

# What's New at BEW

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## 2016 State Testing for 3rd & 4th Grade

Ohio state testing will begin on April 19th for 3rd and 4th graders. The new state tests for reading, math and social studies test is AIR (A Institute for Research). The AIR test is made up of two 90minute sessions. The tests consist of multiple choice, short answer and extended response questions. The type of questions are more rigorous than questions from previous state tests. Teachers have been working with students all year to prepare them for the rigor of the new state tests.

For the third year, the state of Ohio has continued with the Third Grade Guarantee. This program ensures that every reader gets the support he or she needs to be able to learn and achieve.



Students are required to take a state reading test that measures reading ability.

Third grade students have already taken the reading test earlier this . year. Those who have not passed it will have another chance to score a passing reading subscore of 42 with the test in April. Many of our students are in good standing leading into the spring test. If you have questions about your student's progress, please contact their teacher.

Here are a few things to keep in mind when 3rd and 4th grade students take the state AIR tests in a few short weeks...

- Get a good night's sleep
- Eat a good breakfast
- Be ON TIME for school on test dates
- Read each question carefully and use strategies taught to give an answer

And as always, encourage your student to do their BEST!!



### Monthly Newsletter

April

#### Dates to Remember

- Golden Ticket—April 1 at 10am
- Indians Day-April 1
- Spring Break—April 4-8
- PTA Meeting—April 13 at 9:30am
- 2nd Grade Field Trip to McKinley Museum—April 13
- Marco's Pizza Night—April 13
- Kindergarten Registration— April 15
- State testing begins—April
   19
- Interims go home—April 29



### **MARCO'S Pizza Night**







Mark your calendar!

April 13

Enjoy dinner with the family and support our WATCH Dogs!!!

15% of all phone orders and walk up orders & 20% of all online orders will support our school's WATCH Dog program.

### **Congratulations DI teams!!**

The Purple Dragons were among several teams that competed on March 12 at the Destination Imagination competition at Hiram College. They did an outstanding job and placed 3rd!!

Congratulations to Luke Gordon, Alaina Wiles, Elizabeth Scott, Ava Speedy, Tyler Smith and Aiden Smith!

The Purple Lightening Bolts also participated that day. Good job Caleb Gordon, Parker Wigner, Donnie O'Brien and Andrew O'Brien.

# The BEW Way!!!

# Be Responsible Be Respectful Be Ready to Learn



# Oak Clinic & Rubber Ducks Diamond Run



Our students once again have the chance to raise money for the **Oak Clinic**, a center in Uniontown that treats patients with MS. Students who raise money will have the chance to participate in a 1K fun run at **Canal Park** and play catch with the **Akron Rubber Ducks** at their game on Sunday, May 1.

Sponsor forms and money are due April

See you at the game!!







### **PTA Reflections Winners**

The Ohio PTA holds an annual arts program that students are encouraged to participate in each year. There are six areas that they can submit original works of art including, visual arts, literature, photography, dance, film and music. This year's theme was "Let Your Imagination Fly!" Congratulations to the students recognized:

#### **Treasure Bartee & Katie Kiss**

(moved on to the state level)

Aiden Smith, Nour Soliman, Skyler Lawson, Le'Asya Pamer, Austin Bajcar and Shawna Schutte

(Received an Honorable Mention)

# **Spring Break**

Mark your calendar!





Spring Break is April 4-8.
School will resume April 11.



# Things to do over spring break...

Read every day! Try to spend at least 20 minutes each day reading a book.

### Watch a good movie!!

Get some physical activity!
Ride your bike outside, take
a walk with a family member,
go to Lake Anna Y!

# Practice math facts!! Be ready to pass your next timed test when you return!

Practice letters, sounds and sight words. This will help our younger learners become a stronger reader!

#### **CLEAN YOUR ROOM!**

Visit the Barberton Public Library. Check out a book that you will read over break.

Play with a friend.