Principal’s Thoughts

Dear Herberich Families,

Herberich Primary School staff and students will recognize our veterans on 11/11/13 at 2:30 pm. This is a school-wide assembly with many special guests in attendance. If you plan on attending this special program, please notify Mrs. Neale-May so we have ample seating. We invite all veterans and their families to stay after the program for coffee and light refreshments in the school library.

A lockdown drill will be conducted during the month of November. The drill will be conducted with the assistance of the Bath Police Department. During this drill, an announcement will be made placing the building in a lockdown. The students remain quiet in the classroom with their teacher as the building is checked for the safety of all individuals. A few things we look for are secured doors and all students accounted for. Once the drill is complete, a second announcement will be made to resume classroom instruction.

Many holidays are celebrated over the next two months. Please take time to spend quality time with family and friends and make those special memories. As a reminder, students will not be in school from 11/28 through 12/2. School will resume on Tuesday, December 3rd.

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.

Bill Kerrigan, Principal
Herberich Primary School
Our students are enjoying sharing stories and reading fiction and non-fiction books. We all enjoy a great story!

We are celebrating Mo Willems as our “Author of the Month”. He is an Emmy Award-winning television writer and animator for Sesame Street. His picture books include the Caldecott Honor books Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus, Knuffle Bunny: a Cautionary Tale, and Knuffle Bunny Too.

Following is a partial list of Mo Willems books in our library collection:

Hooray for Amanda and Her Alligator!
Should I Share My Ice Cream?
I Broke My Trunk
Can I Play Too?
We Are In A Book
Elephants Cannot Dance!
The Pigeon Wants A Puppy!
I Love My New Toy!
There Is A Bird On Your Head!
Don’t Let The Pigeon Stay Up Late!

Explore New Worlds - READ!

Reminder …

- Please make sure your child dresses for the weather each day. We go outside for recess so long as the temperature and wind chill are both above 20 degrees. Please note: No Shorts. No flip-flops.

- If your child has had a fever he/she must be fever free for 24 hours without taking medication (Tylenol) before returning to school. The same applies to vomiting and diarrhea. Please be sure to call the school office 330.664.4991 to report an absence.

- MORNING APPOINTMENTS/TARDIES—LUNCH - please call the office and leave a message if your child will be late for any reason, and say whether he/she needs to order a school lunch. Lunches need to be ordered from the High School no later than 9:30. We are unable to get additional student lunches after this time.
Hi! My name is Katherine Walters and I am the new elementary school counselor for the Copley-Fairlawn City Schools! I am very excited to begin my sixth year as a school counselor and I look forward to working with students in all three elementary buildings. I have been on maternity leave for the first part of the school year as I had my first child over the summer, so please feel free to introduce yourself when you see me in the halls!

I am delighted to share with you information about my comprehensive school counseling program and I look forward to working with you to ensure your child’s success this year! I will be working with students in various ways, specifically in classroom guidance lessons, small group counseling and individual counseling sessions. In addition to working with students, I am also available as a parent resource.

**Classroom Guidance**

I will be presenting lessons in each classroom that teach skills such as conflict resolution, friendship skills, social skills, study skills and test-taking strategies, character education and career exploration.

**Small Group Counseling**

Group counseling is available to all students and may be requested by students, parents/guardians or teachers. Groups last about 6 weeks and provide students the opportunity to work with and receive support from peers who share similar challenges. Parental permission letters will be sent home prior to group participation. Some of the counseling groups that will be available this year include friendship and self-esteem, anger management, separation and divorce, grief and loss, study skills, and social skills.

**Individual Counseling**

Short-term individual counseling is available to students at the request of parents/guardians, students and teachers to meet the needs of all students expressing difficulties dealing with academic achievement, personal concerns, or normal developmental tasks.

**Why Would A Parent Contact The School Counselor?**

- Concerns over student achievement or behavior
- Family health problems
- To discuss effective parent/child communication
- To discuss special needs of his/her child
- Family changes, difficulties or concerns

Please don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns! I look forward to meeting you!

Mrs. Katherine H. Walters, M.Ed.

[katherine.walters@copley-fairlawn.org](mailto:katherine.walters@copley-fairlawn.org)

330.664.4999 ext. 524887

Arrowhead Primary (M/W)
Fort Island Primary (T/F)
Herberich Primary (Th)
Our community program, Herberich Helping Hands, ties in with our December Character Trait of the Month: COMPASSION.

Herberich Helping Hands

Our Kiwanis Holiday Food Drive kicks off on Tuesday, December 3rd. With the current economy, there are many needy families in our community who will need assistance this holiday season. We will be collecting cans and non-perishable food items through Friday, December 20th. The “Ramen noodle” rule still applies: five packets equals one canned item. The two classrooms collecting the most items will have an ice cream treat the week before our holiday break.

The challenge is to collect 3,500+ items. Daily updates keep students aware of their “rivals” progress. Don’t forget to ask your student how his/her class is doing in the race to help others.

Collection boxes will be in all the classrooms, but if you feel the items are too heavy for your student to carry, drop them off in the office and we will deliver them to your student’s room.

Herberich’s “Giving Tree” in the front lobby will greet students when they return after the fall break, ready and waiting to be festively decorated with NEW mittens, gloves, socks, caps and scarves. The tree will be in the lobby December 3—20.

The third component of our community drive is the Copley Police Department’s Share a Christmas.

They are collecting NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS. In past years many children, who may not have received anything at all under their trees, awoke to find an assortment of toys and gift items.

The collection box will be in the office in front of Mrs. Neale-May’s desk. Today is not too early to start thinking of others for the holiday season. Collection dates are December 3—20.

Finally, as your children literally grow before your eyes, you may find that their outgrown WINTER coats and jackets are still in good condition. We are also accepting adult sized items. The Copley Outreach Center collects and distributes CLEAN, GENTLY WORN winter coats and jackets to needy families. We ask that you only send in WINTER items as this is the current need—also be sure the items are CLEAN - machine washed or dry cleaned.

Beginning December 3rd, we are collecting these garments and will deliver them to the Outreach Center on Friday, December 20th. This collection box will also be located in front of Mrs. Neale-May’s desk.
Greetings Parents and Young Artists!

All of the students have been focusing on fall this past month as we tried to capture the colors, shapes, textures and designs of the season, bringing the fall colors and content indoors for artistic inspiration.

Our Kindergarten creators have followed up learning about symmetry in the classroom with symmetrical pumpkin paintings. The colorful paintings are brightening Herberich’s hallways for the Halloween holiday. The kindergarteners also are creating their first watercolor resist painting in the creation of their spider web backgrounds and collaged on spiders and leaves stuck in our webs.

First-graders worked step-by-step to create their own 3-D fall project as well. We created a twisted tree sculpture from a brown paper bag, changing the form by cutting and twisting. We created a triorama to give our twisted trees an environment to live in and finished off the details by adding 3-D grass and leaves with tissue paper squares. The students did a fantastic job and their work looks great! We also learned about shapes and birds through the “Birds of a Feather” project. After reading Lois Elhert’s Feathers for Lunch, each student chose a bird to draw using shapes we know like circles, ovals, triangles and rectangles.

The Second grade has been learning about line and shape patterns for their current project. Each student is working on repetition (repeating a similar line or shape to fill a space) and variety (changing a similar shape or line to add visual interest) in their “Line Pattern Leaves”. We are also focusing on line quality and using the world around us to come up with new shape and line patterns to decorate the leaves in bold black and white.

As the leaves begin to fall, Third grade is working with watercolors to make their own birch tree forest using a resist technique with masking tape for the crisp white bark of our trees. After building their trees using the tape, students painted over their composition, peeled the tape away, and are drawing over their painting to add texture and detail. They are doing a great job with their forest landscapes!

In Fourth grade, we have been finishing our “Fading Forest” watercolor painting. Students really worked hard to create a depth of space by layering their watercolors to create the silhouettes of trees as they receded into the background. We finished off the paintings by stippling, using small dots to create texture, along the edges with a fine point marker. This helped to redefine the edges while still leaving the bleeding texture of the watercolor painting.

We’ve had a great fall overall and I am really looking forward to seeing the continued creativity at Herberich! Keep up the great work!

Herberich is going to be beginning to use a website called Artsonia.com in the coming months as an online art gallery to share your students’ artwork. Each student will have pieces posted periodically and parents can use the site to share the work with family and friends! The site also allows for you to purchase items with students’ art printed on them! From each purchase made, the Herberich Art Program will receive 20% of the purchase price. I am looking for parent volunteers who would be willing to come in periodically to help upload and photograph student work. If you are interested, please email me at juliann.ely@copley-fairlawn.org. Thanks in advance for your support and participation!

Until next time, keep creating!

Artfully Yours,

Mrs. Ely
Congratulations to the Music Star Student from the 1st Quarter - Emma! Emma is a 3rd grader in Miss Beavers’ class. She is a great student who follows directions and makes good choices in music class. She is always excited and enthusiastic about participating in music class activities and choir. Emma won a prize bag full of movie treats to go along with our music class behavior theme this year- “Lights, Camera, Act...Your Best!” All students have the opportunity to earn Star Student tickets throughout each quarter to be entered into a drawing for the Star Student prize. Students earn tickets by demonstrating exceptional behavior, being great student leaders, going above and beyond what they are asked to do, and/or showing their musical knowledge by answering tough questions. There were a lot of tickets entered into the drawing, proving what fantastic students we have here at Herberich! All students should keep working hard to earn tickets for a chance to be our 2nd Quarter Music Star Student.

Great job Emma- you’re a STAR!!!

Hannah was recognized as Herberich’s Student of the Month at the October Board Meeting. Choosing Hannah as Student of the Month was an easy decision for her teacher, Mrs. Moore. Hannah is an outstanding member of our class. She goes above and beyond to help her classmates. Not only is Hannah helpful, she is also a great student. Hannah thoughtfully contributes to classroom discussions. When in small groups, Hannah quickly takes the lead and helps her partners to focus on the task at hand.

At school, Hannah’s favorite subjects are Art and Language Arts. She loves to draw and read. Hannah describes herself as nice and silly. She would like to be a vet when she grows up.

If Mrs. Moore had to describe Hannah with one word it would be “friendly”. Hannah comes in to class every morning with a smile on her face. She is eager to see her friends each day and always has kind words to share with them. Hannah is trustworthy and sets an excellent example for others. She has a positive energy about her that influences those around her. Being compassionate and honest are two character traits that Hannah exemplifies in and out of the classroom. Her teacher considers Hannah to be a true leader in the classroom. Hannah is a good friend to others and a wonderful student!

Mrs. Moore thoroughly enjoys working with Hannah. She brightens each and every day in the classroom. Hannah has such a bright future ahead of her, Mrs. Moore is looking forward to seeing her accomplishments.

Congratulations, Hannah!
America Recycles Day
Bonus Week!
November 10th-16th 2013
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During the Bonus Week, we will get an extra $5/ton for our paper!
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CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH

COURTESY

NOVEMBER 2013

"AMERICA RECYCLES" DAY IS NOV. 15—WE WILL RECEIVE EXTRA DOLLARS FOR ALL RECYCLING THIS WEEK!
Greetings Herberich School Community!

Many hands make light(er) work! Our school community provided 70 surveys plus our principal to inform our planning to move towards a school of excellence related to parent participation and engagement. The results will be presented at our November 14th General membership meeting at 6:30pm. We will also discuss and practice strategies to support literacy at home. Please plan to attend.

What else is new?

Helping Hands / Outstanding Educator Award Nominations are DUE NOVEMBER 15, 2013. PTA members please take a moment and nominate a volunteer or school staff members who exemplifies serve to our children and school community.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, December 5th for a special Family Fun Activity focused on literacy. Plan to come and bring your whole family. Look out for more information.

MIXED BAGS!! Do some early Holiday shopping and support the educational enhancements and family engagement activities our PTA provides to our school community!

Thank you to everyone who shares their time, talent and treasures to insure our students receive a quality education every day! May your family and friends appreciate the Thanksgiving Holiday and rejoice in the opportunity to love and show gratitude one to another:) Happy Thanksgiving from your Herberich PTA!

Thanksgiving by Ella Wheeler Wilcox

We walk on starry fields of white
And do not see the daisies;
For blessings common in our sight
We rarely offer praises.

We sigh for some supreme delight
To crown our lives with splendor,
And quite ignore our daily store
Of pleasures sweet and tender.

Our cares are bold and push their way
Upon our thought and feeling.
They hang about us all the day,
Our time from pleasure stealing.

So unobtrusive many a joy
We pass by and forget it,
But worry strives to own our lives
And conquers if we let it.

There’s not a day in all the year
But holds some hidden pleasure,
And looking back, joys oft appear
To brim the past’s wide measure.

In PTA Service,
Mrs. Patricia Smoot Wicks
President
We are excited to see so many students signed up for after-school activities this fall! Thank you to all the parents who are volunteering to help make this possible! And, more classes will be offered again this spring! Please contact Sarah Huth, sarapafo@hotmail.com, if you are interested in helping or have any ideas for spring! Thanks

Gingerbread Shop—Mrs. Leslie Szalay

The GINGERBREAD SHOP will open in the Herberich library December 3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th. Students will have the opportunity to do their own holiday shopping for the family, with gifts under $5.

Parent volunteers are needed to assist the students with their shopping and to help set-up and take down the shop. Shifts are 9:15 - 11:50 and 12:55 - 3pm. Please contact Leslie Szalay at klszalay@yahoo.com to help with this fun event. Sign up today!

Membership—Mrs. Amy Byerly

PTA plans and provides support for many of the activities your children enjoy at Herberich!

LIFT YOUR VOICE and ACT NOW by becoming a member and making OUR voice strong?

Membership sign-up sheets are available in the school office.

Membership dues are $5 per person and can be paid in cash or by check made out to Herberich PTA.

Questions? Contact Amy Byerly Email: amy@compucharts.com Tel: 330.666.3461

Reflections—Ms. Michelle Caprez

The deadline for submitting artwork is November 22. It's not too late to participate! If your child is interested please email (mlcaprez@gmail.com) the category they are interested in and I will email back the rules.

Each year, students in Grades Pre-K through 12 are recognized for bringing the theme to life through film production, dance choreography, literature, music composition, photography, and visual arts. The 2013-2014 Reflections program theme is “Believe, Dream, Inspire.”
**Hospitality—Mrs. Elizabeth Woods**

A BIG thank you to all the volunteers who provided a WONDERFUL dinner for the teachers and staff during the October Conferences. Margaret Scott, Anne Kimmens, Denise Hill, Maisha McIntyre, Laura Poundstone, Romi Brozeit, Amy Byerly, Amy Howard, Shilo Gottlieb, and Tiffany Cano.

Elizabeth Woods

Hospitality Coordinator

**Cutting for Cash—Mrs. Cheryl Couch**

WE HAVE COLLECTED 14,635 BOX TOPS SO FAR THIS YEAR. We are almost half way to our goal of 30,000 box tops. All of you have done a terrific job so far. Please keep it up!!!

The standing so far are 3rd grade is in the lead with 3677 box tops, 4th grade has 3225 box tops, 1st grade has 3232 box tops, 2nd grade has 2382 box tops and the kindergarden has 2119 box tops.

The winner of the first grading period is the 3RD GRADE!! The 3rd grade will be treated to a movie and popcorn party. GREAT JOB DONE BY EVERY GRADE!

Any questions please contact Cheryl Couch at 330-666-4224 or e-mail me at dcouch@neo.rr.com.

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**Knitting Club**

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Hip Hop and Tae Kwon Do pictures in our next newsletter.
DISMISSAL CHANGE / ABSENCE REQUEST FORM

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

Students may not switch buses for play dates

_____ Will be carpoolled 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 ________________________ (date)

_____ 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.