

DOWDS SCHOOL



November '08 NEWSLETTER

As we come to a close on the first nine weeks here at Dowds Elementary, I would like to extend an invitation out to every family to join us at our parent teacher conferences on November 6th and 13th from 4:00-7:30. This is a great opportunity for you to discuss your child's academic progress. Also, during this time you will receive your child's grade card.

As we move into the new nine weeks, this is a chance for your child to set new goals and get off to a great start. With the holiday's approaching, this can be a busy time. Please remember to continue to set routines for homework time. Try planning a regular time each day, schedule a break with a healthy snack, and rank the homework from hardest to easiest. Try using these strategies to help your child find a winning homework routine!!!

Finally, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (419) 342-4641 or email at walker.paul@shelbyk12.org

Yours in Education,
Mr. Walker

SCHOOL CLOSINGS & DELAYS

Tune in to the following stations about school delays and closings:

- WMAN 1400, WVNO 106, OR WYHT 105



Kindergarten 2 Hour Delay Procedure

Due to the fact that AM kindergartners may miss several days when there are 2 hour delays an adjustment has been made to the procedure so that both sessions report everyday. On days when there is a 2 hour delay for weather, AM kindergarten will come 10:30-12:15. PM class will be 1:30-3:15. Please make plans for this procedure. Thanks!

Check out the Shelby City Schools Website to find out what is happening every week at DOWDS!!!

<http://www.shelbyk12.org/dowds> (click on calendar)

Right To Read Kickoff!!!!

We will be kicking off our Right to Read week on Wednesday, Oct. 29th. You will see signs around the building like, "Vote for Books", "I Elect to Read", and "Read, It's Your Right".

We are asking for your help to celebrate reading during this week. Each student will receive a special reading record. We would like to see a lot of extra home reading. Please use the reading record to list books/chapters read at home from Oct. 29-Nov. 3. If the students meet the school wide goal of 2008 books/chapters read, Mr. Walker has agreed to spray paint his hair red, white and blue or he will march around the school hourly holding Old Glory. The students will get to vote for one of these on Nov. 4th. Please make sure your child brings the reading record to school each day so that we can keep track of our goal.

We will also be having a book exchange this year. Students can bring an old book (in good condition) and exchange it for someone else's book. Please have your child bring in only one book, by Friday, Oct. 31, if he/she would like to participate.

Weekly Schedule:

Wednesday, Oct. 29- Home reading begins

Thursday, Oct. 30- Wear Red, Bring in books for book exchange

Friday, Oct. 31- Wear White, Bring in books for book exchange

Monday, Nov. 3: Wear Blue

Tuesday, Nov. 4: Wear Patriotic clothing

Book Fair- Nov. 4-7

Thanks for your participation. We are looking forward to a great week.



SAVE THE DATE

10/29 Right To Read Kickoff

11/4-7 Book Fair Kickoff

11/6- Book Fair Family Night
(4-8:00)

11/6 P/T Conferences 4:00-7:30

11/11 Veteran's Day Assembly

11/13 P/T Conferences 4:00-7:30

11/26-28 Thanksgiving Break

**** 12/10 District Early Release

12/2 2nd & 3rd Music Program @
The Church of God 7:00 p.m.

12/16 1st & 4th Music Program @
Central 7:00 p.m.

3rd & 4th Graders

Take a practice OAT Test @
<http://portal.success-ode-state-oh-us.info/>