

The Spinning Hills Spectator

2006 "Ohio School of Promise"

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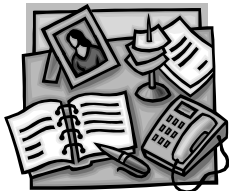


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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL!

Upcoming Events



It is hard to believe that the end of the first grading period is fast approaching. First quarter ends on Tuesday, October 18th. School will be dismissed one hour early that day at 2:40 PM. First quarter report cards will be sent home with students on Thursday, November 3rd as long as your child's school fees have been paid.

Parent-teacher conferences will begin on Thursday, November 3rd from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. Conferences will also be held on Friday, November 4th from 8:00 AM to 3:15

PM and Thursday, November 10th from 5:00 to 8:15 PM. Information regarding scheduling a conference will be sent home with your child.

Tuesday, November 8th is Election Day. This is a critical time for Mad River Local Schools and I encourage all parents to get out and vote. There will be no school for students on November 8th as this is a staff development day for teachers.

Each month Spinning Hills Middle School recognizes four students as Citizens of the Month. I would like to congratulate sixth graders Mackenzie Lingg and Jamie Bell and fifth graders Avant Lee and Kaylob Fields for being selected as the September Citizens of the Month.

Spinning Hills Middle School will be sponsoring a Mother-Son Cookout on Wednesday, October 12th from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Please join us for food, fun, and games. Students can purchase tickets for this event during lunch time. The cost is \$7.00 per couple. Pictures will also be available that evening for a cost of \$3.00.

Mark Henderson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Henderson".

Principal

Mon. Oct 3-7	Count Week
Thurs. Oct 6	Picture Day
Thurs. Oct 12	Mother/Son Event 6-7:30
Fri. Oct 14	No School
Tues. Oct. 18	End of First Qtr. Early Release 2:40
Thurs. Oct 27	5th Grade Fall Festival 3:45-5:00

SCHOOL FEES

I want to thank all the parents that have paid in full or made payments towards student fees. It is getting close to the end of the quarter and grade cards will be coming out very soon. If you have not made the minimum payment of \$10, please send in the money/check payable to Spinning Hills Middle School so we can send your child's grade card and progress book password home.

If you have made the 1st quarter payment, I would like to remind you that it is time to make the second quarter payment by the end of this month. Anyone who has not paid a total of \$20 by October 18th will no longer have access to progress book until the next quarters payment has been paid.

Thank You

Spinning Hills Staff

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Mad River Committee for Good Schools is sponsoring three community sessions in an effort to better understand the upcoming levy. There will be three community forums; Superintendent Necia Nicholas and Treasurer Jerry Ellender will present information on the levy and answer any questions that the community may have.

7:00 PM Monday, October 17th, 2011

Cafeteria- Brantwood Elementary
4350 Schwinn Dr.

7:00 PM Thursday, October 20th, 2011

Cafeteria – Stebbins High School
1900 Harshman Rd.

7:00 PM Tuesday, October 25th, 2011

Cafeteria- Spinning Hills Middle School
5001 Eastman Ave.

HELPING YOUR MIDDLE-SCHOOL STUDENT ACHIEVE BETTER GRADES

Parents who want to help their children succeed in school must strike the proper balance. They should be involved—but not too involved. They should set limits—but allow freedom. They should encourage their kids to excel—but not expect perfection. However, it's not as hard as it might sound to help your kids enjoy their academic experience. As the first quarter progress reports come home, this is a great time to establish household routines that help you and your child. Below are 10 tips from experts on how to make this year a great one for your family.

Create a routine. Kids benefit from having structure in their home life. Some examples are getting up at the same time each morning, eating a nutritious breakfast, and instituting a positive bedtime ritual that includes 20 minutes of reading (up to middle school).

Prepare for the morning the night before. Avoid morning chaos by eliminating the need for last-minute decisions. A bad morning typically lingers on throughout the school day.

Help your child get organized. Organization extends beyond assembling the next day's materials. Kids need help developing a system for storing and retrieving items so that they feel in control of their success.

Provide a quiet place for homework, but let your child work alone. A regular time and a good workspace to complete homework are essential, and homework should be a household priority. Remember that the work is your child's responsibility, not yours.

Limit distractions. Television, computers, and video games can be a huge competitor for your child's attention, especially when it comes to homework, so limit these activities, at least on school nights.

Encourage intellectual curiosity. Engage your child in dinner-table conversations. Share your own interests or talk about current events. You will instill a love of learning.

Allow free time. Every child needs time to unwind, so be sure that at least part of each day is free of responsibilities. On the flip side: avoid over-scheduling.

Build relationships with teachers. Open the lines of communication. Ask questions and be proactive with your concerns. Share the Progress Book password with your child so he/she can monitor their own grades/assignments.

Focus on effort rather than grades. Is your child working hard? Can they work independently? Show confidence in your children's abilities, but set realistic goals frequently. Strive for improvement, not perfection.

Learn how to step back. When evaluating your child's overall performance, be careful not to let your own ambitions take over. Resist the urge to micromanage your child's education. School is your child's job, not yours.

INTRAMURALS SCHEDULE

The following is the schedule for every week from Sept 20— Oct 25th. Time 3:45-4:30. Please make sure your child has a ride to pick them up at 4:30.

Tuesday — Matball

Wednesday—

Thursday—Matball

Friday—

This schedule ends October 25th. New schedule will come out in the November Newsletter.

CELEBRATION

On Friday, September 16th Spinning Hills Middle School celebrated their excellent state rating during an afternoon assembly. Superintendent Necia Nicholas presented Spinning Hills with a banner to hang proudly outside the building. Sixth grade students Kyrsten Drake, Victoria Suhr, and Brynna Hays shared a reflection of what it means to be excellent. Many thanks to the Stebbins High School Pep Band for participating in the celebration and to fifth grade teacher Andrea Rastatter for organizing the day's event.



DEB ANDREW'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

RECYCLING

Good news! Popcorn and pretzels will be sold during Students' lunch period on Friday's in the hall outside the cafeteria. The proceeds go to the Deb Andrews Scholarship Fund that is awarded to graduating seniors from Stebbins High School. We will be selling popcorn for \$.50 a bag and HOT Pretzels for \$1.00. Again, please don't forget to bring some extra change every Friday so you can enjoy this special treat. We are in need of volunteers to help with sales from 10:30 to 2:00 on Friday's.

*All food is to be eaten in the cafeteria.



Schools on Goal Paper Recycling Contest

You can recycle paper at our school 7 days a week!

We earn money for paper dropped off at our green and yellow Abitibi Paper Retriever Bin. Look for the sign on the side of our school.

This is an easy way for you to recycle your paper every week and help us raise money for projects like playground equipment, landscaping, books and other worthwhile activities.

Please remember to bring your paper and drop it in the Abitibi Paper Retriever bin.

This bin is free to use, just bring us your paper!

We accept:

- Newspaper
- Magazines
- Shopping Catalogs
- Office and School Papers
- Mail

We do NOT accept:

- Plastic
- Metal
- Glass

Please add recycling to your errand route and bring your paper by once a week.

HELP YOUR SCHOOL AND ENVIRONMENT!



WEATHER/SCHOOL CLOSING/SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

If bad weather causes school to close, please remember we are **Mad River Local Schools**. You can call the school to listen to the greeting for information on closing or tune into you local television and radio stations.



School Attendance

If your child is absent, you need to call the school that day and send a note the next day.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

3-7 Count Week

- 6 Fall Picture Day
- 12 Mother/Son Event 6-8
(Rescheduled from November)
- 14 No School (WOWE Day)
- 18 End of first Grading Period
- 18 Early Release 2:40
- 27 5th Grade Fall Festival

NOVEMBER

- 3 Parent/ Teacher conferences 5:00-9:00
- 4 No School- Parent/ Teacher Conferences 8:00-3:15

- 8 No School
- 9 Picture Retakes
- 10 Parent/ Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:15
- 23-25 No School Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

- 6 Band Concert
- 8 Chorus Concert
- 16 Last of School before Break
- 19 Christmas Break



SPIRIT WEAR SALE

We will have our spirit wear sale starting in October/November . We will sell t-shirts, long sleeve shirts, hats, fleece pull-over, and hoodie sweatshirts,. We will send ordering information home soon.



BUS TRANSPORTATION

The transportation department is in need of Substitute Bus Drivers. If you are interested, please contact Dan De Cerbo, Transportation Supervisor at 237-4280.

