

Hidden Lake Elementary

April/May 2019

Important Dates

April 8-17	Testing
April 18	Color Run
	K-1st 11:30-12:15
	2nd-3rd 12:15-1:00
	4th –5th 1:00-1:45
April 19	Good Friday No School
May 3	Spirit of Service
May 10	Field Day
May 15	5th Grade Awards @ 8:30
	Kindergarten Graduation @ 10:00
May 16	End of the Year Awards
	4th Grade @ 8:30
	3rd Grade @10:00
	2nd Grade @11:30
	1st Grade @ 1:00
May 23	Last Day for Students

From the Principal

Dear Parents:

This year students in grades 3-5 will be taking the computer based Performance Series Assessments. The students have been working really hard to prepare for the upcoming Performance Series Assessment. This assessment will begin April 16th –April 20th. As a result of students taking the assessment on computers, each homeroom will have a different testing schedule as well as P.E. and lunch. Please do not make plans to eat with your child this week. Please be sure to look for your child's homeroom testing schedule in this week's conduct folder.

The most important thing that you can do for your child during testing is make sure that he/she comes to school on the days they have tests. Making up a missed test means time out of class and losing important learning time that cannot be made up.

In addition to attendance, your child will do his/her best on the tests if they:

- take the tests seriously and give his or her best effort
- get to bed early the night before to be well-rested on the day of the test
- have a good breakfast on the morning of the test
- come to school on time (7:50 am)
- don't forget to wear his/her glasses
- **cell phones are prohibited (keep them at home)**
- Stay focused and relaxed on the test. Read carefully and take each question one at a time
- Pace yourself during the test. Don't waste time but don't rush! You will have plenty of time to take the test. Try your best on each question and then move on to the next one

This assessment is very important for your child, Hidden Lake Elementary and the Dothan City Schools district. Let's do everything in our power to help our children succeed and feel good about a job well done!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Vanessa Gunn

JEANS EVERY FRIDAY IN APRIL AND MAY

Program Specialist

This is a very busy time of year for all of us. Please check out our Facebook page, Twitter page or school website for upcoming news and events. I will be sending home information in the near future for you to fill out some surveys to let us know how we are doing and how we can improve anything.

Please remember you may not come on campus for carpool until 2:30. Please be mindful that parents may need to get on campus before then to check out children. Do not block the entrance and leave space for people to exit the campus.

Tina Garst, Ed.S.
Program Specialist
tigarst@dothan.k12.al.us



Kindergarten Korner

Welcome back from Spring Break! It is hard to believe that we are almost finished with Kindergarten. During the next six weeks, we will learn how to subtract, learn the rest of our sight words, and continue to become fluent readers. At the end of the month, we will begin practicing for graduation and hope that you plan to attend. Please continue to stress the importance of following the rules each day at school. Thank you for all your support this year.

Second Grade Scoop

As the school year is winding down we have just a few topics in math left to cover. We will be beginning time this week and will be moving on to geometry, graphing and arrays before we get out for summer. Practicing general math facts is still beneficial to the students so please continue to do so nightly. We are continuing with the last of our reading units and are working our way through Unit 6. It is hard to believe that the end is drawing near so soon so be on the lookout for information regarding field day as well as awards day! Thanks for all your support!

Flash from Fifth Grade

Fifth grade has hit the ground running after spring break reviewing for the End of the Year Scantron Performance Series test. Fifth Grade tests on Reading, Math, and Science. All our students have goals set for the end of the year Performance. We will review our individual goals and work hard to achieve them on April 8th - 12th. We will encourage a positive mindset with our students. Perseverance is the key.

During this last 7 1/2 weeks of school, we will be reinforcing all of the rules and procedures for our classrooms and for the school. Encourage your child to finish well! In May, we will have the end of the year field trip and field day.

Our last Science theme will be matter, mixtures, and solutions. There will be some interesting experiments and demonstrations that we will be doing in small groups. This also must warrant students participating to follow all directions and boundaries set by their teacher in order to participate. Students must be able to work together to accomplish these science tasks. We are getting them ready for College and Career!



Phenomenal "Firsties"!

We hope you had a wonderful Spring Break! As we are in the last 9 weeks of school, please make sure you are checking your child's pages that come home each night. Also, practice their spelling words, high-frequency words, and math facts. Helping your child with their homework each night makes a tremendous impact and will help them finish the year strong. Although we have finished A.R. for the year, please continue reading books with your child. You can check out books at your local library. When you are reading with your child each night, have them retell the main events of the story to you. This is a great way to strengthen comprehension and build retelling skills. Also, be sure your child continues to practice reading the monthly Nonsense words in their binder. Ask your child to tell you about what they are learning! Thanks for all of your continued support!

Third Grade Tidbits!!

Wow! We can't believe it's already April!! There are still a lot of things going on in third grade. We are continuing with multiplication drills each week to work on mastering them. Our Multiplication Blast party has been set for April 26th. Please continue to practice facts at home each night. We are continuing to work on fractions, so knowing their multiplication facts is very important. Also this nine weeks we are focusing more on cursive handwriting. Students have been practicing all year and will now be graded on it.

We appreciate all you do to help your child.

"Fourth Grade FUN-damentals"

WOW! Where has this year gone? Fourth graders are working hard making sure we have all our Fun-damentals covered so we can do our best on the Scantron Series Test and be prepared for fifth grade. Our biggest task is math as we complete fractions, and master decimals and geometry. We are also participating in Field Day on May 10th and a Montgomery Field Trip on May 8th. We are looking forward to seeing you on these dates!

PE News

We are looking forward to the month of April. We will be sending Field Day information home soon. On Thursday, April 18th money will be due for Field Day t-shirts. The shirts will have the correct year and our school name on them. Our shirts will be red with black letters and black & white shoes. On Thursday, May 9th Field Day punch cards money will be due. Our Field Day will be May 10th. Athletic shoes are required daily during P.E. and also remind students to look in the Lost and Found for missing items.

Nurses Corner

Hidden Lake will be having a Dental Clinic sponsored by Sarrell Dental on April 24th. Consent forms will be distributed shortly. Please return forms by April 22nd.

Hidden Lake will be having an Immunization Clinic for 5th Graders on May 3rd. This clinic is only for vaccinations required or recommended for 6th Grade. Consent forms will be distributed April 3rd. Forms due back April 17th. Then nurse will send 2nd form for parent to specify which vaccines they wish for child to receive.

There will be a Scoliosis Clinic for 5th Graders the second week in May. Consent forms will be distributed end of April.