

Spencer Crier



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon.-Thurs.	1-4	Art Week
Monday	1	PTO Meeting 7:00 PM Cafeteria
Wednesday	3	Bookmobile
Thursday	4	All School Free Skating Party, 6-8 PM Ashtabula Family Roller Den
Friday	5	End of fourth grading period
Mon.-Fri.	8-12	Spring Book Fair
Monday	8	Evening Book Fair, 5:00-6:30 PM
Wednesday	10	Report cards go home
Mon.-Thurs.	15-18	Art Week
Friday	19	Spencer Carnival, 5:00-7:00 PM, 3:00 PM set up
Wednesday	24	Statewide Tornado Drill
Mon-Thurs.	29-1	Art Week
Tuesday	30	Spring Band and Chorus Concert, 6:30 PM

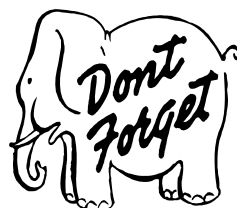
Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) Strategic Action

- Teacher training in Wilson's Fundation Program
- Teacher Training in DIBELS
- Teacher training in Differentiated Instruction
- Third ThinkLink assessments administered Gr. 1-6
- Teacher Training in Rosetta Stone
- Title I Schoolwide planning for kindergarten completed
- Title I Schoolwide Program and personnel extended into kindergarten
- Welcome Mrs. Smalley and Mrs. Limpert



Emergency School Closing

When severe weather conditions make it necessary to close, you will be notified by announcements on the radio and on the television. Announcements will generally be made by 6:00AM.



Arrival and dismissal procedures are progressing much more smoothly with your attention to drop off at 8:20 AM and the library location for student pick up at the end of the day. Your cooperation is very much appreciated!

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Collection Programs

The Giant Eagle Apples for the Students Program will end on March 17th. A special thanks to everyone who supported our school by using their Giant Eagle card. We will receive library books, playground equipment, and audio-visual supplies with our bonus points!



Thank You!



A special thank you goes out to homeroom mothers and fathers, grandparents, retired teachers, community volunteers and PTO for helping in our school!

Congratulations Spencer Spelling Bee Champs!

Gr. 4

Gr. 5

Gr. 6



Professional Development

In an ongoing effort to work towards the mission of our school, our instructional staff are engaged in professional development. We are expanding our knowledge of best practices and focusing on scientifically research-based instruction.

For the last couple of months our teachers and tutors have been trained in co-teaching models, data analysis, data driven instruction, response to intervention, phonics instruction, DIBELS assessments and differentiated instruction.

We collectively decided to apply two power strategies across the curriculum known as academic engagement and response time, and setting objectives and providing feedback. With plans in place at each grade level for monitoring the effect of these strategies on achievement, we will learn to continuously monitor and evaluate the progress of our efforts.

For the next six weeks we will be narrowing the focus of our support from small groups to individuals, identifying weaknesses, and targeting areas of support needed before the Ohio Achievement Assessments are administered in April.

I am very impressed with the efforts of our staff, who plan collaboratively each week to drive instruction with data. The exercises required for improvement have been challenging and rewarding as we see our efforts paying off with progress.

Much of what we have accomplished is the result of funding that has been provided by our school district, whose fiscal resources have been focused to support the pursuit of excellence in reading and math. This funding allowed us to hire additional tutors and purchase materials that are being used to provide extra help to all students.

Annual Spencer Carnival

Food ~ Wildcat Raffle ~ Games ~ Prizes ~ Maze



Spring Achievement Tests

- ◆ This year's tests are scheduled for April 20-27.
- ◆ Attendance during test weeks is extremely important.
- ◆ Students should have an early bed time and eat a good breakfast each day of test week.
- ◆ Having students pass their tests is a big priority.
- ◆ Our students are trying their very best to be prepared.
- ◆ Your encouragement is needed and appreciated.