



Scioto News

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A word from the Principal

I hope you are enduring another cold, snowy winter. Hopefully, we will begin to enjoy the warmer and longer days of spring. The students and teachers are quite busy in spite of the intermittent snow days. Third, fourth and fifth grade students will be working extremely hard to prepare for the upcoming achievement tests. The Ohio Achievement Test has been changed (in name only) to the Ohio Achievement Assessment. More information concerning the OAA will be in this newsletter and upcoming communications.

Fathers' Day

The Super Bowl "Fathers' Day" luncheon had to be canceled due to an early release day because of snow. This special day will be rescheduled for the month of June. Information will be sent home concerning the exact dates and time.

Snow Day Make Up Days

As you may realize, Scioto has utilized 7 snow days so far. We are allotted 5 calamity days by the State, so we will have to make up the 2 extra days. These days will be made up during spring break, April 2 and 5. These will be regular school days, and all students are expected to be in attendance. If any additional snow days are needed this school year, they will be made up at the end of the school year. Hopefully, the overall forecast will improve and we will not need more snow days. Delay days do not have to be made up.

Achievement Testing

Achievement testing will begin on April 27. Third and fourth graders will take tests in reading and math. Fifth grade testing will cover reading, math and science. Reading will be tested on April 27, Math on April 28 and 5th grade science on April 29.

Kindergarten Registration and Age Change

Kindergarten registration at Scioto is scheduled for April 8, 5 pm-7 pm, and April 9, 9 am-3 pm. This year marks the first year of a county-wide change in kindergarten age requirement. Students entering kindergarten must be age 5 on or before August 1, 2010. Parents who cannot attend on April 8 or April 9, may register their children on normal school days at the Scioto office between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm. Registration will be available on the Teays Valley Web site (check the Scioto link). **Parents must bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, proof of residence, custody papers (if applicable) and shot records.** Children do not need to be with parents. This is not an open house and the kindergarten teachers will not be present during registration. Open House will be scheduled for the beginning of the school year.

If you have questions regarding kindergarten registration, please contact the office at 740.983.5000.

Study Island

Second, third, fourth and fifth graders have the opportunity to improve their skills and knowledge through an on-line program called "Study Island." "Study Island" has a proven track record of increasing student achievement. Students may log on to the programs wherever there is internet access. They are given the opportunity to take assessments and then play "games" that reinforce instruction. All students in these grade levels have been given login names and passwords. Contact your child's teacher if you need your child's login name and password.

Important Dates

March

- 5 Interim Ends
- 8 PTO Meeting
- 9 Bookmobile
- 10 Bookmobile & Just Say No
- 12 Interim Reports Sent Home
- 25 Mobile Dentist
- 27 PTO Family Night @ Star Cinema
- 30 Bookmobile
- 31 Bookmobile

April

- 2 Snow Day Make-up Day #1
- 5 Snow Day Make-up Day #2
- 8 Kindergarten Registration, 5-7 pm
- 9 Kindergarten Registration, 9 am-3 pm
- 14 Just Say No
- 16 Grade Cards Sent Home
- 19-23 Grade 2 COGAT Testing
- 20 Bookmobile
- 21 Bookmobile
- 23 PTO Family Night @ Skate America
- 26-30 Ohio Achievement Assessment

Tardiness

Students are allowed to enter the building at 8:50 am (breakfast students at 8:40 am). All students are expected to be in their classrooms at 9 am ready to begin the day's work. Students entering the building after 9 am are considered tardy and parents MUST sign them in. Please do not drop off your child after 9 am without coming to the office to sign them in.

Lost and Found

If your child is missing a coat, gloves, lunchbox, etc., it may be in the lost and found box located in the cafeteria. This box is overflowing with items that students have left in the building. Please feel free to stop by the office and take a look for any lost items.

"Shine Your Smile Day" is Coming!

We have invited Mobile Dentists/Smile Programs to our school. Mobile Dentists will bring its on-site preventive dental care program here on March 25, 2010.

Mobile Dentists' team will set up a mini-dental office in our building, and will provide dental examinations, cleanings, fluoride treatments, sealants and check up X-rays. The children who return completed permission forms may receive some or all of the these services. The forms will be sent home in late February.

PTO News

As the end of the school year approaches, it is time to think about your PTO Officers for next school year. Many of the current PTO Officers will not be returning for a variety of reasons. It has truly been a blessing and honor for all of us to have served as your officers for the past several years. We are currently taking nominations for the 2010-11 school year. Nomination forms will be sent home with students. Elections will be held at the May 3 meeting. If you or someone you know are interested in becoming an officer, please return the form or email SciotoPTO@yahoo.com.

March 5	Cookie Dough Sale ends
March 8	PTO Meeting
March 27	Family Movie Night @ Star Cinema
April 23	Family Night at Skate America

DARE Graduation

The fifth grade students participated in a DARE graduation ceremony on January 28. In order to graduate from the DARE program, students were required to write an essay about what they learned from DARE and read it in front of their classmates. A winning essay was chosen from each classroom and the top two overall read their essays during the graduation ceremony. The winning essay writers included Megan Lawless - 1st place, Shaleigh Payne - 2nd place, Katie Stone and Bryce Beckman. Pictures of the graduation ceremony are available on the Scioto Web site. Congratulations to all of the graduates!

Students of the quarter and month

Students of the month and students of the quarter may be viewed on line. Simply go to the Scioto home page and click on the left side of the page. Student pictures and names will be listed.



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