



OSD Newsletter

Every Child, Every Day

December 19, 2014

Note from the Principals

Denyse Woods & Greg Mendenhall

It is hard to believe that the year is half way over and that the holidays are already here. We will finish the second 9-weeks right after we return from break, and thus the first semester. Grade cards and progress reports should arrive home no later than January 30. If you have not received them by then, please contact the school office and let us know.

There are lots of activities happening right now and when we return from the break. Some of these activities include, middle school Battle of the Books, elementary reading tutoring, middle school Lego Robotics, boys' and girls' varsity basketball, middle school basketball, peewee basketball, and cheerleading, and Parent Teacher Association meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Parent involvement is key, and our students are doing a lot of things to make us all proud. You are welcome to any event, and encouraged to attend or be involved at a level that is most comfortable and able to you and your family. When students are planning to change their regular schedule to stay after school for events etc. please make sure to contact the school office and student life with any changes.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

~Denyse & Greg

Day Student Pickup/Dismissal Note

Parents of day students that pickup everyday, please wait in your vehicle until school dismisses at 3:30pm.

OSD transportation staff have expressed safety concerns about dismissal time with so many parents waiting in the glass hallway. Due to the congestion, OSD staff are unable to see which students are leaving campus and who they are leaving with. For safety reasons, once your child is in your care please return to your vehicle, and leave campus as soon as possible to reduce congestion. ■

New Staff to OSD

Hello my name is Terry Stewart. I am the teacher for the Middle School Multi-Disabilities class. You might have seen me during previous school years as a substitute teacher at OSD. I am very happy to be a here and am looking forward to making an impact on all students!

I graduated from Gallaudet University with a Bachelor in Art, and from Rochester Institute of Technology with a Master of Fine Arts. I am originally from Milton Ontario, Canada where I attended Ernest C. Drury school for the Deaf. I found my beloved wife at Gallaudet, and settled down here in the second best province of the country, Ohio, with my awesome 10 year old daughter.

January 2015				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1 Winter break No School	2 Winter break No School
5	6	7	8	9 Professional day No School
12	13	14	15	16
19 MLK day No School	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

February 2015				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16 Presidents' Day No School	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27

School Updates

Preschool

Megan Key & Leslie MacFarland

Preschool is in a flurry with winter activities. We read "The Mitten" by Jan Brett and did several related activities. We also learned about snowmen in preparation for Signfest, where we preformed "Frosty the Snowman."

During break read as many stories as you can with your child and make sure to take lots of pictures of your fun family activities, so you can talk about them together. Happy Holidays!

-Pre-K Team ■



Elementary

Kaleigh Bowling, Gretchen Douglas, Chris Kuhns, Emily McDermott, Veronica Shonkwiler, Morgan Sipka, Jessica Sloan, Jeani Thomas

Kindergarten and first grade students have been learning about celebrations in social studies and changes in matter in science. The students have also been eagerly practicing a play of "The Mitten" by Jan Brett that they will perform at Signfest this year!

The second and third graders have been learning about celebrations around the world in preparation for Signfest. We can't wait to share what we have learned with everyone! In Science, we have also learned about how plants reproduce, how seeds travel and what they look like.

The fourth grade students are currently learning about matter. We will have really fun filled plans for the students with experiments when we get back from our winter break!! The fifth grade students just got done learning about sound and light. Now, we are learning about motion and force. We look forward to learning about speed and gravity as well! Social Studies has brought more studies on cultural groups. The fourth graders have been learning about the first immigrants to arrive in Ohio which were the Germans and Irish. Studies about the Amish and people of Appalachia will be done before our holiday break. The fifth graders have compared the different Indian tribes in America by regions and will now research the ancient Indian civilizations of the Mayans, Incas, Aztecs, and Mississippians to learn about their government, technologies and agricultural practices that have had influence on us today.

In Mr. Kuhns' class since the winter season is approaching, they are focusing on vocabulary words along with picture symbols to identify winter clothes in order to stay warm. They are also learning about Christmas, Kwanza, Hanukah traditions during their social studies classes. As always, the students enjoy viewing ASL Nook (short term video about words/stories in ASL) during reading classes. Stay warm, everyone! ■



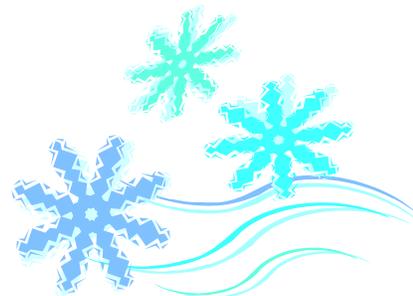
Middle School

Susie Bachtel, Brooke Hohlbaugh, Phyllis Moore, Michele Ogden, Terry Stewart

Throughout the month of December we have been practicing for our Signfest performance. The students have had lots of ideas and input into creating our performance!



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Congratulations to our students who earned Student of the Month for December:

- ◇ Chris Adams
- ◇ Amin Ali
- ◇ Andy McGraw
- ◇ Nathan Jones
- ◇ Averie Panozzo
- ◇ Jordyn Snapp
- ◇ Mierra Robinson
- ◇ Chloe Kuhns
- ◇ Guled Ali
- ◇ Andrew Bonilla
- ◇ RaShaud Williams
- ◇ Allyson Gugliotti

These students were able to play "Minute to Win It" games and have a special snack.

On December 12th, our students put on a puppet show for the rest of the school featuring a "Snow White" skit. The students created their own puppets and told the story of Snow White through their puppets!



On December 16th the students traveled to the Columbus Colony Elderly Care facility. Students

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High School

Tamara Burnett-Penny, Bill Costello, Mary Ellen Cox, Anthony Coy-Gonzalez, Charisse Heine, Jeff Jones, Melissa Lago-Jones, Angie Layman, Amy Massey Norton, Laura Smith, Kim Sutton

The 1st quarter HS honor roll luncheon was held in the garden gallery on December 3rd. We are proud to announce that 37 of our HS students earned these honors.

Our OSD library had their annual Scholastic Book Sale with "buy one get one free book" promotion. Many students, staff and parents took advantage of this early holiday shopping opportunity. Thanks to Nancy Boone and Donna Henderson for their hard work!

Amy Massey-Norton's class is focusing on comprehending multiple-meaning words and recently finished a unit on "The Giver" by watching the recent movie adaption. In World History they are learning about World War I and II.

In Charisse Heine's physical science classes, students were involved with a lot of hands-on lab activities that reinforced their comprehension of physical and chemical properties in metals, non-metals, and metalloids. Students in biology classes performed an experiment with a raw egg in each setting of a control group and two experimental groups. The control group is a way for them to compare the possible changes of the raw eggs after being soaked in two experimental groups. This was a scaffolding approach for them to learn about passive and active transport in the plasma membrane. One experiment in the environmental science was to study the air pressure in the Earth's atmosphere by crushing an aluminum can filled a small amount of boiling water in an ice cold bath. Students were astonished to see the aluminum can crushed. More fun experiments piqued their curiosity!



Congratulations to our "Student of the Month" for December, Breana Shafir! Breana shows up for class with a positive attitude and always gives her best effort.

Transition and 4Plus Updates

College Scholarships

Sheri Uhrin

Parents/Students please be aware that there are some services that may charge a fee for finding scholarships – you should **NOT** have to use this kind of service; there are several free sites available. Check online, at the public library, ask the colleges of choice, and guidance office at your local HS.

Please be aware that the Ohio School for the Deaf shares the below information with you, but does not endorse the websites offered.

- ⇒ Check the Ohio School for the Deaf webpage under the Education Tab
- ⇒ Check with colleges of choice for financial aid options
- ⇒ Check with your home school district (LEA) even though you attend OSD you are a student of your LEA and you are welcome to apply for their scholarships as well.

Columbus Foundation

The Columbus Foundation offers over 200 scholarships for students with goals in higher education. You can search the Foundations searchable database for potential scholarships for your student. Donors to the Columbus Foundation have established these scholarships to provide opportunities for students from all walks of life. This database makes finding the right scholarship easy for you. Simply follow the next step below, which will allow you to enter your information. With the information you provide, the database will search, sort and display scholarships offered through the Foundation that match your criteria. We hope this tool will be helpful to you in achieving your educational pursuits. <https://tcfapp.org/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fP2>

Ohio School for the Deaf Alumni Association Scholarship

Must be submitted by **April 1, 2015**

Applications can be picked up at Sheri Uhrin's office, Room 223. ■



Nancy Swisher, Bill Newman



The 4PLUS spotlight is on Adam Delong. Adam is a first year 4PLUS student. He transferred from the Mid-East Career and Technology Center's Building Trades Program

where he learned plumbing, electrical, carpentry and masonry skills. Adam is an extremely hard worker and is currently an intern in the OSD Cafeteria, works on the OSD grounds and will begin working at the Franklin Park Conservatory's greenhouse in January. He enjoys challenges and is an enthusiastic and prompt worker. The 4PLUS staff is very proud of his work ethic and accomplishments. ■

REMINDER: A.C.T Testing!

Attention College Bound Juniors, seniors and 4plus students!

ACT Special Testing will be offered at Ohio School for the Deaf in Feb 2015. **Registrations and payment are due to Sheri Uhrin no later than Jan 5th.**



Athletics Page & More

Athletic Director Memo

Bill Estes

Our winter sports teams are off to a great start. Our basketball teams traveled to St. Rita to take on St. Rita School for the Deaf on December 2nd as our girls and boys team won our first games. Then we played two tough opponents and fared well as the girls split, while the boys lost both.



This past weekend (Dec. 12-13) we hosted our annual Spartan Classic with Kentucky, St. Rita and Western Pennsylvania Schools for the Deaf participating. Our own Lady Spartans came out on top, winning all 3 games to claim the title with only 5 players while our boys came in second, losing to Kentucky by two points in a thriller, 30-28.



Here are the scores:

Girls

OSD 57, St. Rita 27
Northside Christian School 57, OSD 29
OSD 46, Columbus Torah Academy 38
OSD 27, Western Pennsylvania 20
OSD 49, St. Rita 4
OSD 19, Kentucky 11
5-1 record to date before Christmas break

Boys

OSD 56, St. Rita 15
Northside Christian School 61, OSD 23
Columbus Torah Academy 48, OSD 20

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Mary Ellen Cox and Tamara Burnett's Class have been practicing for sign fest. They will do an adaptation of the "Elves and the Shoemaker." Their new skit is entitled, "The Elves and the Glovemaker." These friendly elves are deaf and can't communicate until the kind glovemaker provides them with magic gloves. Also, the class has been busy making many culinary delights and recently prepared an entire holiday meal.

During science class, Mary Ellen and Tamara's class have been working on a weather unit and tracking the weather in central Ohio, and comparing it to some of the sunnier locations, such as Florida and Hawaii. I guess we can day dream about their beautiful weather when our skies are grey!

Before our Thanksgiving break, OSD students and staff had fun playing volleyball to raise money and cans of food for needy area families. Bill Costello's class took the cans, boxes and money to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. The total collection was 120 cans, 17 boxes and \$38. Our students learn important lessons of caring and sharing when they can help others!

Laura Smith would like to remind the seniors and their families that orders for graduation announcements and other "senior stuff" are due by January 14th. If you have any questions, you can contact Miranda Walker (mwalker@osd.oh.gov; 614-468-8717) or Laura Smith (smithl@osd.oh.gov; 614-468-8714). ■



Reminder: Graduating Seniors

The "growing up" pictures for the graduation slide show, and the cap and gown fee (\$20) are due when students return from Winter Break; the week of **January 5, 2015**.



Reading Tips and More

Reading Tips

Angela Smith

See the recommended books for all school-ages, listed on the final page. Happy Holidays!



Specials

Nancy Boone, Kaleigh Bowling, Bill Costello, Anthony Coy-Gonzalez, Bill Estes, Angie Layman, Nona Pierce,

A physical education evaluation will be included as an indicator on the Local Report Card this year. One part of the law will measure student success in meeting the benchmarks contained in the Physical Education Academic Content Standards. Students need to be engaged in regular physical activity inside and outside of school to meet national recommendations for daily physical activity.

Please help your child recall the amount of physical activity completed over the course of a seven-day week (including weekends). A copy of the physical activity pyramid worksheet is included at the end of this newsletter. Students will refer to the pyramid to identify possible physical activities. The tasks for this week-long evaluation are included on the bottom of the worksheet provided. Please return to school on January 5th.

If you have any questions, please email Angie Layman at layman@osd.oh.gov. ■



Snow Boots are nice, but if your child has physical education, please also send in athletic shoes. The students are not as safe in snow boots when running, and therefore are not able to participate in class without proper attire.



Tip from the Nurse

Diana Dick, Tobbi Valentine, Tammy Woodyard



We often tell our children to dress warmly or risk catching a cold, but is that really the reason we become ill? While no one would disagree that wearing a heavy coat and hat is a good idea on cold days, does it prevent colds and flu?

The short answer is 'no'. Colds and flu are caused by viruses; namely the rhinovirus and influenza. So why do colds and the flu appear more frequently in the winter months? During colder months air becomes drier. Breathing this air causes nasal passages to become drier as well, giving germs and viruses an easier surface to thrive on and cause infections. Cold air also causes more folks to stay inside for longer periods of time. All this togetherness can be great for the holidays, but it also increases exposure to other people's germs. This winter, to help avoid illness, remind your children to wash their hands and avoid touching their noses and mouths. ■

ASL Classes for Parents/Guardians

American Sign Language Classes, sponsored by the Outreach Services, will begin at the Ohio School for the Deaf in January. Classes are free to parents/guardians that have a child who is deaf or hard of hearing. See *the flyer at the end of this newsletter* for more information. ■



Specialists

Bobbi Colatruglio, Leanna Goss, Susan McTyiere, Rae Ann Brown, Miranda Walker, Ann Ramsey

The holidays are here. As you go about your busy days, remember that there are many sounds of the season that you can point out to your child. Be sure that your child's technology (CIs, hearing aids, BAHA) are working properly and have fresh batteries. To develop the auditory part of their brain, your child needs to hear their best - all day, every day. When you are shopping at the mall, Santa will be using his HO HO HO voice and ringing jingle bells from his sleigh. Charitable organizations will be ringing bells as they collect donations, and holiday music will be playing in the stores while carolers will be singing in the lobby. As you notice these sounds, point them out to your child, name the sound and listen together. There are many holiday concerts that you may attend with your family at school or in the community where your child can hear the variety of sounds made by the different instruments.

While at home, there are many seasonal TV shows, videos and books that will have music and sounds as a major part of the story line. As you and your child wrap presents, you can listen to the crinkling of the paper and bows, and you may even have ornaments and figurines that make sounds that you can point out and imitate as you decorate your tree or yard. When you and your family and friends get together, you can emphasize the voices that your child hears. Grandpa's voice may be deep and Aunt Sue's voice may be very high. Some voices will be loud and some voices will be soft. And don't forget that there are many sound based toys and books that Santa can leave under the tree! Reading holiday stories to your child is a great way to develop family traditions and help provide children the necessary listening time they need to build foundational skills for reading. ■

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played games and chatted with residents. We also practiced our Signfest performance for the residents. It was a good time had by all!



Please have your child read daily over the holiday break. There are also lots of educational games online they can play to practice math skills. See you in January! ■





OSD SPARTAN-PTA Page

OSD Spartan-PTA Mission Statement

The OSD Spartan-PTA exists to empower families and school staff to serve students by creating and hosting events and by independently organizing in ways that will elevate a school spirit where every child might reach their fullest potential.

Parent Staff Association has changed it's name to OSD SPARTAN - PTA to better identify who we are and why we are here.

Please be aware there is a temporary schedule change for our meetings until after Reading Tutoring is complete. Until further notice the OSD SPARTAN-PTA meetings will take place on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month starting at 4:15 to 5:15 PM.

PSA Fundraiser & School Spirit



Kids- \$15

Adults (s-xl)- \$20

Adults (xxl)- \$25

Interested in showing your OSD pride? You can order the above shirts and 25% of the proceeds come directly to the PSA!

Pick-up an order form at the school office.

For your convenience, there is an order form attached to this month's newsletter.

Wanna Come to a Meeting?

They happen the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Multi-Purpose Room at OSD. Meetings are from 4:15 to 5:15 PM.

To receive PSA Meeting Minutes, contact Brad Pritts, Britts75@gmail.com, to join the email list.



Like OSD PSA on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/OSDPSA>



Shop. Scan. Support Our School.

Apples for the Students starts again October 1. This program is a great way for our school to earn educational rewards such as computers, software, video equipment, gym and playground gear, and more. Is your Giant Eagle Advantage Card® registered? Now's the time to check. All you need is our school code **5153** to verify a card or register a new card.

1. Call 1-800-474-4777 or visit www.gianteagle.com/schools/apples-for-students.
2. Enter your Giant Eagle Advantage Card® number (which appears under the bar code).
3. Enter the school code. **5153**
4. Done! Please encourage your extended family and friends to register too.

Upcoming Events

OSD Spartan-PTA is hosting a variety of events this year; The next event is our Spaghetti Dinner in January. Look for details in the OSD Spartan-PTA minutes.

The PTA is always looking for parent volunteers at our events. Please email Brad, or Luis, lereyesjr@gmail.com, of your interest or for more information.



We will be hosting our PSA Spring Carnival on **Sunday May 3, 2015**. This event takes lots of volunteers, we will be collecting items for our silent auction, and could use as much support as we can gather. If you are willing to help, please email Denyse Woods, dwoods@osd.oh.gov.

Ohio School for the Deaf Programs and Services

The **Ohio School for the Deaf (OSD)** offers a PreK-12 education program and other services for Ohio students who are deaf or hard of hearing. It is OSD's mission to ensure that all of Ohio's deaf and hard of hearing students achieve their maximum potential and become successful citizens.

The **Alice Cogswell Center (ACC)** is part of the comprehensive educational program at OSD. ACC's curriculum, immersion in American Sign Language and exposure to English auditorially and in print, allow deaf and hard of hearing youngsters to have maximum opportunities to ensure readiness for kindergarten. OSD operates under the supervision of the Ohio Department of Education.

The **4PLUS program**, housed at OSD, is a transition program designed for young adults who are deaf and hard of hearing who desire extra support or need extra time to transition to the world of work, internships, vocational training and/or postsecondary education. The 4Plus program also focuses on independent living skills, self-determination and community awareness.

The **Center for Outreach Services**, also housed at OSD, provides resources and support for families and professionals providing services to students who are deaf or hard of hearing throughout Ohio. Outreach services are free or low cost and include consultation, professional development, and support to educational agencies and professionals to assist them in offering services to students who are deaf or hard of hearing, families, and schools using various communication modes, including both visual and auditory methods.

OSD Principals

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OSD 69, Western Pennsylvania 41
OSD 41, St. Rita 15
Kentucky 30, OSD 28
3-3 before a game on 12/15 at High Street Christian

We are having a pee-wee basketball team coached by parents of our students and athletes, Peter Schneck and Luis Reyes, Jr. The schedule will be announced on <http://www.osdsports.com> as the schedule becomes available.

We are having a junior high basketball team this year as a good number of young boys are participating. We will start participating in January, 2015. Check updated information in our website.

Please mark the dates: January 29-31, 2015 will be the dates we host Central States Schools for the Deaf Basketball Tournament and Cheerleading Competition in our gym. Please plan to attend and support our teams! We would love to see you.

Get the latest OSD schedules, scores, news, photos & videos at the OSD Spartans official athletics website www.osdsports.com. You'll have access to our full line of Spartan apparel at the online spirit store. ■

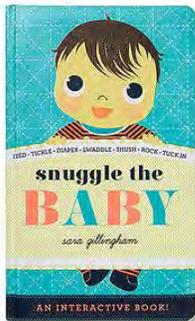


A Reminder from the School Office

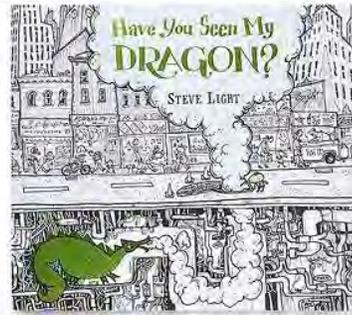
- School starts at 8:05am. If your child arrives after 8:05am, you must come into the school office and sign them in.



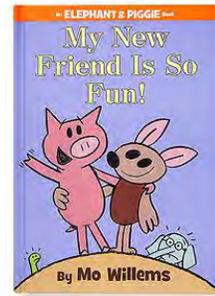
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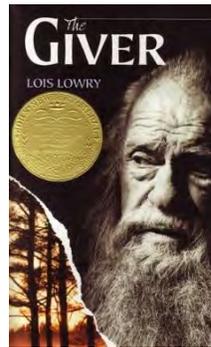
Ages 2 to 5



Ages 4 to 6



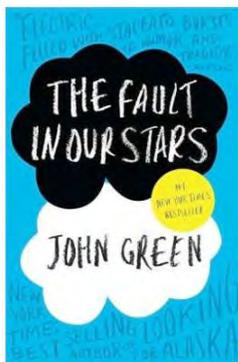
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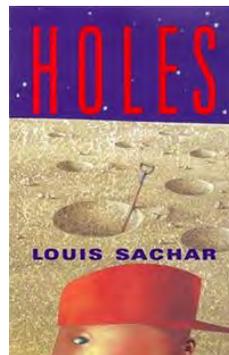
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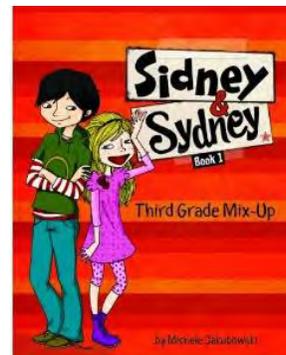
Grades 9-12



Grades 9-12



Grades 5-8

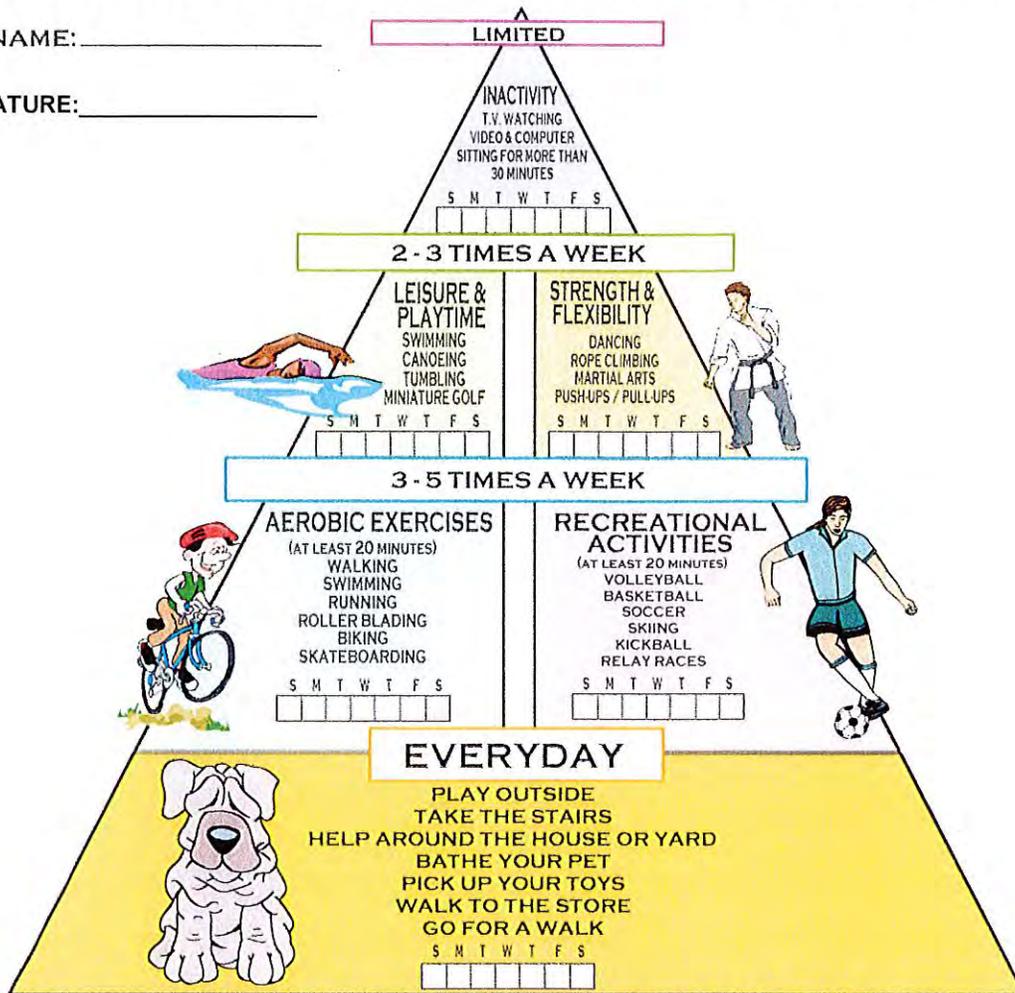


Ages 6-8

OHIO PHYSICAL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT STANDARD 3 BENCHMARK A GRADEBAND: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12

NAME: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____



**HAVE FUN, BE ACTIVE EACH DAY FOR 60 MINUTES.
COLOR IN ONE SQUARE FOR EVERY 10 MINUTES OF ACTIVITY...**

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M										
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W										
T										
F										
S										

- Task 1: Within the pyramid, the student will identify the different types of activities completed. Check the box (es) for the day of the week the student participated in the type of activity.
- Task 2: On the table below the pyramid, students will shade one box for every 10 minutes of accumulated physical activity for each day. Therefore, six shaded blocks will meet the recommendation for daily physical activity. Physical activity can be accumulated both in-school and after-school. Students may shade additional boxes if they exceed 60 minutes a day.
- Task 3: Return to the school office or students homeroom teacher by May 1st, 2013. Papers will be collected and evaluated by Angie Layman (Physical Education Teacher).

Learn

Join the Ohio School for the Deaf Center for Outreach Services to learn
American Sign Language (ASL).

ASL classes will cover:

- ⇒ **New signs**
- ⇒ **Grammar**
- ⇒ **Deaf Culture**

Both ASL 1 and 2 are offered during the winter session.

ASL 1 - choose between:

Tuesdays starting January 13

- or -

Thursdays starting January 15

ASL 2 is offered: Wednesdays starting January 14

All classes begin at 6 p.m. and are one hour long for 10 weeks.

Classes are open to parents, grandparents and caregivers of children who have a hearing loss. There is no cost to participate, but registration is required.

To register, please contact:

Bob Donaldson

Donaldson@osd.oh.gov

VP/Voice: 614-678-5469

Deadline to register: Jan. 9, 2015

Classes sponsored by:

Ohio

**School
for the Deaf**

Center for
Outreach Services

*Children are not permitted in class and
childcare is not available.*

Classes are held at :

Ohio School for the Deaf Conference Center-Staff Building
500 Morse Rd., Columbus OH 43214.