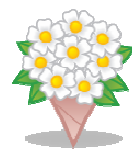


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# Cook Hill News



## May Dates

5/1 Burger King 4-8 pm  
5/2 Grade 1 Read Aloud Day; BJ's Applications Due; Grade 5 popcorn sale; Wear Blue day for Samantha Hart's Arthritis Walk; Family Dance 7 pm

5/5 Teacher Appr. Week

5/7 10am A.C.E.S.; last day to hand in reading logs; Executive PTO Board 7 pm

5/8 Grade 2 field trip; Grade 4 PTO program "Forces in Motion; Adventures in Physics"

5/9 Grade 5 Popcorn Sale; PTO Plant Sale

5/14 Grade 1 Field Trip

5/15 Grade 3 Field Trip

5/16 Grade 2 Field Trip; School Store

5/20 Amore Pizza Day; Cougar Pride Assembly – Kindergarten "Fairness" 9:30 am

5/21 Grade 1 Field Trip

5/22 Grades K and 3 Field Trips

5/23 Grade 3 Field Trip

5/26 **NO SCHOOL**

5/27 Reading Celebration 1:45 pm; 9 am visit from Moran Jazz Band

5/29 Grade 3 Field Trip; Townwide Elementary Music Concert – Lyman Hall

5/30 Author John Gurney

## **UPCOMING:**

6/4 Grade 4/5 Music Concert

6/17 Field Day (6/18 Rain Date)

**Cook Hill Elementary School 284-5400**

Principal, Jan Murphy

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

On May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 am, Cook Hill will be participating in Project ACES. ACES is an acronym for All Children Exercising Simultaneously. It was created by Len Saunders in 1989 as a method of motivating children to exercise. ACES takes place on the first Wednesday in May as part of National Physical Fitness and Sports Month along with National Physical Education Week.

It has been labeled as "the world's largest exercise class" by the media. Since 1989, millions of children from all over the world exercise together to promote proper health and fitness habits. With the obesity epidemic facing the youth of the world, children's fitness plays a major role in fighting heart disease.

To celebrate, we will all be taking a fifteen minute power walk around the school while Mrs. Murphy plays some motivating music over the intercom.

If you would like to read more about this great program, check out the ACES website at <http://lensaunders.com/aces/aces.html>.



## **LIBRARY NEWS**

### **We are growing readers**

The last day to submit reading logs will be Wed. May 7. Students who have read at least 20 hours will be invited to attend the annual celebration. Thanks to the parents who have assisted by keeping track of the number of hours the students have read.

### **Volunteer luncheon**

The annual luncheon sponsored by the Cook Hill teachers in honor of all of our terrific volunteers was held on April 29. All of your many hours of assisting staff and students is greatly appreciated.

### **PTO NEWS**

#### **Playground Committee News**

The Playground Committee would like to thank Jeff Wolcheski (first grade Dad) for volunteering to help with the assembly of our two new picnic tables purchased and placed under the big tree near our gym entrance. This was the final stage of our playground campaign. Hope everyone enjoys this shady resting spot and new place to go!

#### **SCHOOL STORE NEWS**

Don't forget to save the last two School Store shopping dates:  
May 16 (changed from 5/9), and June 6<sup>th</sup>!



## Grade Level News from Classrooms

### Kindergarten News

Spring has brought many new and exciting experiences to the Kindergarteners. This month the students participated in Reader's Workshop by learning new reading skills. After learning these skills the children applied them while reading books on their own individual level. The Kindergarteners also learned about types of weather. The students joined in many fun activities like cloud painting and writing about windy days. Some students made some colorful rainbows! Everyone had so much fun!

### First Grade News

Our first graders have two exciting field trips to look forward to in May. On the 14th we will be attending a play at SCSU and on the 21st we will be visiting the Lyman Hall Vo-Ag fair. We are also beginning our science unit on new plants, continuing to create marvelous tales in Writer's Workshop, and sharpening our math and reading skills every day. It's always fun in grade one!

### Second Grade News

Second graders have been busy preparing for their field trip to the Bridgeport Cabaret Theater on May 8 to see the musical adaptation of Aladdin. The children have been discussing the many aspects of a live production. Many students have also enjoyed simple dramatizations of stories from their reading program. Earth Day was April 22. All second graders went to an Earth Day program and talked about how they could protect our earth!

### Third Grade News

Third grade is ready for spring with our science kits. We planted our now fully grown Brassica plants and pollinated them with bees. One class is growing a vegetable garden with zucchini and basil. Our Social Studies unit on the town of Wallingford is progressing along to get us ready to tour the town in May. We will know all about Wallingford when we're done. In Math we are learning about the Metric System, Area and Perimeter, and Fractions. In reading we are all reading The

Chocolate Touch which is about a boy who absolutely loves chocolate and eventually we follow him on his journey where everything he touches turns to chocolate. Just like the "Midas Touch". We are finishing up the cursive letters and soon we will all be writing in cursive getting ready for fourth grade.

### Fourth Grade News

Spring has sprung! We have had a refreshing spring break and are ready to finish the year strong. All three fourth grade classes are busy working on their region research. There is a lot to learn about the rainforest, desert and polar regions of the world. In math, Mr. Marottolo's class is learning about geometry, while Ms. Hsu's and Mrs. Wissbrun's classes are finishing their fraction unit and moving on to learning about decimals. We are enjoying our courage and survival unit in reading. We are all looking forward to our trip to the Mellon Arts Center where we will enjoy the music of the Wallingford Symphony Orchestra. This year is sure flying by!

### Fifth Grade News

As the school year begins to wind down, things in fifth grade are busier than ever! One of our major focuses right now is learning about the American Revolution. We have been reading historical fiction books that take place during the Revolutionary War. We are at the beginning stages of creating a power point presentation in computers related to the Revolutionary Period. The fifth grade classes will soon begin the DARE Unit. The Grade 5 popcorn sales have been great thanks to the generosity of the students of Cook Hill School.

### PRESCHOOL NEWS

Spring is finally here.  
 The Preschool wants to cheer  
 Outside here we go.  
 We're done with all that snow.  
 Our playground has a fence,  
 thanks to Darren at maintenance.  
 Our updated playground is coming soon.  
 We're so glad we have so much room.  
 Valentine the Clown came to make us laugh.  
 Bowling, Chuck E Cheese and Lighthouse Park  
 are in our future path!

**Happy Spring from all the Cook Hill Preschoolers!**

