

Wiggin Street News

April 2017

Upcoming Events

April 8-17 Spring Vacation...students return on Tuesday, April 18

April 18 Friends of Wiggin Street Meeting

April 19 5th grade music walking trip

April 20 Wiggin Street Hockey Match

April 24-May 5 State Testing for grades 3, 4, 5 in Math, Social Studies, and Science

April 28 5th Grade attends Band Concert

May 2 Renewal Levy Election

May 2 Second grade field trip to The Works

May 2 Third grade field trip to the Brown Family Center

May 8-10 Fifth Grade Camp

May 11 3rd grade Exploring Mt. Vernon trip

May 12 Kindergarten Registration

State AIR Testing Schedule

Please be sure your student is well rested and on time for testing. Please try not to schedule vacations or appointments on testing days.

April 25: 9:00-10:15 Fifth grade Science Part 1 Mrs. Croswell's class; 10:30-11:45 Fifth grade Science Part 1 Mrs. Grandstaff's class

April 26: 9:00-10:15 Fifth grade Science Part 2 Mrs. Croswell's class; 10:30-11:45 Fifth grade Science Part 2 Mrs. Grandstaff's class

April 27th: 9:30-10:45 Third grade math Part 1; 1:00-2:15 Fourth grade math part 1

April 28: 9:30-10:45 Third grade Math Part 2; 1:00-2:15 Fourth grade Math Part 2

May 1: Make up testing for 3rd grade math in the morning; Make up testing for 5th grade science in the afternoon

May 2: 9:00-10:15 Fourth grade Social Studies Part 1 Mrs. Sabo's class; 10:30-11:45 Fourth grade Social Studies Part 1 Mrs. Loveland's class; 1:00-2:15 Fifth grade Math Part 1

May 3: 9:00-10:15 Fourth grade Social Studies Part 2 Mrs. Sabo's class; 10:30-11:45 Fourth grade Social Studies Part 2 Mrs. Loveland's class; 1:00-2:15 Fifth grade Math Part 2

May 4 and 5: Make up tests



Mount Vernon City Schools Open Enrollment

Open enrollment applications for the 2017-2018 school year will be accepted online only. The online application form will be available to be completed and submitted beginning April 3, 2017. Both current and new Open Enrolled Students will be required to enroll through the online registration process that is on the website at www.mvcsd.us.

BAND INFORMATION

The annual 5th Grade Recruitment Concert will take place on April 28th at 1:00 pm. Students will take a field trip to the high school to listen to the High School Band and Orchestra and to learn about the music opportunities they will have as they enter sixth grade.

Students who are enthusiastic about playing an instrument will then have a chance to sign up to try out their top three instruments. All interested parents and students will need to sign up to attend an informational meeting at **Mount Vernon Middle School on either Tuesday, May 2 OR Thursday, May 4**. Both meetings begin at 4 p.m. and will run on the hour with the last meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. Each meeting will last 15 minutes and will include information on when band and orchestra meets during the school day and what each class involves. Following each meeting, students will have a chance to try out their top three instrument choices. Go to <https://goo.gl/jZ4uy3> or contact Mrs. Amy Miller or Ms. Megan Aubihl in the Music Department at 740-393-6867 ext. 5865 or ext 5863 to sign up for a meeting time



5th to 6th Transition Meeting for Parents

Once again MVMS is planning to offer two opportunities for the parents of incoming 6th graders to receive important information to help their student successfully make the transition from elementary to middle school. Parents are encouraged to attend one of the meeting times:

Thursday, May 18:

9:30 a.m. --MVMS Library **OR**

6:00 p.m. --MVMS Commons

Teacher Requests

As we look toward the 2017-2018 school year, I want to be sure that parents are aware that we are unable to honor parental requests for children to have a specific teacher. If you have academic or behavioral concerns that might impact the placement of your student, those concerns must be brought to the building principal's attention in writing no later than Friday, April 28, 2017. Every effort is made by the Wiggin Street Staff to place students in classrooms in a heterogeneous manner while addressing the needs of each child. We take many factors into consideration to ensure that every student has the best possible educational placement and every classroom has a mix of students that allow our teachers to do their very best. We appreciate in advance your support of our process for class placements.

Jump Rope for Heart

During February, students learned about heart health in physical education classes. They practiced their own physical fitness by jumping rope, and then used their jump rope skills to raise money to help the Heart Association. Mr. Nieman led students through the process and together they raised \$4,924 for the charity. Thank you so much to all of our generous families who contributed to make this event such a success.

Pennies for Patients

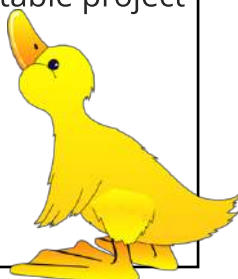
Our Pennies for Patients fund raiser ended on April 7. We hosted an assembly for the Leukemia Association. Children have been collecting their pennies and loose change to fill their collection boxes to help Nationwide Children's Hospital raise money to help children with cancer. Our goal is to try and raise \$1,000 for this organization. We are waiting to hear what our grand total is for this event.

Kindergarten Registration

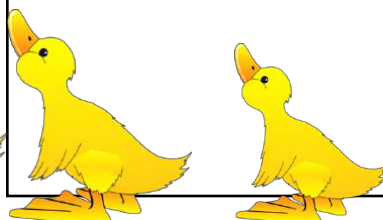
If your child will be five by August 1, 2017, they will be eligible to attend Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year. We are reaching out to families with Wiggin Street future Kindergarten students to let them know that registration is coming up. Wiggin Street Kindergarten registration will take place on May 12, from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Appointments are now being set up by Mrs. Phillips, our school secretary.

If you do not live in the Wiggin Street attendance area, and you are applying for Open Enrollment to Wiggin Street, you will need to fill out the online open enrollment application this year. You must also take your child to their home school's registration and not to Wiggin Street. You will be notified at a later date if your child has been accepted through open enrollment to attend Wiggin Street.

Mrs. Kramp's first grade took a trip to the Kenyon Farm. They learned about bees, goats, chickens, ducks, eggs and growing potatoes. They learned how farmers grow some of the food we eat. Students wrote questions to interview the Kenyon student about the work they do on the farm. They will use the information in their farm to table project presentations.



The annual Wiggin Street hockey game matching the fifth grade team against the staff will take place on April 20 at 2:15. Parents of fifth graders who would like to attend the match may begin arriving at 2:00. This is sure to be a heated battle and a lot of fun!

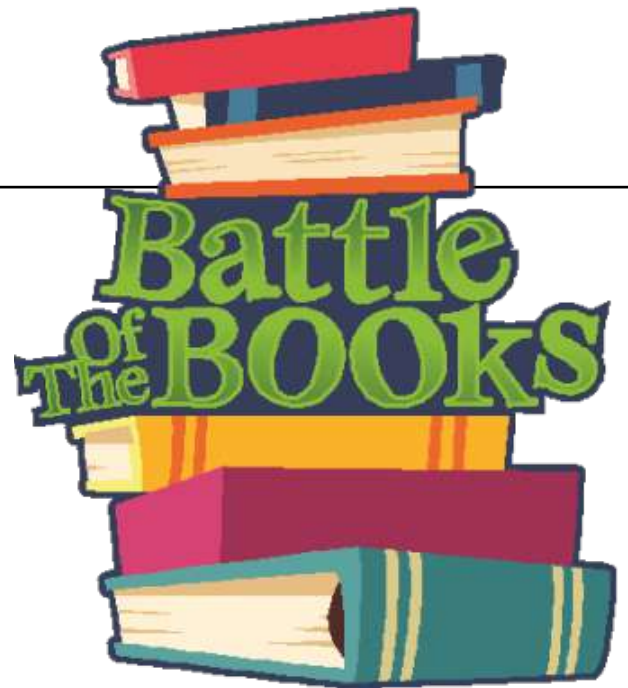


The Wiggin Street Fun Festival was a huge success. We would like to thank the officers of the Friends of Wiggin Street, Sara Mesarchik, Hollie Peden, Christy Burson, Andrea White, Angie Clippinger, and Heather Waugh who put in so much effort into creating a well run festival. In addition, a special thanks to Mary Ann Walker for organizing the dinner, and to Ed Baer for his monumental pre- and post-festival efforts. To everyone who donated items, who volunteered to work, and who attended the festival with your family, a deep felt Wiggin Street

THANK YOU comes your way!



The Wiggin Street Battle of the Books team competed on Tuesday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Memorial Theater. We would like to congratulate our team: Tucker Tooley, Felix Brooks-Quijada, Saffron Martin, Sabina Hawks, Ian Hawthorne, Addy Steinmetz, and Mateo Pechon-Elkins for finishing second overall in the tournament. You have worked very hard and should be proud of all the learning you have done. A special thanks to the coaches for the team Phil Brooks and Tom Hawks who have been working hard with the students all year.



Exercise Your Right to Vote

The Mount Vernon City Schools has a ballot issue on the May 2, 2017 election. The issue combines two existing levies into one. The levies which were first approved in 1981 and 2013 will appear on the ballot as one issue. This issue results in ZERO additional taxes and keeps funding at the current level. The levy represents 10% of our general fund. You can vote on this issue at your local polling place or you may vote by an absentee ballot between April 4th-April 29th. Early voting begins on April fourth.

