



The Donovan Daily

(The Quarterly Newsletter for Donovan Elementary)

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March 2019

State Assessments are Coming

State testing windows open shortly after spring break. The windows that were established through the guidelines set by the state of Ohio are April 8-April 26 for the English Language Arts Test and April 15—May 8 for Math. Teachers will be sharing exact testing dates with parents through classroom newsletters and social media posts.

Once again, all assessments this year will be online assessments. It is important that students are in attendance each of their testing days. Students need to arrive on-time ready to do their best. Start each testing day with a nutritious breakfast and then send them off to school with an encouraging word.

Below is the length of time for each of the assessments. Parents are encouraged to visit the state assessment webpage that is designed for students and families. Here is the web address for that page: <http://oh.portal.airast.org/ocba/students-and-families/>. On this page parents and students are able to view sample questions as well as use some of the universal tools that will be available on the assessments.

If you have any questions regarding the state assessments or the testing schedule feel free to contact your child's teacher or a building administrator.

TEST	PART 1	PART 2	TOTAL PARTS
Grade 3 ELA	90 min (1.5 hrs.)	90 min (1.5 hrs.)	180 min (3 hrs.)
Grade 3 Math	75 min (1.5 hrs.)	75 min (1.5 hrs.)	150 min (2.5 hrs.)
Grade 4 ELA	90 min (1.5 hrs.)	90 min (1.5 hrs.)	180 min (3 hrs.)
Grade 4 Math	75 min (1.5 hrs.)	75 min (1.5 hrs.)	150 min (2.5 hrs.)

Keep the Office Up-to-Date

Have you done any of the following: dropped the land line, changed cell phone numbers, created a new email address or have a new home address? If you answered yes to any of these questions please contact the Donovan office and share those changes. We appreciate your help in keeping your child's contact information up-to-date.

Student Drop-off and Pick-up

Student safety is a top priority during the drop-off and pick-up times. To help ensure your child's safety please follow these guidelines:

- Drop-off begins at 8:45. Please do not release your student until a staff member waves them into the building at 8:45.
- Students are tardy if they enter the building after 9:05.
- Help alleviate traffic on Justice Drive by arriving closer to 9:00
- If planning to pick-up your child you can use our online form.
- The online form can be accessed at <https://goo.gl/L5dfWW>
- If the online form isn't used, parents must come to the office by 3:30 in the event a student is being picked-up rather than riding the bus.
- Student are dismissed from classes for pick-up beginning at 3:40.
- Parents who park their car are required to meet their child at the sidewalk.
- Leave your furry friends in the car or at home.
- Listen to the directions of the staff members.

No School - March 22 - Teacher Professional Day

Reminder that school will not be in session on Friday, March 22. District staff members will be participating in professional development. Donovan staff members will be learning about supporting students who have experienced trauma, evaluating common assessments, creating lesson units that includes STEM ideas.

Lebanon City Schools Needs Substitute Teachers

Lebanon City Schools is often looking to hire substitute teachers. You do not need to have a teaching degree to be a substitute, just a bachelor's degree and a substitute license. It's a great position for those looking for flexible schedules! Please visit the links below or contact Robert Buskirk @ 934-5776 for further information!

<https://www.lebanonschools.org/departments/human-resources-9/available-positions--63/>
<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Licensure/Audiences/Substitute-Licensure>

Parent Access Accounts

Have you set up your Parent Access account? Parent Access allows parents to view student grades online. Student report cards are now only available through Parent Access accounts. Class placement information for the 2019-2020 school year will be shared through Parent Access. Our goal is to share this information with parents in June. Those without a Parent Access account will receive their information in August. If you have not set up a Parent Access account, a letter was included in the Parent Communication Envelope along with this newsletter.

April Events and Activities

- 1** Classes Resume
- 5** 4th Grade Talent Show Applications Due
- 5** Spirit Friday
- 18** Fourth Grade Swim Program Begins
- 19** No School
- 21** No School
- 30** Fourth Grade Talent Show Practice

Important Dates of the 2019-2020

School Year

- 8/13** Parent / Teacher Conferences—Gr. 1-6
- 8/13** Student First Day Grades 7 & 9
- 8/14** Parent / Teacher Conferences—Gr. 1-6
- 8/14** Students First Day Grades 8, 10, 11 & 12
- 8/15** Students First Day Grades 1-6
- 8/19** Preschool and Kindergarten First Day

May Events and Activities

- 1** Cincinnati Zoo Classroom Visits - 3rd Gr.
- 2** Cincinnati Zoo Classroom Visits - 3rd Gr.
- 3** Spirit Friday
- 7** Fourth Grade Talent Show Practice
- 7** Incoming Third Gr. Open House - 6:00-7:30
- 8** Cincinnati Zoo Classroom Visits - 3rd Gr.
- 9** Cincinnati Zoo Classroom Visits - 3rd Gr.
- 10** Donovan Carnival
- 13** Student and Staff of the Quarter Ceremony - 7:00—LJHS
- 13** PTO Meeting—7:00PM—Media Center
- 13-17** Third Grade Field Trips
- 20** Field Day
- 21** Fourth Grade Talent Show - Students Only
- 23** Last Day - 1 Hour Early Release

Parent Input Forms

On Friday, March 15 you should have received a letter regarding parent input for the 2019-2020 school year. Parent input is being completed online this year. Input needs to be received by Friday, April 12. Parent input forms can also be found on the Donovan school webpage. If you have any questions about the forms please contact your child's teacher or a building administrator.

Lost and Found

Donovan's lost and found is overflowing with sweatshirts, lunch boxes and jackets. The bus garage also has an overflowing lost and found from items left on school busses. Please stop by Donovan and the bus garage to check for any missing items.

Fourth Grade Learn to Swim Program

Fourth grade students will be participating in the Learn to Swim program at Countryside YMCA during their gym classes starting April 18. Students will visit the Y five times over approximately four weeks. This program, including transportation to the Y, is free to all students through the Y's Caring for Families Campaign. If you have any questions about the program please contact a building administrator. Teachers will share schedules once finalized.



Donovan Elementary Specials Newsletter

Third Quarter



MUSIC: Mrs. Crockett & Mrs. Hutchinson

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Throughout the 3rd quarter in Mrs. Crockett's classes, students have been preparing for the March music concerts. Vocal music, percussion, 4th grade recorders, sign language, dancing, and movement-we've been working hard and the concerts will be great!! I am very proud of them.

Did you know that March is 'Music in our Schools Month'?

In Mrs. Hutchinson's music classes we are having a great year in music. We are busy preparing for our upcoming concert on March 21st.

ART: Mr. Ball

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3rd quarter went by in a flash! 4th and 3rd grade students have been working on larger projects for the Art Show in May. Plaster masks, "keyhole" paintings, totem poles, and large group paintings have been keeping the 4th grade extremely busy. Once the weather warms up, the 4th graders will have a unique opportunity to create a public art piece at Harmon Park!!

3rd graders have been painting up a storm with large scale group paintings, zentagle animals and fish, Pop Art donuts, and Cubism self portraits using oil pastels.

The last stretch of the year looks great and our art show in May will amaze!



If we teach today's students as we taught yesterday's, we rob them of tomorrow.

JOHN DEWEY

Physical Education: Mr. Lechliter

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It can be a challenge to teach volleyball skills to elementary children and also make it fun. We just change a few things like a lower net and play with a big soft beach ball that stays in the air longer. Servers get to move closer to the net and players get to hit the ball more than once. We do not keep score, but we do award the ball to the team that did not make the mistake. The bump, set and serve were skills we practiced. We had fun and improved our skills.



Media: Mrs. Russell

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During 3rd quarter in the media center we said goodbye to our media aide Mrs. McCarty as she began her well-deserved retirement. We welcomed Ms. Stec as our new media aide. She loves helping students find just the right books and to make the library an inviting and enjoyable place to be.

Students continued to practice their typing skills using Typing Club and Typing.com. We explored how to use word processing software so that we can make our documents look their very best.

Coming up during the fourth quarter, we will have our Buy One Get One Free Scholastic book fair. This will be the week of April 29th through May 3rd. Students can shop in the morning after checking in with their teachers and during the scheduled media class. If you are a badged volunteer and would like to help out during the fair, contact Mrs. Russell or Ms. Stec at 934-5450 or through the email above.