

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joy Elementary School



April 16 through April 20, 2012

1. My candy bar box is full. Please help yourself.
2. Special Needs Teachers-We have a restocked bottled water supply for case conferences in the refrigerator across from my office. Please remember to offer water to parents during your meetings.
3. We have been going through a lot of coffee lately. For the next several weeks, we will be making coffee in both coffee makers. Thank you to Monica for donating a new container of coffee! This should get us through the rest of the year.
4. 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Teachers—We have been asked by Dr. Radford to not use the book Holes. This book is a part of the middle school SpringBoard curriculum. If you have multiple copies that you would like to give to a middle school, please let me know.
5. The Lubeznik Center for the Arts hosted the opening ceremony for the annual MCAS Student Art exhibit in the NIPSCO Gallery at the Lubeznik Center through mid-May. Please stop in and see our students' works. Thank you to Sue Vigen and her team for setting up this show!
6. Teachers-Anyone wishing to pick up student posters from the Black History Month contest can do so through May 1st at the Human Rights Commission Office, City Hall. Hours are 8-4:30, Monday-Friday. They appreciate a call in advance to let them know you're coming at 873-1429. (Unfortunately posters are not labeled with name/school, so you will need to know what you are looking for to search through the entries.)
7. Teachers-The Young People's Theatre Company Jr's will be holding auditions for *Beauty and the Beast* on April 14th. If you have a budding actor/actress in your class (and you all do!) please encourage them to try out.
8. mCLASS Reading testing is April 16th through May 11th.
9. mCLASS Math testing is April 30th through May 25th.
10. Earth Day is Sunday, April 22, 2012. During the week of April 16th through April 20th, the 5th grade will be working on collecting trash around the east side of the school. Please do not pick up trash with your class on this side of the building. Fifth graders will need all of the trash that they can find for their project.
11. Staff, We are collecting rinsed out and crushed pop cans for Earth Day. Please remind your students. There's a container by the office to put them in or Beth has a garbage can in the boiler room.
-Mary
12. Thank you to Ruth for the comic on the next page.
13. The next JSA Meeting is this Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 6:00 pm in the library.
14. 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.
15. PM Supervision for:

April 9-April 20, 2012

Horseshoe Parking Lot/Door C – Sloane
Carroll Street Lot (In front of playground/Challenge Ed.) – Oberholtzer/Hopper
4th Grade Doors - Huber
Front/Center Area – Schultz, Frederick
Horseshoe Parking Lot – Dabagia, Drake, and Schreeg

April 23-May 4, 2012

Horseshoe Parking Lot/Door C – Pryzbylinski
Carroll Street Lot (In front of playground/Challenge Ed.) – Oberholter/Furore
4th Grade Doors - Ochoa
Front/Center Area – Knouse
Horseshoe Parking Lot – Dabagia, Drake, and Schreeg

16. Professional Learning Communities/Staff Meeting Agendas

- A. Tuesday, April 17, 2012
 - 1. Grades 2, 3, and 5 meeting with Chris to work on literacy (Refer to the emailed schedule.)
- B. Wednesday, April 18, 2012
 - 1. First grade mCLASS substitute coverage
 - 2. PLC from 3:10-4:10 pm
 - A. Grade 3-5 teachers will meet for ISTEP+ training in the library from 3:10-3:40 pm. The rest of the time is yours to work on other classroom needs.
 - B. Grade K-2 teachers will meet information IREAD in the library from 3:40-4:10 pm. The time before the meeting is your to work on other classroom needs
 - C. Nurses will meet together.
 - D. Elementary counselors will meet together.
 - E. GT teachers, art teachers, music teachers, and physical ed. teachers will meet together with their teammates.
 - F. Special needs teachers may work on IEP's/ISTAR, or if you are a teacher who gives the ISTEP+ assessment, please attend the meeting mentioned above with the grade 3-5 teachers.
- C. Thursday, April 19, 2012
 - 1. Grades K, 1, and 4 meeting with Chris to work on literacy (Refer to the emailed schedule.)
 - 2. Second grade mCLASS substitute coverage
- D. Monday, April 23, 2012
 - 1. Kindergarten mCLASS substitute coverage



"Worry a little bit every day and in a lifetime you will lose a couple of years. If something is wrong, fix it if you can. But train yourself not to worry. Worry never fixes anything." -Mary Hemingway

"The kids were rebelling against the new school uniform policy, so we had to make some design changes."