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Planning for 2010-2011

We are beginning the process of developing classroom placements that will honor students' learning styles, promote positive peer growth opportunities, and support the academic program. This process involves input from classroom teachers, as well as other staff members. Your child may have specific needs for a type of classroom structure. You may have information regarding your child's learning style we should consider. Information from an outside counselor, psychologist, or other professional could also be important. If you wish to share information with me, please use the following guidelines.

All information must be in writing. Requests should be sent directly to me. Discussions you have with staff members will not be considered without your written request.

Do not request specific teachers. Let me know your child's needs for a type of classroom. Any information you would like me to consider should reach me no later than May 14th.

Sincerely,

Wendy L. Richards

Wendy Richards



Kindergarten Registration/Screening

June 1st and 2nd we will be holding our kindergarten screening days for our incoming class of 2023! During this screening, we anticipate having the opportunity to get an introduction to our students and provide some valuable information to our Kindergarten parents.

If you have not yet Registered your child, you will need to register at the Administration Building at 175 Humphrey Street. Additionally, all address changes must be completed and approved. The district requires certain documentation in order to register your child and/or make an address change. These forms can be obtained at the 175 Humphrey Street Building or by calling to make an appointment at 807-3535.

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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

May 2010

5 th	O.H.I.O. Meeting @ 6:30 p.
6 – 7 th	O.H.I.O. Mother's Day Plant Sale
18 th	District Budget Vote
19 th	District Art Show @ HS
21 th	Ohio Ice Cream Social
	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Field Days 2010



We are so excited about the third annual Ohio Field Day event that has been planned for Thursday, June 17th, 2009. (We have a rain date of Tuesday, June 22nd.) Please mark these dates on your calendar and be certain to send your children to school with the appropriate clothing – sneakers and sport wear appropriate for a day of outdoor games. You will also want to be certain that you have properly

applied sunscreen before sending your children to school.

Students will participate in a variety of events throughout the day! Our O.H.I.O. community will also be providing a hot dog or hamburger lunch for all students and staff on this day. (Please look for upcoming lunch order slips.)

We have a number of parent volunteers who will be joining us for this

day. Please remember that our volunteers need to have completed the *Smarter Adults, Safer Children* workshop before participating in our school events.

Parent Volunteers for this event are also asked to wear Red Shirts for this event. This will help our students and staff to identify our building volunteers and stations around our grounds!

District Art Show

Reminder: The Ohio Clothing Closet remains open and available. Any unused clothing will be boxed up and sent to a local charity. Contact Dawn Lowry to "go shopping!"

It's May! That means its DISTRICT ART SHOW TIME. The show will once again be hung at the North Tonawanda High School on May 19th-26th. Everyone is welcome to stop by and enjoy the talent and success of our district art students. On May 19th from 6-7:30 pm an OPENING RECEPTION will provide time for everyone to meet the teachers and artists and view the work.

Congratulations to the students who will have artwork hung at the

District Art Show!
Morgan Barone
Theresa Bork
Emily Caple
Emma Corbett
Tyler Cosentino
Rion deBellaistre
Thomas Dee
Sean Dolan
Connor Essenburg
Mitchell Garner
Brittany Grant
Sofia Grant
Jarod Harack
Brittany Hoover
Maslin Hughes
Layla Kaiser
Troy Keller
Andrew Mallone

Jenna Manganello
Megan Marra
Dawit Martin
Marissa Mattice
Emily McNeill
Colby Moultrie
Benjamin Nicholas
Michael Orłowski
Caitlin Persico
Alyssa Privitera
Erin Sammarca
Ashlea Senft
Crista Sukennik
Samantha Taylor
Engelina VanHoff
Daniel Weglarski
Hunter Winch

Empty Bowls Project



Another interesting reminder for 2nd and 4th art students.

Please mark your calendar for May 23rd.

The "Empty Bowls" project is coming together as you read this. All of our 2nd and 4th grade tissue paper, animal designed and model magic bowls are at Buffalo State College ready for auction. Several schools in Western New York will be participat-

ing. Student bowls will be auctioned with proceeds going to the Friends of the Night and Western NY Food Bank.

Thank you to the parents who donated and the parents and students who allowed us to donate their bowl. They were beautifully designed.

The event will take place at the Burchfield Penney Art gallery next to Buffalo State College from 11-2pm on May 23rd.

"CREATE OR FADE AWAY"

From the Nurse

Students entering grades K, 2, 4, need physical exams and dental certificates completed for the 2010-11 school year. Forms will be sent home the beginning of June for your dentist and doctor to complete. Also, renewal of medications taken during school

time forms will be sent home with your child. **Be sure to carefully read all the forms you receive.**



Strive for 25

This month many more children can proudly say that they have met their goal of reading 25 books. Among them are:

Kindergarten:

Seenaa A, Arianna B, Thomas C, Aubrie D, Andrew D, Brianna D, Zachary H, Brooklyn H, Maslin H, Rebecca K, Jaden K, Molly M, Victoria M, Braeden O, Megan O, Alexandra P, James R, Isabella R, Nicholas S, William S, Emma S, Abigail E, Conner F, Ashton

M, Lexi B, Margaret C, Alexander F, Rebecca M, Sarah P, Nicholas S, Max W, Elijah W, Brianna T, Emily G, Shelby L, Laila M

Grade 1:

Maddison B

Grade 2:

Kaylee B

Grade 3:

Ashley W, Mackenzie S, Michael H, Steven R, Colin B, Bridget W, Jacob S, Alexander G, Dale S, Emily C

Grade 4:

Matthew G, Brooke T, James F, Kyle G, Angel N, Michael B, Sam G, Aaron C, Makenna B, Sara D, Dakota F, Bridget G, Alexis G, Matthew G, Logan K, Dylan N, Lindsay P, Emile S, Joshua S, Hunter W

Grade 5:

Kayla D, Jacob C, Brandon C, Griffin C

Grade 6:

Layla K

The North Tonawanda City School District has implemented the Global Connect program within our district. This program is designed to enable us to complete "mass" phone calling under emergency conditions or to share district-wide information with parents. Everyone should have received a Global Connect Call during this year's school closing due to inclement weather.

In order for this program to work most effectively, we ask you to maintain current contact information with us. If any of your contact information changes, please fill out the form on the reverse side of this page and submit this to Ohio's main office. We will then forward the information to our district offices so that the Global Connect system can be well maintained.

Substitute Support Staff – North Tonawanda is always looking for interested people!

The North Tonawanda City School District always accepts applications for the following substitute support staff positions:

Teacher Aide -\$9.15/hr
 Cleaners -\$9.75/hr
 Typists - \$9.15/hr
 Custodians - \$10.60/hr
 School (lunch) Monitor - \$8.50/hr
 Bus Attendants - \$8.50/hr
 School Nurse (RN) - \$17.00/hr
 Bus Drivers - \$11.66/hr

Applications are available at the Administration Building, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 175 Humphrey St., N. Tonawanda.



Small Bus



It is imperative that vehicles do not attempt to go into the small parking lot on the Abington Side of the school. Many cars have attempted to come in and out while the small buses are doing the same. This creates a safety issue.

We're on the Web
www.ntcityschools.org

Appropriate Dress

As our weather becomes warmer, our students should continue to wear shoes or sneakers that are **safe and secure on their feet**. For safety reasons, **Flip-flops** are not acceptable to wear to school during the school day. (District Code of Conduct 2.1: Clothing will not present a safety hazard.)

Shorts and skirts need to be at an appropriate length. The general rule is that if a student puts their hands at their side, the tip of their longest finger should be touching the shorts/ skirt. Halter tops or tops with straps that are smaller than two finger in width can not be worn unless they have a shirt over them. (District Code of Conduct 2.2: Clothing will not be distracting to the learning environment.)

Finally, hats can not be worn in school. (District Code 2.3)

Thank you for working together with us to keep our children safe!



SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION



The North Tonawanda Police Department has informed the school district that we will no longer be receiving written notification of level 2 and 3 sex offenders through the mail as we have in the past.

The Niagara County Sheriff's Department created a web site listing all the level 2 and 3 sex offenders in their jurisdiction and the NT Police

Department has teamed up with them. Level 2 and 3 sex offenders residing in North Tonawanda are now on that web site.

Additionally, the web site will allow users to sign up for a notification service that will automatically notify you via e-mail every time a level 2 or 3 sex offender moves into or from place to place within Niagara County.

The Niagara County Sheriff's Department web site is www.ncsd.com/SOR/.

Please also remember that the New York State web site is www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us/sor/.

[us/sor/](http://www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us/sor/). The state web site allows you to search by name, county, or zip code throughout New York. The state's toll free number is 1-800-262-3257.

The District will continue with notifications using the District newsletter and District web site

www.ntcityschools.wnyric.org

Memorization Techniques

Learning a new skill does not have to be difficult when you use these tips and techniques that are used to commit something to memory. Easily committing terms to memory can be achieved, if only you are using the proper techniques. Here are some of the most popular memorization techniques that can be used when trying to commit anything to memory.

Create an acronym for the list

Associating a list or a concept with a certain word that can be used as an acronym (word formed from the initial letters from a group of words) to remember the terms which must be recalled is an effective way to commit something to memory. Chances are that once you have associated a certain word with the list to be memorized; you will be able to recall this list for years to come.

Sing it

As silly as this may sound, signing something that you have to remember can be an essential way to learn! The song can be silly and funny – as the sillier and funnier the song, the more likely that you are going to remember it.

Practice, Practice and Practice some more

This is one of the oldest techniques of memorization which will include practice and repetition to remember the items which are on the list or the concepts which are an effective way to commit these terms to memory. If you are able to spend up to fifteen minutes practicing these items, saying them aloud and reading over the items, it can be simple to remember the items in the case that they need to be recalled.

Remember by Using flash cards

Flash cards are an effective way to learn a large amount of information in a short period of time. Flash cards can be used to learn complex concepts by developing words which are associated with the concepts. Flash cards are also known to improve the memory and learn concepts as they can be used to learn terms which are associated with learning a new language, or learning something new in class. Flash cards are cheap and effective and can be used whenever you have five minutes to learn. Studies have shown that the majority of students use this method to learn information for classes.

Chunking

When items are categorized, the information is much easier to make sense of and retain. This process of grouping information so that you improve understanding is known as chunking. Chunking is used most often to remember long term groups of numbers. This way, the student can remember from five to eight numbers at one time, which can be completed in three to four sets of a longer number which must be recalled through the memory.

Use Patterns to remember sets of words or numbers

Are there any patterns within the words that are being memorized? Finding these patterns can help to remember more, as well as help to associated words with another. This way, rather than focusing on remembering one word – the person trying to remember can make use of remembering one word, rather than remember three to four words. The first word can jog the memory and remind the person trying to remember the other three terms which are associated with the first

Using these tips, it can be simple to recall everything that you need to. Finding the right method for you can enable you to determine which methods work best for your learning style. Whether you are a visual learner and auditory learner or a tactile learner – there are memory techniques which have been developed for you. One of the best about these techniques is they can be adapted for each learning style, so it doesn't matter which type of learner that you are.

Visit the NT Public Library to see the paper quilts made by some of Ohio and Meadow's second grade students. They will be on display until May 9th.

Emergency Contact Information

Attention Ohio Elementary School - Please note these changes in our contact information:

Student Name(s) and Grade levels: _____

Our new home phone number: _____

Our new cell number: _____

Our new address: _____

Additional persons with permission to pick my child(ren) up from school:

Other contact information changes: (i.e.: Grandparent phone number changes if they are listed as emergency contacts) _____

Parent Signature