

STEVENSON STAR

The Adventure Begins

March, 2010

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Dear Families,

It is difficult to believe that March has arrived. I have to admit that I'm anxious to see the return of the tulips and the leaves on the trees. The days are still a bit chilly, so please be sure to dress your child appropriately for outdoor play. Hats and gloves may still be necessary through this transition, and we will try to get outside any time the temperature (inclusive of wind-chill) is above 20 degrees.

March also brings our first round of norm-referenced testing in grades one through three. These tests differ from the Ohio Achievement Assessments in that they compare students' performance to other students' performance in a national random sample of students the same age. Our Ohio Achievement Assessments, beginning in grade three, measure students' performance to the Ohio Academic Content Standards. Our third graders will take those tests in late April. The following is a list of tests and specific dates for each grade level:

<u>Test</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Date</u>
Reading	1 & 2	Tuesday, March 9
Mathematics	1 & 2	Wednesday, March 10
Science & Social Studies	3	Tuesday, March 9
Cognitive Test	2	Thursday, March 11

As we engage students in this busy process, it is imperative that your child arrives at school on time. I would appreciate you avoiding outside appointments and other activities that may require them to miss school if at all possible. It is important to remember that these formal tests are a "snapshot" of your child's progress. As always, it is important to look at the entire picture, using other formative and summative assessments that your child's teacher has used to measure academic growth. These testing situations are only one piece of a much larger puzzle.

Let's hope for a mild March and an early spring. I'm certainly ready for some warm weather and some blooming flowers around the school grounds. Have a fantastic spring break with your family!

Sincerely,



Brian R. Bowser
Principal

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

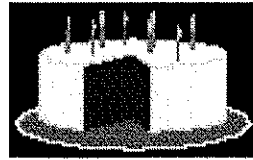
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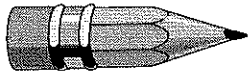
CAKE WALK

The 61st Annual Cake Walk is coming up! So be prepared to have your cake, and eat it, too! The Cake Walk will be held Friday, April 9, with doors opening at 6:15 and games beginning at 6:30. Channel your creativity and enter our cake decorating contest, enter a raffle for a professional cake from a local baker, play games, and have fun, all while enjoying band performances. The Cake Walk supports our band students and for 61 years has been one of the Band Parents Association's biggest fundraisers. Hope to see you there!

Student Safety



The safety of our students is always a top priority. Please encourage students to cross only in crosswalks and please avoid drop off in the staff parking lot. Students moving between cars are very difficult to see. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring our students are safe when traveling to and from school.



**MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR WITH THE
FOLLOWING DATES:**

**MARCH 6
PTO-SPONSORED
FUN FAIR**

**MARCH 9-11
1st, 2nd and 3rd GRADE
STANDARDIZED TESTING**

**MARCH 11
PTO-SPONSORED
BRAIN BLAST**

**MARCH 18
2ND H1N1 IMMUNIZATION
CLINIC**

**MARCH 19
END OF NINE WEEKS**

**MARCH 26-APRIL 4
SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL**

**APRIL 5
WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL**

**APRIL 6
GROUP PICTURES**

**APRIL 9
REPORT CARDS GO HOME**

**APRIL 14 & 15:
KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP**

***STUDENT TESTING
IS HERE!***

This month, tests will be administered to students in first, second and third grades. During the days of testing, it will be important that your child receive adequate rest and nutrition, wear their glasses, if needed. Please make sure your child is at school on time, as being tardy may put added stress on him/her and disrupt others in the class.

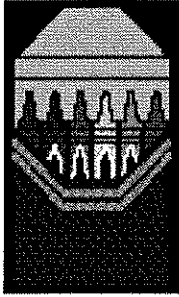
HELP WANTED



The City of Grandview Heights is looking for Substitutes to fill in for the School Crossing Guards. It would require a few hours a day. This is a paid position. If you are interested, please call Linda Wheeler at Grandview Heights City Hall. 481-6205

**BEING ON TIME STARTS THE
DAY OUT RIGHT!**

We have noticed an increase in tardiness to school. A reminder that the first bell rings at 8:10 and our school day begins at 8:20. Please make sure students are in their classroom at 8:20 to avoid the disruption of other students. Students arriving after 8:20 will be considered tardy.



Kindergarten Registration for 2010-2011

Each family needs to pick-up a registration packet

at the Board of Education Office located at 1587 West Third Avenue (inside the High School). Packets will be available from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, between February 22 and March 19th. We will have special evening hours on **March 2nd from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.**

Packets need to be completed and returned to the Board of Education Office by 3:00 p.m. March 19th.

Once a completed packet has been received, you will receive an appointment time for Kindergarten Round-up. Kindergarten assessment is done during our Kindergarten Round-up Days. Round-up Days are scheduled for **April 14th and 15th**. No appointment will be made until you have submitted your complete packet.

For more information, contact Teresa Rill at 485-4016 or check the district's website at www.grandviewschool.org and click on the 'registration' tab.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Second and third grade students participated in the Jump Rope for Heart fund- raiser for the



American Heart Association on February 8TH - 12th. Each class jumped rope for one class period on their designated Jump Rope for Heart day. Mr. Gilbert reported that these students raised over \$3,000.00! Great job! We would like to thank everyone who supported our efforts in fighting heart disease. Thank you.



Library Lingo

Our Pennies for Peace drive will begin on March 1 and end on March 24. One penny purchases one pencil! Give your pennies to your classroom teacher. The collection of pennies will be added to the pennies collected in the middle and high schools and given to Greg Mortensen's organization. The money is used for the schools located in Pakistan area. Greg wrote **Three Cups of Tea, Stones for Schools, and Listen to the Wind**. His web site is www.penniesforpeace.org.

Related Arts News

Physical education with Mr. Gilbert

Jump Rope for Heart was a great success again this year! Our second and third grade students managed to collect \$3051.66 for the American Heart Association. A special "thanks" to everyone in the Stevenson community who helped make this possible.

Reminder: Please send your child to school with tennis shoes on physical education days. They may need to pack their gym shoes if the weather is bad and they wear boots to school. Thanks for your help in this matter!

Music notes from Mr. Shaw

2nd and 3rd graders are working on their garage band projects. We go to the lab every other week to work. In the classroom, we are working on a Garage Band project as a class. The students are recording stories and adding music underneath. Soon they will be acting out (with puppets) the stories which we will then video and load onto Garage Band. If all goes right, we will then podcast them for all to see.

2nd graders will also be starting to work on their plays for the last quarter. The shows will be held in late April for most of the classes.

K and 1 continue to sing and dance and work on their drumming and keyboard skills. They have also been performing puppet shows in the classroom.

Sweet and Sauer Art News

Hello everyone! A lot of progress to report in the art room, so here we go...

Kindergarten:

O was for Olivia. We drew the little pig looking at a Jackson Pollock inspired artwork in the art museum. P was for a cute little Paper Plate Peacock made of paper, crayon and paint. Q was for Queens (and Kings). We made a beautiful crown and colored a queen picture. Two special projects were also completed with a Valentine's project of cut and painted hearts and a Snow Day work.

First Grade:

We are wrapping up our figure drawing unit. The kids have just completed their biggest project (5 weeks) with "The Day the Giant Came to Town". This project had them using pencil, crayons, markers, sharpies, and watercolors on HUGE 18" x 24" paper.

Additionally, we are now mostly done with a very colorful and quick two-week project called "Scribble People". The results are excellent.

Second Grade:

The schedule has really been mixed up lately with missed days, late days, half days...you name it. Through odd scheduling quirks, it messes with the 2nd grade schedule the most. Your child may not have done each of the following, but here is what is happening...

European focus continues with finishing the Henri Rousseau Jungle and a Monet/Van Gogh inspired piece called "Reflections". The kids then began work on an MC Escher tessellation project, which they are enjoying very much.

Third Grade:

We are finishing up our five week project making clay wall hangings. These projects show the students carved in a 6" x 9" rolled clay slab standing in an Egyptian pose. The students have incised their names in hieroglyphs and then painted the whole piece. Lots of hard work has paid off!

It's Art-tastic!

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: _____

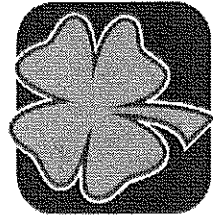
Address: _____ Phone: _____

Are you a...(please check one)

- student district employee school volunteer
 parent/guardian other

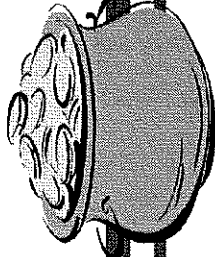
Please return this form to:

Edward J. O'Reilly, Superintendent
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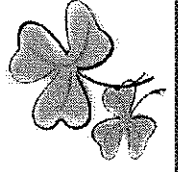
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Ribette Buttered Corn Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	2 Turkey w/ gravy Mashed Potatoes Roll w/ Butter Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	3 Pizza Seasoned Green Beans Fruit or Juice Choice Sherbert Treat Milk	4 Pasta Bake with Meat sauce Garlic Bread slice Tossed Salad Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	5 Chicken Nuggets Buttered Rotini Noodles Fresh Veggies w/ Dip Fruit or Juice Choice Milk
8 BBQ Sandwiches at EIMS Grilled Ch Uncrustable at RLS Potato Wedges Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	9 French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Hash Brown Juice Choice Milk	10 Pizza Tossed Salad w/ Dressing Fruit or Juice Milk	11 Macaroni and Cheese Roll w/ Margarine Seasoned Green Beans Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	12 Super Nachos w/ Meat & Cheese Buttered Carrots Fruit or Juice Choice Milk
15 Hamburger on a Bun Noodles w/ cheese Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	16 Turkey w Gravy Mashed Potatoes Roll w/ Butter Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	17 <u>St. Patrick's Day</u> Lucky Coin Nuggets Pot O' Gold Potatoes Roll w/ butter Shamrock Treat Milk	18 Spaghetti w/ Meat sauce Garlic Bread Slice Salad w/ dressing Fruit or Juice Milk	19 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Sun Chips Ice Cream Treat Fruit or Juice Milk
22 All Beef Hotdog On a Bun Fries Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	23 BBQ Sandwich at EIMS Corn Dog at RLS Buttered Noodles Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	24 Pizza Seasoned Green Beans Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	25 Chicken Patty on a Bun Potato Wedges Fruit or Juice Choice Milk	26 Spring Break Begins
29	30	31		

News



MARCH 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PHARION PLEDGE	1 Pennies for Peace Begins	2	3	4	5	6 PTO – Sponsored Fun Fair
7 SELF PLEDGE	8 Terra Nova Testing Week	9	10	11 PTO – Sponsored Brain Blast Event at EIMS	12	13
14 FALK PLEDGE	15	16	17	18 2 nd H1N1 Immunization Clinic	19 END OF NINE WEEKS	20
21 KUYPER PLEDGE	22	23	24	25 Pennies for Peace Drive Ends	26 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	27
28	29 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	30 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	31 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	1 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	2 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	