



COLLEGEWOOD

Elementary School

Dear Collegewood Families,
We are on the cusp of spring with so much to look forward to! Next week we will have our annual Walk-A-Thon! Our Community Club has done a wonderful job embedding character development into this fun day. We use the funds collected from this event to purchase updated computers for students and safety items to enhance our school.

On March 20th we will host our annual Open House beginning at 2 PM. . On this day, the office will close at 1:30. We will have an online book fair for you to purchase books in addition to snacks. All classrooms will be open. We hope that you will join us for this event. It is always great fun to walk classrooms and see the projects that students have been working on!

I can tell that it is going to be a spectacular month!

Respectfully,

Mary Wendland, Ed.D.

SPIRIT DAY MARCH 17TH-ST. PATRICK'S DAY

On Wednesday, March 17th we will have a Spirit Day to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. It is tradition that anyone wearing green on this day gets an extra sprinkle of good luck. We hope that everyone will come to school wearing green from head to toe! Don't forget that this is a PE day, so please wear clothes and shoes that allow for running and jumping.

PBIS FOCUS FOR MARCH

We are a PBIS school. This means that we approach behavioral support with the same care and commitment that we do academic growth. Our school focuses on the practice of the 4 R's: Respect, Responsibility, Resourcefulness, and being Ready to Learn. Each month we focus on one the R's in addition to a character trait. This month we are focusing on responsibility and proactivity. We encourage you to use this time to remind kids that they have tools to fix things when they notice a problem. Some



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Upcoming Events

March 9

Spring Picture Day

March 10

5th Grade Parent Information Night

ways that we can be proactive is by being organized, asking for help when we need it and getting work done in advance.

Morning Drop Off and Dismissal

We have had a large number of students dropped off in the morning as early as 7:30 AM. This is not safe and there is no supervision. Several students have been found walking through the parking lot. This poses a serious threat to safety as cars and construction vehicles move through the lots. Please do not drop off your child before 8 AM.

Please note that we will be enforcing rules for dismissal. There is no student pick up in the school parking lot. Handicapped spots and parking spots are for use when adults need to visit the school during the instructional day. They are not for use during dismissal since the pick-up line does not require anyone to get out of their vehicle.

A special thanks to all of you for following traffic routines and laws during drop off and pick-up. This is a busy time around our school and without patience, respect, and a willingness to cooperate, it could be very dangerous for our kids. It has been helpful to have all of the students waiting on the hillside in front of the school where staff can monitor them to ensure their safety. Thank you for helping make this time safe for our students!

STATE TESTING

Beginning March 27th, students in grades 3-5 will begin state testing. During this time it is important for students to go to bed early and eat breakfast before coming to school. Students who arrive to school after the testing session has started will not be admitted into class. They will be given an opportunity to make up the test later in the day or at a later time. You can review sample test questions and find out more about this assessment by visiting

<http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html>

Testing schedule for Grades 3-5:

Grade 5 Science March 30-April 2

Grades 3-5 English Language Arts April 6-9

Grades 3-5 Math April 27-May 1

5th GRADE INFORMATION NIGHT

All 5th Grade parents are encouraged to attend our informational night on Tuesday, March 10th. During this time we will discuss end of year activities, growth and development curriculum, and tips on how to help your child transition to middle school.



Upcoming Events

March 18

1st Grade Dance Family Sharing Day

March 20

2:00-3:30 PM Open House snacks and online book fair open at 1:20 PM

March 25

Fun Run Make Up

March 26

4th Grade to Mission

March 17

St. Patrick's Day-WEAR GREEN

March 27

Spirit Assembly

March 30

5th Grade State Testing in Science

April 1

2:00 School Site Council