

# DOWDS SCHOOL

## December '08 NEWSLETTER



Can you believe we are already approaching the second half of the second nine weeks here at Dowds? Students will be receiving their interim reports on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. The first semester ends on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

I would like to send out a sincere thanks to all of our families who were able to participate in our November parent teacher conferences. We had 98% attendance. If you have any questions during the school year, please feel free to contact the office to schedule a conference with your child's teacher.

Finally, as the holiday season approaches, it is a time to give thanks and take a minute out of our busy schedules to reflect. I want to take this opportunity to tell you how welcomed the students, parents, and staff have made me feel this first half of the school year. It has been amazing. I feel I am blessed to be a part of such a wonderful school. I want to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a safe and Happy New Year.

Yours in Education,  
Mr. Walker  
Have a question? Email me at [walker.paul@shelbyk12.org](mailto:walker.paul@shelbyk12.org)

### Winter Music Program

On December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00, our second and third graders will be performing in our winter music program at the First Church of God. Then on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 our first and fourth graders will be performing in the Middle School Auditorium. Students are asked to arrive at 6:45 p.m. Students will be having a dress rehearsal on the day of their program in the morning.



Tune in to the following stations about school delays and closings:  
• WMAN 1400, WVNO 106,  
OR WYHT 105

Winter Break  
December 22<sup>nd</sup>-January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
School Resumes January 5<sup>th</sup>

Reminder:  
EARLY RELEASE  
December 10<sup>th</sup> 1:30

# PTO NEWS!!!

## Fourth Grade Honor Roll

Letter grades for progress reports begin with our fourth grade students. We have two levels of recognition. Principal's Honor Roll-all A's; and Merit Roll-all A's and B's. The following students earned recognition through their fine effort for this first nine weeks grading period:

### All A's

Grace Bihl, Hayden Gray, Seth Gwartz, Jenna Lybarger, Alexa Robinson, Mike Clark, Katherine Davis, Reed DeLauder, Sarah Harding, Emma Hlad, Alex Lozier, Carter Copeland, Kenna Goth, Savannah Howard, Morgan Hummel, Cameron Smedley, Morgan Tuttle

### All A's and B's

Emily Ackerman, Macie Bricker, Josh Campbell, Maddi Fidler, Takoda Pratt, Emily Shepherd, Emma Yockey, Jaimie Blunt, Riley Hicks, Konnar Lamb, Steven Montgomery, Macie Pry, Katharine Steele, La Schae Clark, Luke Clark, Alexis Crider, Jackie Garrett, Garrett Lindner, Steven Miczek, Evan Montgomery, Devin Williams

Check out these great parent websites:

Reading Tips for Parents

[www.readingrockets.com](http://www.readingrockets.com)

Ohio Achievement Tests

<http://ohio3-8.success-ode-state-oh-us.info/>

Subtraction Facts

<http://www.oswego.org/ocsd-web/games/Mathmagician/mathssub.html>

Fun Learning Games

<http://www.funbrain.com/measure/index.html>

The Holidays are officially upon us! We have had a busy month at Dowds with the PTO. The Book Fair held in early November was very successful. Each classroom teacher received over \$100 worth of books for their classroom libraries. Each of the student teachers who were with us this fall also received \$25 to purchase books for a future classroom. Thank you to Kim Geary and her crew of volunteers for organizing and staffing such a great event!

Michele Jones took charge of ordering our Spirit Wear items. Those who ordered spirit wear we certainly anticipate having that to you well ahead of Christmas. Thanks to Michele for organizing this PTO activity.

The fundraiser items arrived last week. Please deliver your orders promptly and return the money to your child's teacher by December 3. Please call the school immediately if you have items that are damaged or missing from your child's order so we can get those issues resolved as quickly as possible. We welcome any comments you have regarding the fundraiser and the products you received. Thank you to Alan and Jackie Bishop who have taken charge of the fundraiser for this year. Thanks to everyone who participated--- together we can accomplish many things for Dowds School!

We invite you to our next PTO meeting on January 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the art/music room at Dowds. Childcare will be available by the SHS key club. Door prizes for attendance will be awarded! We hope you can join us!