

The Cub Courier

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Upcoming Events:

April 19: Grades 3-4 Concert 6:30 p.m. in the gym **CANCELLED** and **RE-SCHEDULED TO JUNE 4**

April 21: Island County Health Department here for a Smile Survey for all Kindergarten and third grade students

April 29: **CLASS PICTURE DAY** (weather permitting)

May 4: Kindergarten Orientation 7:00 at OHHS Student Union Building

May 5: Kindergarten Registration at CHE 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

May 5: MSP begins

Kindergarten Registration

If you or someone you know is planning to register a child for kindergarten, please be sure to review the following information:

There will be a Kindergarten Orientation Night on May 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the OHHS Student Union Building. Day care will be provided.

On May 5, kindergarten registration begins! Please stop by the school from 8:00 to 5:00 to register your child! To register, you will need:

- ⇒ a copy of your child's birth certificate, showing they will be 5 years old before Aug. 31, 2010;
- ⇒ Address verification such as a bill or driver's license;
- ⇒ Immunization information
- ⇒ Emergency contact and day care information.

We'll look forward to seeing you!!!

2010 Art Walk

To celebrate our art students' accomplishments and to show off their hard work we are having the 9th annual student Art Walk. The Art Walk takes place in the store fronts along Pioneer Way in Oak Harbor during the weekend of Holland Happenings. The art work will be in the windows of downtown businesses from Thursday, April 22 until Monday, April 26. This year Crescent Harbor will be showing student art work in the windows of Eileen's Kitchen, the Law Office of C. C. Skinner, P.S., Northwest Cabinets and Countertops, Harbor Glow, Paint Your World and Oak Tree Antiques. Take some time to come enjoy the art show and support the young artists in our school.



What We Did on Monday

On April 5, staff received updates on the CHE life skills program and a presentation by Curriculum Director Kurt Schonberg on Powerful Teaching and Learning, a reflective tool for teachers. On April 12, teachers prepared report cards.

Think Spring!!!



Title I Corner

In Title I, we enjoyed our last coffee talk, focused on how to support students during deployment, with visitors from NAS Whidbey's Fleet and Family office. Our next topic will be about how to transition your child from one grade to the next. Please look for information coming home about that soon!

Classroom Updates

Please read below for updates on what our students are doing!

Kindergarten

Here's what we're learning in kindergarten from April 16th-30th:

In reading we will be doing Lessons 24 and 25. We will be learning about the letters y, z, u. Our new high-frequency words will be *and* and *there*. We are also reading about jobs people do. In math, we will be working on our Making Shapes and Building Blocks unit. We will be learning about 2-D and 3-D shapes. In science, we are doing our "Animals 2X2" unit. We're learning about goldfish, guppies, land snails, and aquatic snails.

First Grade

In first grade we've covered the long vowel sounds for a (cake), e (feet), i (line), and o (coat). We are learning "dge" and "ge" as in edge and large and long u as in use. These sounds appear in our weekly spelling words. In math we've introduced counting to 120 by 2's, 5's, and 10's. We're also working on addition facts and story problems. You can help at home by helping your child count out loud to 120 by 2's, 5's, and 10's.

Second Grade

Here is a list of upcoming events for 2nd Grade

In Reading, we are currently reading non-fiction books. We are also focusing on using graphic aids to assist comprehension.

In Writing, we will practice note taking.

In Math, we are beginning a unit about collecting and representing data.

In Science, we are continuing the unit about plants. The students will be doing a computer research project (webquest) about plants over beginning the week of April 26th.

To prepare for the trip the second graders will be doing another webquest about whales beginning the week of May 17.

Third/Fourth Grade

In third and fourth grade, we will be studying measuring matter as part of our science/math from 4/19-4/30. For this unit our students will be finding out about area, perimeter, length (both standard and metric), time (elapsed analog and digital), mass, and symmetry. For the next two weeks our math and reading groups will be practicing assessment questions based in the state's released items as well as what we have as samples for the new MSP tests. During the State testing there will be NO HOMEWORK from 5/3-5/17 for all classes. In social studies we are studying regions of the United States before going on to study Whidbey Island in preparation for our field trip to Coupeville on June 9th when Mrs. Johnson's, Ms. Nielsen's, and Mr. Flack's classes are going, and June 10th when Mrs. Buntich, Mrs. Ching, and Mrs. Orme's classes will go. A note will be coming home in mid May to give more details of the trip which includes visits to the museum, Sea Lab at Camp Casey, and lighthouse at Fort Casey. Volunteers are most welcome. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher if you are interested in joining us.

Fifth Grade

In reading, we are "Focusing on the Literary Devices of Simile, Metaphor and Personification" Be sure and ask your child for a definition and example of each. There will be reading and writing activities to go with this unit.

In Math, we are focusing on using fractions, decimals and percents to solve word problems. In Science class, Mr. Poole's class is working on their Environments unit and Mrs. Price/Longland's class is working on their Mixtures and Solutions Unit. In all classes, we will be working on practice items for the Measurements of Student Progress (new WASL) in Math and Science.