



Holly Hill Husky Headlines

Holly Hill Elementary School

WEST CLERMONT LOCAL SCHOOLS

February 2010

Improving Academic Achievement One Student at a Time

Holly Hill Web
Address:
www.westcler.org/hh/

Nancy Parks,	Principal
Attendance Line:	943-8904
Transportation:	752-4020
Health Room Line:	943-8903
School Phone:	943-8900
Closing Hot Line:	943-8998
PTO	943-8947
Cafeteria	943-8908

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Holly Hill Parents and Community members,

What a January and February this has been so far. As I write this we have had 5 snow days so far and two- 2 hour delays. As per the Ohio Department of education we are allowed 5 calamity days a year. This means that if we have anymore days off we will have to make them up at the end of the year. We already have to make plans for AM kindergarten because they have missed 7 days so therefore must make up 2 days. I will be discussing the issue with the kindergarten teachers and our district office before we make any final decisions about the make-up dates.

The third graders have been excited about our new reading program called Reading Streets. This is a District wide reading program for all third grades. I am very excited about the program because it is a comprehensive reading program that is aligned to the Ohio State standards as well as incorporating science and social studies into the curriculum. All district third grade teachers were able to look at several programs and this one was picked. It is researched based and has been used successfully in many school districts in Ohio. Third grade parents are invited to attend our Literacy night on Thursday Feb. 18 at 6:00 to view the new program and have an opportunity to ask questions about the program.

The third grade teachers along with the fourth and fifth grade teachers are working hard to get our students ready for the Ohio Achievement Assessments, OAA (formerly call the Ohio Achievement Tests). The tests are scheduled for April 19 through May 7. There is a change this year. Third graders will take a reading and math test. Fourth graders will take a reading and math test. There is no writing test as in previous years. Fifth grade will take a reading, math, and science test. There is no social studies test as in previous years.

If you are a parent of a child in third, fourth or fifth grade there are some things you can do to help us make sure we get the optimal performance from your child. Here is a list of things we know make a difference:

Plenty of rest. Make sure your child gets at least 8 hours of sleep per night. A regularly scheduled bed time makes children more readily able to sleep and wake up refreshed and ready for the day.

Provide a good breakfast. Research shows that students who eat a good breakfast do better in school then students who do not have a good breakfast. If you can not provide breakfast, Holly Hill has a breakfast program. For \$1.00 students get a balanced, nutritious breakfast at school.

Homework should be set up in a consistent, organized place. Establish a consistent time for beginning and ending homework. Your child is responsible for homework completion but we encourage parents to help as needed.

If your child has a specific OAA packet of work to review, ask him/her to tell you about the skills in the packet that is being reviewed. Ask questions that allow your child to process the information and be able to easily talk about what they are learning.

To reduce stress or any test anxiety, give encouragement and be positive. Let your child know that the test is a picture of what they know. It is a way of showing teachers, administration and the state of Ohio that we are making sure that all students are being provided with the best education.

If you have access to a computer with internet, have your child practice daily on Study Island. This website can be accessed from the internet. Your child has his/her password and website information.

If you have any questions about what you can do to support your son or daughter please do not hesitate to talk to your child's teacher or you can call me at our office, 943-8900.

Thank you for all your support.

Sincerely,

Nancy Parks, Principal

West Clermont Local School District
Mission Statement
Our mission is to ensure all students achieve academic
excellence in a safe environment supported by parents and
the community.

PARENT INFORMATION:

SCHOOL FEES	\$40.00
LUNCH	\$2.25
MILK	\$.50
BREAKFAST	\$1.00



Dates to Remember

February 22	Interims go home
February 23	First Grade Symphony/Museum Field Trip
February 24	Market Day
February 26	No School—Teacher Inservice Day
March 16	Third Grade Symphony/Museum Field Trip
March 19	PTO Mother/Son Bowling Night
March 24	Market Day
March 31	Spring Picture Day
April 2	Spring Break Begins
April 12	School Reopens
April 13	PTO Skate Night

Visit our website at <http://www.westcler.org/hh/>

Friendly Reminder: Please remember school hours are 9:10-3:40. When picking up your child please be at the back dismissal area by 3:30 PM to sign out. Please help us keep your child safe by being punctual upon dismissal and having a back up at the bus stop if you cannot make it to dismissal on time. All students not signed out by 3:30 PM will be put on their appropriate bus. Please do not drop students off before 9:05 AM. Thank you.

School Fees

Please remember to pay your school fees for the 2009-2010 school year as soon as possible. Checks should be made payable to Holly Hill Elementary. You may send payment with your child to the classroom teacher or make payments in the school office. School Fees are \$40.00.

PTO officers for 2009-2010:

President	Michelle Minardi
Vice President	Julie Bach
Treasurer	Trish Wilson
Secretary	Michelle Hall
PTO Voicemail	943-8947



Holly Hill Elementary
3520 State Route 132
Amelia, 45102
943-8900

Principal, Nancy Parks
Superintendent, Dr. Gary Brooks

Reporting Student Absences

Ohio Revised Code requires parents to call the school to report student absences. Please call our attendance line **943-8904** before 10:00 A.M. to report a student's absence or tardy. This line is open **24** hours a day. This number is also the homework request line. If homework requests are called in by 10:00 A.M., homework can be picked up at 3:00 P.M. or sent home with a requested student. A student must be absent two days before a homework request can be made. If you need to talk to Mrs. Mullins personally about attendance or health issues, please call **943-8903**.

LUNCH ACCOUNT

You may view your child's lunch account by going to www.myschoolaccount.com. You can see what he/she has been purchasing and how much money there is left on the lunch account. You can also sign up for an email to notify you when the account drops below a preset minimum balance. If you have any questions about your child's account or statement, please notify the cafeteria manager at 943-8906 or Pam Sargent, Food Service Supervisor at 943-5038.

Bus Passes

Bus Passes will be issued for transportation requests different from assigned bus routes for **child care purposes only**. Bus Passes CANNOT be issued for social reasons such as scouts, visits with friends, parties, etc. A written request must be made on a Special Transportation Request form a week ahead of the effective date. The request must be for a minimum of five (5) consecutive school days. The request must be for an address in the Holly Hill route. Transfers may be made if the bus is NOT overcrowded. Request forms are available in the office. **No phone calls** can be accepted for bus passes. Faxes can only be accepted with a copy of your driver's license attached.



NO NITS

Parents please be aware that this is the time of the year for pediculosis (head lice). Make it a part of your daily routine to check your child's head, paying close attention to the nape of their neck and hairline. Holly Hill Elementary has a "no nit" policy, so be sure to notify the nurse's office at 943-8903, if you find lice or nits (eggs) and have your child checked upon returning to school. Children must be treated at home with a special shampoo for head lice, and all nits must be removed before returning to school. Talk with your child about not using another child's comb or brush and not to wear another child's hat or coat. With your help we can keep this problem under control.

ARE WE CLOSED?

Inclement weather will be coming! To see if school is closed Holly Hill Elementary parents can call our School Closing Information line at 943-8998. This line will have updated school closing information as received from the West Clermont School District. Please do not call the school office or transportation to see if school is closed. We need to keep our lines open for emergency information. West Clermont parents can also go to our district's web site www.westcler.org to see if we are on any kind of delay because of inclement weather. The notices are put on the front page of the web site, under "announcements" by 5:30 a.m. Please listen to your radio or watch your television for WEST CLERMONT. It will NOT say Holly Hill Elementary. Always continue to watch or listen for updates in case delays are changed to closed. If you do not have a radio or television, please appoint family or friends to check for you.

SCHOOL CLOSING PHONE LINE
943-8998



STUDENT OF THE MONTH

JANUARY 2010

**Koby Mauntel
Christopher McCoy
Dlena Baker
Ava Zigmunt
Autumn Wright
Georgia Bach
Makaylee Highley
Tyler Rohs
Noah High
Brent Herndon
Nathan Tebelman
John Fleck
Jacob Gross
Jessica Kilgore
Kailyn Miles**

