



Donnelsville News



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Reading is the Key! Let Raz-Kids Help

Kindergarten and 1st grades are critical years in a child’s education. Students learn to read and build on this foundation throughout the rest of their school years and beyond. Please be sure to spend time with your child each night reading and reviewing letters, sounds or sight words depending on your child’s needs.

If you have internet access at home, you can take advantage of a web-based reading program your child is enrolled in here at Donnelsville. In the Raz-Kids program, kids can listen to, read, and take quizzes over books at their reading level. This is a great way to get in extra reading practice and to give kids exposure to good reading.

To access the program, go to www.raz-kids.com. If your child is in first grade, type in their teacher’s last name and donn. For instance, if your child is in Mrs. Rogers class, type in rogersdonn. Kindergarten students are currently being enrolled and you will receive a note with your child’s login information in the next few weeks. Once logged in, you’ll see a roster of students. Students should select their name. This takes them to a page with books at their level. To listen to the story, click on the ear icon. To read the story, click on the eye icon, and to take a quiz, click on the question mark.

Kids can also go to the bookroom and listen to books at any level. As students listen to, read, and take quizzes, they earn stars that they can “spend” on Raz-Rockets. They are actually just redeeming points they earned for completing books. This can be a real motivator for the kids. If you have any questions about Raz-Kids, please contact your child’s teacher or Mrs. Strader, principal.

Renewal Levy

Tecumseh Local Schools will have a renewal levy on the ballot on November 8. The levy is a simple renewal of a levy originally passed in 1982. The renewal is limited and will have to be voted on every 5 years. Passage of this renewal levy will not increase taxes. If you are interested in a levy sign for your yard, please stop by any school office to pick one up.

“Renew Your Support”

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Target, GFS, Meijer Boxtops for Education and Campbell's Soup Labels

What do these things have in common?

They all provide ways for you to help your school while doing your everyday shopping.

If you shop at Target and have a REDcard, Target will donate up to 1% of your purchase to Donnelsville if you so designate. Go to www.Target.com/tcoe or call 1-800-316-6142 to learn more.

If you shop at GFS, please sign up for a FunFunds card the next time you're in the store and designate Donnelsville School to receive money back on your purchases.

If you shop at Meijer, please sign up for Meijer Community Rewards through your Meijer Credit Card to earn rewards for our school.

Finally, don't forget to continue to clip Boxtops for Education labels off participating products and Campbell's Soup Labels and send in with your child each month. We earn \$.10 for each label and they really add up. Last year we earned **\$1,202.21** from our Boxtop collection.

Please let your family and friends know about these great ways to support our school.

We will have a Boxtop Collection Day each month. Students bringing in Boxtops and Campbell's Soup Labels on these days will receive a "Hot Ticket" to go into the class weekly drawing.

Absence Reporting Guidelines

In accordance with the State of Ohio Missing Children's Act, parents are asked to notify their child's school by 10:00 a.m. each day their child will be ABSENT or TARDY. The Tecumseh Education Connection's automated absence line is available to you 24 hours a day to report your child. The TEC number is 845-4483.

If dropping your child off for school, please drop students off at 8:00 am if the child is eating breakfast or at 8:15 for students going to directly to class. The tardy bell rings at 8:30. We have had a large number of students signing in tardy daily. Please give your child the best start to their day by being on time.

PTO

The Tecumseh Local District is reorganizing the former PTOs of Donnelsville, Medway, New Carlisle and Park Layne to form a new district elementary PTO. We held the first organizational meeting in September. There was a strong interest with over 35 parents in attendance. The next meeting will take place at Tecumseh Middle School in the cafeteria on Tuesday, October 11. We are looking for members to work alongside the school staff to provide educational opportunities and promote learning for all students through volunteer work, fundraisers and activities.

At our next meeting, we will be making decisions about some of the activities the PTO will be supporting in our district this year.

Please plan to join us!

Volunteers Still Needed

We would like to encourage everyone to sign up to be a volunteer at Donnelsville this year. Classroom teachers can always use volunteers to prepare materials, work with students, etc. In addition, we are in our third year with Project M.O.R.E., a tutoring program that helps our students who need additional support in reading. Project M.O.R.E., which stands for Mentoring Ohio for Reading Excellence, is a volunteer mentoring project for students. This program is research-based and has proven to be very successful in reaching the most struggling readers. We have volunteers providing this support to 7 students but would love to offer the help to additional students. Wouldn't you love to be a part of helping a child master reading?

If you have just 30 minutes a week, you can make a difference in a child's life. If you are not able to commit to time each week, but occasionally have extra time, please consider coming in as you are able to help copy and put booklets together for students to use in the program.

Contact Mrs. Strader or Mrs. Enloe by calling the school office if you are able to help. Please help spread the word about this opportunity at your church, among your family and in other community groups. The more volunteers we get, the more children we can reach.

Check us out on the Web

Have you heard the news! We have gone digital! Our morning announcements can now be viewed on YouTube. Just go to the Tecumseh home page, click on “Donnelsville” and then “Morning Announcements.” Click on the date you’d like to view. You may then choose to subscribe to our videos from the YouTube site and get an email each time we upload a video. This is a great way to stay connected with things going on at your child’s school.

Students are featured on announcements on their birthday and when they are the “Hot Ticket Winner” from their classroom on Fridays. We also have three students each day who give the lunch choice, weather and an update on recess.

In addition to the videos, we also have photos posted on our website from around the building. Choose “Photo Gallery” to view these pictures.

Finally, stay updated on upcoming events with the Google calendar embedded on our website under “Building Calendar.”

PBS Reward Days Great Fun!

At Donnelsville we expect students to be Peaceful, Respectful, Responsible, Problem-Solving Learners! Students demonstrating appropriate behavior throughout the building have the chance to earn “Hot Tickets” daily and to earn a monthly reward. Students must have a “good” day on 80% of the days each month to earn the reward.

Our reward for August/September was an ice cream sundae party and extra recess. (One group had a special story in the cafeteria instead due to inclement weather.) Check out the pictures below and go to the photo gallery on our website to see additional pictures.

Our October reward will be a special story and craft time with Miss Maggie, Children’s Librarian from the New Carlisle Library. We had a great turnout at the first reward and hope we have even more students earn our October reward.



Donnelsville Activities (Staff) - October 2011

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5	6	7
Fire Safety with Bethel Township Fire Department			Kindergarten A	
10	11	12	13	14
Fire Safety with Bethel Township Fire Department	Deadline for Voter Registration Tecumseh Elementary PTO Mtg. 7 pm in the TMS Cafeteria	Bus Evacuation Drills	Fire Safety with Bethel Township Fire Department	End of 1st Quarter Kindergarten B Boxtop Collection Day
17	18	19	20	21
Parent Teacher Conferences by Appointment		Parent Teacher Conferences by Appointment		No School - COTA Day
24	25	26	27	28
	Grade Cards Distributed for grades 1-12. Kindergarten Students will not receive a grade card until 2nd quarter.		Field Trip to Ohio Caverns for Mrs. Fell, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Morris	Fall Parade and Parties for Kindergarten A and 1st grades at 1:45 pm
31	November 1	November 2	November 3	November 4
PBS Reward for Kindergarten A and upstairs 1st grade classes	PBS Reward for downstairs 1st grade classes		Fall Parade and Parties for Kindergarten B 1:45 pm	Kindergarten B
			PBS Reward for Kindergarten B classes	