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March 2024

Calendar of Events (Subject to change)

March



- 14 PTO Meeting @4pm in Music/Art Room
- 19 3rd Grade Field Trip to McKinley Museum
- 20 District Literacy Night at WHHS
- 22 End of 3rd Nine Weeks
- 22 Yearbook Order Deadline
- 27 4th Grade Field Trip to Ohio History Connection
- 28 Spring Pictures
- 28 Grade Cards Go Home
- 29 NO SCHOOL - Teacher Conference Comp Day

MARCH 10



Looking Ahead

April

- 1-8 SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL
- 09 Return from Spring Break
- 11 PTO Meeting @4pm in Music/Art Room
- 22-26 Right to Read Week
- 24 Literacy Night at Nashville
- 26 Mid Terms Go Home
- 30 5th Grade to Skyview Ranch



WEST HOLMES ELEMENTARY FAMILY FUN NIGHT

When: Wednesday, March 20, 2024; 5:30pm-7:45pm

Where: West Holmes High School

Mark the date on your calendar for an evening of fun, books, food, and Jim "Basketball" Jones.

More information will be coming home soon!

From the Desk of Mr. Zimmerly,

In last year's March newsletter, I gave some suggestions that would encourage open conversations with your children at home. This year, I would like to hone in on that a little bit more by talking about screen time - for our students and yes, even us as adults.

The American Academy of Childhood and Adolescent Psychiatry provides some good suggestions and why it is important for children to limit screen time. Having trouble sleeping, mood changes, low self-esteem, and less time with family and friends are all negative effects of too much screen time.

Suggestions that AACAP give for parents in regards to screen time include:

- Turn off all screens during family meals and outings.

- Learn about and use parental controls.

- Turn off screens and remove them from bedrooms 30-60 minutes before bedtime.

- Familiarize yourself with programming to make sure it is age-appropriate.

- Talk to your child about what they are seeing. Point out good behavior, such as cooperation, friendship, and concern for others. Make connections to meaningful events or places of interest.

- Set a good example with your own safe and healthy screen habits.

- Teach children about online privacy and safety.

- Encourage using screens in ways that build creativity and connection with family and friends.

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Children are very observant which is why it is important for us as parents to set a good example. When parents are preoccupied with their phone or other device, conversation becomes limited and children catch on to this, recognizing that the content of their parent's phone appears to be more important than the conversation with and well-being of their children.

Technology is a beneficial tool, but shouldn't replace quality time and conversation with friends and family.

-Mr. Zimmerly

Lakeville Collections

Box Tops for Education:

Download the new Box Top App today! All you have to do is scan your receipt. **Lakeville School has earned \$40.20 so far this school year.**

Schoolstore.com: Did you know that if you go to Schoolstore.com and order online through this website, our school earns money all year long! Your child can earn some cool prizes!

Lunch Times

3rd grade: 12:00 4th Grade: 11:45
5th Grade: 12:15

Please pay for lunch on the first day of the week.
Checks payable to: Lakeville Cafeteria



Medication at School

Prescription and over-the-counter medicine at schools requires a **parent & doctor signature.**

- Forms are in the school office.
- Parent will need to bring the medication to the school.
Do not send medication on the bus.
- Please note any/all medication on your child's emergency medical form.
- Student's name should be on medication and kept in the original container.

School Board Members

Eric Strouse Tina Zickefoose
Patricia Sage Andrew Jones
Hans Ramseyer
Superintendent: Eric Jurkovic

West Holmes Kindergarten Screening

Parents with children who will be five or six years old on or before August 1, 2024, are asked to register their child at the West Holmes elementary school that the child will most likely be attending.

February 5, 2024 - April 26, 2024

Call the building secretary where your child will attend school. The building secretary will ask you for basic registration information about your child and sign your child up for a kindergarten screening appointment.

Once you have called and signed your child up for a screening appointment, you will receive an email explaining how to log onto the district website at www.westholmes.org and click on the Final Forms link. From there you can complete the necessary forms to register your child.

Please complete this process by Monday, May 6th.

WHEN YOU COME TO SCREENING IT IS ALSO VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU BRING A COPY OF YOUR CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE, THEIR IMMUNIZATIONS, PROOF OF RESIDENCY, AND YOUR PHOTO ID SO THAT WE HAVE ALL THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK ON FILE.

Kindergarten screening dates are:

May 28 - Killbuck 330-276 2891
May 29 & May 30 - Millersburg 330-674-5681
May 31 - Nashville 330-378-2111

PLEASE KEEP INFORMATION UPDATED

If your phone number or address changes, please be sure to update it in Final Forms. Phone numbers are most important in case we would need to get a hold of you in an emergency situation.

Log onto www.westholmes.org, click on Parents, then Final Forms/ Instructions. You can update your information there.



Drop-off/Pick-up Procedure

*If you bring your child to school or if they walk, please make sure they arrive to school no earlier than 8:40.

*If you are picking your child up from school early, a phone call or note is required. **You will need to come into the school to sign your child out!**

*Dismissal is at 3:30. We ask that you avoid picking them up early, unless you have a set appointment. All students should be in the bus/pick-up line by 3:40, making for a quick dismissal. The students will go to the east side of the building, near the main entrance, for dismissal. A staff member will not release them without visual confirmation as to who is picking them up. This is for the safety of our students.

Yearbook Orders

-Deadline March 22nd

2 Ways to Order

1. Send in a check for \$17.00, made out to WEST HOLMES SCHOOLS, with the order form that was sent home with your child.
2. Order online at solidrockphotos.gotphoto.com and use the code LAKENASH24

School Absences

If your child is absent, please call the school at

419-827-2006

before 10am. Please send a note of excuse when your child returns, or a doctor's note if one is available.