

Ledgeview Elementary School Newsletter

Spring 2010

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Principal's News

Dear Ledgeview Families,

I am so proud of our third and fourth grade students who demonstrated *effort* on the third grade reading, math, and writing achievement tests. We had a pep rally for these students to motivate them to do their best on the **Ohio Achievement Assessments**. *The Rock the Tests* rally included a power point with tips for how students can prepare for and do their best on the tests. Each student received a bag with pencils, mints and a bookmark with the test taking tips on it. Parents will receive the results at home in June.

Ledgeview is blessed with wonderful volunteers who help our children learn and support teachers in and out of our classrooms. Our PTA raises funds to meet educational needs, sponsor assemblies, field trips, beautify our courtyards, and enrich students. The Ledgeview staff honored our volunteers with a breakfast on April 22. About thirty of the seventy-five invited guests enjoyed food, fellowship, gifts, and a great big thank you for the positive difference they make for student learning and achievement.

The PTA Council hosted an installation dinner and honored our PTA president Donna Kovacs with an achievement award. Parent Andrena Righi earned the *Helping Hands Award*. Carolyn Victor, first grade teacher, was honored as the outstanding Ledgeview teacher. She is looping with her class to second grade and all of her parents are delighted! As you know, we are reducing a teacher at grades 1, 2, and 3. Mrs. Dana Matthews and Mr. Andy Matlack will teach at our Middle School next year and hope to see their students again. Mrs. Angela Cottrell and Mrs. Ann Iskra will teach fourth grade next year.

On May 14, our **Circle of Friends** mentors will have lunch with special needs students. This group of students has been trained to be friends and advocates for our special needs students. During their recess, they provide support and mentoring in addition to having fun with peers. During this lunch, guest speakers and a therapy dog present to the students. A 15 year old boy with Autism and his family will discuss how Autism has affected their family and the importance of the Circle of Friends program.

It has been a pleasure to work with our Ledgeview families! I love your children and it is an honor for the staff and I to partner with you to educate our children. I hope you enjoy the rest of this school year and a beautiful summer with your family! Please call me or send an Email any time you have questions or concerns.

Yours for an *excellent* education,

Donna Bambic



Coming Attractions

May Events

May 2-8 Teacher
Appreciation
May 10 5th Grade Parent
Meeting at LE

Safety Town

July 12-July 21 @ LV
Registration is May 25, 6-
8:30 PM @ Ledgeview

The Pillars of Character

Responsibility
Caring

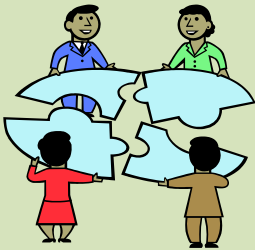
Trustworthiness
Fairness

Respect
Good Citizenship

If your child is absent, please call the school 330.908.6160 before 9:00 AM!

The Ledgeview Student Pledge:

*With team work
and my own
effort,
I will never stop
learning!*



Delayed Starts 2010-11 School Year

New for the 2010-11 ...delayed start dates

The Nordonia Hills City School is continuously evaluating all aspects of the school organization, striving for continued excellence, all while being prudent and fiscally responsible.

New for the 2010-11 school year - four (4) delayed start days on **November 12, 2010, February 11, 2011, March 21, 2011, and May 19, 2011**. On these late start days, school will start exactly two hours later - with teachers and staff using this time for in-house professional development. Champions will still operate before school on these dates. If you have any questions or concerns about these late start days - please contact me or contact the Board of Education at 330-467-0580.

The Ledgeview PTA

- Please send your *Box Tops for Education* to help our school! The goal for the 2009-2010 school year is \$1195. Box Tops are worth 10 cents each, or \$1.00 on the *Box Tops* sheet. You may download this form from: <http://www.teacherweb.com/OH/LedgeviewElementary/LedgeviewPTA/t.stm> Ledgeview has utilized the *Box Tops* program to help with: teacher's mini grants, outdoor learning center, and summer reading books, among other things!
- Please save Capri Sun and Campbell soup labels. Ledgeview earns \$.02 per Capri Sun label. Just save 10 in a ziplock bag and return to school.
- *Market Day* is a great way to support our school and an easy way to shop for food your kids will love. Please visit www.marketday.com.

Dress Code Reminder

Spring is finally here and the warm weather has brought the summer clothes out of storage. This is a good time to review with your children the dress code located in the student planner. Please no spaghetti straps (3-finger width), bare tummies, basketball shirts with low-cut arm openings, flip-flops or open back sandals. Students who are not dressed appropriately for school will need to change their clothes.



Music

All second grade students presented a music program for their families on Thursday, May 6, in the Ledgeview gym. The students were excellent as they demonstrated what they know about singing, moving, rhyming, and playing instruments. Hats off to Mrs. Toby Thompson, our music teacher, for excellent teaching.

First grade students are going to see and hear the Akron Symphony Orchestra Concert for Kids on Wednesday, May 12. Here's good news! Mrs. Thompson was awarded a grant from Target for this first grade field trip. The grant will pay for the attendance of all first grade students plus transportation. Students will eat lunch at the Longwood Park on their way back from the concert.

Small groups of second, third, and fourth students meet every day for ARRA Title I services with Lisa Zingale for reading and/or math intervention. She is implementing a program by Zaner-Bloser called *Reaching All Readers*. The program uses leveled readers and focuses on Vocabulary, Decoding, Comprehension and Fluency skills. Progress is monitored with running records and Benchmark Assessments. Math groups are reviewing and practicing basic skills such as number operations, applying concepts, and problem solving. Progress is monitored using *AIMSweb* Concept and Application probes. **Upward Math**, our before and after school Title 1 Math tutoring program, ends the last week in May. Thanks to all of you who have brought your children to this valuable learning opportunity.

Spaghetti Dinner

Ledgeview PTA and staff worked together to host a spaghetti dinner at the school for the community. About 300 people enjoyed a great dinner. The dinner, along with raffle baskets, netted about \$2700 toward a future outdoor pavilion. Business sponsors of the event include: *Petco, Target, Best Cuts, Sign O'Rama, Pizza Hut, Casa D'Angelo, Cyrano, TNT Tanning, Steak and Shake, Sam's Club, Pepsi, Village Cleaners, Pulp, Panini's, Blue Willow, Wendy's, Robert Woodruff Buck Eye Care, Kimpton Printing, and Paul Fike Builders*. To date, Ledgeview has earned about \$12,000 toward the \$18,000 to fund the project. *Coblentz Builders* will construct the outdoor learning pavilion at a reduced cost.

Ledgeview is committed to EXCELLENCE!

Classroom Highlights

In science, **kindergarten students** are focusing on a living things unit. They discovered all about the needs of animals and what they use to protect themselves. Students even discovered that some baby animals look like their parents and some don't. Kinders are now ready to begin exploring plants and will plant seeds to watch them grow. They began Theme 9: *Spring is Here* in our reading series and are working on our reading and writing skills. Kindergarten teachers have been recording the number of minutes that all the kindergarten students have been reading since Right to Read Week and posted this number in our kindergarten hallway.

Springtime is blooming with great readers and writers in **First Grade!** In May, our students will take a Post Writing Diagnostic. This writing sample will be compared to an October writing sample to assess each student's writing growth over the school year. It is always exciting for the teachers and students to see the improvements they have made in writing legibility, spelling, content and conventions. In math, students have been working diligently to secure addition and subtraction math facts. They are also exploring equal shares through fractional parts, counting coin collections up to \$1.00 and the concept of making change. The Recycling Unit in Science has our young Environmentalists thinking of ways to incorporate the 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle into their everyday lives to help conserve and extend our natural resources. Finally, our first graders are heading to CVCC to work with high school seniors and staff to build a wooden pull toy. This hands-on activity required the students to follow step-by-step directions and use various hand tools to produce a product. A big thank you goes to Mrs. O'Dell, our CVCC coordinator, who made the arrangements for this awesome educational adventure.

Individual student learning and achievement is our core business.

In math, the **second graders** have been focusing on money and place value concepts. The students have been learning how to make change from \$1.00 and have been practicing writing money amounts using dollars-and-cents notation. Second graders have also been studying geography concepts. They are working hard to name and locate all of the continents and oceans. The students are also learning how land is used in urban, suburban, and rural environments. The students have been writing personal narratives about an important event in their lives. The second graders will go through the writing process to complete this task. The published works will be shared with classmates. What a great activity for students to reflect on their lives!

Third grade students have been very busy this month. In addition to completing the third grade Ohio Achievement Assessments in reading and math, students have been learning about multiplication, economics, and animals. Third grade students were excited about learning to multiply larger numbers together using the partial-products algorithm and the lattice method. The classes also have begun discussing economics in which students will apply their knowledge learned in creating their own businesses in which they will produce and sell their own products. In science students are learning about the life cycles of animals as well as the habitats and importance of adaptations for survival. Each student will also have the opportunity to raise a butterfly in order to observe the changes it goes through during its life cycle.

Fourth graders are growing Wisconsin Fast Growing Plants in science which will enable them to see the complete life cycle of a plant in a four to five week period. In social studies, students are researching various immigrant groups and their contributions to Ohio. Shapes, weight, volume, and capacity are the topics students are learning in math. Students are reading about various heroes in reading.

Media Center News: All grade levels read books about Earth Day and discussed how we can help the environment at school and at home with recycling. Students learned how easy it is to make a compost bin using a large Rubbermaid container and what food & lawn items can be put into a compost bin. The third and fourth grade students watched a video on landfills, hazardous waste, composting, and acid rain. Kindergarteners read and reviewed three different versions of Wolf and the Seven Little Kids and then compared and contrasted each story.

Students in third through fourth grades continue to choose AR books to meet their AR goals. Students use the online card catalog to find books and even borrow from other schools.

Good News!

You can pay for your student's school fees online. This free service allows you to pay with your debit or credit cards. This is separate from your child's school lunch account. You can access the EZ pay system on our Ledgeview Elementary web page or go to www.spsezpaynordonia.com.

School Cafeteria...

If your children bring lunch to school from home, please also send utensils and napkins with lunch. The cafeteria only provides packets to students who purchase their lunch in the cafeteria. Thanks for your help! Don't forget that you can put money on the school lunch account online and pay with credit or debit card. The site is www.myschoolaccount.com. You can send yourself an Email reminder when the account needs additional funds. fundsfunds funds!

The first winner of the Ledgeview Spirit Stick for AR reading accomplishments was Mrs. Felker's class. The March winner was Mrs. Matthews's class and the April winner was Mrs. Occhionero's class. Thanks to these students and their parents for reading at home!

How to Reach Us...

Attendance

330.908.6160

Mrs. Donna Bambic, Principal

330.467.0583

Mrs. Terry Carver, Counselor

330.908.6302

Mrs. Lynn Ciccantelli, School

Psychologist 330.908.6307

Mrs. Patti Pilato, Cafeteria

330.908.6305

Mrs. Deb Forman, Clinic

330.908.6350

Mr. Wayne Blankenship, Supt.

330.467.0586

Mr. Joe Clark, Asst. Supt.

330.467.0587

Mrs. Irene Beville, Curriculum

& Instruction 330.467.0585

Dr. Margo Costello, Pupil

Services 330.468.4600

Transportation 330.908.5156

Website Recommendations

Ledgeview Website Please visit our school at

http://www.nordoniaschools.org/ledgeviewelementary_home.aspx

You may access your child's **lunch account** at: www.myschoolaccount.com

Home Access to maps 101: Accessing Maps101 is easy!

Go to www.maps101.com - Click on "Subscriber Login"

Username: ledge Password: view

If your primary child needs a fun interactive learning activity, explore www.brainpopjr.com. Our district has paid for this on-line learning extension that offers videos and interactive games on many topics and content skills.

Username: n_student

Password: student

<http://streaming.discoveryeducation.com/>

United Streaming contains videos that support the content standards which is the content your child is learning at school. To access at home:

username: LVStudent

password: Ledgeview

Other sites to try:

www.eduplace.com/kids

www.funbrain.com

www.brainpop.com

www.starfall.com

www.eduplace.com/kids.

www.mathematicsuniversity.com

www.kids.nationalgeographic.com

www.kidsgeo.com

For information about the content standards, and to download practice achievement tests, please go to: www.ode.state.oh.us

