



Dowds Elementary School March 2021 Newsletter

Welcome to a flourishing March at Dowds! We are very quickly approaching the end of another grading period at school (you can expect 3rd quarter report cards to come home on March 19). We would like to thank all of you for your continued support and hard work at home. Your support of your students is invaluable to us at school. I would also like to commend our teachers and staff for their tremendous efforts to inspire, encourage, and engage our students every day at school. Together, we are doing great things as the Dowds Team this year and we are seeing the results of all of this effort every day in the classroom.

As always, please feel free to contact me at school with any questions, concerns, compliments, or if you'd just like to talk about your child's educational experience. Please check out our webpage for important information as well by visiting: <http://www.shelbyk12.org/dowds>. Go Whippets!

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Important Dates:

March 1-5: Dr. Seuss Week
March 5: Spring Picture Day (no retakes offered)
March 12: NO SCHOOL (Teacher Inservice Day)
March 19: 3rd Quarter Report Cards
March 23: SCRAP Recycling, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
April 2-11: NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)
April 16: Online yearbook orders DUE
April 23: 4th Quarter Interim Reports
April 26: GRADE 4 ELA OST (Part 1)
April 27: GRADE 3 ELA OST (Part 1) & SCRAP Recycling, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
April 28: GRADE 4 ELA OST (Part 2)
April 29: GRADE 3 ELA OST (Part 2)
May 11: GRADE 4 MATH OST
May 12: GRADE 3 MATH OST
May 18: Grade 4 Field Day (Make-Up: 5/20)
May 19: Grade 3 Field Day (Make-Up: 5/21)
May 25: SCRAP Recycling, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
May 26: 2-HOUR EARLY RELEASE (1:15 P.M.): LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Reminder regarding teacher requests across the district: We ask that you make an appointment to meet with the building principal to discuss the specific educational reasons for any requests before May 1. As always, we appreciate the trust that you place in us in making the best placement for your child, as we consider all of the educational factors in each child's best interest. No request is necessarily guaranteed, as we consider many factors in placing each child in a classroom. We appreciate your continued support as we work together in your child's education.

Attention, 3rd and 4th grade families:

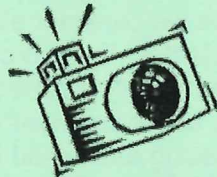
Ohio's State Tests (OSTs) are quickly approaching. Please make note of these dates so that students arrive at school well-rested and on time. Please avoid scheduling appointments on these dates so that students are present for testing times.

Thanks, as always to our PTO, for providing breakfast for all 3rd and 4th grade students on these important days as well. Thank you for your continued support!

Monday, 4/26 & Wednesday, 4/28: Grade 4 ELA (Parts 1 & 2)
Tuesday, 4/27 & Thursday, 4/29: Grade 3 ELA (Parts 1 & 2)
Tuesday, 5/11: Grade 4 Math
Wednesday, 5/12: Grade 3 Math

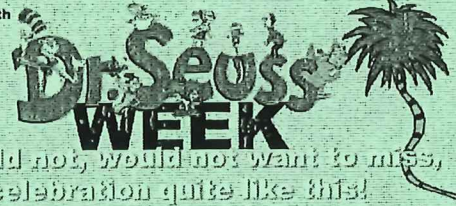


**Smile! Spring Picture
Day is on Friday,
March 5.**



No retakes are offered on spring pictures. Only those who pre-purchase a package will be photographed.

March 1st -5th



MONDAY Welcome to Whoville! Who will be there? You will be there. We will too. Will you have crazy hair over here or over there? I can't wait to see crazy hair everywhere!

TUESDAY If I ran the zoo I'd certainly invite you. Hey you, yes you, you can bring your favorite stuffed animal to school too!

WEDNESDAY A wonderful wacky Wednesday you will see, when we all dress up as crazy as can be!



THURSDAY Oh the places you'll go I'd really like to know. Arrive in your attire for the career you desire.

FRIDAY Dr Seuss week we celebrated, it has been a blast. I have one more request, I promise it will be my last. Lets wear red and white, a striped shirt or hat, please join me for it will be quite the sight!

*From Miss Fairchild's
Counselor's Corner...*

In classroom lessons this month, kindergarten is focusing on coping skills such as breathing and body relaxation and helpful thinking, as well as choices and consequences. 1st grade is learning about self-control and Kelso's Choices for conflict resolution. 2nd and 3rd grades are learning about positive-self talk and are reviewing Kelso's Choices. 4th grade is focusing on organization, goal-setting, and best effort. They will finish up the month doing a self-esteem project to focus on their positive characteristics.