

DOWDS SCHOOL

March '10' 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 Ohio Achievement Assessment testing in April. As of March 1st, we have 30 school days until our 3rd and 4th graders have a chance to shine and show what they know on the 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 months of March and April.

Grade cards will go home on March 26th Spring Break will be from March 27th-April 4th. 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 OAA's with Gary Broadbent. Gary is a world class boomerang thrower who has received national awards. He will tell his story of hardwork and dedication to motivate everyone for the upcoming tests!!!

Finally, this month I would like to remind parents about teacher requests. Classroom placement is a task that we put a lot of thought into and there are many factors that we look at and consider. We would ask that you try to limit your teacher requests and respect our professional opinion about the best placement for your child. If you find it necessary to make a request, you must request a parental request form from the office. **Only requests received on the appropriate form will be accepted.** No requests will be accepted after May 1st. It must be understood there is no guarantee that the request will be made.

Yours in Education,
Mr. Walker

Save the date!!!

Dowds Elementary 2010 Ohio Achievement Testing Schedule

3rd Grade
April 19th

Reading Achievement Test

April 21nd

Math Achievement Test

4th Grade
April 26th

Reading Achievement Test

April 28th

Math Achievement Test

Dowds
Jump Rope for Heart
Event
March 25th 2010
Proceeds go to the American
Heart Association

Spring Break
March 29th-April 2nd
School Resumes on April 5th

Grade Cards
go home
March 26th

Spring Pictures
March 9th
Smile!!!

BEACH DAY
March 19th

SAVE THE DATE:
Dowds
Carnival
Family Night!!!
April 30th
4:00-7:00

PTO NEWS!!!

April 30th "Carnival/ Family Event"

May 11-14th ½ off Spring Book Sale

May 27th Fun Day!!!

Everyone ready for spring? Unfortunately we had to cancel our February PTO meeting due to the weather. Plans are progressing for the spring carnival. Information and volunteer sign up sheets will be going home soon. In order to pull off the carnival it takes an enormous amount of help. Judy Fisher and Wendy Beekman, carnival co-chairs will greatly appreciate your willingness to help.

Please continue to save the bar codes off the Campbell's Soup labels and box tops. We will send in another batch before the year ends. This is free money or supplies for our school.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 9th in the Art/ Music room@ 6:30 p.m. We will be discussing the carnival in great depth and planning our end of the year field/ fun day. Please join us if you can!