

Hale Elementary/Middle School Newsletter

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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

As you may know, March is reading month across our great nation. While reading is very important every month, it is traditionally celebrated by schools each March. Our school will be celebrating reading using the Olympic theme this year. Students will be asked to read for the Gold. Students are encouraged to read a little extra at home throughout the month. For every AR test passed students will be entered in their grade level drawing to compete against me in the Closing Ceremony competition. The annual Shoebox Parade will be held during the Closing Ceremony. Family members are invited to come to the parade Thursday, March 25 at 1:00 P.M. We appreciate your support in making reading a daily habit for the month and hopefully for a lifetime.

Please feel free to call with any concerns. Have a great March and remember, there will be warmer days ahead.

Mr. LaCavera



VIP Day



Celebrate Excellence

Mr. LaCavera pie in the face



Elementary/Middle School Events

❖ ***NO SCHOOL- Friday, March 26, 2010***

❖ Middle School Fundraiser (Soup/ Cookies) started February 26, Orders are due March 12, Pick-up orders March 31.

❖ Dr. Seuss' Birthday March 2, 2010.

❖ Middle School Choral Festival Saturday, March 6, 2010 at Standish High School.

❖ Blue Bird Boxes for the 7th grade from 3:30-4:15 on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 in the science lab.

❖ Middle School Band Festival Friday, March 12, 2010 at the Oscoda High School.

❖ Book Swap K-4 Friday, March 12, 2010.

❖ Hale School Board Meeting Tuesday, March 16, 2010.

❖ St. Patrick Day Lunch with your child K-4 Wednesday, March 17, 2010.

❖ 4th grade field trip to see Seussical Friday, March 19, 2010.

❖ Family Science Night (Sprinkler Lake) Monday, March 22, 2010 at 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.

❖ Mobile Dentist Monday, March 22 through Wednesday, March 24, 2010.

❖ Cat Tales By Tom Dale Wednesday and Thursday, March 24 & 25.

❖ Closing Ceremonies / Shoe Box Parade Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 1:00 P.M. public welcome.

❖ End of 3rd marking period, Friday, March 26, 2010. **NO School.**

❖ Iowa Test week of March 29, 2010.

❖ 2nd Annual Career Day Middle School, Tuesday, March 30th 2:00-3:30 P.M.

❖ Parent-Teacher Conferences Wednesday, March 31, 2010 from 5-8 P.M. Thursday, April 1, 2010 A.M. only, no students in session.

❖ **SPRING BREAK**
Starts Friday, April 2, 2010 until Monday, April 12, 2010.

❖ School resumes Tuesday, April 13, 2010



Any Changes?

As the year progresses please, remember to inform the office of any changes in addresses or phone numbers.

If your child is late for any reason, we must have a parent/guardian come in to the office to sign them in.

Just a reminder:

I would like to inform you that we will be doing our best to keep classroom interruptions to a minimum. The request from parents to immediately deliver messages, lunches, money, etc has gotten to a point where it has become a constant interruption to the classrooms throughout the day. We are attempting to limit the interruptions by contacting students in the afternoon, during lunch or at the end of the day. We will not interrupt a class unless it's absolutely necessary. Please understand that we are doing this in order to not disrupt the educational process of your child as well as the other students in the class. I would like to thank you in advance for your assistance and understanding with this. Last minute phone calls are discouraged. Phone calls should only be for an emergency situation. Please send a note with your child in the morning if there is a change in transportation.

Dress for the Weather

As a reminder, we send students outside at recess as long as the temperature is above ten degrees. Proper attire (coats, hats, gloves, and boots) for outdoor recess is a must.

HALE YOUTH WRESTLING NEWS

We had 9 students who participated in the Youth Wrestling program this year. The wrestling season ran from January 9 - February 27.

The following are the students who participated and gave there all and had fun while they wrestled during the wrestling season are:

Keaton Ludwig, Spike Toth, Alex Calhoun, Thorne Sauseda, Nathaniel Templeton, Dylana Carroll, William Bleeda, Stephen Toth, and Cole Calhoun. Out of these 9, we had 5 that wanted to go to the NEMWA regional's tournament and of those 5 who wrestled, we took 2 to the NEMWA state finals. Over the next few weeks, we are going to be participating in a few postseason wrestling tournaments. If you know any of the above students please give your congratulations to them for wrestling their best this season. I would also like to give a BIG thank you to the parents who helped by driving their children to each practice and tournament when they could.

ANOTHER BIG THANKS to the Hale Elementary /Middle School and Hale High School for letting us use the facilities to hold our practices this year. Hope to see these wrestlers and more for next years season. A big congratulation to the following students who went to Ogemaw to wrestle this year and had a great season as well. These students are Cassandra Stoll, Levi Stoll, Katriana Nichols, Dylan Nichols, Carson Olmstead, and Angelo Stell.

Yvonne Calhoun
Club President
Hale Youth Wrestling

BOOK EXCHANGE

On Friday, March 12th we will be having our annual Reading Month Book Exchange! Students can bring in one gently used book from home and exchange it for another gently used book. It's a great way to share the joy of reading. So please don't forget to bring in a book FRIDAY, MARCH 12th!!

Volunteers:

Volunteers are always welcomed at Hale Area Schools and there are many children who can use the help of an adult to enhance their learning or monitor before school recesses and end of the day dismissal. We have an active volunteer program and are always happy to hear from anyone who might have some time to share.



Free Breakfast

Our cafeteria offers a **FREE** breakfast every morning. Students are encouraged to get a healthy breakfast. Students arriving at school later than 8:25 will not be served breakfast. Please be sure your child is here between 7:45 and 8:19 in order to have breakfast.

BRIDGING THE COMMUNICATION GAP

For some Hale students facing responsibility is a daily challenge. If your child struggles academically and routinely states that they have no homework or that they did it all in class, please contact your child's teachers to get the full story. Many parents have been e-mailing or calling staff members on a regular basis. If you would like a list of your child's teachers extension numbers or e-mail addresses, please check the Hale Area Schools website at

www.haleschools.net. If a daily or weekly progress report becomes necessary, contact your child's teacher. Communication between the teacher, the students and the parents makes a can't miss team for academic success.

FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Family connection is a new family enrichment program **free** for any family raising children between the ages 4 to 7 years old! Parents will learn nurturing parenting skills and ways to connect with children through leader-led discussion, videos, groups sharing and support. Children, ages 4 to 7 years learn comparable skills at age appropriate levels through leader-led discussion, role playing, art and craft activities and games. A light dinner will be provided and free child care is offered for other children in the family. Register your family today by calling Hale Elementary at 728-3551ext.138 or Family Connection at 989-362-8336. Monday evenings through March 29, 2010 from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at Hale Elementary. It is not too late to join the fun!! The winter program just got started.

