

# The Spinning Hills

# Spectator



2006 "Ohio School of Promise"

2006-2007, 2008-2009, 2009-2010 "Ohio School to Watch"

2009-2010 National School to Watch



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## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL!



It has been a great start to the 2011-2012 school year. Students have learned the school procedures quickly and I am very impressed with their behavior and eagerness to learn. We began the year with students going to various places in the school to teach them the proper behavior they should display. Some of the areas we worked on were bus behavior, cafeteria, hallway, recess and proper restroom etiquette. Our students have done a great job of following and living up to the high expectations for our building.

Spinning Hills Middle School was rated Excellent on the state report card this year. This is the first time Spinning Hills has achieved this rating. We will be having a special assembly on Friday, September 16th to celebrate this achievement. While we are proud of this accomplishment, the staff realizes that there is still room for improvement. Throughout the year we will continue the implementation of a comprehensive improvement plan which will address meeting the individual needs of our students. Improvement in Reading and Math will continue to be our primary focus which aligns with our District's goals. Identification and implementation of effective intervention strategies will be our top priority. We will continue to utilize the STAR Reading and Math program to monitor students' progress. In addition we will continue with our implementation of the A+ Learning System which is utilized during our intervention time during the day. We are always looking for parents who are willing to volunteer during the school day. If you are interested in helping our school, please contact Mark Ward by calling 259-6635.

Our Positive Behavior Support System (PBS) will continue to recognize students for making good choices. Last year we extended our PBS program to include recognition of those students demonstrating appropriate behavior on the bus.

I want to thank our students, staff and community for a fantastic beginning of this school year. I was extremely pleased with the number of parents attending the Ice Cream Social and Open House. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teachers or the office staff if you have questions or concerns. I look forward to seeing you at future events.

Sincerely,

Mark Henderson

Principal

## Upcoming Events

Mon. Sept 5	No School
Wed. Sept 14	2 Hour Delay School Starts 11:10

## SCHOOL PICTURES

Tuesday, October 6th is our picture day. Students will be bringing home information packets prior to that day. Remember you **must** pay for pictures on picture day. Please place your money in the envelope provided with the picture packet. Again this year our picture company is looking for a volunteer to help on picture day. The one volunteer that calls first will receive a \$25 coupon towards a Picture Package. Please call the school at 259-6635 to volunteer to help.



## SCHOOL FEES

I want to thank all of the parents that have paid their student fees. It has been a very good start with only about 150 fees still to be collected. If you still need to pay your student fees, you may send them in with your child or you can stop by the office to make a payment. **Student fees are \$40.00. A minimum of \$10.00 must be paid in order to receive your child's first quarter grade card and access to our online grading & homework system.**

Student fees are used to buy many items for students such as agenda books, classroom calculators, poster boards, art supplies and many other tools to help your child be successful in the classroom.

## HOMEWORK ON THE WEB

September is a great time to establish good homework habits. Learning how to research answers to questions is a skill that should be established at this age. There are many great kid-friendly sites on the internet that are very helpful to children of all ages. The computer is a great tool for your children to use when needing help with homework. All of the following websites are recommended for homework help or to browse and learn something new.

- [www.yahooligans.com](http://www.yahooligans.com)
- [www.ajkids.com](http://www.ajkids.com)
- [www.ipl.org](http://www.ipl.org)
- [www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)
- [www.playkidsgames.com](http://www.playkidsgames.com)
- [www.factmonster.com](http://www.factmonster.com)
- [www.funschool.kaboose.com](http://www.funschool.kaboose.com)

Encouraging your child to become independent with finding information will help develop an important, life-long skill.



The Montgomery County Recycling Contest has begun! Help us win 1<sup>st</sup> place again by continuing to recycle and help our environment. The prize for 1<sup>st</sup> place is \$2,000!

Our Abitibi Recycling Bin is located in our back parking lot by the bike rack. Please help our school by dropping off:

- Phone books
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Mail



## KEEPING IN CONTACT WITH YOU

All teachers have e-mail and use the agenda book to help students keep track of their homework. Please write your teacher and/or check out your students agenda book. All staff at Spinning Hills have the same e-mail address, it is: first name.last name and then ends with @madriverschools.org. For example, Mr. Henderson's e-mail is [mark.henderson@madriverschools.org](mailto:mark.henderson@madriverschools.org) and Mrs. Coyne's e-mail is [Ashley.coyne@madriverschools.org](mailto:Ashley.coyne@madriverschools.org)



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Residents, community members and fans of Stebbins football will get a chance to warm up their bellies with a chili supper cooked by Superintendent Necia Nicholas. A chili supper will be served during the football game vs. Tecumseh on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. The district will serve dinner from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Stebbins cafeteria. The supper will include homemade chili and all the trimmings, drink and dessert are included. The cost of the supper is \$4.00.

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Mad River Local Schools Special Education Family Night

When: Thursday, September 29 from 6-7 PM

Where: Mad River Central Office Staff Development Room 1

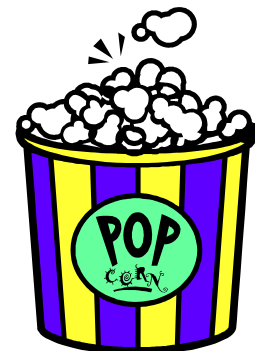
Topics: WPAFB Special Education Contact and Resources, Child Find, Programs provided by Mad River Local Schools, RTI, "Whose IDEA," and the ODE Special Education Audit results for MRLS.

## DEB ANDREW'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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Good news! Popcorn and pretzels will be sold during Students' lunch period on Thursdays 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 this Thursday so you can enjoy this special treat. We are in need of volunteers to help with sales from 10:30 to 2:00 on Thursdays.

\*All food is to be eaten in the cafeteria.



## ONE CALL NOW/SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

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This will allow us to notify you if your child is absent and we haven't received a phone call from you. We can call and notify you of upcoming school events and also let you know if we have a snow day. We are looking forward to this assisting us with our home/school communication.



# HAND WASHING



## Hand washing tips

- Wash hands when they are dirty and before eating or handling food.
- Do not cough into your hands. Cough into your elbow.
- Do not sneeze into your hands. Sneeze into your elbow or tissue.
- Do not put your fingers into your eyes, nose or mouth. Nose-picking and eye-rubbing can be linked to nearly every respiratory illness!

## When to wash your hands

- After using the restroom.
- Before eating or drinking.
- After playing with or petting your favorite animal.
- After playing outside.
- After touching your face or hair.

## How to wash your hands

- Use soap and warm water.
- Scrub your hands very well.
- Wash between fingers, under fingernails, backs of hands and wrists.
- Rinse well.
- Dry your hands with a paper towel.
- Use the paper towel to turn off the water. Don't use your hands.

## Other resources

- **Henry the Hand** - [www.henrythehand.com](http://www.henrythehand.com)

A comprehensive resource for kids and families on the importance of hand washing. Includes games for young children.

- **Kids Health** - [www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org)

Information on hand washing geared toward teens.

- **Washup.org** - [www.washup.org](http://www.washup.org)

This website is devoted to education on the importance of hand washing.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

5 No School

14 2-Hour Delay School Starts  
11:10

### OCTOBER

3-7 Count Week

6 Fall Picture Day

12 Mother/Son Event 6-8  
(Rescheduled from  
November)

14 No School (WAEA  
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



## CONCERT DATES

### Winter Concerts

Tues. Dec. 6th — Band Concert

Thurs. Dec. 8th — Chorus Concert

Thurs. Jan. 12th — Orchestra Concert

### Spring Concerts

Tues. May 8th — Band Concert

Thurs. May 10th — Chorus Concert

Mon. May 7th — Orchestra Concert

### Honor Group

March 20th



**The Mother/Son Event has been Rescheduled from  
it's previous date of November 17th to October  
12th.**