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Towanda Intermediate
4th thru 6th grade
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Towanda Primary
Early Childhood thru 3rd grade
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Mr. Coffman's Comments dcoffman@usd375.org
We will have finished the reading portion of our state assessments by the time you receive this newsletter. Those monitoring the students say your children are using their strategies and taking their time which generally leads to good results. I want to thank you for your encouraging words of support during this time. We will begin the math portion of assessments soon. We have parent teacher conferences next week. Your child's education is important. A part of that educational process is the parent teacher conference. This is a great chance for you to ask questions and hear how your child is doing at school. Please let us know if your conference time will work for you and if not we will make every effort to meet your request. We look forward to seeing you next week.

Have a great Spring Break.

Note from the Superintendent:

Please consider joining us for a district update and review of expectations for the opening of the new Circle Greenwich Elementary School. We will meet at the Middle School Fine Arts Auditorium on March 9 at 6:00 pm I hope to see you there.

The Kansas Report Card is a collection of data compiled annually to provide information not only on a statewide basis but also by district and by building. To access your school's State Assessment scores for 2008-2009 click on the link - http://online.ksde.org/rcard/district.aspx?org_no=D0375

There is a copy of this report available in the school office.

Positively PTO

*Next PTO Meeting is 3/8 at 7:00 pm at Towanda Intermediate, come join us on Monday.

*Light Bulbs for sale; \$10.00 a box or 2 boxes for \$15.00.



The Boxtop winning classes for February were Mrs. Swilley's 1st grade class & Mrs. Smith's 6th grade class. The pop winners from the Primary were Jessie Nibarger & Christian Wage. Geordan Hayden was the winner from the Intermediate.

Weather Alert When weather conditions threaten the safe operation of the schools and bus routes and there is a need to cancel the school day, Superintendent Jim Keller will announce the decision by 6:00 am with SchoolMessenger and on the following radio and television stations: TV Channels: 3, 10, 12 Radio Stations: B-98 FM, 107.3, KZSN, KFDI or log onto Kansas.com

IMPORTANT DATES

- 3/8 6:00 pm BOE Mtg at Towanda Primary
- 3/8 7:00 pm PTO Mtg
- 3/9 4:30 pm to 8:00pm Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 3/11 No School/10:00 am to 8:00 pm Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 3/12-3/19 No School/Spring Break
- 3/14 Daylight savings time /spring forward
- 3/24 7:30 am Honor Roll Breakfast
- 4/2 No School
- 4/5 No School/Staff Development

Parents: Lost and Found
Don't forget to check the lost and found for coats and other items. Located outside the school offices.

Reminder: Please call the school office by 9:30 if your child will not be in or if they will be late. If you are wanting to eat lunch with your child please call by 9:30 to order a hot lunch or salad.

Counselor's Corner sbeckman@usd375.org

As the calendar flips to March, teachers are busily preparing for next week's parent teacher conferences. As a parent, here are some tips as to how you can also prepare for a highly successful meeting time:

Get your child's input before you go. Ask, "What do you like best about school and why?" "What are some things you would like me to discuss with your teacher?" This tells you a bit about your child's feelings toward school. It also gives your child an opportunity to feel invested in the conference.

Make a list of questions, ideas, and concerns to share. Along with grades, you may think about such areas as friends, attitude, and study habits. Time will fly by, so this list keeps you from walking out thinking, "Oh! I meant to talk about that!"

Find out what you can be doing at home to reiterate the skills your child is learning at school. Ask about general concepts the class is working on as well as areas of need that are specific to your child.

Pass on teacher compliments and discuss areas to work on, if your child does not attend the conference. You may even use this information to help your child formulate one or two goals for the last nine-weeks of school!

We look forward to meeting with you next week! Your input is so incredibly valuable to your child's education!

The Vision and Purpose of Circle USD 375, in partnership with our communities, is to educate each student to be an engaged, knowledgeable citizen and responsible, productive worker in the 21st Century.

Mrs. Turner's Tidbits tturner@usd375.org

I ask all of you to take a moment and go back with me to the time we were all here for grade level meetings. It seems ages ago, I know. During that time, I had the opportunity to share a few things with you about Title I. I hope you don't mind, but I think a refresher may be in order. ☺

The night of your child's meeting, I gave an information sheet that you all signed and returned to school. Thanks for taking the time to sign it. It did contain valuable information. If you were not able to attend your child's parent meeting due to not having a student in our building at the time, here is the information you missed from Title I.

The program is federally funded and, due to this, it is required that we give the information to you. There will be times that we, Title I teacher or assistants, may come into your child's classroom to assist with reading skills or AR time. This does NOT mean we will pull your child out of the classroom during instruction time. If we find a need to pull your child for more intensive instruction, you will receive notification and have the opportunity to accept or decline this intervention time.

Please call the school if you have any questions about the Title I program. We are here to assist the teachers and students. Our goal is to have every child find success in reading and other studies at school. We assist students in many different ways.

We also call upon every parent to do a few things to assist your child in becoming the best reader they can be. Please be sure to attend your child's parent teacher conference coming up next week. This is a perfect time to share strengths, weaknesses, goals, and concerns. Come prepared to assist your child's teacher in educating your child.

Please remember that the best thing you can do for your child is to give them a little time each evening. Please take the time to listen to your child read and discuss the book they are reading. Find out why they chose the book, what they like best about the book, and finally, see if they would recommend the book to a friend. These times can be so valuable for you and your child. Enjoy your upcoming break and remember, if you ever have a question or concern, please call your child's teacher or e-mail them the concern. Together, we can achieve more!

Community Happenings

From the U.S. Census Bureau, Workers Needed
The U.S. Census Bureau needs you! If you are a U.S. Citizen, at least 18 yrs old and have work experience, call the U.S. Census Bureau at 1-866-861-2010 today. Pay depends on the area where you live.

E O E

Circle Rec Baseball & Softball registration has begun. Deadline is March 22nd. Forms are available at the school office and online at circlerec.org



Mrs. Broomfield's & Mrs. Mills' 3rd Grade Classes

3rd Graders take time out to pose and do their normal daily work during state testing. The teachers and staff were so proud of the efforts to do well and take the tests seriously. The 3rd graders were beaming with pride as well. Test results will be given during the fall conferences in the 10-11 school year. Way to go 3rd Grade!!!



Count Your Kid In... is a free developmental screening for infants and preschool children. The screenings are sponsored by the Butler County School Board Council. Special Education Program and authorized by Kansas State Department of Education. The purpose is to help parents identify potential learning problems and find help. If your child has difficulty walking, talking, seeing, hearing or learning please call 1-800-353-8561 to schedule a free appointment.
April 9, 2010 El Dorado First Baptist Church
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