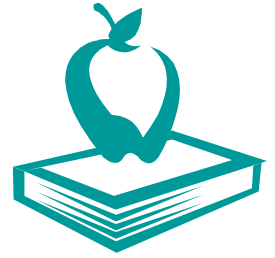


April 2011 Newsletter



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Help Your Child Prepare for OAA Testing in May

During the week of May 2, the RULH Elementary School students in Grades 3 and 4 will take the Ohio Achievement Assessment (OAA) in reading and math. Although the students and teachers have been preparing all school year, it is very important that parents help prepare students for the upcoming tests as well.

There are numerous resources that can assist students in preparing for the Ohio Achievement Assessment. We encourage parents to use the resources listed below to help their child prepare at home or at the local library.

OAA State Practice Site—The link to the state practice tests is

posted on the left side of our main web site or parents can visit <http://portal.success-ode-state-oh-us.info/>.

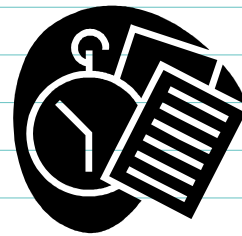
Learning Express is also a great free resource, and it can be accessed from the right side of the main school web site under educational links. The direct link is <http://www.learnatest.com/LEL/index.cfm/?HR=http://www.infohio.org>

Resources for Families is a web site that offers information about specific grade level standards. It also has a host

of other family resource links.

<http://ohio3-8.success-ode-state-oh-us.info/resources.aspx>

Other test preparation activities include using federal stimulus funds to provide additional tutoring and intervention during the regular school day from March 14 through April 20.



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Special points of interest:

- ✓ Two-Hour Delay on Monday, April 4, for professional development for teachers.
- ✓ Spring Break is April 21 through 25. Students return Tuesday, April 26.
- ✓ As flip flop season begins, please make sure that students have tennis shoes on the days they have P.E. classes.
- ✓ Kindergarten and Pre-School Registration Packets are still available in the office.
- ✓ *Seussical the Musical* will be performed in the high school cafeteria from Friday, April 29 through Sunday, May 1.

Public School Volunteer Recognition Week Begins April 18

Public School Volunteer Week is celebrated during the week of April 18th. Volunteers play an important role in the school. Their efforts make an incredible difference in the effectiveness of the teachers and staff.

The school plans to honor those that volunteer and help at school during that week. More details will be sent in the coming weeks to all volunteers requesting their attendance.

The teachers and staff of the RULH Elementary School would like to sincerely thank all the parents and community members that volunteer their time to assist our school.

“Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer”

~Author Unknown

Kindergarten and Preschool Registration Packets Still Available

Parents can still pick up the packets for Kindergarten and Preschool registration in the elementary school office. It is very important to get your child registered as soon as possible. You may also call 392-1141, and we will be glad to send one home with a child or mail them.

Kindergarten Requirements

- A student must be 5 years old on or by Sept. 30, 2011. The following documents are required:
- Birth certificate with a raised seal
- Immunizations up to date
- Student Social Security Number
- Proof of residence (bill w/address)
- Parent photo ID (Driver's license)
- Proof of custody, if applicable

Pre-School Requirements

- Birth certificate
- Immunizations record (up to date)
- Student's Social Security Number
- Front page of most recent 1040 Tax Return

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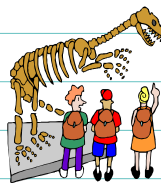
PTO News for April and May

- ◆ The next meeting for the RULH PTO is on Monday, May 16. Classroom science projects will be on exhibit that night.
- ◆ The flip flop fund raiser was a huge success. Over 300 orders were taken for flip flops. Flip Flop orders will be in after spring break. Your support is greatly appreciated.
- ◆ The PTO would like to thank those that participated in or donated to the Zumbathon. Over \$300 was collected. The money will go to help pay for spring field trips.

Spring Field Trip Schedule

Spring field trips will begin soon. Please make sure you watch for details and information from your child's teacher. The school would like to thank the PTO for sponsoring these important educational opportunities for our students.

- Kindergarten**—May 11, Cincinnati Zoo
- First Grade**—April 7, Peter Pan at the Taft Theatre
- Second Grade**—May 11, Cherry Ridge Farm
- Third Grade**—Tornado Alley at the OMNIMAX Theater
- 4th Grade**



- May 6—Appalachian Festival at Coney Island
- May 19—Cincinnati Red's Great American Ballpark & Game

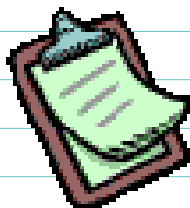
Seussical the Musical Performance Coming Soon

RULH High School will be performing *Seussical the Musical* on April 29th, 30th and May 1st. Show times for Friday and Saturday will be 7 pm and Sunday's show will begin at 3 pm. Tickets are now on sale for only \$5.00 each and can be bought in the elementary, middle or high school office. Children ages 3 and under will be admitted for free.

There are about 75 students involved in RULH's production of *Seussical the Musical*. Cast members include students from the elementary, middle and high school. **The elementary students include Addison Adams, Landen Bowling, Rose Fryman, Jaselyn Ginn, Leah Hill, Gracie Himes, Charisma Lee, Tatem Lindner, Emily Mitchell, Karlie Offutt, Kobe Rigdon, Hana Schwierling, Ava Smith, Destini Stewart, Jade White and Hope Wooten.**

Please get your tickets early since we expect to have a full house for all three shows. A raffle, souvenirs, snacks and refreshments will be sold during the shows. Bring the whole family and come support RULH Schools.

Important Upcoming Dates



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| Staff Professional Development, Two Hour Delay —Monday, April 4 | 26 |
| Third & Fourth Grade Dance; funds to benefit AR incen- | Pickup for Spring Flower Orders —Thursday, April 28 |
| tives and rewards —Friday, April 15 | OAA Testing for 3rd and 4th Graders —May 2—6 |
| OAA Tutoring in 3rd & 4th Grades —March 14—April 20 | Diagnostic Testing for Kindergarten, First and Second Grade - May 2 through May 6 |
| Spring Break —Thursday, April 21—April 25. Students return Tuesday, April | Field Day for K, 1 & 2 —May 9 |
| | Field Day for 3rd & 4th —May 10 |
| | PTO Meeting/Science Night — |

Date Changed for the Spring Music Concert

The date for the 4th Grade Spring Music Concert has been changed from May 19 to Thursday, May 12. The fourth grade students will be presenting a Spring Recorder Program. It will be a special celebration to demonstrate the musical skills they acquired in the new recorder program. To adequately prepare for the program, students will need to practice daily. Please encourage your fourth grader to practice and work hard for this special event. Ms. McKinney appreciates your support and assistance.



Picture This

As people read, good readers form mental pictures. To help improve your child's comprehension, read a book without letting him or her see it. Next, ask them questions about the book and what the pictures might look like. Examples: How are the characters dressed or what do they look like? Is the setting gloomy or bright?

Spring Flower Delivery

Flowers purchased through the fund raiser will be delivered on April 28. Further reminders with the date and time for pickup will be sent home with your child. All proceeds from the sale of flowers will be used to purchase Accelerated Reader books for the elementary classrooms. As always, we appreciate your support.

Monday, May 16, at 7 p.m.

Last Day for Preschool—May 25
Kindergarten Celebration—May 26

Memorial Day—No School on Monday, May 30

Last Day for Students—May 31 or June 1 depending on make up days required.

Summer School Dates to be Announced once the state determines # calamity days.