

The Spinning Hills



2006 "Ohio School of Promise"

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2009-2010 National School to Watch

2010-2011, 2011-2012 Excellent School

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL!



The school year is flying by! The 3rd quarter is quickly coming to an end and student attendance is more important than ever. Please make sure to set the expectation at home that attendance has a direct correlation to success in school. Also take note that we will be entering the 4th and final grading period of the school year on March 17th.

I'd like to remind all adults picking up or dropping off your students in front of the building to please follow the traffic pattern that we have set up. You should not be picking up or dropping off your child unless you are parked along the sidewalk that wraps around the front of the building. We do not allow our students to walk to your vehicle unless you are parked along a sidewalk for safety reasons. Make sure to follow the directions of our staff members in the parking lot. Unfortunately, the makeup of our front lot is not really equipped to handle the amount of vehicles that we receive on a daily basis which is why we have established the traffic flow pattern the way that we have. Also, make sure that you are being cautious when you are pulling in and out of the parking lot. Driving too fast can cause issues so make sure you are following the 10 mph speed limit. Your assistance and understanding is appreciated.

Finally, we will be adding the YMCA as an after school option for families next school year due to our new start and end times. Students will be released at 1:40 PM next year. If you would like more information about the YMCA after school program, please make sure to attend the informational meeting on Tuesday, March 18th at 6:00 PM in our cafeteria.

Upcoming Events

Thur. Mar. 6	Spring Pictures
Sun. Mar. 9	Daylight Savings Time
Wed. Mar. 12	Spaghetti Fest
Fri. Mar. 14	End of Third Grading Period Early Release 1:55
Tues. Mar. 18	No School— Waiver Day
Tues. Mar. 18	YMCA Information Meeting—6:00
Mon. Mar. 31	Spring Break starts

Mike Combs

Principal

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

March is National Nutrition month. The American Diabetes Association sponsors this nutrition education campaign as an awareness to get back to a healthier eating routine and to get back to a regular workout routine. Having a good nutritious diet helps children grow, develop and learn much better. Healthy eating habits are developed in the early years. Helping your child learn to choose fresh fruits, vegetables whole grains and non processed foods along with drinking plenty of water will benefit them for years to come.

In March we also have a National School Breakfast Week (NSBW). This was launched in 1989 to raise awareness of the availability of the School Breakfast Program (SBP) to all children.

Here in the Mad River Local Schools we offer a no cost breakfast for grades K-8 and grades 9-12. Lunch prices are \$2.35 for full paid students, .40 cents for reduced students and no cost for free students.

Eat Healthy, Exercise Often and Live a Long, Healthy Happy Life!

SPRING PICTURES

Thursday, March 6th is our Spring picture day.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Spaghetti Fest—5:00-7:00—March 12th @ Stebbins Cafe



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 2:00 on Fridays.



SCHOOL FEES

The third quarter is almost over. I wanted to remind you that student fees are still owed. I want to thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

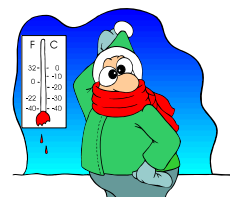
There are still several students whose school fees have not been paid. It is very important for these fees to be paid. Student fees are used to buy many items for students such as agenda books, classroom calculators, poster boards, art supplies and many other tools to help your child be successful in the classroom. If your child has an outstanding fee due to laptops, it is very important to take care of this fee so your child can have their laptop to do their work and also for when testing starts.

Students in the 6th grade will not be allowed to participate in the 6th grade end of the year field trip (Kings Island) if there are any outstanding fees now or from past schools. Planning for the field trip will start in the next week or so. Students will also not be able to receive any academic awards without full payment of student fees. I want to thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

If you still need to pay your student fees, please send the money in with your child, or you may pay online at k12paymentcenter.com.

WEATHER/SCHOOL CLOSING

If bad weather causes school to close or delay, 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.



DRESS CODE

DRESS CODE:

The Board of Education recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents to make decisions regarding their appearance, except when their choices interfere with the educational program of the schools. Each principal, in consultation with his/her staff, shall develop a dress code which complies with Board of Education Policy 5511.

With this in mind, we believe it is necessary to place guidelines on a student's hair style and his/her manner of dress if those present a hazard to the student's health and safety, cause an interference with the educational process or create classroom or school disruption. These guidelines are important not only to the individual student, but also to those with whom s/he shares school property.

The administration will determine proper application of the dress code. In making this determination, the administration may decide that certain types of clothing are not appropriate. Administration discretion will be exercised in working with individual situations as this may affect the educational environment.

Dress and grooming are factors in a positive educational environment. Habits of personal cleanliness and grooming will be practiced by staff and students. In order to establish and maintain this environment without disrupting the learning process, the following administrative guidelines have been developed:

- Clothing should be in good taste and sensible in size, length, and style.
- **Shorts and skirts will be -at a minimum- at least fingertip length (when standing with shoulders relaxed, your shorts or skirt will come down to the tip of your fingers)**
 - Any clothing that shows undergarments will be deemed to not be in good taste.
 - Pants must be worn at the waist.
 - Leggings and yoga pants must be worn with a shirt that also meets requirements of length mentioned above. If you can see through the pants, it is deemed to not be in good taste.
 - If there are holes in the jeans and skin is visible, the same rule applies to length requirements listed above.
- The following dress is not considered appropriate for school: strapless or sleeveless tops, shoulder-less shirts, spaghetti straps, tank tops, halter-tops, or clothing that bares the midriff.
- Pajamas, or clothing resembling pajamas (in particular, pajama bottoms) is not appropriate school attire
- Students must wear shirts at all times
- Clothing expressing reference to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, violence, etc., is not considered appropriate.
- Clothing displaying sexually explicit suggestions, illustrations, words or innuendos is not appropriate
- Hats, sunglasses, or other head apparel are not permitted, unless approved by the administrator.
- Outdoor apparel (coats, vests and jackets) should be placed in the student's locker/cubby for the duration of the day. Students who consider the building to be cold should wear sweaters, sweatshirts, or an over shirt.
- Students must wear safe and appropriate footwear at all times. Household/bedroom slippers, heeled/wheelies, are not appropriate. In some grade levels, slip-on sandals, flip-flops, and similar shoes are not appropriate.
- Students must abide by the rules set forth in classes requiring special dress.

Students will not be permitted to go home to change. Attempts to secure appropriate clothing from home or borrow from the office will be made.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

3 Fundraiser Starts

6 Spring Picture Day

12 Spaghetti Fest 5:00—7:00
p.m.

14 End of Third Grading Period
- Early Release 1:55 (2Hr)

17 Fundraiser Ends

18 No School—Waiver Day

28-31 6th Grade DC Trip

APRIL

Mar. 31—Apr. 4 Spring Break

7 Students Return

16 6th Grade Choir Concert—TBD

@ Stebbins Auditorium

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21 No School—Waiver

30 Band Concert—6:30

May

1 Orchestra Concert 6:30 p.m.

8 Day In The Park

9 Day In The Park

15 SHS Graduation

16 6th Grade Kings Island Field Trip

19 Field Day

22 Last Day for Students—Early Release 1:55
(2 Hr)

