

Gator Gazette

May 2019 Mt. Horeb School PTO Newsletter



From the Principal.....

Dear Mt. Horeb Families,

Although perhaps outdated as you read this, we had a fabulous Earth Day celebration in April and I thought that I would share our celebration.

The Garden Committee, headed up by Kate Kogler, planned an Earth Day Campus Tour. The tour was lead by 5th grade tour guides who were equipped with exciting information about our very own Mt. Horeb ecosystem. Paired up with their Buddy Classes, the kids left the B wing doors and walked around the back perimeter of the building. Along the way they learned about Phragmites, an invasive marsh grass that came to the United States 100 years ago as packing for products. They then checked out our Eastern Bluebird Nesting Box. These gorgeous birds like to live in open land with scattered trees. They lay 4 - 5 light blue eggs that hatch 13 - 16 days after being laid. The kids shared also that the parents feed their chicks for only 3 weeks! The Bat Box was the next stop. A gift from the local Girl Scout troop, this box is home to many local bats. They are golden brown, dark brown, and reddish brown and weigh between 5 and 14 grams. The name of their home is a roost. When it begins to get dark out and the bats get hungry they emerge and begin a one to five hour feeding period and will then rest in their "night roost" which can be another part of the building or wood pile or cave. We also learned that the Red-Bellied Woodpecker doesn't actually have a red belly. They save food for later by jamming acorns into crevices. Next, the kids planted some seeds in the garden in hopes of seedlings popping up later this spring.

Our last stop was to place our Only One You rocks that we painted last spring. Under the direction of Mrs. Laurie Green, the kids placed the rocks in a wave pattern. We are each fascinating and wonderful as individuals but equally as impressive as a larger group! A great touch for the outside of our building.

Happy Spring,
Mr. Cook

A Note from the School Nurse.....

It's Lyme Time! Be Tick Aware!!

Lyme disease is the most common vector-borne disease in the United States. The blacklegged deer tick is the primary carrier of Lyme disease in the U.S. Ticks like shaded, moist areas like the woods and don't like direct sun. Prevention is the key!

- Perform frequent, thorough tick checks
- Wear light-colored clothes to detect ticks easier
- Tuck pants into socks
- Wear shoes, no bare feet or sandals while walking in grass or woods
- Wear a hat, tuck in hair if possible

If a tick is found, remove tick with tweezers. Pull straight out as close to the skin as possible. Save the tick in container and call your doctor. For more information go to www.cdc.gov/Lyme

6th grade immunization requirements

If your child has received their booster Tdap and meningococcal vaccines, please submit MD documentation with month/day/year vaccine was given to the health office. Please submit vaccine information to me by June 15th. The middle school nurse will need to check immunization status on all the fifth grade students from all four elementary schools, and she would appreciate your help in submitting this vaccine information promptly. If your child has a late August or early September birthday, submit vaccine information to the middle school nurse.

Doris Zanchelli MSN, CSN, RN

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

In the month of June, all grade 5 and 8 students in the Warren Township School District will participate in the "Shining Brighter Every Day ... *Beyond Our School Walls*" Capstone Project. The project requires that students work in small teams to research an area of focus connected to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Each student team will develop and make a formal presentation of their findings to a panel of judges. The overall experience is designed to engage students in a real-world challenge and application of critical skills. The process also provides educators feedback about how current programming supports students' capacity to demonstrate personal accountability, cooperative skills, responsibility, leadership and to be self-directed team members.

We are in need of community members who can serve as presentation judges at one or more of the district's five schools. Our greatest need is at Middle School on June 13 and 14.

During each session, volunteer judges will:

- 1) participate in an overview of the judging process; and
- 2) serve on a panel to evaluate formal presentations

Volunteers are needed on the following dates and times:

Warren Middle School - Thursday, June 13th and Friday, June 14th: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Central School - Monday, June 17th: 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Angelo L. Tomaso School - Monday, June 17th: 8:30 am - 11:00 am

Mt. Horeb School - Tuesday, June 18th: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Woodland School - Wednesday, June 19th: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

If you are able to donate your time, please take a moment to complete and submit the form found [here](#) by Friday, May 24th. A district representative will be in contact with you to confirm your participation shortly after this date.

Please note that we ask parents not to judge presentations at a school their child attends.

Thank you for your consideration of this worthwhile volunteer opportunity.

Matthew A. Mingle, Ed.D.

Box Tops

Please continue to send in your box tops and help us reach our goal of \$1000 this year! This is an easy way for the PTO to raise money for our school.

KEEP SENDING THOSE BOX TOPS IN!!!!

Ice Cream Day

Ice cream days will be held on Tuesday, May 14th and 28th.

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.

International Day

This year, with the help of our parent volunteers, our students were able to learn about 12 different countries.

Upcoming Events:

Staff Appreciation Week

This year we will be celebrating our wonderful teachers and staff the week of May 6th. The committee has planned another fantastic week of surprises for them. With the help of your donations, we were able to assemble some terrific baskets and gifts to raffle off to the staff.

The Final PTO meeting is scheduled for May 29th at 9:30am.

Field Day is Friday, May 31st with a rain date of Tuesday, June 4th.

Please fill out and submit the SOS forms. There are many different opportunities to get involved at Mt. Horeb. We rely on our parent volunteers to run the programs for our school.

MAY 2019	CALENDAR
1	Gr. 5 JA Biztown Trip
3	Gr. 5 Visit from Planetarium—1:45 PM
7	Gr. 5 to Wagner Farms 9:00-1:30 (Rain Date 5/9)
9	Gr. 3 Band Previews
10	<p>PRESCHOOL IS CLOSED</p> <p>2019-20 Kindergarten Orientation—9:30 AM</p>
13—17	NJSLA Testing Gr. 3,4 & 5
14	ICE CREAM DAY
17	Skate Science Assembly
20 & 21	Gr. 5 Science Exam
23	<p>PRESCHOOL IS CLOSED</p> <p>EARLY DISMISSAL for GR. K—5</p>
24 & 27	SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED
28	<p>GOLD BAND & STRINGS REHEARSAL at CENTRAL SCHOOL 9-2</p> <p>COMBINED CONCERT 7 PM at CENTRAL SCHOOL</p> <p>ICE CREAM DAY</p>
29	FINAL PTO MEETING—9:30 AM
31	FIELD DAY

JUNE	
3	GR. 5 DISTRICT BATTLE OF THE BOOKS –ALT
4	MATH FAMILY FUN NIGHT 6:00—7:00 PM RAIN DATE FOR FIELD DAY
5	GR. 3 RECORDER/BAND/STRINGS CONCERT 2:00 PM LIBRARY VISITS GR. K-5
7	PATRIOTS GAME
10	GR. 1 WAGNER FARMS TRIP
11	5TH GRADE EVENT—CAMP RIVERBEND (6/13 Rain Date) DISTRICT ART SHOW
12	REHEARSAL FOR TALENT SHOW
13	TALENT SHOW—6:30
14	KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATION (REVISED DATE)
18	GR. 5 CAPSTONE PROJECT 9:30-12:30 PRESCHOOL MOVE UP—2:00 PM
19	5TH GR. MOVE UP AND PARTY PRESCHOOL ONLY—LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
20	GR. K-5 EARLY DISMISSAL
21	GR. K-5 EARLY DISMISSAL—LAST DAY OF SCHOOL