



SCHOOLS

April 2023

If the saying is “April showers bring May flowers.” For Ohio schools the saying must be “March academic lessons bring April testing sessions.”

Though much conversation and debate over the years has been largely negative towards Ohio’s state tests for our 3rd through 5th graders, I have tried to put a positive spin on what I feel is a great opportunity. My whole life I have been involved in sports. I played everything I could while I was younger; I rooted for my favorite teams as a fan throughout my life, and had the opportunity to coach various sports at various levels for the last 25 years. My professional view of these state tests is very similar to the way that I view a team that might prepare for their contest. A team puts in time building the fundamentals of their sport. A class puts in the same. A team works on skills and situations to be able to problem solve. A class works on the same. A team works on individual development as well as building leadership and teamwork. A class does the same. A team looks forward to the contest - the competition – the chance to showcase all of their work! A class... not always the same... LOL! This last step of the analogy of sports and school falls short at times. To me, the upcoming state tests really just provides an opportunity for our students to do their very best and to showcase all of their work, just as they would as a team or individual competing in a game would. With that said, all of our students, parents, and staff have put in time, effort, skill work, individual development, and teamwork throughout the first 7 months of school, it is time to go out and truly showcase their best! Look for specific testing dates from your child’s teacher and cheer for your child as we truly make this a successful year of learning and achievement.

Thank you as always for allowing me the opportunity to serve the world-class kids at Otis Elementary!

Make it a great day!



STUDENTS

High Honors 3rd Grade

Jeremiah Alejandro
Milana Fisher
Addison Slagle
Kayla Brown
Juliette Ollom
Silas Wynn
Brody Askins
Noah Seiert

High Honors 4th Grade

Adrienne Albrecht
Izabelle Griffin
Khaniya Nason
Sadie Sartin
Rachel Wasserman
Olive Wright
Gavin Voelker
Skylar Wilhelm

High Honors 5th Grade

Arizona Halbisen
Lillian Harder
Drixson Hoffman
Chase Milton
Kailey Karg
Mia Munguia
Alise Tooman
Brennan Wolf
Gaige Dickey
Landon Fisher
Mariska Kinkaid
Eli Lemus



PERFECT ATTENDANCE 3RD QUARTER

Aurora Bechtel
Luke Edgar
Collin Holmes
Azucena Velasquez
James Artz
Bentley Hill
Matthew Reiselt
Fiona Wright
Jacob Davis
Adrion Holmes

Julius Ruiz
Landon Voelker
Sydney Whited
Ella Banda
MaryJane Burmeister
Isaiah Dallas
Elena Huether
Jayce Jurovicik-Ruiz
Kendra Leavitt
Juliette Ollom

Ryder Stewart
Aidric Allen
Aleigha Artz
Jiovani Hernandez-Garcia
Charles Stratton
Gavin Voelker
Rachel Wasserman
Olive Wright
ZaNyla Bulger
Ezmerelda Johnson
Colt Sorg



STUDENTS

A/B Honors 3rd Grade

MaryJane Burmeister
Michael Hammer
Sabrina Howe
Isaiah Ingles
Ryan Krueger
Nataly Lemus
Blayden Marino
Juan Reyna
Kyngston Alexander-Pitts
Ella Banda
Joey Chavez
Gage Daley
Patience Godfrey
Jayce Jurovcik-Ruiz
Mariela Kwiatkowski
Jaxson Smith
Michael Spears
Jonathan Altamirano-Valadez
Blake Covert
Lincoln Gardner
Karina Gomez
Annie Good
Callen Tooman

A/B Honors 4th Grade

Joseph Burciaga
Janiyah Garza
Joseph Hammer
Ian Wilburn
Mason Winer
Aleigha Artz
Jameson Flores
Charles Stratton
Greyson Tooman
Abigail Whited
Camden Brown
Ciri DeLaCruz
Joseph Leonard
Jaliyah Sharp

A/B Honors 5th Grade

Preston Daubel
Ava Ramirez
Lila Reed
Camara Turnow
Arianna Auble
Theodore Colvin
Andre Holley
Kharli Pounders
Blayke Smith
Alanna Tingler
Kyler Walker
Colton Wensinger
Jazzmine Clark
De'Ariss Foster
Braeden Frech
Gabriella Ingles
Ezmerelda Johnson
Mahki Jones
Camille Prater
Harper Smith



BUG

Michael Hammer
Kieran Britt
Alexis Florey
Nevaeh Kitfield
Zoey Martich
Sofia Flores
Sophia Kramer
Isabelle LeJeune
Michael Spears
Elijah Gardner
Bentley Hill
Maximus Mitten
Hennessy White
Jackson Burling

Kylie Gonzales
Michael Gomez
Kelsey Mosack
Victorian Primas
Lia Baatz
Kenzingtyn Schmidt
Gavin Voelker
Cosme Chapa Garcia
Audrey Parish
EmmaLee Vencil
Madelyn Wilhelm
Keiden Baatz
Jaylynn Harder
Braxton Overmyer
Azucena Velasquez
Zade Zweifel

KyMonni Cooks-McKinney
Drixson Hoffman
Chase Milton
Wendell Twiss
Andre Holley
Alise Tooman
Kyler Walker
Brennan Wolf
Landon Garza
Camille Prater
Harper Smith
Anderson Huber
Luke Edgar
Royce Guy
Joselle Pollard
Raelyn Tolman



Cardy Awards

Kailey Karg
Anderson Huber
Preston Dauble
Kelsey Mosack
Hunter Souders
Lia Baatz
Amiyah Ryf
Alison Burmeister

Ty Moore
Annie Good
Joey Chavez
Patience Godfrey
Daisy Burmeister
Michael Hammer
Katelynn Clapp
Dustin Smith

Royce Guy
JoNeal Spriggs
Jackson Burling
Serenity Garcia
Harrison Patterson
Eliza Prescott
Karlie Rollins
Bentley Hill

Zoey Hetrick
Landen McDivitt
Aria Wukie
Matthew Reiselt
Nolan Martin-Price
Madelyn Wilhelm
Keiden Baatz
Jovani Garcia
Ila Solander

Penelope Rohde
LaMontre Johnson
Allison Vittitow
Hennessy White
Maximus Mitten
Roman Bulger
Paisley Sherman
Clayton Prater
Easton Hetrick
Elijah Gardner



STUDENTS

There is a new club at Otis Elementary called, Girls with Goals. This club is led by Mrs. Jared and Mrs. Heilman. Girls had to fill out an application and be approved by their teachers before being a part of this club. We meet once a month and are already off to a great and positive start. Our first meeting was in February where we talked about the direction of our club and brainstormed ideas for how we can help our school community.

In March our meeting was centered around the Otis Buddy Bench and how to get kids using it for what it was intended for. Students have been using it for tag and not to find a friend. The girls made posters to hang around the school and even made an appearance on the Otis News to get everyone involved.

We hope to make a lot of positive changes to ourselves and our school community!



Caring in the Classroom

Spring Cleaning Checklist from the Health Clinic:

- If your student has *medicine in the health clinic*, it needs to be *picked up on either the last day of school (6/1) or 6/2*. More information will come to you regarding this but only inhalers will be sent in book bags. Please mark your calendars to pick up!
- If you have a student going into *Kindergarten, 7th, or 12th*, you *need to update his/her immunizations* before the start of this upcoming school year 2023-2024. Contact your healthcare provider or health department to schedule.
- The *Mobile Dentist is returning April 18th* for those who were scheduled to be seen in January but were not seen due to time constraints.
- Continue to update Final Forms with any changes to your student's health or personal information.
- Have Spring Fever??? If your child has a temperature above 100.4 please keep home. He/she may return once there is no fever without the use of medication for 24 hours (this also includes puking and diarrhea).
- Spring into Health Habits:
 - Be on time...whether it is by being to school on time or turning in assignments on time, just be on time!
 - Eat breakfast...at home or at school
 - Set a timer for screen time (as well as be alert for internet safety for your student)
 - Read...a book, a magazine, a cereal box...whatever!
 - Drink water. Bring a water bottle to school. Headaches are one of the top visits to the clinic—kids do not drink enough water throughout the day.
 - Brush your teeth twice a day
 - Sleep! Try to get 9-12 hours per night.
 - Get outside!
 - Remember to wear sunscreen, even if it is cloudy or not a hot day

Any questions or concerns please let me know,

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Attendance Policy

- Students are allotted 5 days of excused absences without a doctor's note in one school year.
- After 5 days of excused absences a doctor's note is needed. Otherwise absences will be considered "unexcused".
- If a student tests positive for COVID proof is needed. For example: a note sent from a doctor OR a picture of the COVID test to include student's name and date.
- If proof of COVID is presented to the office, the absences due to COVID will not count toward a student's 5 days.

Habitual Truancy

- 30 or more consecutive hours without a legitimate excuse
- 42 or more hours in one school month without a legitimate excuse
- 72 or more hours in one school year without a legitimate excuse

TESTING SCHEDULE

- April 11th-14th:2nd Grade Gifted Testing
- April 13:5th Grade ELA Part 1
- April 14th:5th Grade ELA Part 2
- April 18th:4th Grade ELA Part 1
- April 18th-21st:2nd Grade Gifted Testing
- April 19th:4th Grade ELA Part 2
- April 20th:3rd Grade ELA Part 1
- April 21st:3rd Grade ELA Part 2
- April 25th:5th Grade Math Part 1
- April 26th:5th Grade Math Part 2
- April 27th:4th Grade Math Part 1
- April 28th:4th Grade Math Part 2
- May 1st-May 5th:5th Grade Gifted testing
- May 2nd:3rd Grade Math Part 1
- May 3rd: 3rd Grade Math Part 2
- May 4th:5th Grade Science Part 1
- May 5th:5th Grade Science Part 2

- April 3-7: Spring Break
- April 10:Professional Day-No School
- April 11:PTO Meeting 5:00pm-6:00pm
- April 18th:Spring Proof Picture Day
- April 18th:Mobile Dentist
- April 25:All City Orchestra Concert
- April 28th:Midterms go home
- May 9th:PTO Meeting 5:00-6:00 pm
- May 5th:5th Grade to FMS
- May 31st:Field Day(No Rain Date)
- June 1st:Student's Last Day of School



Please remember that if you change phone numbers, address or contacts, you must update your information in Final Forms. The school staff depends on this information to be current in case you need to be contacted.

