

Gator Gazette

April 2019 Mt. Horeb School PTO Newsletter



A Note from the Principal.....

Dear Mt. Horeb Families,

I've just removed my Captain Cook hat, have taken off the knock-off aviators, and removed the wings that were given to me. I am happily exhausted from a day where every child got to experience various cultures, customs, and traditions from around the world. Today was International Day and it was yet another day where, thanks to our PTO, volunteers, huge efforts, massive amounts of time, and some stress, our building was transformed into S. Cook International Airport. Kids experienced things such as a dance from Zimbabwe, music of Ireland, how the Italians make pasta, French impressionist painting, Japanese architecture, and what a Saharan turtle looks like in the flesh, to name just a sliver of what the day was like. To conclude the day, we welcomed Seventh Principle, a drum troupe, to wow us with some African rhythms, messages, and dance moves.

It is difficult to put into words just how thankful I am for all that our parents do to enrich our program and school. I am hopeful that your children came home and reported much about the day.

With much gratitude,

Mr. Cook

A note from the School Nurse.....

WELCOME SPRING!!

Allergy season is upon us as trees begin to pollinate in late winter and spring. Approximately 80% of children with asthma have allergies. If you would like to check the pollen/mold counts, go to www.aaaai.org (American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology). This site will report the day the count was taken. Pollen travels best on warm, dry, breezy days, while pollen counts are lowest during chilly, wet periods. Allergy symptoms can be reduced by avoiding contact with the allergen (pollen). For in school use of medications (prescription or over the counter, i.e. oral medications, eye drops, topical creams/ointments), please have your physician complete a Warren Township Medication Administration Form to control allergy symptoms. Try to limit outdoor activity when pollen or mold counts are high and close windows of your home and car. In addition, washing face and hands when coming in from the outside will help with allergy symptoms.

Attention 5th grade parents

Sports physical and health history forms were sent home through your child's backpack in April. If your child plans on participating in any sport (including intramural or sport club) at the Middle School next year, a physical and health history form needs to be filled out. If your child is unsure whether he or she will participate in a sport, it is recommended that the paperwork be completed in case they change their mind. **ALL FORMS FOR FALL SPORTS ARE DUE BY AUGUST 1ST, AND WINTER SPORT FORMS ARE DUE OCTOBER 1ST.**

Doris Zanchelli MSN, CSN, RN

Parents Night Out

Thank you, Toni-Ann and Darlene, for arranging! We had a great turnout. Thank you to all who attended!

Read Across America

Students had a great time celebrating Read Across America Day. Many students dressed up as their favorite Dr. Seuss and favorite book characters.

A huge thank you to Ms. Burkhardt, Danielle Lader and all who volunteered to make this day one that our children will be sure to remember!

International Day

Children had a fantastic time traveling to each country and learning about all the various countries this year. A big thank you to Toni-Ann, Danielle, and Mr. Cook! Thank you to all the country heads and volunteers and Mr. Lou and his crew for assisting in getting the rooms ready!

Box Tops

Please continue to send in your box tops and help us reach our goal of \$1,000 this year! As of the last tally, the classes who have collected the most box tops are:

1. Mr. Jones (3rd grade)
2. Ms. Haydu (2nd grade)
3. Mrs. McMahon/Mrs. Annese (3rd grade)

KEEP SENDING THOSE BOX TOPS IN!!!!

Ice Cream Day

Ice cream days will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd and 30th

The cost of ice cream is \$1.00 and can be purchased with cash or a snack card. Snack cards are available to purchase on ice cream days.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ General PTO meeting: April 10th at 12:45 PM
- ◆ Science Fair will be held on Friday, April 5th at 6:00 PM
- ◆ Teacher Appreciation Week will be held the week of May 6th, however planning is already underway. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Carolyn Bolcar at carolynbolcar@optimum.net

We would also like to thank all of our volunteers who make these programs and events possible!!

APRIL 2019	C A L E N D A R
2	GR. 2 TRIP TO ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER ICE CREAM DAY
4	Gr. 4 & 5 MARKING PERIOD ENDS KINDERGARTEN TRIP TO WARREN POLICE DEPT.
5	SCIENCE FAIR 6:00—7:00 PM
12	GR. 4 & 5 REPORT CARDS EMAILED
15-19	SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED
22	BOARD OF ED. MEETING AT MT. HOREB SCHOOL—7:00 PM
23	GR. 5 TRIP TO WARREN MIDDLE SCHOOL
26	SCREENING FOR 2019-20 KINDERGARTEN GR. 1 TRIP TO CENTRAL SCHOOL
30	ICE CREAM DAY

Superintendent's Corner

Summer Fun registration is in full swing at www.warrentboe.org/schools/summerfun/registration. Sessions will run Tuesday, June 25, 2019 through Friday, July 26, 2019.

The Warren Township School District offers children attending kindergarten through eighth grade opportunities for enrichment activities and early, extended, and after care services for a fee. Academic support courses are available to Warren residents, free of charge, upon teacher recommendation. Enrichment and academic support courses are available for out-of-district students for a fee.

New courses for 2019 include *A Star is Born*, *Creative Writing and Bookmaking*, *The Art of Nature*, and *Summer Fun Live*.

The Early Bird Deadline is May 3, 2019. Those paying their fees in full by this date receive a 10% discount.

Matthew A. Mingle, Ed.D.