

MARCH 2009

O.H. SOMERS ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH

3/2 PTSO meeting 6:30pm
3/2 School Bell Deadline
3/2 Grade 6 Outdoor Ed. Meeting @ 6:00pm
3/11 Spring Pictures
3/11 Grade 2 Music Performance 2:00pm & 7pm
3/17 Market Day pick-up 6:00-7:00pm (*new date*)
3/20 Grade 6 Panoramic Picture
3/23-3/27 Spring Break
3/30 Back to School!



CATS WITH CHARACTER

Congratulations to our "Cats with Character" award winners who were honored at a special assembly on January 21st. These students demonstrated an exceptional understanding of good character traits. Congratulations to the following students:

CURRENT INFORMATION

We are through more than half of the school year and we realize that some students have new addresses, phone numbers, family status changes and new emergency contact information. Please make sure that your child's records are current here at the school, if you are not sure please contact the office to verify what we have on file.



SPRING PICTURES

Spring pictures will be taken on March 11th during the school day. All students will have their pictures taken and parents can decide whether to purchase the pictures when printed. Also the 6th grade, as a complete class, will have their picture taken for a panoramic print on March 20th.



HONOR AND MERIT ROLL

Our Honor and Merit Roll students in grades 4-6 were honored at a special breakfast offered by the PTSO on January 28th. We congratulate these students and are proud of their efforts and achievements. There is a complete list of the Honor and Merit roll students in the February school bell.



Kindergarten – Tessa Howard, Kristen Grenus, Rhianna Timms, Madison King, Madelynn Carden, Reece Davis, Emma Peterhoff and Olivia Mason

1st – Kera Hillyer, Derek Chapman, Paige Halliwill, Allison Chance, Ian Fay, Luke Hansen, Alisha Coblenz, William Popa and Kyle Graham

2nd – Gavin Christy, Tyler Abbott, Tony Riddle, Luke Rosato, Jacob Weigand, MaKayla Owens, Camden Ramirez, Luke Erdle and Emily Hill

3rd – Paul Taylor, Liam McMullen, Chloe Carder, Megan Arison, Macey Hill, Nik Hudock, Kevin Miller, Payton Ambrose and Nathan Mayle

4th – Reilly Schrock, Austin Williams, Gabby Hemminger, Josh Sanders, Jessie Thomas, Bailey Newman, Dakota Whitehead, Sara Taylor and Hannah Skalak

5th – Tyler Sullivan, Amanda Roberts, Shawn Lowe, Melody Dunn, Jeremiah Sanders, Ryan Hutchison, Courtney Abbott, Daniel King, Alex Barnes, Shelby Hutchinson and Tyler Busson

6th – John Roberts, Grace Reilly, Joshua Sample, Cierra Cooper, Tommy Callihan, Rebecca Graber, Ashley Partlow, Nick Moff and Andrew Crotty

KINDERGARTEN

REGISTRATION

PACKETS & SCREENING

If you have a child or know of a child who will be five years of age by **August 1, 2009**, please plan to register them for kindergarten this spring.



Kindergarten packets will be available to pick up at the **Mogadore Local School Board Office**, located at 1 S. Cleveland Avenue, beginning April 13th. We request that the registration packets be returned to the **Mogadore Local School Board Office** by Monday, May 1st.

On Wednesday, May 6th and Thursday, May 7th, the Kindergarten classes will be having a classroom visitation day. On these dates, **from 9:45am until 10:15am, or 1:45pm till 2:15pm**, you and your child are invited to come into one of the kindergarten rooms for 30 minutes to observe and get a glimpse of what goes on in our Kindergarten program. All registration materials must be turned in prior to scheduling a visitation time.

Kindergarten screening will take place the first day of school. After screening, students will be assigned to a teacher. You will be given a time for you and your child to meet the teacher on the second day of school. The first full day of school for the kindergartners will be on the 3rd day of school. There will be no kindergarten parent meeting this spring.



MESSAGE TO PARENTS ABOUT ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

All students in grades 3,4,5, and 6 are scheduled to take our statewide assessments.

The Statewide Achievement testing will be from **April 20th-27th**. Achievement tests are mandated by the Ohio Department of Education and reflective of the No Child Left Behind regulations. Copies of practice achievement tests can be found on The Ohio Department of Education's website at www.ode.state.oh.us. Parents are strongly encouraged to use this valuable resource. Students in grades 3-6 have access to the **Study Island** tutoring program which is a web based program designed to help your child pass the achievement tests. Students in these grade levels received a letter in the fall regarding access to the Study Island program.

STUDY ISLAND

Study Island is a program that is available on line to the students and is a wonderful opportunity for them to answer questions similar to those on the achievement tests in May. The more the students have exposure to Study Island the better prepared they will be for the actual testing. The students can access Study Island from school, home and also the Summit County Public Library - Mogadore Branch.

A NOTE FROM MR. WOLF: STUDENT ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2009-10

During the spring of this school year, I will be working closely with teachers to assign students into classes for the 2009-10 school year.

If you have comments to share with me about your child's academic needs, please contact me **in writing** by **April 1st**. Parents need to provide an academic reason for teacher requests. There are many factors that determine the final class composition. Do not assume your request will be granted. We will not be placing homeroom assignments on the year-end report card. Homeroom lists will be posted on the school doors in late August.



2ND ANNUAL MOGADORE STUDENT ART EXHIBITION



Please join the art/music departments on Sunday, April 19, 2009 for Mogadore's 2nd Annual Student Art Exhibition. Artwork showcasing Mogadore talent, grades K-12, will be on display from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the high school commons. A silent auction including select student artworks will be held during the exhibition to help raise funds for the Mogadore Art Department.

The Mogadore High School's Spring Concert performance will conclude the exhibition at 4:00pm. Admission to both events is free and open to the entire community.