



# Intermediate Information



February 2012 Edition

## Intermediate Students are the “HEART” of Our School! ☺

It is so hard to believe that it is February already! Our Intermediate School Students are a daily reminder why we chose this career. How many people can say that they smile each day at work, see others succeed daily and get to see our future unfold before them? As educators that is exactly what we get to do. Thank you for sharing your precious child with us every day so we can get to the “heart” of our job which is to teach and prepare them for the opportunities that lie before them.

In March we administer the Terra Nova Tests; we use this test to:

- Identify and examine areas of strength and weakness in the performance of students.
- Identify students that are in need of enrichment or acceleration.
- Inform teachers of the needs of their students. This helps in working toward increasing student achievement and closing achievement gaps.

The **Terra Nova** is a national standardized achievement test designed to provide achievement scores for each child taking the test. The areas that are assessed are Reading/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. The test results include measurement of individual student achievement relative to current nationwide group standards and program effectiveness based on the results of these normative groups. Progress can be tracked over years and grades. The results are used to analyze the strengths and weaknesses of a student's achievement in each content area, to plan for further instruction, to plan for curriculum development and to report progress to parents. The purpose is to assess academic achievement of our students in comparison to other students that are taking the test nationally.

Our students in grade 4 are also given the **InView** in March. The InView tests the critical cognitive abilities in verbal, nonverbal and quantitative reasoning. This is another way of measuring how a student is achieving; by comparing the achievement score with the ability score obtained in the InView. We would expect the student's scores to be compatible. In addition, this score is used to identify students who are gifted.

The **Ohio Achievement Assessment (OAA)** is based on the state curriculum which closely matches the curriculum that our students are learning every day. This test is a measure of what the students have learned in each grade level and is not a comparison of how students do nationally. The OAA is where we receive our state report card data.

We appreciate your continued involvement and interest in your child's/children's educational program.

- **Reassure** your child/children that they have been preparing for these assessments throughout the school year by paying attention, asking questions, completing classwork/homework and engaging in outside learning activities.
- Make sure your child gets enough rest the night before.
- Provide your child with a nutritious breakfast each morning.
- Encourage your child to do his/her best work and remain focused throughout each assessment.
- Make sure your child arrives to school on time each day. When children are off their schedules, they may become anxious and not do their best.
- Please avoid scheduling any appointments or trips during testing as make-up periods are very limited.

## Infinite Campus Parent Portal

To view your child's progress, please follow these steps after logging in...

- Click on your child's "**schedule**";
- Under the correct "**term**" click on the "**subject**";
- Continue to scroll down to retrieve ALL information on their progress.

If you have any questions please contact Patrice Carroll @ 440.259.9525 and she will be happy to assist you.

# Dates to Remember

<b>Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Grades K – 4 ~ Candid/Group Picture Day
<b>Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Night @ 7:00 – 9:00 ~ CFC (sponsored by Perry PTA)
<b>Feb. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Valentine's Day Parties ~ Grades K – 4 @ 2:30 PM ~ K – 4 classrooms PTA Meeting @ 7:00 ~ Manchester West
<b>Feb. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	No School ~ Staff Development Day # 4
<b>Feb. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	No School ~ Presidents' Day
<b>Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Grades 5 – 8 Spring Book Fair ~ PMS Media Center
<b>Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup></b>	InView & Terra Nova Testing ~ Grade 2
<b>Mar. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Terra Nova Testing ~ Grade 5
<b>Mar. 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Student Conferences... <i>early dismissal @ 11:00 AM ~ grades 5 – 8 &amp; @ 11:45 AM ~ grades K – 4</i>
<b>Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Terra Nova Testing ~ Grade 3
<b>Mar. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	PTA Meeting @ 7:00 PM ~ Manchester West (Reflections Gala)
<b>Mar. 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	InView & Terra Nova Testing ~ Grade 4
<b>Mar. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	First Day of Spring
<b>Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	End of third 9-week grading period
<b>Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	PMS Play "Annie" @ 7:00 PM ~ Goodwin Theatre
<b>Mar. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	PMS Play "Annie" @ 2:00 PM ~ Goodwin Theatre PMS Play "Annie" @ 7:00 PM ~ Goodwin Theatre
<b>Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Visitor's Week Breakfast ~ Grades K – 4 @ 9:00 AM ~ PES Cafeteria {Mar. 26: 4 <sup>th</sup> grade, Mar. 27: 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade, Mar. 28: 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade, Mar. 29: 1 <sup>st</sup> grade & Mar. 30: Kindergarten} More information will be sent home n March 1st.
<b>Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup></b>	District Art Show ~ throughout the school buildings

## DROP US A LINE

To send an email to Perry Staff, enter the full last name and first initial of the person you wish to contact followed by: @perry-lake.k12.oh.us

## News from Our Nurses

- **Good Hand Washing** prevents illness!
  - Please remind your children that whenever they cough or sneeze they should **cover their mouth and nose** with the bend of their elbow **not their hand**.
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Perry PTA is going shopping, thanks to the money we have acquired from saving Campbell's soup labels and Box Tops! We are considering buying some new toys for recess. Please come to the next PTA meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 at Manchester West with your suggestions as to how to spend this money. Also, please keep sending in those soup labels and Box Tops!

Perry PTA is looking for board members for next school year. Even if you have never attended a PTA meeting, you are welcome to come and discuss opportunities for 2012-2013 school year.

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**Perry Preschool  
@ Tarbuck Center  
4325 Manchester Ave  
Perry, Ohio**

AM Session ~ Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 11:30

PM Session ~ Monday - Thursday 12:30 - 3:30

\$140.00 a month ~ beginning in September and ending in May

### **Registration Information**

Interested parents may get registration materials starting on February 1, 2012 by visiting the **web site:** [www.esc-lc.org](http://www.esc-lc.org) or call the Lake County Educational Service Center to request registration materials at 440-350-2563 extension 702 or extension 711 or **Email:** Roxanne Prine at [rprine@lakeesc.org](mailto:rprine@lakeesc.org) or Tippi Foley at [tfoley@lakeesc.org](mailto:tfoley@lakeesc.org)

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