Dear Families,

Brrr! The weather is getting colder each day and snow has arrived. I’m sure our “little eagles” are more excited about the snow than many of us are. I love the snow...but would much prefer it on a 70-degree day. Now that would be a perfect winter. Please continue to make sure your student is dressed for the weather including winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and boots. We will go outside unless it is too wet or too cold, so please make sure your child is prepared. Please remind your students that the snow must stay on the ground. Snowball fights can be lots of fun but are not appropriate at school. Be careful on the sidewalk and parking lots to and from the school, as they can be very slick.

Our school spelling bee is December 13 beginning about 9:15. Students in grade 4 and 5 were encouraged to first participate in their classroom spelling bee. The top 8 students in each homeroom will compete against the top 8 spellers in the other homerooms. Grade 4 and 5 students that are participating in the school bee have been given a list of words to study from. It should be an exciting morning.

Thank you to all the families that attended parent teacher conferences. We greatly appreciate your partnership in educating our students. You are your child’s #1 teacher and your support at home is greatly appreciated. We loved sharing your student’s accomplishments and strengths, and hope you were able to get a better picture of where your child is academically. Hopefully you got some ideas how to provide continued support at home. 98% of our parents attended conferences and we are thrilled! We are blessed to be part of an outstanding district with so many wonderful and involved families.

We recognize students at the end of each quarter in several ways. We had over 60 students in grades 3 thru 5 attend the all A’s luncheon. Thank you to Mr. Thew and East of Chicago in Galion for donating pizza. We also recognize our Honor Roll and Merit roll winners each quarter. Congratulations to our first quarter Eagle Excellence Citizens, as they were selected for their daily demonstration of respectful actions in and out of the classroom. The Hip Hip Hooray window glass is getting a little fuller each week. Congratulations to all our little eagles for showing their Eagle Excellences in so many ways.

As you know, the weather can be un-predictable this time of year. Please be sure to listen for cancellations, delays and other important announcements. If your phone number has changed, please get on Final Forms and change your emergency contact information. Please remember that the outside doors do not open until 8:45 am so if your child arrives before 8:45, he or she will have to stand outside until the doors open. If you are using the parent drop off line, please stay in line until the drop off point at the flag pole. Thanks for helping to ensure the safety of all our students.

Students and teachers continue working hard preparing for the upcoming state assessments. Please continue to make sure your child is doing their homework each day and completing classroom assignments. Students get better by practicing skills and reading every day. The upcoming spring testing dates are listed below.

Grade 3
March 31 and April 1 – 3rd ELA in morning
April 6 and 7 – 3rd MATH in morning
Grade 4
April 2 and 3 - 4th ELA in morning
April 8 and 9 - 4th MATH in morning
Grade 5
April 2 and 3 - 5th ELA in afternoon
April 8 and 9 – 5th MATH in afternoon
April 15 and 16 – 5th grade SCIENCE in afternoon

Please try to schedule any appointments on days other than the scheduled testing days. It’s not easy on us or your child to have to make up these tests. Students seem to do much better when they are taking it with their peers. Please don’t hesitate to pick up the phone and call when you have questions or concerns.

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Reminder: Important Information concerning the Third Grade Reading Guarantee: Senate Bill (SB) 316 passed, and all Ohio Schools must follow the provisions of the law. The Third Grade Reading Guarantee (TGRG) is part of SB 316. This law states that all students entering third grade must demonstrate a certain level of competency in reading before advancing to fourth grade. This level will start between "limited" and "proficient" and rise over time. For more information and resources on this law, you may go to The Ohio Department of Education’s website at www.education.ohio.gov and search Third Grade Reading Guarantee. Here are some websites you might find helpful.

http://oh.portal.airast.org/ocba.resources/
http://education.ohio.gov/ (search Third Grade Reading Guarantee)

Have a Blessed Holiday Season!

Cindy Voss
Principal, HCES

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December –
December 2 – Wear your favorite Christmas color or shirt
December 3 – Girls wear green and boys wear red
December 4 – Winter wonderland day – Wear a scarf or winter hat
December 5 – Wear a red shirt today / 2nd grade program dress rehearsal TBD, 6:30 program
December 6 – Wear black and gold for our EAGLES
December 9 -13 – Penguin Patch all week sponsored by the PTO
December 9 – Wear Red and White and maybe you’ll even get a special treat
December 10 – Boys wear green and girls wear red
December 11 – Have a cozy Christmas so wear Christmas socks
December 12 – How the Grinch Stole Christmas so wear a green shirt today / Santa pictures
December 13 – All aboard the Polar Express – Wear your PJ’s / HCES Spelling Bee @ 9:15
December 16 – Deck the Halls and wear your favorite Christmas shirt or outfit
December 17 – Ugly Sweater Day Contest
December 18 – 3rd grade STAR testing for Third Grade Reading Guarantee (TGRG) / PS/PK program @ 6:00 / Wear a Jingle Bell
December 19 – End of Q2 / Mike and Larry sing-along @ 9:15 / Winter party @ 3:00 / Wear a Santa Hat or Reindeer Antlers
December 20 – January 5 CLOSED for Winter BREAK

January -
January 6 – Students return
January 9 – Robotics workshop grads 4 and 5 in art room / DARE begins grades K-2
January 10 – Report cards / PTO Movie Night
January 20 – Martin Luther King Jr. / Closed

February -
February 7 – PTO Movie Night
February 10 – PTO @ 6:30
February 12 – Spring Pictures
February 13 – PS / PK Valentine
February 14 – Valentine Party @ 3:00
February 17 – Calamity #9 / President’s Day / Closed
February 18 – PTO Paint Night
February 24 – Fun Run Kick Off / Assembly @ 3:00
February 25 – Fun Run #1
February 26 – Fun Run #2
February 27 – Fun Run #3
February 28 – Fun Run #4 / Kindergarten Registration Day

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