

Western Reserve Hi-Lights

February 2010

China Day in the Second Grade

Second grade students finished a study on China on February 5th. The teachers and second graders began the day by dressing in robes or the color red. Mr. and Mrs. Herr, retired educators from Berea, OH,. And grandparents of WRE students presented an informative slide show of their trip to China. During the week the students had read many pieces of literature from China. The Herr's had many Chinese articles for the children to touch and feel. Mr. and Mrs. Herr also gave each child a Chinese envelope, a fortune cookie, a dragon coloring page and some homemade Chinese dumplings. Students also enjoyed trying to eat rice with chopsticks. Second graders created Chinese lanterns to hang and took home a special Chinese painted fan. They were all very excited and learned appreciation of a different culture. The students will never forget that special activities and China Day that Mr. and Mrs. Herr made possible.



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

WRE students have not let the gloomy, winter weather put a damper on their physical activity. Students recently participated in the national *Jump rope for Heart* campaign sponsored by Mrs. Yaussy during gym classes. The activity allows students who participate to raise money for the America Heart Association by soliciting sponsors who pay students to jump rope. The money raised is donated to help children who have heart problems. Western Reserve students raised over \$3,190 for Jump rope For Heart. During gym, students complete various jump rope/jumping activities. The variety of jumping and related activities makes students realize how important it is to take care of their own hearts. They are also jumping in honor of children with

bad hearts. All students who brought in a \$1 donation or more got their names put in a hat and the winner, Sydney Busher, won a Tigger stuffed animal. Students could also win gym passes.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2010-2011 school year will begin on March 1 and last through March 31, 2010. Children who will turn five by September 2010 should be registered at the elementary building. Western Reserve Elementary is now offering a tuition free five day- all day kindergarten program for all students. The child does not need to be present for registration. Parents /Guardians are asked to bring the following to registration:

A notarized birth certificate
Social Security card
Immunization record
Two proofs of residence
Guardianship/custody papers when applicable

Kindergarten screening dates for incoming kindergarten students will be May 5 & 19.

Mobile Dentists

Mobile Dentists will be at WRE on March 11. The dentists see students for basic care. Students need to have returned their reservation slips in advance in order to see the dentists. Mobile Dentists bring their equipment and set up office at the school for students. Ms. Wendy McConnell is responsible for bringing this very beneficial program to Western Reserve Elementary. Students do not demonstrate any of the reluctance that frequently accompanies a visit to the dentist. They are excited !

A Few Reminders

- February brings inclement weather and there are always unforeseen 2 hour delays or school closings. The One Call Now service notifies primary contacts of delays or closings.
- Students go outside for recess whenever possible. Please make sure that your child wears a warm jacket, hat and gloves. Boots are needed on many days. Many students are arriving in sweatshirts.
- Please bring your child inside and sign him/her in when they arrive after 9:00 a.m.
- Parents are able to monitor their child's grades with Progress Book. The link is on the school website.

January Students Of the Month

**Ethan Nolan,
Stephanie Knight
Chelsey Shawver
Leah Pausch
Ian Greszler
Leah Burke
Jake Muscaro**

February Dates

- 8. Hundred's Day
- 12. Valentine's Day Parties 2:45 p.m.
- 15. NO SCHOOL President's Day
- 16. Spirit Day- Red, white and blue for Presidents' Day
- 22. Fourth grade music Program 7:00 p.m.
- 26. Interim reports go home.
- 26. Blues Day- Wear blue and sunglasses
- 28. Open House for Miss Hazel Ward at High School - 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m

March Dates

1-31 Kindergarten registration