

# STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joy Elementary School



## March 5 through March 9, 2012

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1. Thank you to Joanne, Monica, and everyone who helped with the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony last Thursday. It was an incredibly touching event watching 15 outstanding students being inducted in this incredible ceremony. Thank you to everyone for your hard work in this event!
2. Thank you to Chris for writing a Dollar General literacy grant which she submitted last Friday that focuses on purchasing more leveled readers. Please keep your fingers crossed in hopes that we get it.
3. ISTEP+ Testing is Monday, March 5th through Friday, March 9, 2012. Make-up days for testing are Monday, March 12 through Wednesday, March 14, 2012. Please make sure to keep your doors closed during these days to create as quiet of a testing environment as possible for students. Thank you in advance for your help with this.
4. ISTEP+ Test Examiners—In your mailbox you will find pencils and peppermints for students to use during testing. Several of you shared how students seem to be nervous about taking the test. Peppermints have a natural calming effect. If you have any questions about giving ISTEP+, please let me know.
5. Good news! I have received our new budget and we can now order supplies as needed. I hope to have a new laminator ordered by the end of this week. Some of you have asked about getting a kidney table. If you would still like a kidney table for your room, please email me now so that it can be ordered.
6. Due to last Wednesday's ISTEP+ training, teachers in grades 3-5 did not have an opportunity to work on their Data Analysis Organizer. Please use this Wednesday's PLC to work on this analysis. I need the form emailed to me by Friday, March 9, 2012 at 4:00 pm.
7. The next JSA Meeting is this Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 6:00 pm in the library.
8. Check the School Calendar for information on upcoming activities. If you do not have access to the calendar through your Zimbra account, please let me know.
9. PM Supervision for:

### **March 5-March 16, 2012**

Horseshoe Parking Lot/Door C – **Kanyer**

Carroll Street Lot (In front of playground/Challenge Ed.) – **Oberholtzer/Wigley**

4th Grade Doors - **Groszek**

Front/Center Area – **Ferraro**

Horseshoe Parking Lot – **Dabagia, Drake, and Schreeg**

### 8. Professional Learning Communities/Staff Meeting Agendas

- A. Monday, March 5, 2012 in the Library at 3:10 pm
  1. Hicks Chiropractic will be here for the first 20 minutes to talk about "How to Stay Young"
  2. We will prepare for Parent-Teacher Conferences on which are on March 29, 2012.
  3. Any remaining time will be used to work on your classroom website.
- B. Wednesday, March 7, 2012
  1. Grade level teams will work together on literacy, ISTEP+ needs/issues, or on completing the Data Analysis Organizer
  2. The counselor, GT teacher, art teacher, music teacher, and physical education teacher will work on curriculum needs for upcoming programs (Art show, music performances, etc.)
  3. Special needs teachers will work on the new documentation required for IEP goals.
  4. Nurses will meet together today.

"One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child." -*Carl Jung*