



Gordon's Gazette



April 24, 2009

Specials:

Friday-Music, Monday-Technology, Tuesday-Art, Wednesday-P.E., Thursday-P.E.

Class News:

- Ms. Millwood has been a great addition to our classroom since January. Her last day with us will be April 24. She will be greatly missed. Join with me in wishing her the best of luck in her future!
- The Spring Carnival was a great success! PTA couldn't have done it without family donations. Thank you to the Esposito, Byers/Hocker, and Bednarek families for donating a cake for the Spring Carnival! Thank you to the Louis/Apollon, Ramos, Burgan, and Medina families for donating a twelve pack of sodas! Thank you to the Long family for donating a cake and a twelve pack of sodas! If you did send something in and you weren't included on this list (some items came in on Friday), please let me know.
- Progress reports were sent home today. Please review them with your child and send the bottom portion back to school as soon as possible.
- CRCT testing will continue next week. Students will be tested on Science on Friday, Social Studies on the following Monday. Here are a few tips: First, be sure they get plenty of rest. Remember what Ben Franklin said, "early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise." Well, the same is true for the CRCT! Second, be sure your child eats a good breakfast. A full belly will go a long way during a long test! Next, have your child to school on time. If they are late, they will not be allowed into the classroom and will have to make it up on another day. Also, send your child to school in layered clothing. The temperature in our room can fluctuate sometimes. If they bring a sweater or jacket, they can make themselves more comfortable during the test. Finally, encourage your child to do their best and not give up, even if the test is hard. (These tips are courtesy of Mrs. Wright)
- We are requesting **2 stamps** per student to be used for report cards and other paperwork to be mailed after the end of the school year. If you can send more, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to the Burgan family for sending in extras!
- In science, we will continue our Ecology unit. We will be learning about the flow of energy in an ecosystem through food webs, food chains, producers, consumers, and decomposers.
- In social studies, we will continue studying Westward Expansion. In this unit, we will study the Trail of Tears, benefits of industry, Erie Canal, the Alamo, etc.

Just a Reminder:

- Don't forget to check www.engage.com for 3rd 9 weeks grades!
- Please sign and review your child's agenda daily.
- All transportation changes must be put in writing.
- Please check your child's lunch balance. This is a prepay program. It is free to check using Meal Pay online (go to Big Shanty's website).
- If your child is absent, please send a note explaining the absence when your child returns to school.
- My e-mail address is: keisha.gordon@cobbk12.org

Dates to Remember:

April 24: Reading Logs are due and Spelling Test

April 21-May 1: CRCT Testing Window

April 30: Baskin Robbins Scoop Night (Many Big Shanty Teachers will be serving!) 5-10 p.m.

May 15: Field Day