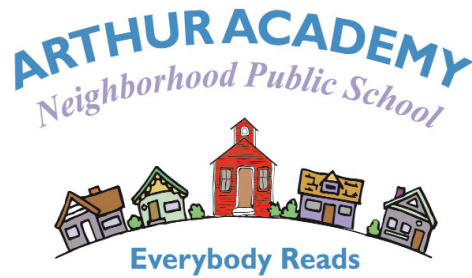


# David Douglas



## February 2007 Newsletter

### **Music Concert**

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, we had our all school music concert showcasing all of the students past 4 months of work. They did a great job! It was especially nice having a seat for everyone. We are planning on a spring concert with the intentions of using the David Douglas Performing Art Center again. If you would like to buy a DVD of the concert please send \$5.00 with your child.

### **Report Cards**

Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, your child should have brought home their report card. If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher immediately. The next set of report cards will be handed out during the spring parent teacher conferences.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Parent teacher conferences will be held on the dates of April 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Each teacher varies in his or her schedule. They will have a defined schedule for you to choose dates and times the week before Spring Break.

This year during conferences we will have a book sale. Scholastic Books provides a travel kit of books that parents/children can look over and purchase. We receive a certain amount of "free" books for each classroom depending on how many books are sold as a whole. We are looking for volunteers to run the book sale during conferences. If you are interested please let Ms. Arnold know. The books will be set up in Ms. McFarlen's room and she will be holding conferences in Ms. Arnold's room, right next door.

### **TAG- Talented and Gifted**

Students identified as Talented and Gifted have certain unique characteristics and educational needs that distinguish them from other students. These characteristics include:

- An intense intellectual curiosity
- Ability to conceptualize broad issues, themes and concepts
- Demonstration of higher level thinking (analysis, synthesis, evaluation)
- Independence in thought and work
- Strong sense of truth and justice.

If you would like your student tested please contact their teacher. March 31<sup>st</sup>, is the deadline for all students to be referred by teacher and parent.

**Valentines Parties**

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, each classroom will be holding a small valentines party. If you do not want your child to attend the party please let the teacher know. We will do our best to make sure they are able to hangout with another class who is not doing their party at that time. If you would like to donate snacks or juice in your child’s classroom talk to the teacher.

**State Testing**

The 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be taken the State Writing test this month. This is a paper and pencil test. All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking the State Reading and Math test. This will be done on several laptop computers and each student receives 3 attempts to achieve passing status. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking a State Science test as well. Please make sure your students are well prepared by being to school on time, having a healthy breakfast and a good night’s rest. Teachers will let you know when your child will be testing in the next 2 months.

**Kindergarten for 2007-2008**

If you have a child that will be entering Kindergarten next school year please send a note with the sibling. Currently, we have 6 siblings for next year, which leaves 19 open spots for new families.

**Dress for the weather**

Please dress your child appropriately for the weather. Most days we are outside enjoying whatever weather comes our way.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor Retreat**

We are planning for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade outdoor retreat and the many details to make it a fun time. At this point, we know it will cost \$70 per child to attend the 2 day and 1 night retreat. This includes, the cabins, 3 meals, arts-n-crafts, and 3 activities provided by the camp. More details at a later time will be sent out.

There will be a meeting for parents on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, at 3:35 to discuss possible fundraising activities for the retreat and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation.

**Lunch Program**

See attached letter.

**Volunteers**

Looking for volunteers to put together new basketball hoops. Call Ms. Arnold.

**Reminders**

- Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007.....5<sup>th</sup> grade volunteer meeting for Retreat and Graduation
- Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, .....No School
- March 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> ..... Spring Break
- April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007.....There is school- night conferences-Book Fair
- April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007.....No school- conferences-Book Fair
- April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007 .....No School