



Rittman Elementary School Newsletter

February/March 2017

State Testing in Ohio

WHY DO WE HAVE STATE TESTS?

Ohio's State Tests measure student progress toward Ohio's Learning Standards. They help us make sure every Ohio student receives a high-quality education. Student test results show that students have the knowledge and skills they need to move successfully to their next steps in education or a career. That's why federal and state laws require state testing for specific grades and subjects.

WHAT SUBJECTS ARE TESTED?

State law requires the Ohio Department of Education to develop state tests in mathematics, English language arts, science and social studies with the help of Ohio educators.

HOW LONG ARE THE TESTS?

Each test has two parts. Each test allows test-takers a maximum amount of time, which varies from 2.5 to 3.5 hours.

WHEN IS TESTING?

There are two testing windows. The first window is the end of March. The second window is the end of April.

IN WHICH GRADES AND SUBJECTS DO STUDENTS TAKE STATE TESTS?

Grades 3-8	English language arts and mathematics
Grades 4 and 6	Social studies
Grades 5 and 8	Science

*info courtesy of ODE



Magazine and Cookie Dough Sale

Our Rittman Elementary School Magazine and Cookie Dough Sale is in full swing! This is the Elementary School fundraiser to earn money to fund student incentives, assemblies, field trips, and rewards. The sale ends February 7.

All students are asked to try and sell 6 items. However, we are appreciative of any and all sales. We receive 40% profit from this sale to fund student activities here at RES! Please participate if you can.

Important Dates

2/6-2/10	PTO Red Ribbon Spirit Week See Spirit Week Section Below
2/7	Magazine/Cookie Sale Ends
2/10	Interims Go Home
2/10	Valentine Parties 2:15pm
2/15	Dental Sealants
2/16	Dental Sealants Spring Conferences 3:30-9:00
2/17	No School
2/20	No School – President's Day
2/21	PTO Meeting 6:00 (Heritage Hall)
3/1	Dental Sealants
3/2	Dental Sealants
3/3	PTO Movie Night 7:00pm (RES)
3/9	Ronald McDonald Dental Visit
3/10	Ronald McDonald Dental Visit
3/16	Quarter 3 Ends Ronald McDonald Dental Visit
3/17	No School
3/21	PTO Meeting 6:00 (Heritage Hall)
3/27-3/31	OCBA ELA Testing (Gr 3-5)
3/28	Report Cards Go Home
3/30	Kindergarten Registration 11:30-6:30

PTO Red Ribbon Spirit Week



Monday, Feb. 6

- Team Up Against Drugs
- Wear your Favorite Sports' Team Gear

Tuesday, Feb. 7

- Put a Cap on Drugs
- Hat Day

Wednesday, Feb. 8

- Put Drugs to Sleep
- Pajama Day

Thursday, Feb. 9

- Battle Against Drugs
- Camo Day

Friday, Feb. 10

- Rally in Red Against Drugs
- Red Day

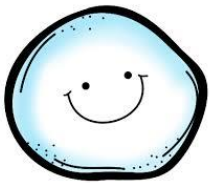
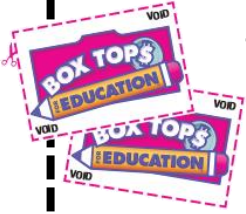
Box Tops



We are really behind in our BoxTops Collection. So, we are having a Fun February Box Tops contest. Remember that Box Tops help to pay for student assemblies, field trips, activities, and special events.

The February contest includes:

- 1) Students can return the attached collection sheet with 10 Box Tops. For every 10 Box Tops brought in on the collection sheet, students receive an entry in a drawing for the prize indicated. There will be 2 school winners.
- 2) There will also be a boys versus girls contest. We will have boy and girl Olafs in the hallway. For every 10 Box Tops brought in, the student will earn a "snowball". The Olaf with the most snowballs at the end of the month will vote for a fun spirit day for the school.



Summer Program

Rittman Elementary School, in conjunction with the Wooster YMCA, will be offering a fun summer academic and activity program. This program will be highly structured and will incorporate reading and math activities, as well as gross motor, crafts, community service, and summer fun. We are excited about this new program this summer. Since the program is run by the YMCA it will accept ODJFS child care payments.

Look for information to come out in March/April regarding the program!

Don't Forget

It is cold this time of year. Students have recess outside daily unless the temperature is below 20 degrees. Please be sure to dress your children appropriately.

School Notes

- Grade 3 Music Program is April 6
- Spring Break is the week of April 10-14
- The dental sealants program and the Ronald McDonald Dentist Mobile will be coming to the school in March. Look for this paperwork to come home, or call the school to have your child participate.
- We have many students who are earning the behavior rewards each quarter. Keep up the great work! Remember that completing homework each night is essential for this reward as well. Homework completion also leads to student success!

PTO Notes

- PTO Red Ribbon Spirit Week is February 6-10; please see the special spirit week dress-up fun on the other side of this newsletter. The purpose of Red Ribbon Week is to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities
- PTO Movie Night is March 3. This event will be held at Rittman Elementary School. All students need to be accompanied by parents/adults. Admission will be a non-perishable food item. It's a PJ theme...bring your sleeping bags and pillows to watch the movie on the big screen in the gym.
- We encourage you to attend the PTO meetings! Next meeting is Feb 21, 6:00pm in Heritage Hall.