EASTVIEW EDUCATOR

School Newsletter for the Month of April 2014.

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OAA TIME!!! The Ohio Achievement Assessments begin next week for Grades 3-6. **It is very important that students attend school and arrive on time the day of their test.** Reading for grades 3-6 will be on Thursday, May 1st. Math for grades 3-6 will be on Tuesday, May 6th. Science for grade 5 will be on Thursday, May 8th. **We want our students to do their best on the test!!**

The fourth graders have been studying the Revolutionary War and Civil War time periods in Mrs. Brightbill's Social Studies Class. In Miss Vermillion's Language Arts class students researched an important person from these time periods and wrote a paper in first person. With the help of their family, students dressed up and presented their information to students in the school during the Fourth Grade Wax Museum of the Past.

APRIL

30 – Board Meeting, 6pm @ Middle School

MAY

1 – Grades 3-6 OAA Reading
2 – Interims go home
6 – PAC Meeting
6 – Grades 3-6 OAA Math
8 – Grade 5 OAA Science
8 – Earth Day, 179th Airlift Wing
14 – Kindergarten Screening
26 – Memorial Day
28 – Board Meeting

JUNE

3 – Carnival
4 – Last Day for students
2 hour early dismissal
5 – Teacher work day

EASTVIEW TEXT LIST

If you have text service on your phone, you can place yourself on the Eastview Elementary Text List to receive our building updates, delays, closings, and reminders. To get on the text list from Eastview Elementary simply send a text to **614-450-0586** and type in the following word: **@eastvi**

Housekeeping

A woman's diamond ring was found on the playground in late January. Please contact the office if you are the owner and can provide an accurate description.

How Parents Can Help Their Child Prepare for the OAAs

-Tell your child that you expect him/her to do his/her best on the test.

-Write them a letter of encouragement and put it in a sealed envelope. Tell them they can't read it until they get to school.

-Help your child get plenty of sleep the night before the test.

-Avoid arguments or other stressful conflicts the morning of the test.

-Get up in time to make a special breakfast for your child.

-Make sure your child has their glasses or medication the morning of the test.

-Have your child arrive to school on time. If they arrive after the test begins, they will have to take it another day without their peers which is more difficult.

-Dress your child in layers. Students do better on tests if they do not have to think about how hot or cold they are.

-Remind your child to use all their time to go back and check their answers carefully. They have 2 ½ hours for each test.

-When your child gets home from school, ask them about the test.

Message From The Principal

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose You're on your own, and you know what you know. And you are the guy who'll decide where to go. -Dr. Seuss

Dear Parents,

In the spirit of Dr. Seuss's quote our staff and students have been working hard to prepare for the OAAs so our students can show what they know! We are excited for our students as they will have the opportunity to show what they have learned up to this point in their school career. Hopefully you will find the information in this newsletter useful as we invite you to partner with us and help our students achieve and excel on the OAAs and show what great students we have! These tests are very important and it is essential that students attend school on time for their scheduled test listed on the front of this newsletter. The state has increasingly been using state test results as a factor in promoting students from one grade to the next. This year students in 3rd grade must be retained if they do not pass the Reading OAA.

If you have any questions about how you can help prepare your child for the OAAs, please do not hesitate to call and ask their teacher. Thanks for supporting your child at this important time in our school year!

Sincerely,
Jonathan Muro

SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF MEMBER

Name – Jessica Mergel
Grade – Intervention Specialist
Years at Eastview Elementary – 1
Years in Education – 7
Favorite Color – Pink
Favorite Food – Chipotle
Favorite Book – "Hunger Games"
Favorite Author – Francine Rivers

OAA FACTS

What are the OAAs?
The OAAs are annual tests that measure how well students know the reading, math, and science concepts taught in grades 3-6. This information is also used to determine the amount of academic growth a student has made over time. These results are reported on school and district annual report cards that are sent home to parents and community each Fall.

How are the tests scored?
The OAA results report the level of proficiency a student demonstrates in each of the subject areas tested. Students are rated at one of the following levels: advanced, accelerated, proficient, basic, or limited. The goal for all students is to score at or above proficient on the tests. Each grade level must have at least 80% of students score proficient to achieve the grade level's school indicator on the report card.

Why is it important for my child to do well?
The OAAs ensure that families and teachers know whether each student has learned the core subject material at each grade level. The OAAs can also help identify specific areas in which a student needs extra support and practice. Additionally, the state of Ohio has increasingly been using state test results as a factor in determining promotion from one grade to the next. This year students in 3rd grade must be retained if they do not pass the Reading OAA. In High School, students must pass all five subjects of the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) to graduate.

Where can I find additional information?
The following link from the Ohio Department of Education provides families with additional information and recommendations for families in regards to state testing:

http://ohio3-8.success-ode-state-oh-us.info/faqs.aspx

PTO NEWS:

The PTO is looking for new officers for the positions of President and Vice President for next school year. If you are interested please call current president Tina Nikolaus at 419-610-4379.

President – *Tina Nikolaus* ***Fundraising Coordinator –*** *Amanda Loyer* ***Treasurer –*** *Tiffany Adkins* ***Secretary –*** *Tana Isaac*