

DOWDS SCHOOL

October '09 NEWSLETTER



Fall is here and we are definitely into the full swing of school. October is a busy month for our 3rd Graders as they will have their first opportunity to take the Third Grade Reading Achievement Assessment on October 6th. The test results will give our teacher's valuable data to provide focused instruction and intervention.

Also, on October 20th, I would like to extend an invitation to everyone to attend Dowds annual Souper Wrapper Supper. This will take place in the cafeteria from 4:30-6:30. This is a great way to get out and enjoy a fun family event at the school.

Finally, November 3rd is a historical day in the making for the Shelby City Schools. The school community has a chance to support a new Kindergarten through Fifth Grade Elementary, a new Ninth through Twelfth Grade High School and relocate the Sixth through Eighth Grade to the current high school. The Ohio School Facilities Commission is paying 50% of the construction costs. If you have any questions about the upcoming bond issue, please feel free to contact me here at school.

Yours in Education,
Mr. Walker
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RECYCLING

Dowds School is involved in two recycling projects. We ask our families to send in their empty computer ink cartridges from home or work to recycle. Also, on the last Tuesday of each month the "SCRAPMOBILE" recycling trailer is at Dowds School from 2:30 - 4:30 to pick up any #1 or #2 plastic bottles, aluminum cans, metal cans, and newspapers. Come early because they do leave before 4:30, if the trailers are filled.

DOWDS PTO MEETING

October 13th at 6:30 in the
music/art room

Childcare provided

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
RAH!
(READ AT HOME)
Oct. 12-15**

This year's Right to Read Week is a kick off for our school wide home reading incentive. Our theme is School Spirit. For every book/chapter read, students can sign their name to a whippet and add it to the wall. The goal is to "run" the whippets around the building. When "Red and Gray" is played over the PA, students stop what they are doing and read. When students complete their nightly reading, they will receive a raffle ticket for a drawing each day. Thursday will be Red and Gray Day. Students should wear red and gray. Thanks to Mr. Sommer and some art students from the senior high school, students will have the opportunity to have their faces painted that day. We will wrap up the week with a pep rally facilitated by the Shelby Senior High cheerleaders.



SAVE THE DATE

- 10/6 3rd Grade Reading OAA
- 10/12 Right To Read Kickoff
- 10/13 PTO Meeting 6:30
- 10/15- Right To Read Pep Rally
- 10/16- Teacher InService
(No School for Students)
- 11/11 Veteran's Day Assembly
- 11/25-29 Thanksgiving Break
- **** 12/9 District Early Release
- 12/8 1st and 2nd Grade
Music Program @
Shelby Middle School

Information from Gifted Department

Twice each year the opportunity to test your child for possible identification as gifted is offered. Now is the time for referrals and testing. One or more of these four areas can be assessed:

Superior Cognitive Ability

Specific Academic Ability

Creative Thinking

Visual/Performing Arts

If your child demonstrates advanced learning abilities, you may want to consider referring him/her for testing. If your child was tested within the past year, there is no need to request testing again at this time. We generally offer testing in the fall and spring of each school year. Referral packets are available through your building secretary. Once we receive the referral, you will be notified of the testing procedures.

Call Sheri Mitchell, Supervisor for Gifted, at 419-347-5457 with any questions.