



## Giesinger Elementary April Newsletter

It is hard to believe that we are in the last nine weeks of the school year. The students are continuing to work hard in all their subjects, as we have much to do before May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please mark your calendars for all our important April dates. The calendar includes:

- Pre-kindergarten & Kindergarten Round-up: April 2-6
  - Late registration until 5:30 PM on April 3
- STAAR Writing for 4<sup>th</sup> grade: April 10
- Fourth grade fieldtrip: April 11
- Book Fair Week: April 16-20
  - The book fair will open at 7:30 on April 18 and stay open until
  - 4:30 on April 19.
- Donuts with Dudes: April 18
- PTO general meeting: April 26 at 4:30 PM
- Cryar 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent information night: April 25 at 5:30 PM

The second grade music program was a huge success! Many thanks to our wonderful parents for the incredible costumes and beautiful stage. Thank you to our great second grade teachers, the special subjects team, and Mrs. Moore for your love and dedication to our Eagles!

Enjoy the beautiful weather and spring activities!

Sincerely,  
Melissa Hammond  
Principal

A few words from our Assistant Principal:

Build the habit of good attendance early!



School success goes hand-in-hand with good attendance. Good attendance is important for many reasons. Your child receives the maximum benefit of education by being in school every day, and numerous studies show a strong link between academic performance and consistent attendance. Here are some things you can do to help set this good habit:

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks and lunches the night before.
- Don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomachache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not necessarily a reason to stay home.
- Develop a back-up plan for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school- and themselves. Start building this habit in elementary so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day, is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work. We all know that life happens and children get sick, if that is the case, please notify your child's teacher and our PEIMS clerk, Robin Rickwalt by email or note. In the event that you have a doctor's note, we can document the absence(s) as excused.

~Mrs. Barber~  
Assistant Principal

A few words from our Counselor:

Happy April!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Break! I can't believe summer is just around the corner. Hang in there! This month's character pillar is Kindness. I feel like kindness has almost been our theme for the year. With Kindness Week, Holiday Helpers during December, our Food Drive in October, and so much more, Giesinger is such an example of Kindness. I am very proud of our students. We will continue celebrating and spreading Kindness this month. Ms. Wyatt and I have created a Kindness Calendar. These calendars encourage students to participate in an act of kindness each day and offer them examples of kindness, but they can also create their own. We can't wait to hear about the students spreading kindness.

We also kicked off our Pennies for Patients program. This runs from March 27<sup>th</sup> to April 13<sup>th</sup>. Each student will receive a "bank" where change can be collected. That change will then be brought to school to be put in their classroom "bank". The class collecting the most change receives a pasta party from Olive Garden. More than that, by collecting donations, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) is able to provide financial support to families affected by blood cancers. They are also able to find effective cancer therapies, which over the last 50 years, have increased the childhood leukemia survival rate from 3% to 90%.

More about Pennies for Patients

Since 1994, millions of dollars have been raised in pennies and other spare change by more than 10 million elementary, middle and high school students throughout the country. The funds, collected during a three-week period, benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Everyone who participates is a winner! Students across the country are collecting pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters during the Pennies for Patients campaigns benefiting the Society.

As always, if you have any questions or concern, please do not hesitate to ask.  
Amanda Barton