



# Valley News



*February, 2022*

Dear Parents,

I know it is still February, but I am hoping that the cold weather begins turning to warmer weather. While we have spent quite a bit of time inside at recess, we have a couple of new items at both buildings. Flat Ridge recently started using some new scooters in the gym. They play scooter tag, scooter hockey and have scooter relays. At Wise, we have purchased some ping pong nets that connect to the classroom tables. This gives another activity for students when they can't get in the gym. I think students are having fun with these new recess activities.

I also hope the cold, flu and COVID season is mostly behind us, but I do want to remind everyone to continue to monitor any symptoms. If your child is not feeling well, please keep them home. This will help limit the spread of any illness that might still be lingering. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,  
Casey Travis

## **Early Dismissal - Thursday, February 24th**

We have a 2-hour early dismissal on Thursday, February 24th for staff meeting time. Please make sure to mark your calendars.

## **Monday, February 21st - No School for Students - Presidents' Day**

Students do not have school on Monday, February 21st. Staff will be at school for an in-service day.

## **Ping Pong Tournament at Flat Ridge**

The annual ping pong tournament was held at Flat Ridge for students in grades 2 - 4. This is a fun competition that is held when we can't get outside for recess very often. I hope students enjoyed playing and watching the tournament. Congratulations to the following students for being the 2022 Flat Ridge Ping Pong Winners.

### **Classroom Winners:**

#### **2nd Grade**

Mary Raber

Ian Yoder

#### **3rd Grade**

Ruth Ann Yoder

Maynard Yoder

#### **4th Grade**

Abby Raber

Eric Yoder

The finals were held on Friday, February 11th. The 2022 Champions for Flat Ridge were Abby Raber and Maynard Yoder.

## **Testing Dates**

As we look ahead to Spring Cambium Assessments, please mark your calendars for the dates of the tests.

Grades 3 - 8 Language Arts Assessments

April 5th and 6th

Grades 3 - 8 Math Assessments

April 26th and 27th

Grades 5 and 8 Science

April 28th and 29th

### **Upcoming Events**

The 5th and 6th grade students are taking a field trip to the Kent State Tusc. Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, February 22nd. They are going to see a play titled, "Freedom Riders."

The 8th grade students from Wise, Chestnut Ridge and Mt. Hope will be going to Keim Home Center on Friday, February 25th and Friday, May 20th. Wise and Mt. Hope will be there in the morning. Chestnut Ridge will be there in the afternoon. All 3 schools will have lunch together. Thank you to Keim Home Center for providing lunch. This is a new partnership that will provide students with information and skills that will be useful after graduation. We are looking forward to getting this program started.

### **Preschool Story Time**

Invitations for Preschool Story Time were sent home with the oldest in each family earlier this week. Story time will be held at Flat Ridge on Tuesday, March 1st. If you didn't receive an invitation, and would like to attend story time with your preschool child, please call the office at 330-893-2505.

### **Leader in Me**

On Monday, February 21st, part of the in-service day for staff will be a Leader in Me training session. Goal setting will be the main focus. We will learn about the next steps in Leader in Me that pertain to setting personal goals, classroom goals and building goals. These are called WIGs (Wildly Important Goals).

### **Leader in Me - The 7 Habits**

Habit 1 - Be Proactive

Habit 2 - Begin with the End in Mind

Habit 3 - Put First Things First

Habit 4 - Think Win-Win

Habit 5 - Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood

Habit 6 - Synergize

Habit 7 - Sharpen the Saw