Dear Families,

May has arrived! I am thrilled for a change in the weather but I am overwhelmed that we are nearing the end of the school year! I know we sent home a letter from Superintendent Poe with calamity make-up day information. Listed below is the schedule for the end of the school year.

Extended Days: May 9\textsuperscript{th} through May 20\textsuperscript{th}  
School Hours: 9:05-4:15

Fourth Grade Recognition Ceremony Thursday, June 9 at 10:45

Last Day for Students (K-4) Friday, June 10\textsuperscript{th}

Teacher Records Day Monday, June 13\textsuperscript{th}

I am aware that the morning sessions of kindergarten and preschool will not have an extended day. We are unable to extend the morning session by 15 minutes and the afternoon session by 15 minutes because of all of the transportation needs for the district. Thank you for your understanding. Fourth grade families please keep Thursday, June 9\textsuperscript{th} on your calendars for the 4th Grade Recognition Ceremony. If you have an 8\textsuperscript{th} grade student at Copley Middle School please do not worry. Their assembly begins at 8:30 and I have the Herberich assembly at 10:45 so families are able to attend both events.

Now that the weather is warmer please help us by making sure your child is dressed appropriately for school. The Herberich Student-Parent Handbook helps provide guidelines about “Inappropriate Dress” and “Shorts”. Please remember students may not wear sleeveless shirts like halter tops or “muscle shirts” or sleeveless sports jerseys. If girls wear tank tops, the straps must be at least 3 inches in width, which means no spaghetti straps. Shorts must also be at least a length “where the fingertips reach the bottom of the short when the arms are hanging at one’s side.” Although there is not a written policy, please make sure that the shoes your child wears will not create an opportunity for injury during recess. For example, running on the black top in flip flops is a safety hazard.

Help us celebrate Herberich volunteers! I am looking forward to celebrating with our many school volunteers at the Volunteer Recognition Brunch on Wednesday, May 25\textsuperscript{th} at 9:30 in the school library. This is Herberich’s small way of showing appreciation for our volunteers. We have included the invitation in this newsletter. We have many volunteers and if you are planning to attend please fill out the invitation and send it back to school so we can create a wonderful brunch for our incredible volunteers!

I would like to recognize the 2010-2011 Herberich PTA for an outstanding year. All of the officers, committee chairs and members have donated so much time to provide Herberich students with materials, experiences and most importantly a shining example of volunteerism. Mrs. Hohenshil, PTA president, has done an incredible job over the past two years and I want to thank her for the dedication and commitment during her presidency.

As we enter our last month of school we have many opportunities for learning, recognition, inspiration and reflection. We begin the month with Staff Appreciation Week during the first week of May. This amazing staff works very hard each and every day to provide an exemplary education for your children. I am grateful to be working with such outstanding educators.

Happy May!

Miss Ashcroft
KINDergarten 2011-2012 REGISTRATION—ALL kindergarten registrations must now be submitted to Central Registration at the Board of Education. Please call ahead for an appointment: 330.664.4800.

PRE-school REGISTRATION 2011-2012—Applications are closed for typical peers. Parents of qualifying students will be contacted by Miss Ashcroft.

As we near the end of the school year dates change and others are added. Please check the website: www.copley-fairlawn.org/Herberich for regular updates.

Calendar in this newsletter—the dates for Girl Scout/Daisies meetings during May have been included. There has been some confusion at the end of the day because parents have not confirmed with the troop leader that their daughter will/will not be attending. Mrs. Neale-May has needed to make numerous calls because of upset students in the office. Please check the dates and confirm with your respective leaders. Only send a note to the office if your child is not attending a meeting—no note?—your child will be sent to the Daisy/Girl Scout Meeting and not put on the bus home.

Dress Code—No flip flops until Miss Ashcroft makes a morning announcement. Just a reminder that shorts/skorts cannot be shorter than a student's finger tips with arm extended down their leg. Any sleeveless shirt, such as halter-tops, muscle shirts or revealing tank tops (straps less than 3 inches in width) are unacceptable. Items such as mesh clothing, half T-shirts, or sagging pants are not permitted. Please ensure your child dresses appropriately for the weather. Students go out for recess whenever possible.

Sincere thanks to the Herberich PTA for their amazing support of our students, faculty and staff.

♦ Thank you to Mrs. Christine Hohenshil for her hard work as she served as President the past two years
♦ Thank you to Mrs. Romi Brozeit for the amazing after school programs she arranged for our students, and for her community commitment
♦ Thank you to Mrs. Beth Hofacker for her years of heading up Market Day
♦ Thank you to Mrs. Laura Poundstone who was in charge of SCRIP while working full time and going to school
♦ Special thanks to Mrs. Deanna Matthies for the delicious treats in the staff lounge
♦ Thank you to our room parents—you have made the different classroom celebrations memorable for our students
♦ Thank you to Mrs. Sue Timmer and her team for the conference dinners

During March we recognized the following students in our weekly drawings for Herberich's unique rewards program: “I saw you being ... Respectful, Responsible, Courteous and Kind”.

Michele Caye, Christina Elias, Khaleed El-Qawaq, Isaiah Freeman, Leo Gerber, Serena Igoe, Alex Moran, Emily Nichol, Spencer Nichol, Drew Ransom, Maia Ransom, Kayley Ross, Sam Samman, Caleb Scott, Garrett Scott, Clarissa Snyder, Lauren Taylor, Rawney Trunko, Amelia Wagner, Jason Ware, and Riley Webb.

The students were recognized over morning announcements and invited to choose a reward from Miss Ashcroft's prize drawers.

All students, preschool through fourth grade are eligible for this awards recognition program. Students can be recognized by their bus drivers.

Congratulations!

Math Challenge! Subway

Fourth graders were recently challenged to calculate how many combinations are available to Subway customers. Working with the Subway menu these four students came up with the correct answer ... 3,650 combinations!
PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES

Beginning April 11, 2011 several options will be available to you to pay for your student(s) lunch(es) using our point of sale system.

Lunch Prices:
- Elementary $2.75
- Middle & High Schools $3.00

1. PAY VIA THE INTERNET
Log into the website www.payforit.net or the link on the District website (www.copley-fairlawn.org). All you need is your student's ten digit account number and a credit or debit card to make a payment. A 4.30% convenience fee or $1.25 for ACH check fee will be added to your card for one transaction regardless of how many children you are depositing for.

2. MAKE A PAYMENT TO YOUR STUDENTS LUNCH ACCOUNT
Apply any amount of money to your student's lunch account at school via check or cash. Any amount can be applied no matter if it is $10.00 or $100.00. If you plan to send money to school with your student, please remember to keep your lunch payment separate from any other school activity money, such as fees, field trip fees, book fair money or fund raising money, etc. If paying with a check make checks payable to the school food service and include your student's ID number on the check.

3. PAY WITH CASH
Cash can always be sent on a daily or weekly basis as needed for your student's lunch.

4. DID YOU KNOW
Even if you don't make meal payments via the Pay For It website you can still use this website to check your student's account balance. To do this, you need to register on the Pay For It website with your student's ID number. Your child will know his/her student number—this is the one they learned at the start of the school year that is used in the cafeteria.

Pam Kerr and Teri Brennan—(330) 664.4977
Please call between 9:30-11:00 if you have any questions about your child's account

HERBERICH PRIMARY SCHOOL
STUDENT DEPOSIT FORM TO BE RETURNED WITH ADVANCED PAYMENT
Please send your payment in a sealed envelope with your child’s name and homeroom

STUDENT(S) NAME(S): ____________________________________________________________

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _______________________________________________________

1 lunch=$2.75 / 5 lunches=$13.75 / 10 lunches=$27.50 / 15 lunches=$41.25 / 20 lunches= $55.00

CASH AMOUNT ______________ CHECK AMOUNT ________________ CHECK # ______________
(Please make check payable to Herberich Primary Cafeteria)

DATE: __________________________________________________________________________

☐ YES, MY CHILD MAY CHARGE SNACKS ☐ NO, MY CHILD MAY NOT CHARGE SNACKS
March projects included the 3rd grade study of optical illusions culminating with marbleized paper and a faces or vases work. First graders studied Claude Monet and focused on his impressionistic style. They also created crazy cat designs. Second graders learned about another impressionist, Pierre Auguste Renoir, Monet’s friend and the painter of *The Girl With The Watering Can*. Our 4th graders enjoyed their field trip to the Akron Art Museum and continue their tessellation work. Kindergarteners have completed their green section of the color wheel and soon will be bringing home this excellent art tool.

The PTA Sponsored District Art Show held on April 14th and 15th was a wonderful success. Thanks to Mrs. Anita Marks for her help. This April, our art students will be making projects using empty water bottles to focus our attention to a global problem. April is Earth month and so our recycling efforts will create interesting objects using this familiar thin plastic bottle. We will also learn about the art of Dale Chihuly, an internationally renowned glass artist who designed and installed a polymer “Rock Candy” sculpture at the University of Akron.

Please visit the website for more amazing Herberich artists and their work.
www.copley-fairlawn.org
Dear Volunteers,

We would to extend our sincere gratitude for all the time and talents you have brought to Herberich Primary School this year. We will recognize your efforts by hosting our Annual Volunteer Brunch on WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 @ 9:30 AM.

Please let us know if you will be able to join us in the Learning Resource Center (Library).

Name: ______________________________________________

Child’s Teacher: _____________________________________

Number of People attending: __________________________

Please RSVP to Mrs. Neale-May by: Friday, May 20, 2011

Art Takes A Royal Approach

The kindergartners created regal crowns in anticipation of the royal wedding taking place in London, England on Friday, April 29th. They will all wear their crowns on Friday.
CLINIC CHATTER—Mrs. Rita Baker, RN

Raising Earth Friendly Kids

It’s easy to get your family on the path to greener living! And, the best way to teach your kids to respect the environment is to be a good role model yourself.

Make it family time:

- Teach respect for the outdoors
- Recycle plastic, glass, paper, and cans
- Drink your own water – don’t use bottled water
- Clean green – use natural products to replace commercial cleaners
- Lend a hand to clean up a park or playground

Get your kids to go green:

- Teach them to conserve energy by turning off lights when not in use
- Walk or bike to school
- Take shorter showers
- Donate toys, books and clothes no longer used to a charity

Get your kids to start thinking about how their individual efforts affect the world we live in and how little changes make a big difference.

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RECYCLE! and help Herberich earn money!

We are making a difference!

New telephone directories are arriving on your doorstep in the months of April/May ... give us the old ones to recycle!

The following materials are acceptable:

- 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 fund-raising money from the amount of materials collected in the recycling bin.

PLEASE TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO RECYCLE ...
AND HELP HERBERICH AT THE SAME TIME.
## Important Dates

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### JUNE 2011

| Wednesday 1 | SCRIP Due—LAST ONE THIS YEAR! | Tuesday 7 | 3rd Grade Akron Zoo Field Trip |
|            | 4th Grade Swimming—Room 115 (Smagola) | Tuesday 7 | District 4th Grade Field Day Rain Date |
|            | Grades K-3 Field Day | Thursday 9 | 10:45 4th Grade Recognition Assembly |
| Thursday 2  | 5:30-7:30 ESL Family Picnic | Friday 10 | Herberich Calamity Day Make-Up |
| Friday 3    | Lisa A. Round Kids for the Cure Relay | Friday 10 | End of Fourth Grading Period |
| Monday 6    | District 4th Grade Field Day @ CHS | Monday 30 | Report Cards Go Home |

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**March Student of the Month**

Ms. Maas wrote:

I am nominating **Rebecca Haywood** for Herberich Primary School’s **March Student of the Month**. Rebecca moved into the Copley-Fairlawn City School District from Texas last summer. She has assimilated into our school so well you would not know she hasn’t been here before 4th Grade.

Last quarter she earned straight A’s, and she strives to complete excellent work at all times. She is willing to give cheerful help to her fellow classmates and teachers. She has empathy for others and treats everyone kindly. She is sensitive and assists students with special needs. Rebecca is a valued member of Service Stars and is always eager and willing to participate in all of Herberich’s service projects.

In her free time she is a Girl Scout in Troop 726. Rebecca is a class leader and a good role model, and I am proud she is the March Student of the Month!

**Congratulations Rebecca!**
**May 20 - 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 20.

**June 3 - Lisa A. Round Relay For Life**

Parents are invited to take part in the walk on June 3 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 brown bag 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 complete the bottom section of this page 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.

Our ‘Stars and Moons Ceremony’ will take place at 3 p.m. outside - weather permitting. All loved one's 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
Romi Brozeit  rbrozeit@sbcglobal.net

**SURVIVOR SIGN UP:**

____ Yes, I am. I intend to join in the Survivor's Lap at the Relay, June 3rd

Adult T-Shirt Size: ____M ____L ____XL ____XXL

Name:____________________Num:_____________Email:________________

**Stars and Moons:** Each star/moon is decorated with the names of cancer survivors and those who have been lost to cancer. It is an opportunity to recognize loved ones and support the RELAY. Please submit $5 Donation per star/moon made payable to American Cancer Society beginning Monday 5/22. Send to the attention of Nina Hanhold. Thank you.

In honor of ___________________________________________________

In honor of ___________________________________________________

In memory of __________________________________________________

In memory of __________________________________________________
RAISING KIDS OF STRONG CHARACTER: INTEGRITY

The word “integrity” seems to be an abstract ideal in our society. Everyone has a different idea about what it actually means. Maybe that’s because it’s been a disappearing quality in recent generations. But as a parent, teaching your child how to act with integrity is vital for their development. You don’t want your child to become a person who breaks promises, lies, and has no concern for others. After all, you’re raising a child, not a politician. Luckily, there are some things you can do to prevent your child from growing up and appearing on “Cops” or “Jerry Springer.” Follow these suggestions to raise a child that is full of integrity.

1. **Know what the word “integrity” means.** The term means more than just being honest. Integrity refers to a person’s innermost characteristics and staying true to their beliefs. People who have integrity say what they mean and mean what they say.True integrity comes from honesty, taking personal responsibility and adhering to a code of moral values. You can’t just throw around the word “integrity” and expect your child to know what it means if you don’t know what it means yourself.

2. **Be an example.** Children learn their character traits best by watching others. Who better to watch than their father? Fathers are the role models in the household and they need to act that way. If you’re doing shady business deals, cheating on your taxes or not practicing what you’re preaching, your children will see that and pick it up as one of their traits as well. Even every day things like running red lights when no body is around, leaving a small tip for your waiter or taking the extra change that the cashier at the grocery store gives you shows a lack of integrity, too. Although these might seem like trivial things to you, they can still have a huge impact on an observant child. If you’re going to act without integrity, don’t let your children see it. The best thing to do is just act with integrity (http://www.charactered.net/parent/parenttent/ips/ips.html), all the time—even when they’re not watching.

3. **Keep your promises.** A child’s memory is unbelievable. They might not remember to eat their vegetables in the cafeteria at school, but they’ll remember two weeks ago when you said you’d take them to the baseball game. If you break that promise, they’re going to remember it for years (and maybe even a lifetime). Keeping your word (http://singleparent.lifetips.com/newslett-er/2007/5/11/teaching-children-integrity/index.html) is part of showing integrity, so be sure to follow through with your promises at all costs. If it’s just impossible to keep your promise, discuss the situation with your child and see if they’ll let you “off the hook.” But make sure this is more of the exception rather than the rule when you say you’ll do something.

4. **Teach friendship skills.** Socializing and interacting with other children will do wonders for teaching them integrity. If you have young children, supervise their playtime and make sure they share with other children. Make sure they understand the benefits of sharing so they’ll be sure to do it even when you’re not around. For older children, teach them the differences between being a ‘good friend’ who has concerns for others and being a ‘bad friend’ or an acquaintance. By using friendships as teaching moments, your child will learn that a huge part of integrity is to treat others the same way they’d like to be treated themselves.

5. **Instill empathy and compassion.** These are two main characteristics of integrity because it teaches children to put themselves in “someone else’s shoes.” It also gives them an idea of how other people feel in situations where there is a lack of integrity. If you catch your child making fun of another child on the playground, try to get them to understand how that other child feels when they get ridiculed. If you find out that your child’s friend has a sick family member, ask your child how they would feel if one of their family members were sick. By doing this, your child might have a totally different perspective on their actions and show more integrity when dealing with these types of situations.

6. **Don’t turn the TV off.** Well, turn it off sometimes. But watching TV with your child provides a plethora of teaching moments (http://www.ehow.com/how_2103939_instill-values-children.html) for teaching your children integrity and character-driven values. When you see Britney Spears or Paris Hilton frolicking around half naked, it’s a great moment to teach your daughter why that is inappropriate. Does your child act on her or his own convictions and stand up for her or his beliefs? Having integrity can take a long time to learn, but the more a child practices this, the more likely she or he will develop this crucial value.

- Talk to your kids about what integrity means, and what it means to stand up for your own values. Ask them who they see as having a sense of integrity, and who they think backs down from their values in the face of adversity.
- As a family, identify role models with integrity whom you admire. These may include Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King Jr., Mahatma Ghandi, or someone else. Learn about these individuals and how they learned to live a life of integrity.
- Applaud and support family members when the “do the right thing, even when it’s hard.” Maybe your child stepped in when another child was being teased. Or maybe your child admitted to cheating on a test—even though she knows the entire class cheated and she was the only one who got into trouble for her honesty.
- When someone with integrity admits to scandal or making a mistake, talk about this as a family. Talk about which actions you believe are most damaging and why. With older teenagers, discuss why leaders can be tempted to do the wrong thing.

Having values doesn’t mean much if you can’t stand up for them—an important lesson to impart upon your children. Everyone’s values and beliefs are tested at some point in their lives, and it takes strong conviction to stand up for them in the face of adversity. Help your children prepare for these times by encouraging them to have integrity, and set a good example by standing by your own beliefs, even when it’s hard.

Q&A

Q: My son hates going to school because there’s a boy who teases and picks on him every day. What can I do to help him?

A: Having to deal with a bully is hard for kids—especially at school. Listen to your son’s worries and convey that they’re perfectly understandable and that it’s OK for him to feel that way. Offer assurance without making him feel like you’re trying to talk him out of feeling that way or dismissing his feelings. As he tells you how he feels, be sure to repeat back his thoughts and feelings using phrases like, “I know you’re feeling worried.” When he feels understood by you, he’ll be more receptive to your help and any advice you coping that you offer. Let him know that everyone worries, even adults, at one time or another. But also make sure he knows that there are ways he can feel better and less fearful. Go over some strategies that he can use if someone teases him. Ignoring the bully and simply walking away or using humor to combat aggressiveness might get the bully to stop. Bullies often give up when they don’t get a response from their target.

Try to get your son to talk about what has been going on at school—just listening can be helpful. Although kids can resolve many incidents of bullying on their own, do keep an eye on the situation. If it persists, get involved by talking with your child’s teacher or school counselor.
A Wicked Backhand

When is a compliment not a compliment? When it’s backhanded. For example, if your child studies and does well on her spelling test, don’t say, “Great, but why can’t you do that for every test?” Praise the fact that she succeeded today. Don’t insult her by pointing out that she failed yesterday.


Meet your Child’s Friends

Getting to know your child’s friends can be an important parenting tool. That’s because the better you know what your child’s peers are up to, the better you’ll know your child. Make your home a fun place to hang out. Kids can munch on snacks and play while you supervise. You’ll be amazed at how much you learn by just being there.

Grappling with Gossip

Sure, gossip is innocent. After all, what’s wrong with your child passing along juicy playground news? Plenty. Gossiping isn’t just rude, it is also destructive (and can interfere with discipline at school). To help your child see the difference between gossip and “information sharing”, ask, “Would you tell me this if the person you’re talking about were standing right here?” If the answer is no, it’s probably gossip.


Library Chat—Mrs. Emily Vanke

Laura Numeroff is our “Author of the Month”. She has written many books about the adventures of some of our favorite characters- Mouse, Moose, Pig and Cat. She has always been an avid reader herself, and realized that writing for children combined her three favorite things to do: writing stories, drawing, and reading! If You Give a Mouse a Cookie was the tenth book she wrote. The idea came to her on a long, boring car trip. Our library has an extensive collection of her books that we enjoy reading!

Many thanks to all of our Herberich families for the wonderful book donations to the library! We are also very excited about having the new Usborne books in our collection. We appreciate your support.

Enjoy the Springtime weather, and keep reading!

Explore new worlds - READ!
Please view this newsletter on our website to see the different ribbon colors.

ONE HUNDRED BOOK CHALLENGE

100 STEPS = 25 HRS OF READING — RED
200 STEPS = 50 HRS OF READING — GREEN
300 STEPS = 75 HRS OF READING — YELLOW
400 STEPS = 100 HRS OF READING — ORANGE
500 STEPS = 125 HRS OF READING — PURPLE
600 STEPS = 150 HRS OF READING — GRAY
700 STEPS = 175 HRS OF READING — FUSCHIA
800 STEPS = 200 HRS OF READING — BROWN
900 STEPS = 225 HRS OF READING — CHARCOAL
1000 STEPS = 250 HRS OF READING — BLACK

Herberich students have caught the “reading bug”
In the spirit of Earth Day, we have a couple opportunities for you to reduce & recycle:

Copley-Fairlawn PTA council is sponsoring battery recycling on May 17. AA, AAA, C, D & 9 volt batteries will be accepted. More information to come!

As our children learn, they outgrow their books. Please consider donating any gently-used books your children no longer want to Herberich. Classroom teachers will be given the first chance at all donated books, then the school library. We will make extra books available for Herberich students to take home to read during the long summer break. I spent a couple weeks subbing in the Herberich library and it is WONDERFUL to see firsthand how our children LOVE books. Our teachers and staff do a great job fostering a love of reading!!!! We especially need chapter books that will appeal to 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders. Any donations are appreciated!!! Please contact me to coordinate if you have a large number of books to donate.

Muffins for Moms is coming up on Friday, May 6th. Dads, please consider helping out for this event. We especially need a few volunteers to serve donuts & take pictures during the breakfast (8am - 8:45am) so the moms can enjoy this time with their children. Please consider starting your workday a little late on May 6 & help brighten the morning of some Herberich Moms.

After months of preparation, the 3rd & 4th graders are taking the Ohio Achievement Test this week. PTA helps out by providing a healthy morning snack & water the morning of each test. We also reward the students by providing a pizza party in the classrooms on Friday afternoon of testing week. We wish all the students & teachers good luck!

Herberich PTA is sponsoring a fundraising night at Chuck E Cheese on Wednesday, May 4 from 3pm - 9pm. Chuck E Cheese donates 15% of proceeds from Herberich families to the PTA.

PTA's April meeting was cancelled because of a conflict with the District Art show. The election of officers for the 2011-2012 school year will take place at the next meeting on Thursday, May 12 @ 7pm. The proposed slate of officers is as follows:

President - Romi Brozeit
1st VP - Danae Labocki
2nd VP - Lital Pearson
Secretary - Nancy Paulette
Treasurer - Kim Scott
Council Reps - Renae Yashnik, Marie Snyder and Anita Klein

Per PTA bylaws, nominations can also be submitted from the floor on the night of the election. Please come & vote!

Christine Hohenshil, President.
How quickly the year is coming to a close. Our assemblies and after school programs sponsored by the PTA are now done. I wish to thank the PTA and Miss Ashcroft for the generous support we received. Together we were able to bring The Magical Theater Company, The Illusion Factory, COSI, Character Traits and The Dome to our students. It has been an enriching experience for all.

Thank you,
Romi Brozeit

BE AN ADVOCATE FOR YOUR CHILDREN AND OUR COMMUNITY

Concerned about the proposed state school funding cuts to Copley-Fairlawn School District?

Become an advocate. Whether it is writing your state Senator and Representative, writing letters to the editor, sending e-mails to friends, receiving updates and or schedule, lead or attend meetings with elected officials - your help is needed and welcomed.

Please contact Romi Brozeit at rbrozeit@sbcglobal.net or 330-867-1742 if interested.

Thank you.

SCRIP—Mrs. Laura Poundstone

The new sports season is in full swing and we also have the extended school day, May 9-20 (9:05-4:15) to make up for one of our calamity days. This means that parents will be busier than usual spending time in the car rushing children to events.

We can help you with a SCRIP order for those quick and easy meals that need to be eaten on the run.

♦ Wendy's and Subway locations are all over the area and provide some healthy food choices
♦ Max & Erma's, Steak n Shake and Boston Market all have "kids eat free nights".
♦ Starbucks & Dunkin Donuts can help keep mom & dad awake at that 8 am soccer match.

Copley High School and many other schools in the area will have students graduating in early June. Gift cards are the most popular item with graduating seniors. This way they can really enjoy their gift twice — receiving it from you and then spending it!

Please think of where you will be spending money in the next few weeks and consider Scrip cards to help fund your expenditures. Don’t forget your Giant Eagle cards for the summer months!

We have two dates left for this school year, so please plan to include a purchase in your budget.

May 20th and June 1st

Laura Poundstone
Layered Shrimp Salad

Ingredients:
1 6-oz. pkg. frozen pea pods, thawed
2 cups sliced celery
1 medium red pepper, chopped
1 medium cucumber, thinly sliced
1 medium red onion, thinly sliced
1 8-oz. can sliced water chestnuts, drained
6 cups shredded lettuce
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoons dried thyme leaves
2 teaspoons dried dill weed
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/4 cup green onion, chopped
1 cup plain yogurt
1 cup reduced calorie sour cream
1 1/2 lbs. Large Shrimp

Prep. Time: 20 minutes
Cooking Time: 35 minutes
Servings: 12
Nutritional Information:
Serving Size: 1/12 of the recipe
Per Serving:
Total Fat: 2 grams   Protein: 15 grams
Carb: 10 grams     Cholesterol: 115 mgms
Sodium: 360 mgms    Calories: 118

Directions:
In a small bowl combine sour cream, yogurt, green onion, lemon juice and seasonings. Set aside.

Layer lettuce evenly on the bottom of a large glass serving bowl.

Top with water chestnuts, red onion, cucumber, red pepper, celery, shrimp and pea pods, arranging ingredients in layers.

Spread dressing evenly over pea pods.

Refrigerate at least 2 hours. Makes 12 servings.

Cook’s Tip: Salad may be made early in the day

Enjoy!

MARKET DAY - Mrs. Beth Hofacker

Thanks to the following families for supporting Herberich PTA with an order in our March Sale:

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Thanks to those who volunteered their time and energy unloading boxes and sorting orders: Mark & Lauren Elicker, Nancy & Michael Trexler, Charles Shinn, Sue Timmer, Donnell Gachett, and Romi Brozeit!

Please continue your support of this wonderful program!

We have only **one sale left** (May) – won’t you consider placing an order and stock up on your Market Day favorites for summer!

Beth Hofacker, Market Day Chair
330-666-9832
BethHofa66@aol.com
DISMISSAL CHANGE / ABSENCE REQUEST FORM

Teacher: 
From: 
Date: 
Child’s Name: 
Phone Number: 

(where you can be reached during school hours)

_____ Will be carpooled with ____________________________ (name) on __________________ (date)

_____ 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.

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Muffins with Mom
(or another special woman)
Friday, May 6th, 8 am – 8:45 am
Come Enjoy Breakfast with your children
and their friends
Muffins, donuts, yogurt, fruit, coffee & juice
Photos taken in Library

Family Name: ___________________________  # attending: _______

Please RSVP By Wednesday, May 4

Calling All Dads

We Need Your Help to Make Muffins
with Moms a Success.

I can help set-up at 4pm Thursday, May 5____
I can help prepare morning of event 7:20am – 8:15am____
I can help during breakfast & with clean-up 8:15am - 9:15am____
I can take photos 7:50 am - 8:50 am____ (cameras provided)

Name: ___________________________  Phone #: ________________