Dear Herberich Families,

On October 8, 2013, all third grade students will be taking the Reading Ohio Achievement Assessment. The two and a half hour scheduled state test will begin after morning announcement and conclude approximately 11:45 am.

Last year, I had a lot of conversation with the Grade 3 Reading Guarantee. The latest updates from the Ohio Department of Education were available this past June. As you know, all students were benchmarked using AIMSWEB and The Fountas and Pinnell program. Students not reading at grade level will be provided with reading intervention.

The most important information 3rd grade parents need to know is the advancement of your child to 4th grade. Students must score a 392 or above for an advancement to 4th grade. This score must be attained from the Fall or Spring Ohio Achievement Assessment. If a student remains in 3rd grade, the school is responsible to provide 90 minutes of reading instruction each school day. A student can still take 4th grade classes in all other subjects. Please note that there are exceptions for students with special circumstances.

Communication is key as we transition into the 2013/2014 school year. Please take a minute to sign up for CFCS Connect. This only takes a few minutes and can be completed through the Herberich website. Signing up is free and will keep you up to date with the latest news. Please expect to receive a weekly report on school news/events and any information I feel is extremely important.

Sincerely,
Bill Kerrigan, Principal
Herberich Primary School
HERBERICH HAP PENINGS

HERBERICH IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Every day, with your help, we recycle:

- Newspapers
- Mail
- Phonebooks
- Office and School Paper
- Magazines
- Catalogs
- Brown Paper Bags
- Hard & Soft Bound Books
- Cardboard (including cereal and tissue boxes, etc.)

For your convenience the bin is located at the north end of the bus lane near the playground. Herberich will receive fundraising money for from the amount of materials collected in the recycling bin.

PLEASE TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO RECYCLE…

AND HELP HERBERICH AT THE SAME TIME.

Running Late?

If your child is running late ... the lobby doors are closed ... you need to walk your child into the office and sign him/her in. Your child will then be given a tardy slip allowing him/her to be in the hallway after the tardy bell has rung. The first bell rings at 8:50 a.m. and the tardy bell at 9:05. All students are expected to be seated at their desks by 9:05 each morning. Any child being signed in at 11:30 or later/signed out at 1:30 or earlier will incur a half day absence.

LUNCHROOM UPDATE

The kids are doing great coming through the lunch line and punching in their numbers. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who worked with the first graders on that.

Just a few reminders: You can always put money in their accounts online or send money to school with your child, but please put all monies in a plastic bag or envelope with the child’s full name (first and last) and room # written on it.

Also, if we aren’t aware of it and your child has money in his/her account, we will let them buy snacks. If you do not want them buying snacks please let us know.

We do not allow lunch charges. However, if a child does not have money or forgot his/her lunch at home, we will allow a charge that day. This must be paid back the next day. Please make sure your child has money in his/her account for such instances.

If we can be of any assistance, please feel free to call us between 9-11 am.

Mrs. Pam Kerr or Mrs. Teresa Brennan @ 330.664.4977 between 9:30-11:30
Greetings Parents and Young Artists!

I am so excited to be back at Herberich this school year to work with all the students and have truly been enjoying watching the student artists’ growth over the past years. Herberich students dove into color mixing and shape designs over the past few weeks and have learned a lot about how colors are created. We worked with different kinds of paint and created all the colors of the rainbow utilizing their knowledge of mixing the 3 primary colors; red, yellow and blue.

Our Kindergarten creators have been focusing on learning about shapes, colors, and patterns. Throughout the school year we will be working on slices of the color wheel. Each slice will feature a color and drawings to match. This will be a progressive piece and will be completed as a full color wheel and a lasting art tool for students to refer to throughout their elementary years. We have also been working on our pattern snails. These snail spirals are helps our students practice their shapes and colors while also creating a patterned design.

First-graders completed their secondary color sketchbooks by mixing primary colors to make new colors. We also learned about how colors came into the world with Bernard the Butterfly. Each student made their own symmetrical butterfly mixing and printing the colors for each wing pattern.

The Second grade also experimented with color mixing and creating texture. We created a tape-resist painting using masking tape to make a design that we painted over for our sketchbooks. Each class is also reading Eric Carle’s story, Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do You See?, and are collaging with their color-mixing sheets to create collages of peacocks in the style of Eric Carle’s illustrations.

Third-graders are beginning to work with oil pastels for their first project. Each student will create their own Camouflage Chameleon drawings, using oil pastels to blend their color patterning and disguise their colorful critters. This project was inspired by the graphic story Art and Max by David Wiesner.

In Fourth grade, we begin to delve in a bit more with projects that allow the students to work with a concept and further develop their own imagination and creative skills. Some projects will be more open ended to allow the students to decide for themselves what they would like to create. We began our year learning about marbling as a decorative art in book making and we marbled covers for this year’s sketchbooks. Fourth Graders have also started working on landscape paintings that will be built up by painting select layers of positive and negative space. For our end result we will have a “fading” forest.

Students in Grades 1-4 have also been learning about our “Artist of the Month” for September, Claude Monet. This French Impressionist painter is well known for his beautiful landscapes and paintings of lily pads, as well as for his ability to capture light in his work.

Every month, we will be introducing a new artist and learning about the artwork that the artist creates. By the end of the month students will be able to answer the “Who? What? Where? When? How? and Why?” about the artist. Feel free to ask your child about the artist of the month!

Hope you are having a fabulous fall. More to come soon!

Artfully Yours,
Mrs. Ely
PTA sponsored "Kidscript" - a fourth grade program presented by the Magical Theatre Company.

An Akron University brass group school wide assembly sponsored by the Children’s Concert Society.

Just a few pictures from the Grandparent's breakfast—we wish we could feature them all!

PTA sponsored Grandparent’s Breakfast—special thanks to Mrs. Lital Pearson and her team for making both days such a success. Thank you to Starbucks, Brueggers and Earth Faire for their sponsorship.
# HERBERICH HAPPENINGS

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**Character Trait of the Month**

HONESTY
Greetings Herberich School Community!

Fall is coming ready or not! I love this time of year – apples, crisp air, family and friends. This season always reminds me to take time to reap the harvest of the work put in during the spring and summer. Are you planning to reap a bountiful harvest?

We certainly started the year with lots of activity. Thank you to everyone who made the opening of the school year successful. We are truly blessed to have so many hands that are consistent and effective. To date, we have 135 members of our Herberich PTA. Families made contributions over the membership cost that will support the educational enhancements and family engagement activities planned for us by us. Be sure to attend the next PTA meeting – October 3, 2013 at 6:30pm. Join a committee. Let your voice be heard!

Were you able to attend the GRANDPARENTS Breakfasts held in September? Over 200 grandparents and our students enjoyed Earthfare healthy treats, Breugger’s bagels, PTA volunteer service and a warm feeling of school community. Thank you Mrs. Pearson and your team for making the event so successful! We received several compliments for your efforts. We also thank Mr. Kerrigan and our school staff for allowing our students to share their work with their grandparents through impromptu tours of their classrooms and hallways.

We are preparing for our next major Educational Enhancement – COSI Assembly about Ecology. Without our PTA, our students would not have access to this Important enhancement to science learning. Check back next month for the COSI update. Goooo Mrs. Huth and team!

I have been asked “Patricia, what is targeted fundraising?” I am glad that you asked. Instead of several general requests to raise the approved PTA operating budget, your Executive Board recommended family engagement activities that also raise funds along with a general contribution option. What better way than doing things together! For example, Sweet Frogs hosted our first event. We raised over $300! Not too bad for doing something that we enjoy doing with our family and school community! Look out for opportunities to raise funds and increase time with your family this school year.

Why do we raise funds? We raise funds to pay for Grandparents day, the COSI assembly, the Writing Rally and a host of other educational enhancements and family engagement activities for our school community. Get involved through committee work to share ideas and plan activities, attend a PTA meetings to receive updates, help out in your child’s class when you are able.

I look forward to seeing new faces and returning ones at our October 3rd PTA General Membership meeting at 6:30pm. We meet in our school library at 6:30pm. Our meeting will include a presentation from Mr. Kerrigan about Assessment driven Interventions. Learn what success means for our students and how we can help them succeed.

In PTA Service,
Mrs. Patricia Smoot Wicks
President
1st VP—Mrs. Sarah Huth

"Fall After School Programs are in the works! More info and sign ups coming soon!

If anyone is interested in teaching a 5 week class for the students, or has a great idea, we are still taking suggestions! We love to offer a variety of fun classes to enhance the learning experience!

Please contact Sarah Huth at sarapafo@hotmail.com"

2nd VP—Mrs. Stacie Ryan

Hi! We have gotten off to a great start in targeted fundraising! We have gotten $355 in general donations. Family Fun Night at Sweet Frog was a great time! We made $60!

Be looking for more Family Fun Nights and Mixed Bags is coming in November!

Thank you,
Stacie Ryan
2nd VP mom2bba@yahoo.com

Gingerbread Shop—Mrs. Leslie Szalay

Each year the Herberich PTA organizes and operates a "Gingerbread Shop" for the students. We take the library into a holiday store, giving the students an opportunity to do their own holiday shopping for the family with items below $5. VOLUNTEERS run the store each day, helping the children shop, checking them out and helping with inventory.

Please consider volunteering with us the first week of December. Contact Leslie Szalay to volunteer or for more info at klszalay@yahoo.com. Thank You!

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

I am very excited about the number of students that have expressed an interest in the Reflections program. If your child is interested it’s not too late! Please email me at mcaprez@gmail.com and I will be happy to provide you with all the necessary information.

National PTA Reflections is America’s oldest and largest arts education program of its kind. The program was developed in 1969 by Colorado’s PTA President Mary Lou Anderson to encourage students to explore their talents and express themselves. Since then, the Reflections Program has inspired millions of students to reflect on a specific theme and create original artwork.

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”.

DISMISAL 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 _________________________ (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.