

9 April 2014

Dear Parents,

Isn't it great to see the sun again? We are all happy to see the children go outside for recess. What a winter!

And since it's spring, it's testing time again. OAA tests will be given during the weeks of April 28 and May 5. Thanks for sending your children to school after an early bedtime and healthy breakfast. At this time of year there is always lots of buzz about the standardized tests. Politicians and pundits are full of ideas and talk about schools in general and testing in particular. The reality is—if we're teaching well and the students are learning well, we will all survive quite nicely. So—thanks for your help!

Kindergarten registration is open for students who will be five years old on or before August 1, 2014. Please call Mrs. Goepfinger in the school office if you have an incoming kindergarten student so that she can send you the paperwork. There are lots of forms to fill out and you'll want to get it done before registration day.

Just a reminder—students who are absent from school need a written note explaining their absence when they return. We do appreciate your phone calls on the day of absence, too, but written notes are required. If they are not received, “unexcused” absence days appear on your child's attendance records, and it just looks better if the days are “excused.” We may be contacting you about notes that have not been written. If you have questions, please call Mrs. Goepfinger. We have enclosed some excuse notes for your convenience.

Spring pictures were taken and sent home. Please return pictures or money as soon as you can.

And if you're looking for something fun to do this weekend, there is an alumni basketball game at Clear Fork High School on Saturday, April 12 starting at 5:30 PM. There will be teams from Clearfork, Lexington and Fredericktown. Admission is \$5. Concessions will be available, and a 3 Point Contest will be held at halftime. Fredericktown's share of the proceeds will benefit the Coffing family. Daisy Coffing, a 1999 Fredericktown graduate and mother of three was recently in a serious automobile accident. For details about the families involved, there is a website, compassioninactionohio.weebly.com.

There is no school on Friday, April 18, Good Friday. When school reconvenes on Monday, April 21, we will be done making up leftover snow days and will return to our regular time schedule.

Please accept our wishes for a very Happy Easter!

Sincerely,