



Wiggin Street News

October, 2016

Dates to Remember

Oct. 6 Fourth Grade Yes Concert
Oct. 12 Kindergarten to BFEC trip
Oct. 13 5th grade trip to BFEC
Oct. 13 First Grade Yes Concert
Oct. 3-14 Iowa/CoGat Tests 4th Grade
Oct 13 Pumpkins on Parade Craft Night
Oct. 14 1st grade trip to fire house
Oct. 17 Teacher In-Service No School
Oct. 18 Friends of Wiggin Street meeting
Oct. 21 Grade Cards
Oct. 24-Nov. 8 Art Contest for the Yearbook
Oct. 24-25 5th grade Nature's Classroom
Oct. 26 Vision/Hearing Screening Grades 1,3,5 only
Oct. 28 Fall Harvest Costume Parade
Nov.1 Picture retake day/Grade 5 group retake
Nov. 2-3 Parent Teacher Conference Day
Nov. 3-4 Wiggin Street Book Fair at Paragraphs
Nov. 3-4 No School

Coats for Kids

Wiggin Street School is participating in the Coats for Kids drive. We need coats or jackets of any size to give to the Salvation Army and InterChurch to help keep our local families warm.

The coat drive runs from Oct. 1-Oct. 31. Coats will be cleaned at Gaults Plaza Cleaners on Coshocton Road. A volunteer from Kiwanis will check weekly for any coats that have been collected. We have a drop box in front of the office if you have any donations.

If you have a need for coats in your family, please contact Mrs. Phillips or Mrs. Lowers at Wiggin Street for assistance at 740-427-4262.

Harvest Party Time

Wiggin Street Staff and the Friends of Wiggin Street have many fun activities planned for October.

On Oct. 13 from 6:00-8:00 pm, you are invited to join in the fun of PUMPKINS ON PARADE night in the school cafeteria. This fun evening will feature crafts, pumpkin decorating, food and drinks, and an opportunity to socialize with Wiggin Street families.

On Oct. 28 at 2:15, Wiggin Street will hold its annual Literacy and Fall Harvest Costume Parade. Students are encouraged to dress up for the parade and parents are encouraged to come out and support students as they share their costumes. Following the parade, harvest parties will take place at school.

Students are encouraged to dress up as their favorite book character. Please be sure your child's costume is appropriate for the school setting. No "look alike" weapons, excessive blood or gore, or masks of any kind will be permitted. Due to recent events, Mr. Seder has also requested no clown costumes for this year. If you have a question about your child's costume, please give us a call. Children will put on their costumes at school, so please send them in a bag and to help the children, please make them easy to get on and off. You are encouraged to send a bag for treats on parade day.

Trick-or-Treat in Gambier and Mount Vernon will take place on Oct. 31 from 5:30-7 pm.



Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held from 5-8pm on Nov. 2 and from 10am-8pm on Nov. 3. Please be sure you have made arrangements to meet with your child's teacher.

There will be no school on Nov. 3- 4.



BOOK FAIR

The Wiggin Street Book Fair will take place at Paragraphs Bookstore on Nov. 3 from 9:30 am-8:30 pm and on Nov. 4 from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. 15% of all pre-tax retail sales will be donated to Friends of Wiggin Street when any customer mentions **"WIGGIN STREET."** Please support our school and local business by purchasing a favorite book! Paragraphs also has a wide variety of toys, games, puzzles, journals, cards, mugs and other gift items. This is the perfect time to start your holiday shopping and contribute to our school as well.

Knox County Alerts

Mount Vernon City Schools is continuing to use Knox County Alerts for the 2016-2017 school year. The Knox County Commissioners have implemented a system called "Knox Alerts" which is dedicated to Knox County and Knox County Schools. To sign up, go to Mount Vernon City School District web page at www.mvcsd.us and click on the orange communication button on the left side of the page. Next, you will click on the Knox County Alert Symbol which will direct you to the page where you can sign up for alerts. When signing up, you will be able to choose what type of alerts you would like to receive. Make sure you choose both Mount Vernon City Schools as well as Wiggin Street



Welcome Mrs. Burke to Our Wiggin Street Team

Parents and Guardians,

So far, I have had a wonderful experience, meeting some amazing students at Wiggin Street Elementary! I am a Clinical Social Worker for Wiggin Street as well as Twin Oak Elementary. Many of you have asked about this role and what it means for students. To put it simply, I want your child to love school and have the best experience possible. I want students to feel a sense of belonging when they enter the building, knowing that this is a safe and fun place to learn. At times, there may be barriers to learning and in my position, I will be working with students and families to address any barriers to academic success.

However, there may be beneficial services that might surprise you that will be offered to students throughout the school year. Some of these services include an emphasis on:

Social emotional intelligence

Social skills

Therapeutic interventions and assessments

Coping skills

Grief support

Transitions

Self-esteem

Crisis intervention

Positive peer relationships

Empowerment

Prevention programs

Bullying

Classroom presentations



Sometimes this means working in small groups, and sometimes it means working one-on-one. Sometimes I work with students only a few times and other times, it may be more beneficial to meet more often.

Permission slips to participate individually or in groups may start coming home in the next couple of weeks. I welcome any questions from parents and hope to work *with* you to make your student's experience at Wiggin Street the best it can be. I'm looking forward to being a part of Wiggin Street Elementary! Feel free to contact me via e-mail which is probably the best way to reach me: sburke@mvcisd.us or leave me a message at 740-393-5970 ext. 6533.

Sara Burke, LSW



Our Wiggin Street Book sale gave 2,000 gently loved books a new home and raised \$205 to help purchase new material for our book room. Thanks to all who donated and worked so hard to make the event a success. And, of course, thanks to our Wiggin Street Kids for their love of READING!