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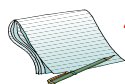


**Do you know someone who will be new to Hoffman Trails next year?** If you have a kindergarten or first grade student or know someone who does, please note:

KINDERGARTEN registration has begun. If you missed the first meeting, please call us to get a packet and a registration time for February 13.

If you have a FIRST GRADER ENROLLING (who attends kindergarten with another accredited program), please contact our office for information about registering your child for the 2012-13 school year and reserving a spot.

*February 2012*



*Notes from the Principal...*

Dear Families,

Our students are continuing to work hard and being focused on **communicating** with one another, **collaborating** about ideas, **creating** new products and thoughts and **thinking critically** about solving problems. We continue to be amazed by our students and their growth! It might be interesting to ask your child about the words in bold and how he/she puts them into practice in the classroom...those "4 C's" have been a big focus for us this year!

A few weeks ago, we hosted six students and one educator from Hong Kong at Hoffman Trails. Alton Darby Elementary also had six students and an educator and Bradley High School had 12 students. Our Hong Kong guest educator, Miss Margaret Lau, met with all our students to create Chinese calligraphy and share games of olden times from her culture. Miss Lau is very energetic and students enjoyed her lessons. Be sure to ask your student about her visit to his/her classroom. The 12 elementary Hong Kong student guests from Taoist Ching Chung Primary School also shared a performance with all our students and gave a Power Point Presentation that will be posted on our website about traditions, school and life in Hong Kong. If you'd like to view the presentation, visit <http://www.hilliardschools.org/hte/>. The Hong Kong students were able to experience American education and culture. This was a unique experience that we were honored to host! Ask your student what he or she learned from collaborating and communicating with our global neighbors. A HUGE thank you to our families and staff who hosted our guests—what an amazing experience!

In a couple of week we will begin our official Parent-Teacher Conference Week. Thank you for your partnership in helping educate your child. We look forward to meeting with you in the coming days!

Fondly,

Shelli D. Miller

**IMPORTANT TESTING DATES****Ohio Achievement Assessment dates:**

|                            |                |                       |
|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Wednesday, April 25</b> | <b>Reading</b> | <b>Grades 3, 4, 5</b> |
| <b>Tuesday, May 1</b>      | <b>Math</b>    | <b>Grades 3, 4, 5</b> |
| <b>Thursday, May 3</b>     | <b>Science</b> | <b>Grade 5</b>        |

**All Ohio Achievement Assessments will begin first thing in the morning, and will end at about 12:00. Students will need to be on time each day, and will not be allowed to leave until the test is completed. Please note the dates and times when scheduling any appointments.**

**Thank You !!**

**Thanks to Bobbi Wagner, Julie Spencer, Teresa Blake and Kim Movshin for cutting/trimming out nearly 12,000 Box Tops for Education these past few weeks that totaled almost \$1,200.00 for our PTO! Thanks to all the families and friends who took the time to collect and share these labels—they really do add up!**

**Weather Delays**

Now that cold weather has arrived, the possibility of snow could be in our future. Please be sure to stay tuned to the local news media for information about weather-related closings and delays. In the event of a closing or delay, please check with the following radio/television stations: WCMH Channel 4, WBNS Channel 10, WSYX Fox Channel 28, WSYX Channel 6, 610 WTVN, 92.3 WCOL, 94.7 WSNY, or 97.9 WNCI.

Insure that your children are dressed properly for the weather which means hats, gloves, scarfs and possibly boots. Even on days that seem reasonable the wind is REALLY a factor behind our school were the playground is located. Our guidelines are that we will try to go outside unless the temperate dips below 20 degrees with windchill. If your children or children that you know are in need of coats, hats, or mittens please let us know. We will be glad to help and will do so in a private manner. Thanks!

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Parents:** When your student is absent or tardy please call the school at (614) 921-5700 before 9:00 a.m. Our answering machine is on 24 hours so feel free to leave a message any time. If you leave a message please leave your child's name, teacher's name and the reason for the absence. Please bring the doctor's excuse to the office the day your student returns to school.

When your student is late to school please make sure they check in the office before going to their classroom. We want children in the building at 9:00 a.m. and settled and ready to begin the day when class starts at 9:05 a.m.

**NOTE:** *Please send a note to your child's teacher explaining the absence within three days of the child's return to school. If a student is dismissed early for a doctor's appointment or for another valid reason, the student must bring a note signed by his/her parent/guardian. The parent/guardian must meet the child in the school office and sign him/her out before the child will be excused.*

**Guidance News**

**Fourth graders are studying the eight ways to be smart. Each student will have a chance to explore his/her strengths and talents. Students will also look at learning and test taking skills.**

**Fifth grade student will be learning about respectful and disrespectful choices. Our topics will include bucket filling, compliments, bully behavior and internet safety. Please ask your child about guidance and how he/she practices respectful choices each day!**

**Artwork and order forms will go home the last week of Feb. Orders are due back March 9th.**

# Art to Remember®

## Attention Parents!

Our school will be participating in an Art to Remember program. In a few weeks you will receive an order envelope containing:

1. Your child's artwork.
2. A letter explaining the program and product prices, brochure and order form so you can order products that would feature your child's artwork.

Your child's artwork



can be featured on over 30  
quality gifts and keepsakes!

Art to Remember's affordable keepsakes make perfect gifts for any occasion and many of the products are under \$15!

Don't forget about your family and friends for these gift giving occasions!

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| <input type="radio"/> Christmas         |   |                                    |

Thank you for supporting our school and the arts!

## **Notes from the Music Room**



**Greeting Hoffman Families. This is Mr. Root with a brief update on the goings on in the music room. Hoffman Trails Children's Chorus has begun meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays. We started January 30<sup>th</sup> and will be accepting new singers through rehearsal on 2/6. For more information please e-mail me at [tom\\_root@hboe.org](mailto:tom_root@hboe.org). H.T.C.C. will be singing on conference night February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 and again during the Hoffman Trails Talent Show Case family night on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Gymnasium.**

**First grade musicians are singing, moving and listening as much as possible. Ask them if they can identify what a beat is versus a rhythm. Edvard Grieg's "In the Hall of the Mountain King" has recently proven that as the tempo of a song increases so does the fun. See if they can take you on a "Bear Hunt."**

**Second and Third grade will be singing and dancing in connection with the work they are doing in class. In honor of American ingenuity and know-how third grade will sing a patriotic repertoire during their wax museum presentation on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. On the evening of March 7<sup>th</sup> the second graders will sing and dance around the globe to kick-off their culture night celebration.**

**The 4<sup>th</sup> graders are going to analyze landscapes they have created in art class and use them to inspire composition, dance and poetry in the music room.**

**The 5<sup>th</sup> graders will begin in earnest creating scenes and interpretations that depict pre-revolutionary America. Inspired initially by the book The Beaded Moccasins: The Story of Mary Campbell by Lynda Durrant. They will perform a world premier of the work, which currently has too many working titles, on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. I will share more regarding our show as we progress.**

**Warm Regards Everyone,**

**Tom Root  
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## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation Meetings coming up soon!**

### **GREETINGS!,**

Hilliard Station is scheduled for on Thursday, February 23, 2012. Hoffman Trails is scheduled for 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. on this day. ***For this meeting, in order to ensure space for everyone, we ask that you leave students home.*** Information will be shared with all students, in early May, during their fifth-grade class visit to Station.

Hilliard Tharp is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. Times to be announced for each elementary, stay tuned.



## **DATES FOR FEBRUARY**

- February 1 – Group & Candid Photos
- February 9 – Mama Mimi's Spirit Night
- February 13 – H.T.E. Kindergarten  
Registration Date
- February 15 – Spring Parent Teacher Conferences
- February 15 – Choir Concert @ 6:30 p.m.
- February 17 – No School – Parent Teacher Conference Comp  
Day
- February 20 – No School – President's Day
- February 21- Romeo's Spirit Night
- February 21 – ISPTO Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. being hosted by  
Hoffman Trails—we'd love to have you join us  
(Hot Head Burritos samples provided)
- February 21 – Market Day pick 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.
- February 22 – PTO meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- February 23 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Wax Museum @ 6:30 p.m.
- February 27 – March 2 – Art to Remember  
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