

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joy Elementary School



April 23 through April 27, 2012

1. Good morning! I hope you had a fun and relaxing weekend. Only one week to go until ISTEP+ testing begins.
2. We will have a fire drill on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 1:45 pm.
3. Pursuant to regulations the State Board of Education promulgated under 511 IAC 6.2-3.1.3, all State Board-accredited schools with a section of kindergarten, grade 1, grade 2, or grade 3 are required to annually submit an Elementary Reading Plan, which supports scientifically-based reading research and instruction. The 2012 window for submission is from April 23rd through June 30th via DOE Online at <https://dc.doe.state.in.us/DOEOnline/login.aspx>.
4. Teachers-We should be receiving enrichment summer school information by the end of this week. It must be returned to school by May 11th.
5. Our last staff meeting for this school year will be held on May 7, 2012.
6. This past week, MCAS has gone on the offensive. An advertisement is running in the News Dispatch, the NWI times, the Herald Argus and the Beecher papers. MCAS has also acquired the domain ChooseMCAS.com and will be establishing a website geared to people who are "school shopping", considering moving to our community or transferring to MCAS. Thank you to the Chamber of Commerce for paying for these promotions.
7. The "Hey UGLY" anti-bullying organization is sponsoring several contests for students, including an antibullying essay contest, video contest, and an acronym contest. First prize for the essay and acronym contests is \$500 U.S. Savings Bond. First prize for the video contest is \$250 in cash. For details visit: <http://heyugly.org/PreventBullyingNowContests.php>
8. 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.
9. 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.)
10. mCLASS Reading testing is April 16th through May 11th.
11. mCLASS Math testing is April 30th through May 25th.
12. The next JSA Meeting is this Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 6:00 pm in the library.
13. 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.
14. PM Supervision for:

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

15. Professional Learning Communities/Staff Meeting Agendas
 - A. Monday, April 23, 2012
 1. Kindergarten mCLASS substitute coverage
 - B. Wednesday, April 25, 2012
 1. Today is your opportunity to work on projects that you need to finalize as we get closer to the end of the school year including ISTEP+ planning, IEP's or ISTAR assessments, literacy planning, preparing for field trips, and so on. This time may not be used for grading

assignments.

"Thought flows in terms of stories -stories about events, stories about people, and stories about intentions and achievements. The best teachers are the best storytellers. We learn in the form of stories." -*Frank Smith*