

# The Spinning Hills



2006 "Ohio School of Promise"

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

2009-2010 National School to Watch

2010-2011, 2011-2012 Excellent School

# Spectator



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## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL!



This year is flying by! I am so proud of where we are as a building. Walking through the halls and seeing the classrooms buzzing with learning and the walls covered with student work samples is a great feeling. The staff and students have been working extremely hard this school year and I am very proud to be a part of it!

This is also the time of year when the number of illnesses go up and our attendance begins to decline. Now is an especially good time to remember what you can do to protect yourself, your family, and our students from the dreaded flu – in whatever form it takes.

3 Simple steps to remember are:

- Washing your hands often with soap and water (or hand sanitizer if you are not near soap and water)
- Disinfecting any surfaces that are touched frequently by those who are sick
- Avoiding close contact with those who are sick (try to keep at least a 3 foot distance between you and the person showing symptoms of illness)

We are approaching the season of snow, and extremely cold temperatures. There are a number of people who mistake two hour delays for full days off. Being here on a two hour delay is just as important as any other day. Please stress this at home and make sure your child is here when we are in session. I also want to take this moment to remind you that our building will not open until 8:35AM. Please do not drop your child off before that, especially when it is extremely cold outside.

Our second semester will end on Friday, January 10th. Please be aware that we will be releasing at 1:55PM that day. On behalf of our entire staff at Spinning Hills Middle School, I would like to wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Mike Combs

### Upcoming Events

Tues. Dec. 4	<b>5th Choir Concert @ Stebbins—7:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>6th Choir Concert @ Stebbins 6:00 p.m.</b>
Tues. Dec. 10	<b>6th Grade Band &amp; Orchestra Concert 6:30</b>
Fri. Dec. 20	<b>Last School Day before Break</b>
Mon. Dec. 23— Jan. 3	<b>Winter Break</b>

## SCHOOL FEES

This is a reminder, if you owe for any outstanding school fees, you may send money in with your child or pay online at the following link [www.k12paymentcenter.com](http://www.k12paymentcenter.com). If your 6th grade student owes any fees, they must be paid before they will be able to attend the Kings Island field trip.

## DEB ANDREW'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Good news! Popcorn and pretzels will be sold during Students' lunch period on Fridays 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 Friday so you can enjoy this special treat. We are in need of volunteers to help with sales from 10:30 to 1:15 on Fridays.



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT



Now that Thanksgiving is behind us, we focus our appetites on the next big event... Christmas! I know it would not be Christmas in my house without cookies. Just how bad for us are those pretty little sweets? You might be surprised...

The average American eats 40 cookies during the holiday season and 35,000 in their lifetime. With the average cookie (only 2 inches in diameter) having 100 calories and 5 grams of fat, this can pack quite a punch to healthy diets. Also, many cookies at Christmas are much larger than average and contain even more calories and fat. For example, the typical bakery style chocolate chip cookie has 210 calories and 10 grams of fat!

What about fruitcake? At 239 calories and 7.7 grams of fat for a modest slice, this might be the best reason yet to avoid it!!

Happy Holidays!



## Kroger and Spinning Hills

Spinning Hills has decided to become an active participant in the Kroger Neighborhood Rewards Program. By being a part of this program it enables us to receive a monetary donation from Kroger just by shopping with them. We want to encourage all of our families to help and support us through this program because the more support we get from our community the more funds we have available to further enhance the education of our students. This program is very simple and will never interrupt your current points system with Kroger. Please take a few minutes to follow these step by step instructions and watch the possibilities become endless for our children. **If you signed up last school year, you need to register again for this school year in order for our school to receive the donations.**

Start by visiting [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards)

Click on the orange tab at the bottom left side of the screen labeled CREATE AN ACCOUNT

Fill in your email address and create a password

Fill in your zip code in order to find your nearest store and hit submit

Fill in your Kroger plus number using every number on the card

Fill in your last name and hit submit

Once you have reached the account summary page you will be able to EDIT the community rewards box. This is the tab where you will want to enter the code for Spinning Hills Middle School. The code is 74016. Once you submit this form Kroger will tie your Kroger Plus number to our school and make a donation for every dollar you spend with them. You can ensure that you are helping our school out by the message printed at the bottom of your receipt that will say

Thank you for helping support Spinning Hills Middle School!!!

## WEATHER/SCHOOL CLOSING

If bad weather causes school to close or delay, please remember we are **Mad River Local Schools**. You will receive a One Call message letting you know or for more information on closings tune into you local television and radio stations.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### DECEMBER

4 5th Grade Choir Concert @ Stebbins Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.

4 6th Grade Choir Concert @ Stebbins Auditorium—6:00 p.m.

10 6th Grade Band & Orchestra Concert— 6:30 p.m.

20 Last School Day before Winter Break

23 Winter Break Begins

### JANUARY

6 Students return to school

10 End of Second Quarter, Early Release 1:55 (2-Hr)

20 No School-MLK Day

### FEBRUARY

14 No School—**Spinning Hills Only** — Parent/Teacher Conferences - 8:00-11:45

17 No School—Presidents Day

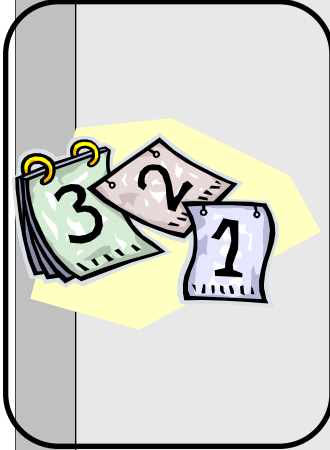
### MARCH

6 Spring Picture Day

14 End of Third Quarter, Early Release 1:55 (2-Hr)

18 No School—Waiver Day

31-Apr. 4—No School—Spring Break



## PARENT SQUARE

Mad River Local Schools uses ParentSquare for school communication, primarily with email, text and app notifications. ParentSquare automatically generates an account for each parent, using their preferred email address and phone number. We encourage parents to access their accounts so they can download the mobile app and update their preferences on when and how they are notified.

### How Do I Sign up for ParentSquare?

Your child's school will most likely send you an invitation email or text to join ParentSquare, and you'll click a link to activate your account. If you are a parent and the school's database (SIS) contains your contact details, you can use your email or phone number to set up your account without an invitation.

### What to do:

Find the email from your school and click to get started, or:

Go to [parentsquare.com/signin](https://parentsquare.com/signin) (or install the ParentSquare app) and follow the prompts to sign up.

Use Google single sign-on, your email, or your phone number to set up your account. Your email/phone number must match the contact details in the school's database for this to work!