

Stevenson Star

THE ADVENTURE BEGINS

DECEMBER 2011/JANUARY 2012



The year's end brings no greater pleasure than the opportunity to express to you the Season's Greetings and Good Wishes. May your Holiday and your New Year be filled with happiness.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR
 WITH THE
FOLLOWING

DATES:

DECEMBER 15TH:

High School Choir Singers at
Stevenson

DECEMBER 20TH:

First Grade Performance:
Holidays Around the World

DECEMBER 21ST:

Last day of school -
Winter Break
SPIRIT DAY

DECEMBER 22ND:

No School - Teacher
Professional Day

JANUARY 5TH:

Return to School
Happy New Year

JANUARY 13TH:

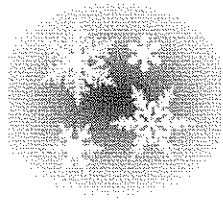
Report Cards Sent Home

JANUARY 16TH:

No School
Martin Luther King's Birthday

JANUARY 27TH:

STUDENTS DISMISSED 11:25AM
NO SCHOOL FOR A.M.
KINDERGARTEN
PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
ALL DAY KINDERGARTEN WILL BE
IN SESSION
NO LUNCH SERVED



THE WEATHER OUTSIDE...

Our students go outside if the temperature is 20 degrees or above, inclusive of wind chill. Please remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather, including boots, hats, scarves and gloves. We try to go out as much as possible.

Please label all your child's clothing!

PTO NEWS



Just a reminder, PTO's Annual Ornament and Cookie Decorating event will be held on **Wednesday,**

December 7th from 6:30-8:00pm in Stevenson Elementary Cafeteria. Ornaments from Clay Cafe will be available to purchase and decorate. This event is open to all families grades K-8.

Celebrate the start and end of winter break with Grandview Kids' Club! We have two exciting



performances scheduled for our full day optional care on December 22nd and

January 4th.

December 22nd - **A Juggler's Christmas Carol!** Watch Thomas Sparough perform his original adaptation of this Charles Dickens classic set to juggling.

January 4th - **Robert Post, Comedy Theater!** Robert Post is an entire theater company in himself, specializing in rapid-fire character changes, even different roles for different body parts!

Later in January, Kids' Club will offer optional care for the early dismissal on the 27th. On this day students will test the culinary skills in a cooking class with Mrs. Laura.

Remember, you do not have to be a regular Kids' Club family to utilize optional care. However, space is limited so register early. You can download the optional day registration form from the Kids' Club web site at:

http://www.grandviewschools.org/departments/child_care.cfm

Full day optional care runs from 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. -

\$33.00/student/day

Early dismissal optional care runs from 11:25 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. -

\$17.00/student/day

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

In case of severe weather or other emergency situations which would cause the cancellation of school, the following procedures are followed:



-The superintendent consults with the appropriate authorities to determine the conditions of local sidewalks and streets as well as roads in Franklin County since staff members live throughout central Ohio.

-The weather forecast for the day is reviewed. A decision is reached in regard to the safety of our children and staff traveling to and from school.

-If a decision is made to close schools, it will be made by 6:00 a.m. - if possible - and will be made for one day at a time. **PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL** or radio and TV stations. The announcement will be made on all of the major television and radio stations. The school will attempt to notify families by phone through **an automated phone/email system** also, but our website will have the most up-to-date information. (www.grandviewschools.org)



Physical Education Notes:

Bowling anyone? Stevenson kids have been working on their bowling form in physical education class. The proper ball rolling skill is easy to learn and bowling can be a great family activity. Maybe a trip to the "lanes" over break would be a good way to spend some time together?

Happy Holidays! Please try and get your child/children out of the house for some exercise over the holiday break!

Mr. Gilbert

ABSENCE/ILLNESS

Students must be in school every day unless they are ill. Ohio law requires that a parent notify the school office if a child will not be in school on any given day. We recommend that you keep your child home when he/she has an acute cold, fever, sore throat, persistent cough following a cold, rash, vomiting, diarrhea or stomach ache. It is difficult for a child to learn when he/she doesn't feel well. We cannot diagnose or treat illness. We urge you to seek treatment promptly when your child is ill or injured. Also, if your child has a contagious disease please let the school office know immediately. We will inform the school nurse.

If your child will be out of school, please call 481-3640 by 8:30 a.m. or e-mail Lue Bauer, school secretary at lue.bauer@ghcsd.org



SAFETY

Traveling to and from school is a very busy time. The small lot on the First Ave. side of the building (near the preschool) is extremely small and crosses a pedestrian sidewalk. Please only use this for parking and NOT for pick up and drop-off. Please use the curbside to pick up and drop-off students in order to make the transition before and after school a safer one.

Thank you.



Sweet 'n' Sauer
Art Room News!

chris.sauer@ghcsd.org

The time is just flying this year. As we approach the halfway point of the year, it is hard to believe just how far we have gotten. All is good! Here's a roundup of our latest...

Kindergarten - Continuing through the alphabet, we have completed our next group of projects with: I is for **I Love**, J is for **Jack and the Beanstalk** and K is for **Koala**. We also create a funny little turkey for Thanksgiving. We have seen our first use of watercolor paints, have cut and pasted with construction paper, and have used odd materials including popsicle sticks, cotton balls, feathers and packing peanuts.

First Grade - After finishing our **shape** unit, we have moved quickly into **pattern** and noticed right away all the relationships to our previous units of line, color and shape. A few classes have already finished pattern and begun a project about **balance**.

Second Grade - Work continues on our African mask unit. Individual classes are at different points in the process, and so may be finishing up with paper mache, base-coat painting or detail painting. Next up, we head to Europe to look at some individual artists.

Third Grade - We are fully immersed in our Egyptian unit. The kids have learned about and practiced the unique style of drawing an Egyptian figure. They also learned the history of the Rosetta Stone and it's impact on our understanding of hieroglyphs and even translated their names to glyphs. They have begun the process of combining these two elements by rolling out and incising a clay tablet.

As always, please encourage your child to talk about and share with you the things we are doing in art class. There is some cool stuff happening!

As the sun colors flowers, so does art color life.

~John Lubbock

Mr. Sauer

Music



NOTES

Kindergarten

In music, your child has been hard at work learning about all types of melodies - from song to robot (without inflection) to *glissando* melodies! We have been working on singing all of these types of melodies (both as solos and as a group), as well as composing and conducting them. In addition, your child has added *forte* (Italian for loud) to their repertoire of words that describe music, so now, we are able to begin any song or chant by deciding how loud we want it to sound (*piano*, *forte*, or medium) and how fast or slow it should be! With break approaching, we'll be reviewing these concepts as well as adding a new name to a skill we already know!

1st Grade

November has been incredible for us! First, we learned that high and low have distinct first names: So and Mi! Next, we learned that they live together on a mountain named Melody Mtn., and then (after much practice), we added a new home to so (high) and mi (low) when they're not on the mtn.: the 5-line music staff! Using a new song to help us remember *where* so and mi go on the staff, your children are now looking like pro's when reading from it! This has been a lot of work, but they've done even more; Additionally, your child has come to be able to show and read complicated melodies using a system of hand signals that designates pitches (so and mi in this case). In no time, they will be able to use the staff when reading and writing melodies as well. As Dec. blows in, we will continue using these concepts while learning songs for our upcoming evening holiday performance - on Tuesday, Dec. 20th.

2nd Grade

We too have learned the real identity of "high" and "low" - So and Mi! Additionally, we have learned several new songs ONLY by reading them (I did not sing them even a single note of the new song; they had to read it all!). Your child did the work to figure out the new song; they read the rhythms, chanted the pitches (so or mi - our new, real, names for "high" and "low"), and combined those two to figure out the full melody. Only after being able to sing and sign (we have also learned special hand signs for so and mi) a new song without words, would I give them the song's text. This is as rewarding as it is difficult; everyone feels a sense of accomplishment when combining all of our skills to turn a mess of written symbols into genuine music! Our next stop is moving so and mi from Melody Mtn. to a specific home on the 5-line music staff!

3rd Grade

In the 3rd Grade, we have tightened the screw down on our major pitch concepts too! Instead of "low", "medium/middle", and "high", your children now understand the labels do, re, and mi for these three specific pitches! This is a major milestone for them, as we have now pinned these pitches down to specific homes on the 5-line music staff. Additionally, we have figured out specific hand signs for these sounds, where certain hand positions denote do, re, or mi. Your child is now a very competent reader and "show-er" (in terms of physically demonstrating the pitch) of do-re-mi melodies, and we have celebrated these milestone by reading new songs, ceremonially brandishing do-re-mi "badges", and playing games such as tic-tac-toe with a do-re-mi twist!

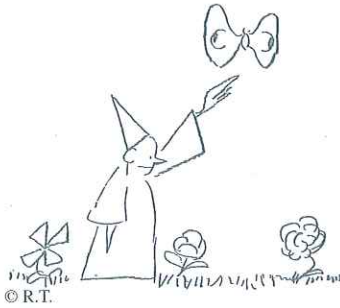
Thurber House Presents:

Writing Wizards

where students learn to...

Writing Wizards 2012

Write Discover Create



Does your child ever create a story from scratch, making up wild characters and fantastical places just for the fun of it? The **Thurber House Writing Wizards** workshops offer a unique opportunity for young

people to be with kids who have similar interests in self-expression through the written word. In these workshops, your son or daughter will be taught by teachers who are writers themselves, and who love nothing more than to encourage young people to stretch their creative writing muscles. Check out the lineup of workshops for 2012 and register today.

Writing Wizards workshops, for students in grades 2-8, will meet each Saturday from January 28 through February 25, 2012, and are limited to 15 students per workshop. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis and the **deadline for registration is Friday, January 13th**.

2/3 Graders

**Mad Scientists -
A Laboratory for
Story Creation
with Sylvia Jackson**
10:00 - 11:30 am



Think of creative writing as a science and you're in the lab, working on a groundbreaking project, something the world has long been waiting for. Can you imagine the outcome? But what if the experiment doesn't go as planned? Explore the worlds of science and science fiction, as you become the 'mad scientist' of your own tale.

Sylvia Jackson has been teaching children to write for over 30 years. She is currently a teacher at Indianola.

**Animal Stories, from Aardvarks to Zebras
with Jan Williams**
12:30 - 2:00 pm

Using vivid language and details that engage all five senses, you'll write stories and poems about your favorite animals--real or imagined. Start with a family pet and work your way to a creature only you could have created. By the end of the workshop, you'll have made a virtual zoo that you can nurture long after the classes are over.

Jan Williams is a retired Columbus City Schools teacher and principal, and loves to work with aspiring young writers.

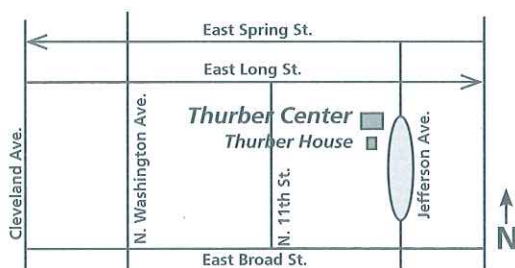
THURBER HOUSE



Where laughter, learning and literature meet

www.thurberhouse.org

How to Find Us: All classes are held in the Thurber Center, 91 Jefferson Avenue. (Jefferson Avenue is one block west of where I-71 intersects with East Broad Street.)



Thurber House Writing Wizards Registration

Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. Classes fill quickly, so get your registration to us as early as possible. Full payment must be received to confirm each registration. A check returned by the bank cancels registration.

Refund Policy: Full tuition, minus the \$8 registration fee, will be returned only if a class is full or if Thurber House cancels a class. Tuition is 50% refundable for cancellations received by January 20. After January 20 no refunds will be given.

Student's Name: _____ Gender: M F

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

School: _____ Current Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

We occasionally take photos to use on future brochures, website, blog and Facebook. We do not usually use children's names. **Do you permit your child to be photographed?** Yes No

Please select one 5-week workshop, held January 28 through February 25

Mad Scientists - Laboratory for Story Creation (2/3 graders; 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) \$80

Animal Stories, From Aardvark to Zebra (2/3 graders; 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.) \$80

Enter the Exciting World of "Warriors" (4/5 graders; 10:00 a.m. - Noon) \$90

So You Want to Be a Writer! (4/5 graders; 10:00 a.m. - Noon) \$90

The Amazing Writing Race (6/7/8 graders; 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.) \$90

Attack of the Killer Plot Device (6/7/8 graders; 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.) \$90

Please note: Prices above include an \$8 non-refundable registration fee. All payments will be processed after the January 13th deadline.

If paying by credit card, you may fax the registration form to (614) 280-3645. Registration may also be submitted through our website, www.thurberhouse.org. You can also mail the form to Thurber House Writing Wizards, 77 Jefferson Ave., Columbus, OH 43215. Completed registration form and payment must be received at Thurber House no later than Friday, January 13.

PAYMENT METHOD

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____ (Add a one-time \$1.50 processing fee if paying with a credit card)

Check, payable to Thurber House

Visa/Mastercard/Discover #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature of Cardholder: _____

SPECIAL NEEDS

We encourage the involvement of children with special needs and do our best to ensure that our students with mobility challenges are accommodated. Please let us know of any special needs when you register so we can prepare prior to the start of the Writing Wizards program.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarships are generously provided in memory of the following Thurber House volunteers: Babette Lazarus Sirak, Norm & Ruth Spain, and Janet Hammock. **SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR HOW TO APPLY.**

Thursday, December 1st

MAMA  MIMI'S
TAKE 'N BAKE PIZZA

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1565 King Ave.**

We will be donating 10% of ALL sales to:

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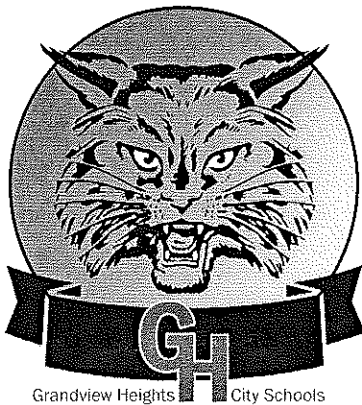
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Hours: NOON - 9PM

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GREAT SCHOOL!!**



The BOBCAT AWARD

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 2011-2012 school year is:

<i>Nomination form due to the superintendent</i>	<i>Award presentation at the Board of Education meeting</i>
October 31, 2011	November 8, 2011
January 31, 2012	February 14, 2012
March 30, 2012	April 10, 2012
May 29, 2012	June 12, 2012



Tri-Village Rotary Club
BOBCAT AWARD
Nomination Form

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

DECEMBER/JANUARY 2011/2012

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
				1	2	3
MCLAUGHLIN PLEDGE						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				RON DERRY GOOD PROGRAM TO VISIT 2ND GRADE	SPIRIT DAY	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COPLIN PLEDGE				HIGH SCHOOL SINGERS CONCERT 8:40 A.M.		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
MCCAULEY PLEDGE		1ST GRADE HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD	END OF 2ND QUARTER LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS SPIRIT DAY	PROFESSIONAL DAY FOR TEACHERS NO SCHOOL	HOLIDAY BREAK	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	HOLIDAY BREAK	HOLIDAY BREAK	HOLIDAY BREAK	HOLIDAY BREAK	HOLIDAY BREAK	
1/1	1/2	1/3	1/4	1/5	1/6	1/7
PALMER PLEDGE	HOLIDAY BREAK	HOLIDAY BREAK	HOLIDAY BREAK	WELCOME BACK HAPPY NEW YEAR!		
1/8	1/9	1/10	1/11	1/12	1/13	1/14
REED PLEDGE		BOARD MEETING 7 P.M.			REPORT CARDS SENT HOME	
1/15	1/16	1/17	1/18	1/19	1/20	1/21
EDGELL PLEDGE	NO SCHOOL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY					
1/22	1/23	1/24	1/25	1/26	1/27	1/28
GARRISON PLEDGE	YEARBOOK SALE BEGINS CONFERENCE WEEK	CONFERENCE WEEK	CONFERENCE WEEK	CONFERENCE WEEK	CONFERENCE WEEK RLS EARLY DISMISSAL 11:25	
1/29	1/30	1/31	2/1	2/2	2/3	2/4
MCCANN PLEDGE						

