

Down By the Creek

Fishing Creek Elementary
(717) 938-6565
Winter 2015



A Message From the Principal



Dear Fishing Creek Families,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break. It's hard to believe how quickly time passes and that we are already into 2015!

It's even more difficult to think that we are headed toward this year's session of PSSAs for students in grades 3, 4, and 5. To ensure your child is in attendance during testing, please schedule appointments and events with the following dates in mind:

April 13-17: PSSA English Language Arts
April 20-24: PSSA Math
April 27-May 1: Science (only grade 4)

More specifics regarding testing will be shared as we get closer to the dates.

I would like to thank you for your support of Fishing Creek Elementary. Our educational program would not be at the level of excellence that it is without a team effort between home and school.

As we move through the upcoming months, we will continue our focus on using data to determine instruction. We aim to have our students grow and achieve at the highest of levels. Data is able to illustrate areas and skills that are strengths and those that need growth.

Stay warm, and before we know it the spring weather will be here!

Warmest Regards,

Lisa Crum
Principal, Fishing Creek



QUICK LINKS

District Website: <http://www.wssd.k12.pa.us/>
School Website: http://www.wssd.k12.pa.us/fishing_creek.cfm
Classroom Websites: http://www.wssd.k12.pa.us/staff_directory.cfm?location=8&school=8
Lunch Menus: <http://www.wssd.k12.pa.us/district.cfm?subpage=13916>

Mark Your Calendars

January

- 28th- S.W.E.B.S. "Shark of the Month" luncheon
- 28th- RIF book distribution
- 29th – RIF book distribution

February

- 2nd- Report Cards Issued
- 2nd – Ground Hog Day
- 2nd- Ski Club – 3:15
- 6th- Last day for yearbook purchase
- 9th- 5th grade Academic Bowl Competition
- 10th- 5th grade Academic Bowl Competition
- 12th- Valentine's Day Festivities – 2:30
- 13th- Early Dismissal for Students – 1:45
- 16th- Presidents' Day- No School
- 17th- Parent Conference Night
- 18th- PTO Talent Show auditions
- 19th- PTO Talent Show auditions
- 23rd- 4th grade Academic Bowl Competition
- 24th- 4th grade Academic Bowl Competition
- 25th- S.W.E.B.S. "Shark of the Month" luncheon
- 26th- PTO Culture Night- 6:00

We Are All Working on Being S.H.A.R.K.S.!



Please make sure that your student's contact information is up to date. This includes phone numbers, addresses, and pick up information. If alterations need to be made, please contact the office at 938-6565.

School doors open at 8:30 a.m. Students are considered late if they are not in their classrooms by 8:45 a.m. If students arrive after this time, parents should accompany them to check in at the main office.

T.E.A.M.

Our 5th grade students are beginning the T.E.A.M. program, being offered by the Fairview Township Police Department in conjunction with West Shore School District. The T.E.A.M. (Teaching, Educating, and Mentoring) curriculum covers various topics such as bullying, internet safety, drug prevention, and gun safety. At the end of the learning program, there is a "graduation".

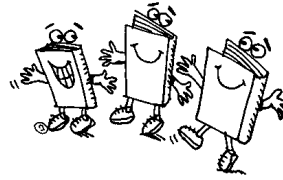
GO T.E.A.M.!!!

SPRING CONFERENCES



Between **January 20, 2015 – March 26, 2015** our teachers will be holding a second session of parent-teacher conferences. They will be scheduled before and after school with the teacher. Conferencing with the teacher is the best way to further develop the home-school connection that is so important to your child's success. Teachers will be in touch. We hope you are able to join us!

READING ROUND-UP



"I can not live without books."

-Thomas Jefferson

Fantastic Fluency

For children to understand what they read, they must be able to read *fluently* whether they are reading aloud or silently. Fluent readers read with accuracy, proper expression, and at a good rate. **What can parents do at home to help their child become a fluent reader?**

- ☐ Choose the right books- Help your child choose books he/she can comfortably read. There should be 5 words or fewer that give them trouble on each page.
- ☐ Listen to your child read every day.
- ☐ Read it again- Encourage your child to reread favorite books, or poems and make it fun! Repeated readings improve children's fluency and comprehension.
- ☐ Read to your child every day- Model your own fluent reading as you enjoy reading books with your child! It could be a picture book or a chapter a night. **Enjoy listening to your child become a fluent reader!**

Title 1 News Our Title 1 waiver was approved. Title 1 services are provided through Ms. Hart, our new reading specialist.



HOOPS FOR HEART

Hoops for Heart is a community service learning program of the American Heart Association. It teaches kids :

- The importance of developing heart-healthy habits
- That being physically active can be fun
- That by raising funds to support research and education they help save lives across the country and in their community

KICK OFF WILL BE THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9TH!!! BEING HELD THE WEEK OF MARCH 2ND!!!

Ms. Adams will be sending home more information soon!!

FLU FIGHTERS



As recommended by the CDC:

- Take time to get a flu vaccine. Everyone six months of age and older should get a flu shot.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or your arm when sneezing or coughing.
- Wash hands often with soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Drink plenty of water. Keeping fluid levels up is important.
- Get plenty of sleep so that you are well-rested.



PTO PRESENTS:

The Fishing Creek Elementary PTO has two major events on the horizon.

First, the PTO is hosting Culture Night. For those who are new to this event, a continent is chosen and then the countries that comprise it are represented throughout stations in the school. At each place, information about that country is shared. There may be music, a food sampling, a native game, etc. We are looking forward to everyone coming out to get their passports stamped with South American countries.

The second event is the Fishing Creek Elementary Annual Talent Show! Held in the evening at Red Land High School's auditorium, it is a show that you do not want to miss!! Come check out the amazing talent that we have here at "The Creek". If you have a talent that you would like to share, attend scheduled try outs. Rumor has it that the staff will be performing an act as well.

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Fishing Creek Sharks

