



Hill Beacon



Principal News

Kay Nau

I can't say for certain whether March came in like a lion or a lamb, but I can say that we are ready for spring weather at Hill. Despite the delays and closings due to all of February's snow, our children have remained focused and are working hard.

We will be recognizing the success that comes from hard work at our 2nd trimester awards programs next week. The fourth grade program is set for Monday morning, March 8, at 9:00. Third grade

awards will be presented at 1:30 that afternoon. The fifth grade awards program will take place on Tuesday morning, March 9 at 9:00.

If you are able to attend, be sure to take a look at all of the Accelerated Reader posters. We have a huge display of students who not only achieved their goals, they did it by the eighth week of the trimester. Students who accomplished this for the second straight trimester earned a picture on the

Hill Rock and Read Wall of Fame. We are very proud of these students.

As we begin the final trimester, it is important to keep up the momentum. There is still work to do, and that will require everyone's best effort.

As for the lion and lamb business, I noticed the crocuses about to burst into bloom in front of our school. No matter the forecast, that's a sure sign that spring is just around the corner.

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Calendar

March 5
Report cards sent home.

March 8 Awards
4th Grade 9:00 a.m.
3rd Grade 1:30 p.m.

March 9 Awards
5th Grade 9:00 a.m.

March 10
Spring Pictures

March 26
Interims sent home

March 27—April 4
Spring Break

Superintendent Update

Jim Smith

Over the past couple of months, a district team of twenty four (composed of staff and board of education members, parents, and students) has been hard at work using the Ohio Improvement Process to develop

goals, strategies and action steps to address weaknesses in our student testing program. The efforts of the team have been facilitated by representatives from the Clermont County Educational Service Center. Three

subcommittees were formed in the areas of reading, math, and educator quality. Their focus has been on test scores in reading and math as well in a highly qualified staff. When finished late this spring, the team will

compose a new three year continuous improvement plan which will guide the district for the near future. I would like to thank team members for their commitment of time and efforts in this process. This is not easy work. Going through the Ohio Improvement Process takes roughly 40 to 50 hours.

We await word from the state on the status of the state's application to the federal government for "Race to the Top" funds. In January, the district joined 250 other districts to partner with the Ohio Department of Education. The "Race

to the Top" program is designed to award federal dollars to states applying innovative and successful reforms to instruction in the classroom. Ohio expects to hear something from Washington next month.

Bethel-Tate Schools are very much focused on the academic preparation of your children. Our goal is for our graduates to have the abilities and background to be successful in whatever post graduate endeavor they choose. More and more, BTHS grads are not only going to college but also graduating. As always, I appreciate

your support as we work together to make this happen.

School Fees

School fees for the 2009-2010 school year were due on March 1. If you have not yet paid fees, please send in your check payable to Bethel-Tate Schools or use EZ Pay as soon as possible.



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour on **March 14!**

Freezefest

Thanks for making Freezefest a big success again this year. It seemed like everyone needed to get out and have some fun that evening. The attendance was great, and

our students had a fun-filled evening.

We especially thank our parent and student volunteers who worked at the various booths. The evening would not have been possible with-

out their assistance.

Proceeds from the evening support Bethel-Tate students and teachers.