

Walnut Creek Parents Newsletter

Walnut Creek Elementary School
March, 2010

Make Up Days

East Holmes Local School District policy for making up any calamity/snow days past the five that we are given will be made up on the following days: March 29, 30, 31, April 1, June 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7. The first four make up days, should we have them will be made up during spring break. Once we get to the tenth snow day, we will begin making them up at the end of the school year.

Currently, East Holmes has one (1) make up day to make up and that will be on Monday, March 29th.

Relay For Life Cookbooks

The East Holmes Local Schools Relay for Life Team was formed in 2000 after Perry Reese Jr. passed away of a brain tumor. Since that time, others in the district, who have experienced cancer for themselves or have had loved ones who have died from it, have joined the team in order to raise funds for cancer research.

As one of our fundraisers, we have compiled a recipe book of some of our favorite dishes and want to share them with our East Holmes families. If you would be interested in purchasing one of the "Relay for Life Cookbooks" send \$8.50 in with your child, and we will see that you receive a copy. Checks can be made out to Walnut Creek School. Thank you!

Summer Reading Camp

A recent decision by the East Holmes Board of Education and Administration will change the summer program for elementary students this year. In past years summer school (K-5) and summer reading camp (K-3) have been separate programs serving an overlapping population of students. Summer programming will now serve students K-5 through summer reading camp opportunities with the elimination of traditional summer school for 2010. Reading camp will be open to all K-3 students while 4th and 5th graders may attend by teacher recommendation only.

Budgetary concerns have driven the decision to streamline our summer offerings as a cost-saving measure to help eliminate deficit-spending in East Holmes. We thank all teachers and staff who have helped provide a valuable summer experience in past years. We trust that our reading camp opportunities will continue to build important literacy skills for students who need it most.

Kindergarten Registration

On Thursday, April 8th, Walnut Creek School will be having our Kindergarten Registration in the gym. The registrations for Kindergarten have been coming in very slowly this year. If you have a child, or know of someone in Walnut Creek Township that has a child, who will be five years of age before August 1 and plan on registering them for Kindergarten for the 2010-2011 school year, please contact Helen Schlabach to reserve a time-slot to register your child.

February Students of the Month

Kindergarten	Adri Kandel	Grade 1-A	Kendall Mullet
Grade 1-B	Olivia Anderson	Grade 2-A	Christopher Miller
Grade 2-B	Adri Miller	Grade 3-A	Clay Beechy
Grade 3-B	Cheyenne Schrock	Grade 4-A	Damien Kandel
Grade 5-A	Madeline Kauffman	Grade 6 -A	Lindsey Yoder
IRR-B	Jason Mast	IRR-A	James Yoder
PRR-A	Austin Schmucker	PRR-B	Norman Raber

Congratulations to the February Students of the Month!

Testing Dates

March 22-26	TerraNova Assessment for students in Grades 3, 4 & 5 (New change in testing date)
March 15-19	Diagnostic Writing Tests for Grades 1-3
April 5-23	Reading Diagnostic Test for Grades 1 & 2
April 19-23	Spring Achievement Tests in Grades 3-8

Events in March

March 4	Grade 4 will be going to Wooster to hear the symphony perform
March 11	The Wilderness Center will be presenting to students in Grade 3
March 22-26	TerraNova assessments for students in Grades 3, 4, & 5.
March 29	Make up for Snow Day #6
March 30-April 4	Spring Break
April 5	School Resumes
April 8	Walnut Creek School Kindergarten Registration