

CHALKBOARD CHATTER

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DID YOU KNOW

In the aftermath of the devastating earthquake in Haiti, our Student Council began a program called "Have a Heart - Cash for Kids". Students and staff were encouraged to donate money that will be divided between the Red Cross and UNICEF organizations. This program will continue until February 14th, Valentine's Day. So far we have had donations over \$1,200! The generosity of this community is always amazing! If you have not made a contribution to the victims yet, please consider sending your donation to Green Springs School. THANK YOU!

Birchard Public Library offers monthly programs to get children excited about reading. If you do not already participate, please consider joining one of the following programs:

Students in grades K - 4 are encouraged to attend the program called: *It's Saturday* which happens on the 2nd Saturday of each month. The program on March 13th is entitled *The Little Folk*. 5th & 6th graders will enjoy the "Pizza and Pages Club" which meets on the first Monday of each month from 4:00 - 4:45. You can call 419-334-7107 to get more information.

NEWS FROM MR. STOCKMASTER, PRINCIPAL

The second quarter came to an end last week, marking the halfway point of the school year. Report cards will be sent home with students on Friday, January 29th. If you have any concerns, please contact the school and your child's teacher as soon as possible so we can be of assistance. To keep you always up to date on how your child is doing in school, please remember to use Progress Book. If you need any assistance using this valuable tool, please feel free to contact the office.

The end of the quarter is an enjoyable time as we are able to recognize many of our students for their hard work throughout the nine weeks. 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders will be recognized at our honor roll ice cream party for their outstanding grades. K, 1st, and 2nd graders will be receiving awards for attendance, effort, and classroom improvement. It is always an exciting time when we are presenting awards for the students' hard work.

As we start the second semester, Ohio's Spring testing dates are right around the corner. All Green Springs students in grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 will be participating in a variety of tests. The testing dates are as follows:

April 20	Reading	Grades 3, 4, 5, 6
April 22	Math	Grades 3, 4, 5, 6
April 27	Science	Grade 5

Student attendance is extremely important on these days. Testing will begin promptly each morning and last approximately 2 ½ hours for each test. Please avoid scheduling appointments or vacations during these dates if at all possible. Please check and mark your calendars at this time!

NEWS FROM MRS. KNEISLEY - SCHOOL COUNSELOR

CYBER SAFETY ASSEMBLIES

On February 22, Kathleen Nichol from the Ohio Attorney General's office will be presenting information to our 5th and 6th graders on cyber-bullying, appropriate use of the internet, cell phones, social networking sites, online gaming, and cyber-safety. There will also be a free assembly for parents of tweens and teens in grades 5-8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Clyde High School auditorium. Come learn ways to keep up to date with current cyber use and misuse and how to handle these issues with your kids. Those who attend will receive parent/child contracts for cell phone & internet use, tips to keep your kids safe, and ways to monitor internet use -- just to name a few! Local law enforcement will also be on hand to address current laws and a question and answer session will follow the assembly.

YEARBOOKS FOR SALE

Yearbooks are for sale for \$17.00! Please be sure to order your yearbook before February 19th. All books are sold on a presale basis only so no extra books will be available when we get them in May.

NEWS FROM 1A - MRS. BAKER

Great news! We have just completed the first semester and five units in our reading program. We are now reading stories with the theme North, South, East, West in Unit 6. Our first story was titled *Me on the Map*. Each student was challenged to learn about his or her relationship to home, city, state, country, and the world. We have completed maps of our rooms, a compass rose, and we are working with other map skills. One day a week we visit the computer lab so we can practice skills, play games, and read stories online at the *Image it!* Web site.

Our daily writing journals keep us busy. We are writing interesting sentences and learning to stay on topic while writing a paragraph. Some of the topics during January were: goals for 2010, favorite Christmas gift, Martin Luther King, and a snowy day. The students are doing an amazing job!

Math lessons are always engaging because of the many activities. It is our goal to become proficient at finding the differences between numbers, solving What's My Rule? problems and playing *Top It!* games. We are anxiously awaiting the 100th day of school on February 10th. Our class will be celebrating this special 3-digit number with many activities.

NEWS FROM MRS. WASS

This quarter our class welcomes a student teacher to our group! Mrs. GERALYN Lykins is a senior at Bowling Green State University. She would like to take this opportunity to tell everyone a little bit about herself.

Dear Parents,

I would like to take the time to introduce myself. My name is Mrs. GERALYN Lykins, and I will be student teaching along with my mentor, Mrs. Wass. I started my teaching venue on Tuesday, January 12th, and will be here until April 30th.

I am a student at Bowling Green State University, and have been since January of 2005. This will be my capstone experience before my graduation date in May.

I decided to become a teacher because of my previous experiences (six years total) working with children as a care teacher. I have taken an interest in working with children with special needs through my relationship and care of my nephew who has Asperger's Syndrome. I am married and have been for four years, and have a daughter who is a year and a half. I live in Norwalk, Ohio and have lived there for most of my life. I enjoy spending time with my family and scrapbooking, though I'm not the most creative; maybe some of you could teach me!

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to ask me! I look forward to working with your children in the months ahead!



NEWS FROM MRS. NEWSOME - MUSIC ROOM

Our general music classes have been learning all kinds of new music concepts and terminology. Our first and second graders have been learning how to keep a steady beat and the differences between high and low, loud and soft, fast and slow, and how both long and short sounds can fit into a single beat. Our 3rd - 6th graders have been improving in their melodic dictation skills, (the teacher sings a melody and the students must arrange the pitches in the correct order), and are also working through their music textbooks to learn about a variety of musical genres and composers.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

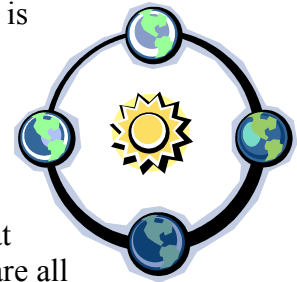
- First and Second Grade Program
Thursday, March 25, 7:00 p.m.
Clyde High School Auditorium
- Fifth Grade Choir Concert with the Troubadours:
Tuesday, May 11, 7:00 p.m.
Clyde High School Auditorium
- Sixth Grade Choir Concert with the Troubadours:
Thursday, May 20, 7:00 p.m.
Clyde High School Auditorium



NEWS FROM MRS. HARMON - 5D

Mrs. Harmon's classes welcome Miss Wisheart, a BGSU student to their classroom! Miss Wisheart completed her methods block with these students in the fall and is working on her student teaching block for most of the remainder of the school year. Miss Wisheart enjoys riding horses, playing volleyball, and playing the piano.

Also, Mrs. Harmon's science classes are out of this world! Students are learning about the movement of the earth, the sun, and the moon and what causes day and night, the seasons, the moon phases, and eclipses. These are all concepts that students will encounter on the achievement test in the spring.



In math, students are working on solving problems using parenthesis and will be looking at solving problems using the mnemonic device – Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students for being named November's Students of the Month: Hayden Myers, Dawson Pugh, Andrew Bauer, Lauren Richter, Jack Morrison, Cassandra Leibengood, Brock Newsome, Chelsy Gerwin, Maliyah Price, Lindsey Boyer, Robert Elder, Melissa Laconis, Jewel Roberts, Lucas Nicely, Grace Borden, Kaylee Kliniski, Bree Dowling, Erica Gonzales, Miranda McNatt, Kate Jess, Carissa Conley, Cailynn Campbell, Jenna Hoppe, and Kimberly Rohrbach.

These students were named December's Students of the Month: Kylee Marrow, Marissa Wheatley, Zachary Hickman, Sidney Hohman, Alison Camarata, Dylan Morrison, Jasannah Sabiers, Josh Ohler, Cy Ungerer, Hailey Warner, Jacey Groover, Kyle Freeze, Jordan Saam, Morgan Bannister, Alicia Klohn, Frank Sewell, Brady Craig, Brian Wilkerson, Spencer Elfring, Hunter Andres, Brooke Ameling, Jacob Gill, Jacob Gibson, and Kimberly Rohrbach.
