

## **BEACON    October 2008**

### Principal's Message

We have several important events coming in October. Next Monday, October 6, our third graders will take the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Ohio Achievement Test in Reading. We expect to receive scores on this test in the middle of November. This first administration of the test gives students, parents and teachers important information on the strengths and weaknesses of students and helps us plan the best instruction and intervention for them.

Test results also provide key information for the Ohio Third Grade Reading Guarantee. The Reading Guarantee law basically states that students who don't score at a high enough level on the reading test must be considered for retention in the third grade. Students will retake this test in May in order to determine growth over the year.

We also have an important event planned for all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders as well as staff members at Hill Intermediate. In an effort to promote the importance of physical fitness for our youth, Mrs. Collins is designating October as Physical Fitness Awareness Month at Hill. Along with learning the benefits of physical fitness in their lives, students will understand the barriers to becoming fit and will get recommendations for time spent on daily fitness activities.

Mrs. Collins is using a pirate theme to motivate students in this fitness unit.

Classes will participate in physical activities such as Ships and Sailors, Shark Attack, Capture the Flag, Treasure Hunt, Pirate Catcher and Jewel Thieves.

Students will also be required to keep a daily fitness journal in which they record

their daily activities and thoughts about fitness. To celebrate the fun-filled month of fitness awareness each grade level will participate in a Pirate Parade on October 31. Our "pirates" will parade by briskly walking on the community's one mile walking path. Look for more information to come home with your children about Physical Fitness Awareness Month at Hill.

#### Shorts at Hill Intermediate

The revised Bethel-Tate dress code allows students to wear shorts whenever the weather permits. The length of the shorts must still be at least mid-thigh. Please remember students may go outside for recess and physical education class as long as the temperature is above 32° F. Students should wear long pants and jackets as the weather becomes cooler.