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A newsletter for parents and students of Alton Hall Elementary • 982 Alton Road • (614) 801-8000

Dear Alton Hall Families,

Well, I am still waiting for the weather to change!! I am sick and tired of white snow and COLD weather. I can't wait for April showers!!

As many of you are aware, we just completed several days of testing for our third and fourth graders. I would like to thank the parents and students for their diligence during this extensive testing period. As a parent, I am aware of how difficult it can be to get your child "moving" and on time in the morning, especially during cold weather! Thank you!! Please keep in mind that we still have second grade testing during the week of March 16-20. We also have another round of third and fourth grade testing during the latter part of April and first week of May.

The months of March and April are also full of several events that are open to parents and students. These events include Parent/Teacher Conferences, Title I Parent Night, Cub Convention, 4th Grade Musical and Cultural Night. Please peruse our calendars that are included in this newsletter to see the actual dates.

Remember, sunshine is just around the corner and Spring is in the air!!! Happy Easter.

Sincerely,
Tim Barton



Daylight Savings
time
changes on March 8.
Move your clocks 1
hour ahead!



Kindergarten Registration is going on NOW!



We look forward to meeting our new Kindergarten enrollees for the 2015-2016 school year. If you have a child who will be entering Kindergarten at Alton Hall for the next school year, please call the school office to schedule your appointments at 801-8000. If you know someone in your neighborhood with a child that needs to register for kindergarten, please help us spread the word.

We will make an appointment for you at the Student Enrollment Center for paperwork.

The Student Enrollment Center is located at 4079 Gantz Rd, Suite C2, Grove City, OH. You will need to have with you the following items: · Official birth certificate · Immunization records · Proof of residency · Custody Papers, if applicable and the paperwork sent to you when you call to make your appointment. Our days for you to bring the student to school for vision and hearing assessments as well as meet the teachers and principal and tour the building are May 4, 5 and 6. Please call and schedule your appointment. The 2015-2016 school year is the first year for all-day, everyday kindergarten!!!!

Third/Fourth Grade Achievement Assessments

During the weeks of April 20—April 30, the third and fourth graders will be taking the Ohio Achievement Assessment in Math and Reading. Testing will begin promptly at 8:45 a.m. Anyone arriving after that time will not be permitted to enter the classroom until testing is completed.

Check the April Calendar attached to this newsletter for specific dates for each test.

Also, March 16-20 the second graders will take the Terra Nova



Test.

*******Daily attendance is very important*******

Test taking tips:

- **Have a nutritious breakfast each morning**
 - **Receive plenty of rest by going to bed early each night**
 - **Schedule doctor's appointments only in the afternoon**
 - **Arrive to school on time**
 - **Come to school with a positive attitude**
 - If you would like to see practice and old copies of the test and other materials, go online to <http://www/ode.state.oh.us> or write the Ohio Department of Education, 25 S. Front St, Columbus, Ohio 43215.
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SPECIAL

PERMISSION REQUESTS:

2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

Friday, May 1, 2015 is the first official day that elementary schools will welcome and receive Special Permission Forms.

Parents may pick up the Special Permission Form from the Enrollment Center or school offices at any time, but forms will not be dated and accepted until May 1, 2015.

We do not approve any special permission forms until August of 2015.

Dated and time stamped forms are kept at the HOME SCHOOL, for use and approval in August.

First Annual Cultural Night

We are planning our first Cultural Night on April 16 at 6:00 pm at Alton Hall. We want to celebrate all of the different cultures that make up our school. We will have music, dancing, food, and more! We would love to have help from families who could teach us about their culture! Contact Mrs. Lewis if you would like to help. We hope to see all of you there!



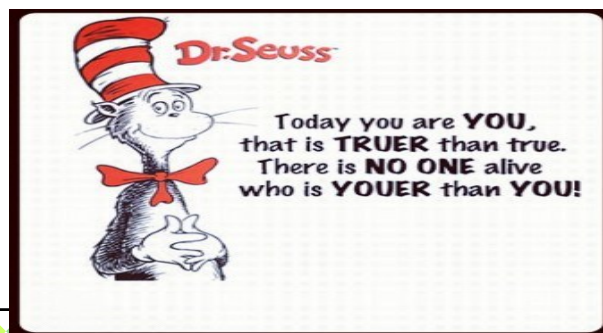
Literacy Corner with Mrs. Wasmus

Alton Hall Elementary and other schools in the South-Western City School District are partnering with the Central OEA/NEA and Nationwide Children's Hospital for the eighth year in the Reach out and Read program. Reach out and Read is a pediatric literacy program which encourages family literacy activities prior to a child's entrance to school. Doctor's at various location provide new books to children from their five month through five year visits.

Alton Hall has chosen the week of March 9-12, 2015 as it's donation drive week for the Reach out and Read program. We are asking families to send in a NEW or gently used books for children five months to five years of age. The district's goal is to collect one book for every child enrolled in South-Western City Schools or 20,497 books! Our goal at Alton Hall is 550 books or one book to represent every student that attends Alton Hall this school year.

During the week of March 9-12, students can bring in their book donations to their classroom. Alton Hall Student Council will collect the donated books from homerooms and place them in the display case at the main entrance. Every student that donates a book will get to place their name on a card that tells the school that they have donated to the Reach out and Read program. These cards will be hung in the hallways of Alton Hall.

We will also have a donation table set up during our Title One Family Night "Pizza Palooza" on March 12th from 5:30-7:30. Families who bring in a book donation can place their family name on a card to hang in the hallway.



March 2015



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1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Goodies w/ Grownups M-R 7:30 am</i>	7
8	9	10 <i>PTA 6:00 pm</i>	11	12 <i>Math/ Literacy Night 5:30</i>	13	14
15	16 <i>Terra</i>	17 <i>Nova</i>	18 <i>Testing Market Day Pick up</i>	19 <i>2nd Parent/ Teacher Conferences</i>	20 <i>Graders Movie Night 6:00 pm</i>	21
22	23 <i>B O</i>	24 <i>O</i>	25 <i>K F</i>	26 <i>A I P/T Confer- ences</i>	27 <i>R Cub Conven- tion 9:15</i>	28
29	30	31				

April 2015



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			1	2 <i>Spring Break</i>	3 <i>Spring Break</i>	4
5	6 <i>Spring Break</i>	7 <i>Ordering Day/No School</i>	8	9 <i>Report Cards Home 4th grade musical 7 pm</i>	10	11
12	13	14 <i>PTA 6:00 pm Spring Pictures K,1,2</i>	15	16 <i>Spring Pictures K, 3, 4</i>	17 <i>Goodies w/ grown-ups S-Z</i>	18
19	20 <i>3rd grade OAA Test</i>	21	22 <i>3rd Grade OAA Test</i>	23 <i>3rd Grade OAA Test</i>	24 <i>OAA 4th Grade OAA</i>	25
26	27	28 <i>4th Grade OAA Test</i>	29	30		

Alton Hall PTA 2015



The school year is halfway over and for the PTA, our events are just heating up! Please take a minute and read over the events we have upcoming and consider donating your time to help us make these events successful.

Spring Fling is May 1. A flier will be coming home soon for volunteer opportunities.

Please contact Tina Smith (596-0549) if you can Volunteer to help.

UPCOMING PTA MEETINGS

March 10 Tuesday evening 6 pm - school library

We will be taking floor nominations for the 2015-2016 PTA board. We encourage parents to attend and show support. Also a good way to get your foot in the door and see where your help REALLY does make a difference. On the ballot includes President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Voting will take place the evening of March 10.

PTA meeting April 14 at 6pm

Columbus Crew has PTA night at Crew Stadium on March 14 at 7:30 pm.

<http://www.columbuscrewsc.com/familyfunnight>

Promo Code: altonhall314

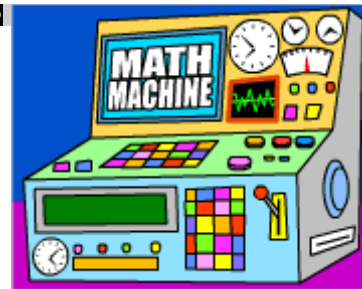


We can not stress the importance of helping out with our events. You play a vital role in our success and the success of our events. We appreciate any and all help you can provide. THANK YOU!!!!

"Be who you are and say what you mean, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." Dr. Seuss



Math Corner with Mrs. Farrell



Depends on the Situation: Comparison vs. Take Away

In our last newsletter we compared the difference between three addition situations where the result was unknown (most common), the change was unknown, and the start was unknown. These same situations can also be used with subtraction. 40% of textbook problems reflect the subtraction situation where the final result is unknown: 5 apples were on the table. I ate 2 apples. How many apples are left? Students often rely on the keywords “are left” to determine when they need to subtract. This becomes a handicap when the same problem is rewritten into a situation when the change is unknown: 5 apples were on the table. I ate some apples. Then there were 3 apples. How many apples did I eat? or when the starting amount is unknown: Some apples were on the table. I ate 2 apples. Now there are 3 apples on the table. How many apples were on the table before? In each of these situations there was a group of apples and some were taken away. But subtraction isn’t always represented by “take away” situations. It can also be used to solve problems where two different groups are being compared. There are also 3 different comparison subtraction problems. Situations where the difference is unknown: Molly has 2 apples. Tina has 5 apples. How many more apples does Tina have than Molly? Situations where the bigger amount is unknown: Molly has 3 more apples than Tina. Tina has 2 apples. How many apples does Molly have? And situations where the smaller amount is unknown: Molly has 3 more apples than Tina. Molly has 5 apples. How many apples does Tina have? Each of these three comparison situations can also be changed to ask who has fewer instead of who has more. But in every comparison situation the amount of objects doesn’t change; nothing is being taken away. Again, you can help your student by asking “What’s happening in the story?” and “How are the numbers changing?” and have them act out the story problem or retell it in their own words. Next newsletter we will explore the final 3 addition/subtraction situations!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 19 and March 26 are Parent/Teacher Conference nights. Please make sure to sign up with your child’s teacher for one of those evenings to go over your student’s progress for the year. On March 26, we will also have the Book Fair open for your purchasing convenience.

