05	Criminal Child Enticement
2907.02	Rape
2907.03	Sexual Battery
2907.04	Corruption of a Minor
2907.05	Gross Sexual Imposition
2907.06	Sexual Imposition
2907.07	Importuning
2907.08	Voyeurism
2907.09	Public Indecency
2907.12	Felonious Sexual Penetration
2907.21	Compelling Prostitution
2904.22	Promoting Prostitution
2907.23	Procuring
2907.25	Prostitution
2907.31	Disseminating Matter harmful to Juveniles
2907.32	Pandering Obscenity
2907.32.1	Pandering Obscenity Involving a Minor
2907.32.2	Pandering Sexually Oriented Matter Involving a Minor
2907.32.3	Illegal Use of Minor in Nudity Oriented Material or Performance
2911.01	Aggravated Robbery
2911.02	Robbery
2911.11	Aggravated Burglary
2911.12	Burglary
2919.12	Unlawful Abortion
2919.22	Endangering Children
2919.24	Contributing to Unruliness or Delinquency of a Child
2919.25	Domestic Violence
2923.12	Carrying Concealed Weapons
2923.13	Having Weapons While Under Disability
2913.16.1	Improperly Discharging Firearms at or Into Habitation or School
2925.02	Corrupting Another with Drugs
2925.03	Trafficking in Drugs
2925.04	Shall Not Cultivate or Manufacture Drugs
2925.05	Shall Not Provide Money to Another if the Recipient is to Use the Money to Purchase a Controlled Substance
2925.06	Shall Not Administer, Prescribe, or Dispense any Anabolic Steroid Not Approved by the US FDA
2925.11	Drug Abuse, Shall Not Obtain, Possess or Use a Controlled Substance
3716.11	Adulterated Food

I have read the above Disqualifiers.

Volunteer Signature

Date

Make your swimmer "Race Ready" before the Gator season.

**Grandview Heights High School Swimming
& Diving**

SWIM CAMP: Stroke Tune Up

GRADES 1ST—6TH

May 24—May 27th

4:00 PM— 6:00 PM

Location: Worthington Pool

400 W Granville Rd Worthington,
OH 43085



Camp Includes:

- Swim instruction / stroke breakdown
- Start & Turn work
- Classroom Stroke Work
- Swim Camp T-Shirt
- Games
- Prizes

Save the Date Registration Begins: 1 April, 2010.

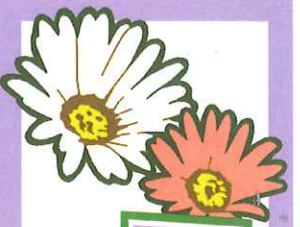
Cost: \$65.00

**Online registration will be available,
starting 1 April, 2010 @**

www.grandviewswimming.com

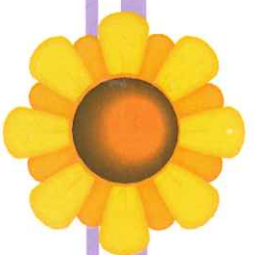
**Email Coach Hoch to
pre-register. We will
only have slots for 30
kids.**

phoch72@yahoo.com



May 2010

Grandview Heights City Schools



News

Positive and Negative Lunchbox balances carry over year to year. I encourage parents to go on to our web site click on the lunchbox link to set up access to see your students account. I would also like to remind you: If have money automatically withdrawn through EFunds. You may want to stop the transactions for the summer.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Chicken Poppers Mashed Potatoes Roll w/ Butter Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	4 Tangerine Chicken Steamed Rice Egg Roll Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	5 Cinco de Mayo Super Nachos w/ Meat and Cheese Sauce Veggie w/ dip Cinnamon Apple Bosco Milk	6 Spaghetti w/ Meat sauce Garlic Bread Slice Tossed Salad w/ dressing Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	7 Big Daddy's Pizza Seasoned Green Beans Fruit or Juice Choice Milk
10 Macaroni and Cheese Buttered Peas Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	11 Hamburger on a Bun Fries Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	12 Pizza Tossed Salad w/ Dressing Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	13 Oriental Chicken Steamed Rice Egg Roll Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	14 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Roll w/ Butter Fruit or Juice Choice Milk
17 All Beef Hotdog on a Bun Fries Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	18 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Slice Tossed Salad w/ Dressing Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	19 Big Daddy's Pizza Seasoned Green Beans Fruit Or Juice Choice Milk	20 Chicken Patty on a Bun Fries Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	21 Bosco Sticks Dipping Sauce Veggies and Dip Fruit or Juice Milk
24 Super Nachos w/ Meat and Cheese sauce Veggies w/ Dip Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	25 Tangerine Chicken Steamed Rice Egg Roll Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	26 Bosco Pizza Tossed Salad w/ Dressing Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	27 BBQ Sandwich at EIMS Hamburger Sandwich at RLS Mashed Potatoes w/ gravy Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	28 Stars and Stripes Day Chicken Strips Potato Stars Fruit or Juice Choice Cookie Milk
31 No Classes				



MAY 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Cerry Pledge	Teacher Appreciation Week	Election Day	Book Swap Weber/Self Play 6:30			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Blados Pledge		Columbus Zoo To visit RLS	1 st Grade to the Zoo Book Fair	Book Fair Book Fair Open for Parents 5 – 6 p.m.	Book Fair	Book Fair
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Falk Pledge	Book Fair	Book Fair		2 nd Grade to Darby Creek	ALL ARTS DAY	
		Walk to School Day			Last Day to Return Library Books	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Kuyper Pledge	Kindergarten to the Zoo	3 rd Grade to Slate Run	Summer Kid's Club Parent Meeting 7:00	1 st Grade Habitat Open House 6 - 7 p.m. Palmer Play 6:30 p.m.	FIELD DAY	
30	31	JUNE		3	4	
McLaughlin Pledge	No School Memorial Day	1	3 rd Grade Picnic		LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	