



April 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Day 5 <i>Lifetouch Spring Pictures</i> PSSA Testing	2 Day 1 PSSA Testing Wendy's 5-8 pm Route	3 Day 2 PSSA Testing	4 Day 3	5 PTO Romolo's Pick-up 9-11 Waldameer tickets 9-1
6	7 Day 4	8 Day 5	9 Day 1 Book Fair	10 Day 2 Book Fair PTO Mtg 6:30 Cafeteria	11 Day 3 Book Fair	12
13	14 Day 4 Book Fair	15 Day 5 Book Fair	16 Day 4 Spring Celebration 2:30-3:15 pm	17 No School Spring Break	18 No School Spring Break	19
20	21 No School Spring Break	22 Day 1	23 Day 2 Kindergarten Registration	24 Day 3 Kindergarten Registration	25 Day 4 Kindergarten Registration	26
27	28 Day 5	29 Day 1 Science PSSA 4th grade only	30 Day 2 Science PSSA 4th grade only			



Wattsburg Area Elementary Center

Pittsburgh Steeler, Kelvin Beechum Visits WAEC for FUTP60

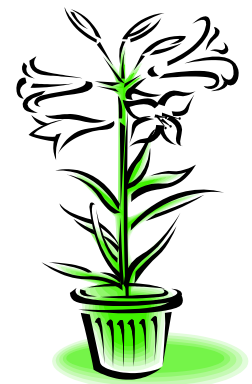
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April 1	School Pictures
April 2, 3, 4	PSSA Tests—Grade 3 and 4
April 5	PTO Romolo's Candy pick-up and Waldameer Ticket Sales Lund Martial Arts/PTO Self Defense Course 2-3 pm
April 9-15	Scholastic book fair—Library
April 10	PTO Meeting 6:30 pm
April 16	Spring Celebration 2:30—3:15 pm
April 17-21	Spring Break—No School
April 23-25	Kindergarten Registration
April 29, 30	Science PSSA Tests—Grade 4 only



Kindergarten News



The month of March was an exciting one for Kindergarten! We enjoyed celebrating Dr. Seuss week and Read Across America Day with fun

read-a-louds, activities and even a PJ Day. We also had the Erie Zoo's



Traveling Zoo come and visit us in our classrooms. We learned a lot about the animals that they brought, and some we were even allowed to touch! Now we are looking forward to celebrating Spring and Earth Day during the month of April.

Third Grade News

3rd grade has been busily preparing for the PSSA's. With the testing ending the first week of April we will be celebrating our hard work and efforts with a movie on Friday, April 4. In math we are wrapping up measurement and beginning multiplication. Any practice you can provide at home to help your child learn his/her multiplication facts will be greatly appreciated! The students will be starting to write persuasive paragraphs in writing. Be careful as your son or daughter may write you a letter trying to persuade you to buy them a new toy or to stay up later!

First Grade News

These are the positive paws winners for February. These children showed what kindness means! Positive Paws is done several times a year to highlight children that go above and beyond in many areas. The first graders meet as a group and celebrate the accomplishments of their classmates during a positive paws meeting in the 1/2 gathering area. The first graders look forward to this special time with their classmates.



Fourth Grade News

March was a very busy month for fourth grade! Fourth grade worked very hard and did a fantastic job on the PSSAs! As we wrap up Reading, Writing, and Math PSSAs, we will begin to master our knowledge for the Science PSSAs on April 29th and 30th.

Math class has kept us in shape while learning about *Geometry*. We learned how to measure angles using protractors, identified and classified polygons, triangles and quadrilaterals. We described the results of transformations (translations, rotations, and reflections). We studied three-dimensional figures by identifying their faces, edges, and vertices. Look around, what geometric shapes do you see?

In Reading, we have been quite the detectives. We have been answering open ended questions by providing evidence from the text. We have also been summarizing fiction and non-fiction texts. As we move into April, we will begin our research project for Writing class. We will be working on choosing a topic, researching our topic, citing our sources, and utilizing our typing skills.

We are looking forward to warmer weather. Think Spring!

Reminder

There is no parking in the fire lane or directly in front of the elementary center when you are picking up your children. Please park in the lot across from the school. We want to ensure that your family is safe when entering and exiting the building or a school bus.

Thank you!



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The Wattsburg Area School District's Kindergarten Registration and Screening Days will be held at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center 10780 Wattsburg Road, Erie, PA 16509 on **Wednesday, April 23, Thursday, April 24, and Friday, April 25, 2014**

*Children must be 5 years old
prior to September 1, 2014 to register.*

Appointments for parent and child will last approximately one hour. You will need to bring the child's birth certificate, immunization records, and proof of residency in the Wattsburg School District.

Please call (814) 824-3400 ext. 4500
to schedule an appointment

Romolo's Candy Pick-up

Date and Time:

April 5 9 am—11 pm

WAEK auditorium

Waldameer Tickets

Date and Time:

April 5 9 am—1 pm

WAEK cafeteria

Cost:

\$16.50 All Day Combo Pass

Cash or checks payable to WAEK PTO

School Picnic—June 12, 2014 Pine Valley Shelter



Lost and Found at WAEK

Please check our lost and found tables outside the cafeteria for any clothing items your child may have misplaced. Any winter items left after the spring celebration will be donated to a local charity.



From the Music Room.....

The **First and Second grade** classes at the Elementary Center are working hard getting ready for their musical, "Spaced Out." It is an exciting adventure into outer space where we meet famous "star gazers" and discover important elements that make up our solar system. The first and second graders are learning songs and choreography and scientific facts about the sun, the moon, meteors, asteroids, comets and all of the planets.

First Grade, May 6th at 7:00 pm

Second Grade, May 7th at 7:00 pm.

The **Third Grade** students know all of the families of instruments by sight and sound and they are familiar with the instruments of the orchestra. To reinforce the families in the orchestra, "The Composer is Dead" by Lemony Snicket was narrated to them by the author himself. They really enjoyed listening to this mystery and learning how all instrument players try to honor the composers' composition by playing it with expression and not too many mistakes! The third graders will soon be inventing their own instrument: describing how it works, drawing a picture of it and naming their musical instrument.

Our **Fourth Graders** have had their first playing test on the recorder, "Merrily We Roll Along", which uses the notes B, A, and G with quarter notes and quarter rests. They did very well! Keep practicing fourth graders. We will be learning new notes and new songs to play! Our fourth graders have also been studying the instruments of the orchestra and the instrument families. To reinforce the families in the orchestra, "The Composer is Dead" by Lemony Snicket was narrated to them by the author himself. They really enjoyed listening to this mystery and learning how all instrument players try to honor the composers' composition by playing it with expression and not too many mistakes!

Our **Kindergarteners** at the Elementary Center have been exploring Pitch in music. They are able to aurally and visually recognize high, middle and low pitch. They have been able to read and play pitch on the tone chimes, and our student teacher, Mr. Dovensky, was able to bring in a trumpet and a tuba and relate the size of the instrument to the pitch with the kindergarteners. Some of the songs they like to sing are: *The Counting Song, The Tugboat and Spring is in the Air.*

ATTENTION BUSY BOBCAT SUPPORTERS AND BUSINESS OWNERS!

The Busy Bobcats are in need of monetary donations to purchase tee-shirts to recognize the students' hard work and dedication. If you are interested in helping support our active students, please contact Mrs. Pinzok at 824-3400 ex:6650 or at Bethany.pinzok@wattsburg.org



Art Room News

Students worked very hard to complete projects for the Annual Art Show that was held March 22nd 2014.

The theme of the show was "Art After the Masters". Projects included...

4th Grade: Optical Art

3rd Grade: Pointillism

2nd Grade: Laurel Burch Cats

1st Grade: Paul Klee Castles

Kindergarten: Ice Cream Cones inspired by Wayne Thiebaud.

Artwork was judged on Friday March 21st, judges included Mr. Berlin-Superintendent, Mr. Rinke-Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Barboni-Assistant Principal, and Mrs. Berlin-WAEC Art Teacher. A total of 35 art projects were chosen. Art work will be framed and put on display in the Administration Building and at the Elementary Center. All students will have their artwork returned at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. Congratulations to ALL of the WAEC students and their hard work.

3rd & 4th Grade Winners

Back Row: Jack Pikiewicz, Brooke Myers, Lindsay Brinker, Wyatt Larson, Lauren Scheider, Abigail Napierski.

Front Row: Ripley Blair, Bryce Obringer, Trent Sayers, Matthew Okicki, Rachael Eller, Erinlyn Swarm, Jordyn Lewis



Kindergarten, 1st, & 2nd Grade Winners

Back Row: Edward Cass, Ashlynn Fiedtkou, Lee Hoover, Braden Kibbe, Kayla Forsythe, Dania Al-Issa

Middle Row: Aeneva Shumac, Alexa Langdon, Jack Dombrowski, Katelynn Gottsching, Leah Moffett, Olivia Pikiewicz, Alara Bem

Front Row: Averil Pushchak, Anthony Scalise, Sophie Williams, Tanner Glass



Artwork from the Art Show...



Second Grade News

Second grade is wrapping up several learning units and we're ready for the showers of learning that will occur in April! In March, we had a pajama day to celebrate Read Across America Day (also known as Dr. Seuss' birthday). What a comfortable day we had as we read the day away!

Read Across America Day!



Recently, we learned about African animals with a visit from Erie's traveling zoo. The children were amazed by the animals as they were able to get up close and even touch a few of these animals. Thank you to the PTO for providing the funds to allow this special program. We will be traveling on a field trip later this month, so watch for the permission slips to come home sometime next week!

Finally, the weather is beginning to warm up! The children have "cabin fever" and they are anxious to get outside. Let's hope for a mild and sunny spring! Enjoy your upcoming Spring Break (April 17-21).

Summer Camp 2014

Wattsburg YMCA

* Located in the Wattsburg Elementary Center

Winter Blues have you thinking about summer? Summer is right around the corner and your children would enjoy heading off to summer camp at the Wattsburg YMCA. The teachers at the Wattsburg YMCA are very excited for another fun summer!

We go on weekly field trips to places such as Pymatuning Deer Park, the Children's Museum, Lakettes, and more! We also take weekly trips to Camp Sherwin where we participate in Swim Lessons, Art activities and Science adventures!

If you are interested and need more information please contact Miss Lindsey
at the Wattsburg YMCA at 825-2706 or llasher@ymcaerie.org

From the Library ...

SCHOLASTIC BUY ONE GET ONE FREE FAIR

Set-up Tuesday April 8th after school
Book Fair runs April 9th through April 15th
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for set up, during
school from 9 AM to 3 PM, and for clean up on
April 15th! More information is coming home

Kindergarten Library Lesson Plans

READ ALOUDS for this month included
The Enormous Carrot, There was
an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Clover,
The Very Busy Spider, Roly Poly Pan-
golin, and more!

First Grade Library Lessons

The students are exploring various authors and
simple chapter books. Students have listed to
Wild About Books, Jamie O'Rourke and The Big
Potato, Nate the Great and the Monster Mess,
and many other read alouds. First graders are
encouraged to take out picture books and easy
non-fiction, but are given a small selection of
chapter books for weekly check out.

GRADE 2

The second graders are learning
about SAFE websites. We explored
Seussville and a variety of NASA
based websites.

Students can explore them at home
by going to www.wattsburg.org

Then Elementary Center

Then Media Center

The links will then be on the right un-
der WEBSITES WE LOVE

Library lessons in 3rd and 4th grades

Students learned how to rate a book and
write a review. We did this in our new library
program called Follett Destiny. Students
practiced their writing skills and critical
thinking. This can be done at home as well.
Students are discussed how to find good non-
fiction books by review TEXT FEATURES.
Students created TEXT FEATURE collages.
We will be learning about Web 2.0 in April.

What Every Parent Should Know about Bullying

A companion publication to the Pennsylvania Bullying Prevention Toolkit

What is bullying?¹

- **Bullying is when children or adolescents harm others on purpose.**

It includes things like hitting, pushing, name-calling, making fun of others, gossiping, excluding others, spreading rumors and cyberbullying.

- **When bullying happens, the person who is bullied has a hard time defending him/herself.** This is because there is an imbalance of power. The child that bullies may be stronger, more popular or hold power over the person who is bullied.

- **The harmful actions are repeated or they are very severe.** This makes bullied children feel very upset or causes them to stop doing things they used to enjoy.

Cyberbullying is done through text messages, email or Internet posts on sites like Facebook or MySpace.

Bullying harms children and teens. It can make them feel bad about themselves and can hurt their relationships with others. Bullying can also interfere with learning.

Why do some children bully others?²

Children may bully others for lots of reasons. These reasons include:

- Wanting to be in control or feel powerful
- Wanting attention from others
- Poor adult supervision
- Adult acceptance of bullying
- Prejudice

What can parents do when bullying occurs?

Bullying is not something kids need to endure. Putting up with bullying does not make a child stronger. It makes them more at-risk for emotional stress.³ Students that bully are also at-risk. They are more likely to

If you suspect a child is being bullied, DO NOT:

- Blame the child
- Use the word tattletale
- Tell the child to ignore it
- Tell the child to retaliate
- Expect the child to work it out alone
- Allow mediation, if the child is reluctant
- Demand apologies

get in trouble, participate in risky activities and have problems as adults.⁴

Fortunately, there are many things that parents can do to address bullying.

(See reverse side.)

Bystanders Matter⁵

Bystanders are the people that see bullying when it happens. Bystanders may encourage bullying to continue if they participate, laugh or ignore bullying. Children should be taught about the role of bystanders in bullying. They should discuss and practice helpful responses.

This graphic shows examples of helpful bystander actions.

Range of Bystander Actions



Adapted from *Bullies & Victims: Helping Your Children through the Schoolyard Battlefield*. Fried, S., & Fried, P. (1996). New York, NY: M. Evans & Co.