

It's Elementary

South Newton Elementary Newsletter

February 14, 2018

Principal's Corner: Ms. DeYoung



Attendance
Rate to Date
94.25%

February marks the beginning of state assessment. In the upcoming months, students at various grade levels will be taking standardized tests to inform us of academic growth, content strengths and weaknesses, and areas that we can improve upon as a school. Students in grades 3-5 will start Part 1 of the ISTEP+ Assessment on Wednesday, February 28th. Here at school, we focus on content mastery, highly effective teaching practices, and differentiated instruction to ensure that our students are achieving grade-level goals. This in turn, helps prepare our students for the standardized tests that they have to take throughout the spring semester. We will continue to do our part in helping your child demonstrate and reach his/her maximum potential throughout the school year. It is important to remember that standardized tests do not solely define a student's capabilities and potential. Such tests are simply an additional indicator to inform us of how we can best meet the academic needs of each child. These tests are important, and must be treated as so; however, no test score should ever be taken as the only gauge of academic success. At SNES, we value the strengths, talents, and efforts that each student demonstrates and works toward daily, and find our passion in working with our students and all of you to help our students discover their untapped potential.

With this said, we would like to continue our team effort in providing the best education for all of our students. To ensure that our students do their best not only on the upcoming standardized tests, but in their everyday learning, here is a list of what can be done at home to support your child and his/her education:

- Set a bedtime. Children get a good night's sleep on a regular basis are more awake, alert, and ready to learn!
- Have breakfast/pack a snack. Eating a healthy meal in the morning kickstarts the brain and helps your child make it through his/her morning without feeling distracted due to hunger.
- Arrive to school on time. A late start to the day at school leads to lost learning time. We want our students to gain the most knowledge and experience that they can each school day. On testing days, a late arrival could lead to the child missing part of the test and having to make it up later in the week.
- Start the day with positivity and encouragement. Each day we want our students to feel ready to learn and approach their learning with a growth mindset. During testing, students can feel more stressed than normal and need positivity and support from family and friends to help them feel prepared and confident. Encourage your child to do his/her best, as with each child we strive for individual improvement and growth!

Sincerely,
Ms. DeYoung

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB 14- Honor Choir, Girl Scouts

FEB 15- Remediation , Math Bowl

FEB 19- NO SCHOOL

FEB 20- Remediation

FEB 21- Honor Choir, Girls Scouts

FEB 22- Last Remediation, Math Competition

FEB 26- 4th Grade Art



**REMINDER: NO
SCHOOL MONDAY,
FEB. 19, 2018**



Warm your Tummy
with a Yummy School
Breakfast!!

REMINDER—Wednesday, Feb 28 is the last day to turn in YEARBOOK money. If you need a form, get one in the office. The cost is \$10.

LUNCH MENU

FEB 14- Heart Nuggets, Cupid Tots, Valentine Cookie

FEB 15- Teriyaki Beef Dippers, Green Beans

FEB 16- WG Pizza Dippers, California Blend

FEB 19- NO SCHOOL

FEB 20- Lasagna Roll Up, Garlic Knot, Garden Salad

FEB 21- Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Dominick Spurr
Scarlett Beck
Austin Parsons
Liam Kollman
Addilyn Lawrence
Cole Thomas
Kendalyn Pontitus
Haley McElroy
Payge Clevenger

FOR MAKING THE MATH FACT CLUB!!

ATTENTION PARENTS

If your child is an outdoor pick up and you are waiting in the car pick up line, we would **greatly appreciate** it if you would stay in your vehicles and allow our staff to walk your child to you. This is in an effort to keep all our students safe and limit the number of people walking through traffic. Thank you for your cooperation!

Kindergarten

Kindergarten Round Up will be held

Thurs. April 11, 2018

8:30am- 12:00pm

1:00pm-7:00 pm

(for children who will be 5 years old by August 1, 2018)

The number of children pre-registered at Round Up determines class size and the number of teachers hired for the following school year.

We will start taking appointments MARCH 1, 2018

(219) 474-5167 or 888-763-9866

Please bring the following:

1. Your child
2. Legal birth certificate
3. Immunization Record

(No fees will be collected at this time)

KIRPC HEAD START GOODLAND CLASSROOM

Now taking applications for FALL ENROLLMENT

Call Maureen for more information

219-297-3888

Ages 3-5 years old

Free For Income Eligible Families

Artist of the Month for February:

Kindergarten: Wyatt Hancock
1st Grade: Ainsley Wirtz
2nd Grade: Tinsley Cragun
3rd Grade: Azlee Reynolds
4th Grade: Hailey Trodai
5th Grade: McKenna Ulaszek

Congratulations!! to Natasha Barrett, Avalin Bohlinger, Talia Button, Faye Martinez Conley, Lizzie Corbett, Lily Cripe, Aleah Cruz, Kayla Cruz, Jaelynne Huckleby-Kraay, Livia Kollman, Aidan Mattox, Evy Miller, Riley Meyer, Chloe Peevyhouse, Azlee Reynolds, Alyssa Standish, Addison Strasburger, Cassidy Snodgrass, Kassidy Szkopiec, Ashlyn Wagner for being selected for the 3-5 Upper Elementary Prairie Arts Show.

Due to St. Joseph's College Closing the Art Show has been redesigned and relocated:

Art works will be on display from February 5-18 at the Lilian Fendig Gallery, Carnegie Center, Rensselaer.

Exhibition open to the public during gallery

hours: Tuesday and Thursday noon to 4:00 PM CST.

February 18 at 1:30-3 PM CST: Award Presentation recognizing all student artists and art teachers at the First Presbyterian Church across the street from the Lilian Fending Gallery followed by a reception in their Friendship Hall and a viewing of the Art Show located in PAC's Lilian Fending Gallery in the Carnegie Center 301 N. Van Rensselaer, IN.

Be on a look out for the up coming art shows:

High School Show (9-12 grade) February 27-March 11

Middle Level Show (6-8 grade) March 20-April 8

