Dear Herberich Families,

The Ohio Achievement Assessments are right around the corner for our 3rd and 4th grade students. Below are the dates of the tests as they have been changed by one week due to the calamity days:

- 5/7/14 – 3rd and 4th grade Reading OAA
- 5/9/14 - 3rd and 4th grade Math OAA

It would be greatly appreciated to schedule any appointments (doctor, dentist, etc.) around the testing times.

3rd and 4th grade students were sent home with practice tests for the OAA on 3/27/14. Please know that this is not mandatory. All students completing the full packet and turning it into me by April 9th will receive an extra recess and movie with the principal. The date for the recess and movie will be at the end of May.

In addition, I have provided directions below to practice OAA tests. This can be completed on-line.

Google ODE, click on the tab on the right of the page labeled TESTS. On the pull down menu, click "practice tests".
Google portal.success-ode-state-oh-us.info/ Click on the square that shows 3-8. Click on practice tests. Near the bottom of the page, click "take a test without logging in. This website provides instant feedback. It can also be located on the ODE website, under Families – statewide testing portal.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions/comments. I can be reached at 330-664-4991 or bill.kerrigan@copley-fairlawn.org.

Sincerely,
Bill Kerrigan, Principal
Herberich Primary School
I am sure you are all as happy as I am that warmer weather is here! With such a cold winter, many kids stayed indoors and turned to computers, tablets, smart phones, video game consoles and handheld gaming devices to stay entertained and connected. Elementary kids are increasingly living their lives online, and many parents may feel like they are losing control over their kids’ online world. When your children start to interact on the Internet (watching YouTube videos, playing games, using social media, searching Google, getting homework help, etc.), it is critical that parents are aware of their children’s online activities and that we are all teaching Internet safety during the elementary years! My classroom guidance lessons in March focused on teaching various ways to stay safe when using the internet.

Help your kids understand that they should:
- Never share private information (full name, school, age, phone number, address, passwords, pictures, etc.)
- Immediately tell an adult if something happens that makes them feel upset, uncomfortable or worried.

Strategies for a Responsible (And Safer) Online Life:
- Keep the computer/laptop/tablet in a central place (family room, kitchen, etc.) and only allow kids to use it in that central place.
- Establish expectations and limits about the amount of time your children spend online and what they do.
- Visit only age appropriate sites. Check out the site before your kids visit it.
- Search safely! Use safe search settings for young kids or think about applying filtering software to limit inappropriate exposure.
- Be a good cyber citizen! A good rule of thumb: if you wouldn’t do or say something in real life, you shouldn’t do or say it online.
- Get involved! Sit down with your kids and have them show you their favorite sites. Let them explain their favorite online games and/or apps to you. The more involved you are with your child’s online life, the safer your child will be!

This was adapted from Internet Safety Tips for Elementary School Kids by Common Sense Media.

With OAA tests around the corner, I will be working with our 3rd and 4th graders on preparing for the tests. We will be working on minimizing test anxiety and preparing for the day of the test (eating a healthy breakfast, getting plenty of sleep, having a positive attitude, etc.). Please don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions!

Katherine Walters
Elementary School Counselor
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**Art News! March 2014 Mrs. Ely**

Please join us as we recognize our talented Copley-Fairlawn artists! The District PTA Art Show takes place on Wednesday, April 16th 6-8 pm And Thursday 9 am—12 noon.

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**Student of the Month—February 2014**

Mrs. Quinlan has great pleasure in announcing James as Herberich’s **February Student of the Month**. James has many terrific qualities that make him an excellent choice for this award.

James is an extremely pleasant young man who shows great character. James is kind to every person in our classroom and his peers have much respect for him. He is always willing to lend a helping hand. James always has a smile that brightens each day. His politeness shines at all times. James listens to and follows directions one hundred percent of the time. James exudes respect and has a very kind heart.

James is very attentive during instruction. He loves to learn! James is constantly seeking for, and soaking in knowledge. I always enjoy when he adds to learning in the classroom with extended information on topics. When I asked James what his favorite subject is he had a hard time deciding between Reading and Science; because he likes them both so much. It is very evident that James cares deeply about his education.

At school James is a member of the Herberich Choir. He also attends enrichment classes. Outside of school, James recently tried out for his baseball team. He is anxious for the season to begin. James especially loves reading in his spare time! His favorite genre to read is non-fiction. James has also recently taken up writing. His first successful book is a nonfiction book. Its title is “Sharks. The Mysteries of the Deep”. I especially loved the introduction! It had an amazing “hook” which drew me in and made me want to read more! I think James could be a fantastic author in the future.

James is extremely deserving of Student of the Month! All of his wonderful qualities, as a student and a person, truly exemplify what a well-rounded young man James is.

*Congratulations and terrific work James!*

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**Ohio Achievement Assessment (OAA) Practice Tests**

Our third and fourth grade students will be taking their Ohio Achievement Assessments beginning the week of **April 28th—May 5th**. All students will be taking the reading and math portion only.

If you would like to work with your child at home on practice tests, please follow the directions below to access a very valuable resource:

1. Google: Success Website Ohio
2. Click the link: Ohio's Statewide Testing Portal
3. Next, click the box labeled: Grades 3-8 OAA
4. Click "Practice For The Test"
5. Click "Students - Practice For The Test"
6. On the right side of the page, click "Take a Test Without Logging In"
7. At this point, you can select from a multiple practice tests

*Reminder!*
April is **School Library Month**! The American Association of School Librarians, a division of the American Library Association, has chosen the theme “Lives change at your library”.

Jeff Kinney, New York Times bestselling author of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, has been named national spokesperson.

April 12 is **National D.E.A.R. Day** (National Drop Everything and Read Day). This day is a special reading celebration to remind and encourage families to make reading together on a daily basis a family priority. The official date, April 12th, is the birthday of award-winning children’s author Beverly Cleary.

We are celebrating Beverly Cleary as our “Author of the Month”. She has received many prestigious awards, including 3 Newbery Medals. She has authored funny stories about her own neighborhood and the sort of children she knows. Many of her favorite characters include Ramona and Beezus Quimby, Henry Huggins, Ellen Tebbits, and Runaway Ralph.

Some of the books by Beverly Cleary in our school library collection are as follows:

- Ramona Quimby, Age 8
- Ramona and Her Mother
- Henry and Ribsy
- Ramona and Her Father
- Henry and the Clubhouse
- Beezus and Ramona
- Socks
- Ramona Forever
- Runaway Ralph
- Ramona’s World
- Ribsy
- Ralph S. Mouse
- Mitch and Amy
- Muggie Maggie
- Emily’s Runaway Imagination

Libraries are a special place of stories and discovery!
Enjoy books together!

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**TUESDAY, MAY 20TH**

7:30—10:30 AM & 3:30-6:30 PM

Auxiliary Gym @ Copley High School

Packets (to be completed prior to May 20th available at primary buildings and the Board Of Education Office
Lisa A. Round Relay For Life

Start saving your coins and dollars! In 2 months time we will have our annual Relay For Life. Information will be coming home on Friday, May 9th. A fun time will be had by all!

**May 9 - Kickoff Assembly**

We will have our Lisa A. Round Relay For Life kickoff assembly at Herberich. It will begin at 9:30 a.m.

**Permission slips** to have a can to collect money will go home on Friday, May 9th.

**May 23 - Lisa A. Round Relay For Life**

Parents are invited to take part in the walk on Friday, May 23 during their child’s assigned class’ walking time. Walking is continuous on the walking track behind the school. Each class is assigned a time to walk for one hour. Lunch will be outside and you are most welcome to bring a lunch to eat with your child. We will have a regular lunch that day for students.

**Survivors** - If you are a cancer survivor or know someone who is and he or she would like to participate, please send the enclosed flyer in this newsletter and send it to Herberich with your child. The Survivors will begin our Relay For Life at 9:30 a.m. Please try to be at the school around 9:15 a.m. We will have a check-in table in the school lobby the morning of the relay. Please pre-register so we will have the appropriate size t-shirt and enough survivor medals for all who come.

Our ‘Stars and Moons Ceremony’ will take place at 3 p.m. outside - weather permitting. All loved ones names will be read at that time.

**Our Relay will happen rain or shine.** Appropriate dress is appreciated for walking. (t-shirts and sneakers) Our colors are purple and white so feel free to have your student wear the colors of relay that Friday. Hats are acceptable especially if it is sunny out. Sunscreen is a must!

Relay Committee:

Nina Hanhold (nina.hanhold@copley-fairlawn.org)
Ashley Kimberlin (ashley.kimberlin@copley-fairlawn.org)
Brittany Marshall (bmarca9@kent.edu)
Joy Neale-May (jmeale-may@copley-fairlawn.org)
Amber Shaw (amber.shaw@copley-fairlawn.org)
Patricia Smoots-Wick (patricia.wicks@live.com)
Lisa A. Round Relay For Life

SURVIVOR SIGN UP

_____ YES, I AM A SURVIVOR AND WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVIVOR’S LAP AT THE RELAY ON Friday, May 23rd.

ADULT T-SHIRT SIZE
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(circle one)

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GET READY TO RELAY !!!
Thank you to everyone who came out for our Chuck E. Cheese fundraiser. I had a great time, I hope you all did too!

I would also like to thank everyone who bought and sold Pizza Hut Cards. We still have a few left so it’s not too late to get one! The winner of our Sweet Frog/Mixed bag raffle was fourth grader, Devon Kohut!

We still have a couple of Family Fun Night Out Fundraisers coming up. Watch for flyers with more information!
Thank you,
Stacie Ryan

For helping to make special memories:

PTA parents who helped with the Spring Music Program—the decorations were beautiful and the treats delicious!

The Hofacker “team” who gave us a talent show to remember!

PTA, you are amazing!!
Candidly Speaking

Herberich Happenings

Herberich Has Talent!
DISMISSAL CHANGE / ABSENCE REQUEST FORM

Students may not switch buses for play dates

Teacher: __________________________
From: ____________________________
Date: ____________________________
Child’s Name: _____________________
Phone Number: ____________________

(where you can be reached during school hours)

☐ Will be carpool with __________________ name on __________________ date
   Must be listed on emergency sheet or have green carpool sign. If not, walk in with identification and sign student out.
   My child has a doctor/dentist appointment today and needs to be dismissed at ________________
   (time-no later than 3:15 – thereafter in the carpool line) OR will be late tomorrow ________________
   We will be out of town from ___________________ to ___________________
   Please send a note to your child’s teacher regarding make-up work
   Other ______________________________

NOTE: Early dismissal - we do not call students out of class until parents are physically in the office so please allow sufficient time for them to pack up and get to the office. Should you arrive after 3:15 you will be asked to join the carpool line.