

# Stevenson Star

The Adventure Begins

November, 2011

It is difficult to believe that November is upon us. The cool mornings and brightly colored leaves remind us to reflect on the many things for which we have to be thankful. In this community, our celebrations are abundant.

On Tuesday, November 8, Stevenson will once again serve our community as a polling location. Please take time from your busy day and model for your children the importance of voting. Our schools and our community are built upon the foundation of a democracy and one of our most important rights as citizens is to vote on Election Day. Talking to your children about the power of their voice is important in our pursuit for continued excellence in our schools and in our community.

I am thankful for the arrival of our new district communication tool. Hopefully, you have received informational phone calls from my office and are beginning to receive e-mails including important information from school to home. I appreciate your patience during the transition this fall and believe that the strong communication between home and school is a key ingredient to our students' success.

I am thankful for the many opportunities our small community affords families for fellowship at school pick-up and drop-off. It is, however, important to remember during our busy lives and schedules the importance of safety during the beginning and end of school. Please model safe behavior for your children by using crosswalks, parking in safe zones and away from residential driveways, and dropping students from vehicles at only the curb. With everyone focusing on safe procedures and modeling it for our young children, it will help to ensure a safe transition to and from school for every child and family.

I am thankful for the strong partnerships between school, home and our community. I know that I speak for the Stevenson staff in thanking each of you for sharing your children with us. I wish each of you a season filled with all the joys of family.

Sincerely,



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## Remember to Vote!

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8th**  
Then be sure to stop by the  
PTO Bake Sale.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THE FOLLOWING DATES:

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

Halloween parade 1:50  
Halloween parties 2:05

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

LATE START 10:10

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Gift Wrap Delivered

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Picture Re-Take Day

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Election Day

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Yearbook Art Contest Ends

### NOVEMBER 23 - 25

NO SCHOOL

THANKSGIVING BREAK

IF YOU ARE PLANNING  
TIME AWAY FROM SCHOOL,  
YOU ARE REQUIRED TO NOTIFY  
THE OFFICE AND COMPLETE A  
PLANNED ABSENCE FORM.

## ABSENCE/ILLNESS

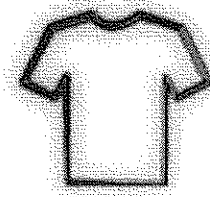
Students must be in school every day unless they are ill. Ohio law requires that a parent notify the school office if a child will not be in school on any given day. We recommend that you keep your child home when he/she has an acute cold, fever of 100 degrees or higher, sore throat, persistent cough following a cold, rash, vomiting, diarrhea or stomach ache. Students should be fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications prior to returning to school.

If your child is ill for an extended time and needs assignments, please let the office know when you call to report your child's absence. **Attendance habits start early: please schedule family vacations during school vacations.**

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](mailto:lue.bauer@ghcsd.org)

## LOST AND FOUND

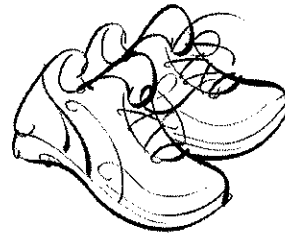
Please check the lost and found hooks in the cafeteria hall. We have a large assortment of jackets, sweaters and coats.



Please mark your child's name in their clothes for easy identification.

The unclaimed clothing will be donated to charity November 12<sup>th</sup>.

**PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILDREN'S CLOTHING SO THAT WE MAY FIND THE OWNER.**



### **Physical Education Notes:**

Basketball season is fast approaching! All students have been working hard on their basketball skills. Students have been learning the finer points of dribbling (with both the left hand and right hand), passing (chest and bounce pass) and shooting at a basket (using baskets of varying heights to be developmentally appropriate). I encourage all boys and girls who like basketball to get involved and sign up for some sort of basketball clinic or youth league in the community.

## Light up the Night, Fund a Scholarship

Lighting the streets of Grandview with luminaria on Christmas Eve has been a tradition since



1987. The Grandview Civic Welfare Club will be selling the luminary candles and white bags at the Grandview Public Library on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday the last two weekends before Christmas. The proceeds from the Grandview Civic Luminary sale will fund scholarships for Grandview High School seniors.

Grandview Civic awarded three \$1000 scholarships last year.



### Grandview Kids' Club

will offer late start optional care for Tuesday, November 1st

and full day optional care on Wednesday, November 23rd. Join us on November 23rd for a concert for kids by Grandview musician Lydia Brownfield at 1:00 p.m.! You do not have to be a regular Kids' Club family to utilize this service. However, space is limited so register early!

You can download the optional care registration form from the Kids' Club web site at:

[http://www.grandviewschools.org/departments/child\\_care.cfm](http://www.grandviewschools.org/departments/child_care.cfm)

Late start optional care =  
\$12.00/student/day  
Full day optional care =  
\$33.00/student/day

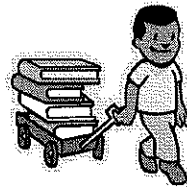
## WE HAVE SPIRIT HOW ABOUT YOU?



### THANK YOU PTO!

We would like to thank the PTO for our wonderful Spirit T-Shirts. We enjoy wearing them and can't wait for more spirit days.

## LIBRARY LINGO



October has been an incredibly busy and literacy based month in the media center.

Author/Illustrator Steven Kellogg made a star visit to RLS. The students adored him. He told tall tales, drew fabulous pictures, read books and gave a great presentation to all of the grades at RLS. We wanted to share Mr. Kellogg with the community, so working together with the teachers at Boulevard Preschool, they got to be apart of our authors visit.

The Scholastic Book Fair just wrapped up. Thank you to everyone for supporting the fair by purchasing books. The books that were offered in the book fair this year were best sellers, age appropriate, entertaining and educational. The kids felt like it was Christmas. All the profits from the fair, go directly back into our media center. If you did not have a chance to come in to buy books at RLS, you can still order on line. All the necessary information is on the k-3 PTO website.

# Music NOTES



## Kindergarten

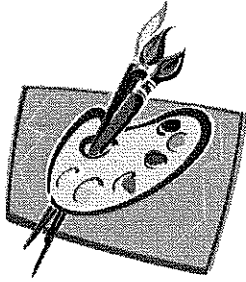
This has been a very "nuts & bolts" sort of month in Kindergarten. We've spent much time perfecting the "songs" and "chants" (not every piece of music we hear is a song - ask your child the difference between songs and chants!) we know, as well as learning to discuss music with the proper language. As a result, we have become the first class in music at Stevenson to begin true work on our word wall! We have nine music-specific words now, including *piano* - not the instrument, but the Italian term used to describe very quiet sounds in music! Additionally, your child has become an able melody-writer, or composer, a conductor, a musician, and most have even been soloists! Next month, we are going to continue our work with high and low, as well as learn other Italian terms that musicians use everyday to describe loud & soft!

## 1st/2nd Grade

We are in the process of exiting our in-depth study of rhythms for now, moving instead toward the combining of rhythm *and* melody (high & low). Your 1st or 2nd grader should avidly be able to break down simple rhythms into long's and short-short's, as well as certain melodies into high's and low's. This is no small task; it requires good listening, and an excellent understanding of how music is put together. I was so proud of their work so far this year that I chose to reward them with an "instrument day"! Here, we broke up into different sections who composed their own four-beat line of music to play on a specific instrument. After all groups had finished writing, we brought sections together, to read and analyze each section's music - both by itself and together! Finally, we practiced individual sections and then brought all of it together for an original rhythm band composition. The kids were wonderful and keen, even recognizing same and similar rhythms between sections, and many of the compositions could not have been played better by high school players! I was very impressed by their work!

## 3rd Grade

In 3rd Grade, we have continued piggy-backing off of what our younger friends at Stevenson have been doing. After mastering long's and short-short's, we have worked on becoming better hearers and performers of specific melodic patterns that contain "high", "medium", and "low". We will later learn these three pitches' true identity (major triad) and then practice them in context with songs we already know that contain them. Finally, we too have been composing 3-part rhythm compositions using Güiro (a scraping instrument from South America), Bass Xylophone, and Drum or Triangle. They have done an exceptional job piecing together these different sections into a piece of great ensemble music!



Sweet 'n' Sauer  
Art Room News!

[chris.sauer@ghcsd.org](mailto:chris.sauer@ghcsd.org)

One quarter down! Where did *that* time go?!? We are having a great time in art and you can feel the excitement in the class as kids reach their "art-day". It is nice to be loved!

**Kindergarten** - Moving through the alphabet, we have completed our next group of projects with: F is for Fall Colors, G is for Grandview, H is for Holidays. Additionally, we created a Haunted Halloween Jack-o-Lantern. Along the way we have painted, used crayons, markers, and cut and pasted construction paper.

**First Grade** – Our unit focus is *shape*. We have discussed regular and irregular shapes and how we can make pictures using them. The current project is titled "The Day the Giant Came to Town" and uses shapes to make a human form as well as the buildings, houses and landscape. They are combining crayon, watercolor paint and markers in this mixed-media piece.

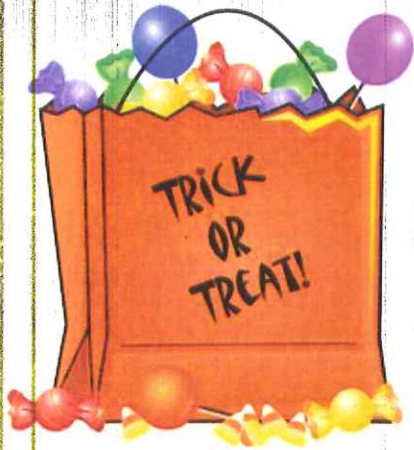
**Second Grade** – We have finished our Chinese Scroll paintings and are just getting to our new continent. As we move our focus to the African, we will look at the importance of the mask in various rituals. We will discuss the reasons why we use masks today in America vs. how they are used traditionally in other cultures. This project will see the use of paper mache and tempera paints.

**Third Grade** – Our Op-art projects are just finishing up with some pretty neat results. The kids really enjoyed this unit, especially looking at all the cool art from modern-day computer op-artists. Next we jump back in time to investigate art of thousands of years ago (still a secret to them as to where we will end up!)

Please encourage your child to create a drawing for the Yearbook Cover Contest. Last year's winner has moved on to Edison, so we'll need a new winner! Details should be coming, but the contest is only open the first two weeks of November.

Until next month, keep on drawin'!

*Mr. Sauer*



## Treats for Troops

Help us make Halloween extra  
**SWEET** for the troops

### Attention Students, Staff and Families:

Halloween is quickly approaching and after all of the trick-or-treating, the question often arises, "what do we do with all of this candy?" Stevenson Elementary is teaming up with Operation Gratitude to send care packages to service members deployed overseas, to their children left behind, and to wounded warriors in military hospitals and transition units. The troops will love a sweet surprise for themselves, but also to give out to the children in the communities they are patrolling.

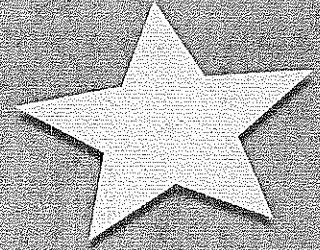
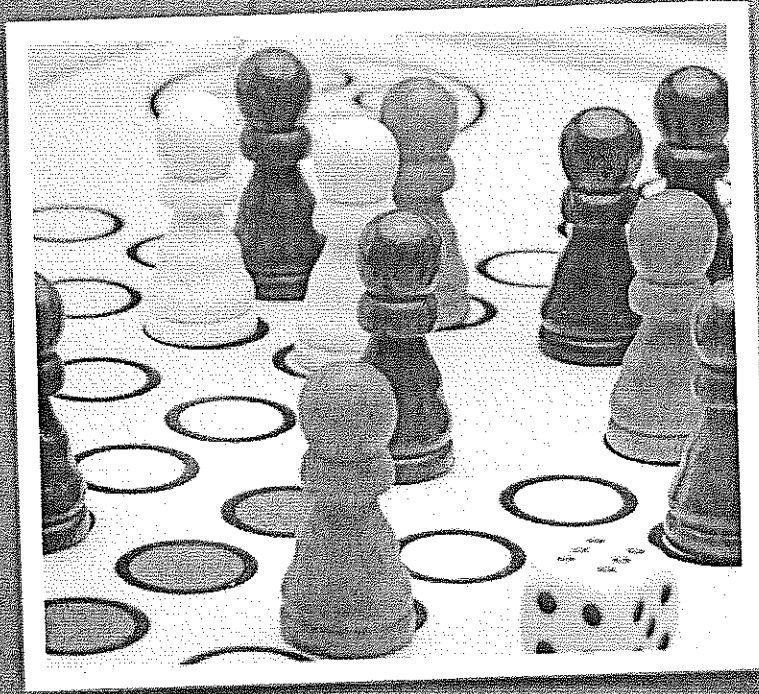
To keep track and raise enthusiasm for this project, we will keep a running total of how many pounds of candy we have collected each day. Each teacher will be given a collection bag to collect candy first thing each morning. Third Grade Student Council members will pick them up and bring them down to Mrs. Doran and weigh the candy together.

If you choose not to donate candy, please know we are collecting toothbrushes and toothpaste as well. Many troops have a shortage of these essentials, and we would like for every one pound of candy we could have at least one toothbrush and tube of toothpaste. If you don't wish for your child to participate, that is perfectly acceptable.

Thanks for your help in making this an exciting and very rewarding event.

Student Council Members

THE GIFTED COORDINATORS OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY AREA SCHOOL  
DISTRICT PRESENT:  
2011-2012 LECTURE SERIES  
HOW TO KEEP YOUR CHILD CHALLENGED  
IN MATH



*Join us for a night of interactive fun as Dr. Shah shares ways in which parents can challenge their children outside of school through hands-on/minds-on challenges for the whole family.*

*Dr. Shah earned his Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Illinois in 1998. After 9 years in R&D at Intel, Dr. Shah quit his job to pursue his passion of exposing kids to the wonder of mathematics and teaching them to think rather than just memorize. For the past four years, he has been building programs for Math Plus Academy inspiring kids to build confidence and problem-solving skills.*

**Thursday, November 3, 5:30-7:00 pm**

Scioto High School Cafeteria, 4000 Hard Rd., Dublin, OH

To ensure that we have enough games and supplies, please send an RSVP to Gretchen Schuster with the number of parents/children (ages) who plan to attend:  
[schuster\\_gretchen@dublinschools.net](mailto:schuster_gretchen@dublinschools.net)



# 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

# NOVEMBER 2011

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	31	1	2	3	4
<b>OSWALD PLEDGE</b>	<b>HALLOWEEN PARADE 1:50 PARTIES 2:05</b>	<b>LATE START 10:10</b>	<b>GIFT WRAP DELIVERED</b>	<b>PICTURE RETAKE DAY</b>	
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>
<b>TEACH PLEDGE</b>					<b>YEAR BOOK ART CONTEST ENDS SPIRIT DAY WEAR YOUR RLS T-SHIRT</b>
<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>
<b>BLADOS PLEDGE</b>			<b>CANDID YEARBOOK PICTURES</b>		
<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>
<b>GARRISON PLEDGE</b>		<b>SPIRIT DAY WEAR YOUR RLS T-SHIRT</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING</b>
<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>		<u>30</u>		
<b>MCLAUGHLIN PLEDGE</b>					

