

DOWDS SCHOOL

March '09' NEWSLETTER



March Madness is here at Dowds!!! For many of us that like college basketball that means the NCAA tournament. However, here at Dowds I will be using it to describe our last push for our OAT testing in April. As of March 1st, we have 29 school days until our 3rd and 4th graders have a chance to shine and show what they know on the Ohio State Achievement Tests. The kids have been working really hard all year and the teachers have been filling their minds with all of the information. Also, a special thanks to everyone at home for helping out with homework and reading with your child.

During the month of March, students will be reviewing practice test items and making final preparations for the test. We are really going to tighten the belt here during the month of March.

The end of the 3rd nine weeks is March 27th. Grade cards will go home on April 3rd. Spring Break will be from April 4th-April 13th. Hopefully the weather starts to break and the kids can go out and get some fresh air.

On April 14th we will be having a whole school pep rally to cheer on our third and fourth graders for the OAT's with Jim Basketball Jones. Basketball Jones overcame a learning disability and graduated in the top of his class in college. He will tell his story to our students using basketball tricks on April 14th. It is a great story and show. He is a motivation to everyone and his motto is "I CAN, I WILL, I WILL NOT QUIT." Check out his website @ <http://www.jimbasketballjones.com/>

Yours in Education,
Mr. Walker

Dowds Elementary 2009 Ohio Achievement Testing Schedule

4th Grade April 20 th	Reading Achievement Test
April 22 nd	Math Achievement Test
April 24 th	Writing Achievement Test
3rd Grade April 27 th	Reading Achievement Test
April 29 th	Math Achievement Test

In order to be successful on the test, it would be to your child's benefit if they limit all extra curricular activities the night before the test, were well rested, and arrive on time each test day. Also, it is going to be important for your child to eat a nutritious breakfast the morning of the test. Therefore, on each test day, all students should eat a *free breakfast* that is provided by Dowds. If your child is not feeling well or there is an emergency please call me by 7:30 at 342-4641.

Dowds
Jump Rope for Heart
Event
March 4th 2009
Proceeds go to the American
Heart Association

Spring Break
April 4th-13th
School Resumes on April 14th

PTO NEWS!!!

Grade Cards
go home
April 3rd

Please join us for the next PTO meeting on March 10th at 6:00 p.m. Please note this is earlier than we normally meet. We will have representatives from three fundraising companies who will be making a presentation about a fundraiser for next year. We would like for you to come hear what they have to say and help us make a decision for next year- everyone will receive a free gift! At our last meeting we decided to modify the traditional carnival and also make the date a little later than it has previously been. Listed below are the dates for upcoming PTO events:

Whippet Spectacular
Dinner Dance
Saturday
April 4th

Cost 75.00 per couple
All proceeds go directly to the Shelby Athletic
and Band Boosters

May 1st "Carnival/ Family Event

May 11-15th ½ off Spring Book Sale

May 27th Field Day

More information will come home as the dates of the events are closer.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Y Fun Night on Feb 22nd. It was nice to see families come together and enjoy physical activities and fellowship. As always PTO welcomes your comments from activities and ways to introduce new activities or make our events even better.

SAVE THE DATE:

Dowds
Carnival
Family Night!!!
May 1st
4:00-7:00