



March Calendar

OVE Carnival	3
ISTEP+ Testing	5-14
School Board Mtg. 4pm	6
NHS Dollars for Scholars Phone-A-Thon	6 & 8
PTO Meeting, 6-7 pm	12
Book Fair - Luau Theme	12-16
End of 3rd Grading Period	13
PTO Family Math Night - 5:30-7:15	15
Yearbook Orders Due	16
Mis-Matched Monday (see page 2 for details)	19
School Board Mtg. 4pm	20
Parent Teacher Conferences	22
No School	23
“March Madness” Day (wear team apparel)	26
4th Gr. Parent Mtg. 5:30 pm	27
Market Day Pick Up 4:30 - 5:30 pm	28
Spring Break April 2 - 6	



Knight News

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The mission of Heritage Intermediate School is to equip students to achieve their potential and positively impact their community.

News & Notes From Mrs. Dyer.....

Spring ISTEP+ - Round 1(Applied Skills)

Beginning next week, March 5 – March 14, 2012, all of our 4th and 5th graders will take the first round of the Spring ISTEP+ test. Our goal is 100% attendance throughout that week! **Please be sure to schedule appointments for your child after school, if at all possible.** Be sure your child eats a good breakfast and gets plenty of rest. Round 2 (Multiple Choice) of the Spring ISTEP+ tests will occur from April 30 – May 9, 2012. We will encourage good attendance during this week as well. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office (822-5396).

Think Spring! – HIS Shorts Policy (H.I.S. Handbook - page 15)

With Spring right around the corner, comes the urge for students to wear shorts. **Shorts can not be worn until AFTER Spring Break.** Also, please be advised that we have set the temperature mark to wear shorts at 50 degrees. This means that the forecasted high for the day must say 50 degrees before the students are allowed to wear shorts and/or sandals. As always, we will ask students to use good common sense and to pay attention to the forecast for the day. If a student does not follow these guidelines, we will have them call home. Someone from home will need to bring a long pair of pants to the school. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

HIS Is Connected!

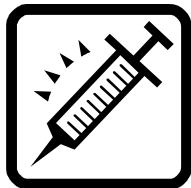
Don't forget that you can now follow us on Twitter at @HIS_Connections and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Heritage-Intermediate-School/255637494501985.

What Roles do Students Play in Bullying Situations?

It is hard to believe but it has been another year since we completed our last Olweus Bullying Prevention Questionnaire! The *anonymous questionnaire* is used to assess bullying problems in school. Students answer questions such as, “What types of bullying are most common?” and “Where does bullying occur?” The information we gather from the questionnaire provides school-specific information critical to enhancing our bullying prevention effort. Our results from last year, are posted on the Middlebury Community School’s website...take a look!

As you continue to talk with your child about bullying, take time to review the diagram, “What Roles Do Students Play in Bullying Situations?” This is a great conversation piece you may use with your child! Ask questions such as: In which role do you (your student) feel most comfortable? What roles do your friends take? How can you stand up for yourself...a friend? How can you (as a parent) empower your child to make a great choice?





Immunization Requirements

The state of Indiana (IC 4-22-2) **REQUIRES** the following immunizations for students in **grades 6-12** for the 2012-2013 school year: (Students not in compliance will be subject to exclusion from school)

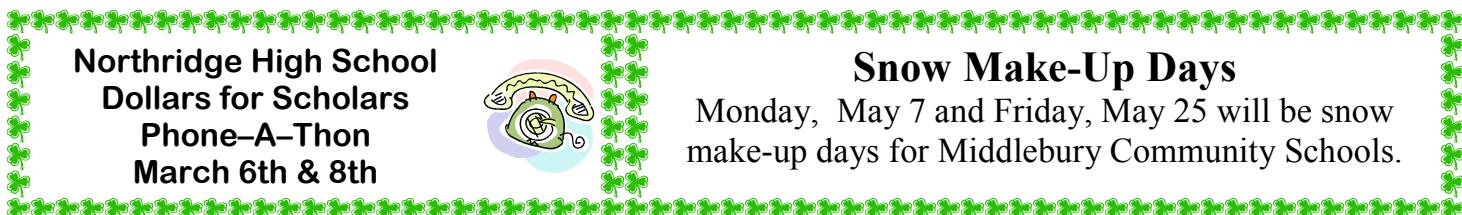
- **Two** doses of varicella vaccine, or a history of chicken pox disease.
- One dose of tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis vaccine (**Tdap**) given on or after the 10th birthday.
- One dose of **meningococcal** conjugate vaccine (MCV4).

These requirements will affect our fifth grade students who will be going into middle school next year! Please provide proof of immunization to the school once your child has received these immunizations. The required immunizations are available through your child's doctor or from the Elkhart County Health Department. To schedule an appointment with the Elkhart County Health Department, call 574-523-2127. In addition to the Elkhart location, the health department has immunization clinics in Middlebury on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. These bi-monthly clinics are held at First Mennonite Church, 203 East Lawrence Street. As with all Elkhart County Health Department locations, an appointment is required to be seen in Middlebury.

Your child received a letter in February indicating which immunizations they need in order to enter 6th grade. If you have not received this letter, please check with your student or call Crystal Kauffman, HIS nurse, at 574-822-5396.

Fourth Grade Parent Meeting

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, March 27 at 5:30 p.m. for fourth grade parents interested in previewing the fourth and fifth grade growth and development (puberty education) materials. The fourth grade growth and development presentation will be on April 20. Fourth grade parents, please watch for a more detailed letter that will be coming home with your child.



Marvelous Mondays in March are coming!

Monday, March 5: A "m-m-m good" Mysterious Munchie will be provided for you in the afternoon. Wonder what it is?

Monday, March 12: Marvelous Movie Monday! A movie will be viewed during lunch!

Monday, March 19: Mis-matched Day! Wear mismatched clothing and socks!

Monday, March 26: March Madness Day! Wear a team shirt/ jersey or hat!

ORCHARD VIEW CARNIVAL AND AUCTION

Please mark your calendar and

- plan to attend a fun filled day
- at Orchard View on Saturday, March 3rd as they hold their spring carnival. There will be
- lots of fun games along with
- silent and live auction items
- including some great baskets of various
- themes put together by each class. Please
- bring your family and friends to enjoy the
- fun and to support their PTO.



New Attendance Policy

Currently, the way in which “excused” and “unexcused” absences are defined is left up to individual school corporations. The lack of state-level guidance on this issue, however, has led to discrepancies in the ways that excused and unexcused absences are defined and reported, leading to over or under inflated attendance rates. Because of this, the State of Indiana has recommended that absences be considered excused in the following circumstances:

- Illness verified by note from parent/guardian
- Illness verified by note from Physician
- Family Funeral
- Maternity
- Military Connected Families (e.g. absences related to deployment and return)

Because of the new state guidelines, effective immediately, HIS will require a note from a Physician or a parent/guardian following an absence due to illness, funeral or military deployment/return. Thank you for your cooperation!

How Does Your Student Feel About His or Her Friends?

As each school year rolls along, our students never cease to amaze me with their maturing thoughts and opinions about life. For example, a student’s quote after learning and embracing the HIS Bullying Prevention Program:

“A bully is someone who doesn’t know how special I am.”

Wow! How I wish each student could understand the talents that they, and their classmates have to offer each other. In March, we take time to anonymously survey students to obtain their opinion about our Olweus Bullying Prevention Program.



Do you feel it is hard to make friends at HIS?

Are kids friendly?

Have you been bullied?

Does an adult know?

Was action taken to make you feel safe?

We, at HIS, want children to know it is ok to tell an adult if something uncomfortable is happening. It is our goal that our school and community continue to be a safe and friendly place to live. We encourage you to have open communication with your child about social interactions. Please let us know if there are ways we can make your child’s time at HIS a more enjoyable.



Breakfast Does A Mind and Body Good!

March 5-9 is National School Breakfast Week!! In honor of this special week we will be offering hot breakfast every day. As an added bonus, if you eat school breakfast your name will automatically be put in a prize drawing that will take place Tuesday - Friday on the morning announcements!! If you eat breakfast at home you can still participate! Forms will be available from your teacher that your parent can sign, stating that you ate a



H.I.S. Student Spotlights

A feature of the Knight News showcasing students who have been recognized by our staff, or fellow students, modeling our creed of being Respectful, Responsible and Ready.

(Name(s) on left was recognized by name(s) on right)

RESPECT

Doug Graham &
 Gabby Schlabach - Mrs. Kasten
 Beau Freedline - Mrs. Houser
 Dustin Briskie - Ben Miller
 Diana Nizhnik - Chloe Baxter
 Betsy Gilley - McKenzie Pletcher
 Bethany Yoder - Mrs. Nord
 All HIS Staff - Toka Hollar
 Jessica Bell - Emma Brabender
 Samara Deane - Taylor Hoff
 Jaime Hart - Julie Yoder
 Amelia Dean - Annie Troyer
 Madison Aitken - Rebekah Schwartz
 Mrs. Dyer - Aidan Vaughn
 Mr. Warkentin - Aidan Vaughn
 Nadine Byler - Mrs. Barkby
 Brooke Hernandez - Aaliyah Lester
 Lisa Bloss - Amber Eash
 Zalma Calderon - Aidan Vaughn
 Mrs. Rohrer - Cole Miller & Mariah Miller
 Olivia Miller - Nate Bowman
 Kloie Bromley - Mrs. Houser
 Larissa Dirks - Mrs. Houser
 H.I.S. Staff - Morgan Germann
 Makenna Pfeil - Madison Aitken
 Savanna Rutter - Kyah Troyer
 Riley Matthews - Hunter Mazar
 Jacob LaCounte & Turner Koch - Mrs. Toth
 Mrs. Cripe - Taryn Salyers
 Rebekah Schwartz - Madison Aitken
 Willian Bontrager - Logan Pippenger
 Mr. Fireoved - Mrs. Hawn
 Ryan Sutton - Joseph Munoz
 Meg Ciokajlo - Mrs. Toth
 Crystal Miller - Amber Eash
 Mrs. Dyer - Lisa Bloss
 Mrs. Barkby - Nadine Byler
 Mrs. Cripe - Taylor Kierpiec

RESPONSIBLE

Edgar Sanchez - Jakob Hood Isabelle Kocher &
 Emily Croy - Mrs. Tribble
 Tate Jenkins, Haley Reynolds &
 Eric Sommers - Mrs. Dyer
 All HIS Staff - Toka Hollar
 Loranna Miller - Rachael Kelley
 Max Schroth & Tricia Copeland - Mrs. Gannon
 Ezri Holem - Mrs. Lang

Madison Mast - Mr. Carpenter
 Lori Miller - Mrs. Barkby
 Mrs. Dyer - Aidan Vaughn
 Mr. Warkentin - Aidan Vaughn
 Brooke Hernandez - Aaliyah Lester
 Lisa Bloss - Amber Eash
 Zalma Calderon - Aidan Vaughn
 Leon Goode - Carolyn Estes
 H.I.S. Staff - Morgan Germann
 Samantha Mathews & Loranna Miller -
 Mr. Baker(Dir. Of Transportation)
 Glenda Miller - Mrs. Gehlke
 Cory Mast - Tyree Wilson
 William Bontrager - Logan Pippenger
 Nicole Hoff - Mr. Fireoved
 Nadine Byler - Jack Gingerich
 Crystal Miller - Amber Eash
 Mrs. Dyer - Lisa Bloss
 Madison Aitken, Michelle Schwartz, Bekah Schwartz
 Hannah Baker - Kyera Homewood, & Jocelin
 Magallanes
 Tylee Greene - Mrs. K. Miller
 Mayha Hatfield - Mrs. Bush
 Joey Munoz & Jimmy Ragukonis - Jaden McClane
 Mrs. Cripe - Taylor Kierpiec

READY

Travis Cupp - Mrs. Houser
 Emma Wogoman - Jessica Bell
 Tate Jenkins, Haley Reynolds &
 Eric Sommers - Mrs. Dyer
 All HIS Staff - Toka Hollar
 Morgan Germann - Brielle Hixon
 Samara Deane - Taylor Hoff
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