

Hale Road Elementary

NEWSLETTER

December 2018

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- 12/4-12/7 Santa Shop
 - 12/10-12-14 MAP testing Winter session
 - 12/14 Student Leader Breakfast (November) 8:30 AM
 - 12/20 Holiday Sing Along 2:15 followed by class parties 2:45
 - 12/21 Begin Winter Break for Students/Teacher Work Day
 - 1/07 Class resumes- Begin 3rd quarter
 - 1/08 Report Cards posted to Infinite Campus
 - 1/09 PTO Meeting @ 6PM
 - 1/10 Elementary Class Champion Spelling Bee @ Buckeye 4:15
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Coat and Boot Donation

With Winter upon us and the holidays right around the corner, if you happen to have a gently used coat or pair of boots that your child has outgrown, you may bring them to the school. We have some who do not have winter coats or boots. We ask that they are clean and in good condition (free of tears or holes and zippers or fasteners that work) You may bring them into the school office. As a reminder, we go outside for recess provided the windchill is above 20 degrees. Students who come to school in shorts or without a coat will not be permitted to go outside during the winter months.

MAP Testing

We will be MAP testing beginning next week. Students will take the assessment in the computer lab for K-2 and on the classroom ChromeBooks. Riverside Schools utilize MAP testing to monitoring student growth and progress three times per year in the areas of reading and math. Teachers use these data points to provide intervention and enrichment in their classroom instruction.



Holiday Sing-along

Prior to the classroom parties on Thursday, December 20, the students will have a sing-along led by Miss Kish. It will begin around 2:15. This will allow our

homeroom parents to get into the classrooms and get set up for the parties which will begin at 2:45. This is just a way to spread some holiday cheer and free up the classrooms for our parent volunteers.

Spelling Bee

The District-wide Elementary School Spelling Bee will be held on Thursday, January 10 at 4:15. This event will be at Buckeye Elementary School, located at 175 Buckeye Drive in Painesville Township. The contest will be for classroom winners and alternates from grades 4 and 5 from each elementary building. Each classroom champion and alternate will be sent home the official word list prior to break to study the words for this written test. Grade level winners or alternates will then compete in the District level Spelling Bee for grades 4-8 on Thursday, January 17 in the Riverside Lecture Room.

Parking Lot Safety-Drop-off and Pick-up

Please follow the traffic pattern and arrows during AM/PM drop-off and pick-up. The arrows are designed to ensure ALL traffic is flowing one way. **We do this to keep students safe. If everyone** follows the pattern the flow of traffic will be safe for children and efficient for parents. Please do not try to leave going against the flow of traffic.

New Building Update

There is a rendering of what the new school building will look like in the office at school. If you haven't driven by Madison Avenue, take a drive by to see it taking shape. It will be a wonderful facility for the next generation of Riverside students. The District is working diligently to re-draw attendance zones. Parents should have information sometime after the first of the year.

I am looking for a few volunteers to help scan pictures to create a digital photo album of the history of Nursery and later Hale Road Schools. If you are interested and would like to help, please contact Mr. St.Clair at 352-2300 or email at timothy.stclair@riversideschools.net

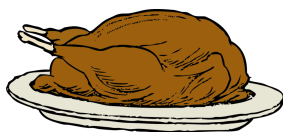


School fees are \$68 per student. If you have not paid school fees please do so by the end of the year. Checks can be made payable to Hale Road Elementary School. School fees may also be paid through Infinite Campus. Please visit the link below to read more.

<http://www.riversidelocalschools.com/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6G323II&dasi=3U30>

Attendance and Absences

Regular school attendance is being on time to school and ready to learn. Missing even 5 minutes of class time interrupts the routine of the day. Our tardy bell rings at 9:10. Absences should be reported to the office by calling the Absence Line at 358-8701. If a child is frequently absent, we will be contacting parents to work on improving your child's attendance.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated items for our annual We Care, We Share Thanksgiving Food Drive. We were able to donate 18 baskets to help others have a nice Thanksgiving. Once again, Hale Road proves to be a generous and kind school and community.



Our 5th grade Hale Road Commemorative Ornament sale was a tremendous success. We sold out of our ornaments, selling 275 ornaments total. Kudos to our 5th graders and to our teachers for this creative idea. The students enjoyed the work and learned many skills in teamwork and collaboration. We will try to secure more ornaments for our decommissioning events later this spring.

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season. I look forward to seeing everyone in 2019 as we move into our second and final semester at Hale Road Elementary School.

