



# Valley News

October, 2019

Dear Parents,

Charm Days is now in the rear view mirror. We had another very successful weekend. I really want to thank all of the parent volunteers that gave of your time to help with the food stand at Charm Days. We have at least 70 people that volunteer and it would not be possible without your help! We also had other parents that donated chili for the food stand. Thank you for that as well.

I would also like to thank Troy Phillips and the Charm Days Committee for all of the work before, during and after Charm Days. This year's committee was:

Joe and Mary Esther Miller	Reuben and Leanna Keim
David and Leanna Yoder	Aden and Regina Burkholder
Norman and Betty Yoder	Marvin and Esther Raber

I will be sending out another Charm Days update once the bills have been paid. We are waiting on 4 or 5 invoices before we can finalize everything.

Thanks again,  
Casey Travis

## **Reminder – Early Dismissal on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

We have a 2-hour early dismissal on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> for staff meeting time. Students will arrive home two hours earlier than normal.

## **No School – Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

Remember that there is no school on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> for students. This is a professional development day for teachers. Teachers will be in meetings at Hiland on this day.

## **Flat Ridge Field Trip in October**

Flat Ridge students will be traveling to the Kent State Performing Arts Center in New Philadelphia on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> to watch “Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun.” Kindergarten A students are invited to attend this day as well. Reminder that all students will need a packed lunch on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade AIR Reading Test**

Students in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be taking the AIR Reading assessment on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Third graders take the AIR Reading test two times, once in October and again in April. Please try to avoid any absences on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you.

## **Parent / Teacher Conferences**

Schedules were sent home with the oldest student in the family on Monday. Please make sure you received your schedule. If a time does not work, please call Tonya in the office at 330-893-2505

Dates for conferences are:

Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – Please remember that Wise teachers are at Flat Ridge.

Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – Please remember that Flat Ridge teachers are at Wise.

Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – Teachers are in their own buildings

\*No school for students on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

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### **Character Word – Empathy**

Kindness was our first character word of the year. We have now started to talk about empathy. Empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of another person. Teachers have started having discussions in the classroom with students. Please share with your child/children what it means to you to be empathetic.

### **Flat Ridge Reading Reward**

Flat Ridge students in grades 1 – 4 that met their reading goal for the month of September were treated to homemade ice cream on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Troyer led this reading reward by having all students make their own ice cream in baggies. They had a fun time making and eating their ice cream!

### **Report Cards**

The first grading period ends on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Report cards will be sent home with students on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls**

The poster and bedroom contest for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls will be held on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at Chestnut Ridge. This is a fun contest that includes girls from Wise, Chestnut Ridge and Mt. Hope. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys will also be going to the contest this year as there will be a bike safety presentation.

### **Christmas Program**

The Christmas Program this year will be held on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at the Perry Reese Community Center. It will begin at 12:15. Please mark your calendars.

### **Sending Money to School**

When you send lunch money or school fees, please remember to put payment in an envelope with the name, grade and purpose (lunch money, school fees, etc.). You can list more than one student on an envelope. Please make sure to keep school fees separate from lunch money as these are two different accounts.

### **Student Workbook Fees**

Thank you to everyone that has paid school workbook fees. Student fees are being collected for consumable materials such as math workbooks used throughout the year by the students. The fee remains at \$35.00 per child in grades 1 through 8 and \$20.00 for Kindergarten students. Fees are waived for students qualifying for free lunch. If you have not already paid your fees, please send a check made payable to East Holmes by the end of October. Thank you.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington D.C. Trip – May 13 - 15**

The first payment for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip is due October 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office. At this point, we have 3 parent couples confirmed to attend the trip. There is still space available for 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents if you would like to go.

### **Immunizations**

If your child still needs immunizations, the next immunization clinic at Keim Lumber will be held on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 11:30.