

# GURNEY TIGER TALES



Chagrin Falls Exempted  
Village Schools

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## PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING.....

Spring is officially underway here at Gurney and before you know it, we'll be planning our clap out for the third graders! As the warm weather becomes more enticing to our students and the daylight lasts longer into the evening, please assist us in keeping academics the focus here by reminding your children of our shared expectations and continuing your school night bedtimes and routines right up until the last day. We do have exciting activities to carry us through this last quarter – final fieldtrips, Tiger Trek, Kindergarten Screening, field day, and more. Working together I'm confident we can have a very fun and smooth end to the school year.

As we plan for the 2008-2009 school year, I would like to announce that our third grade teachers will be welcoming Mr. Ritz to their team so that they have seven sections next year. Also, join me in welcoming Mrs. Nancy Lodge to our school next year. Mrs. Lodge will serve as a reading interventionist working along side Mrs. Tatom. Also, our kindergarten music will be taught by Mrs. Smith, kindergarten physical education will be taught by Mr. Dole, and some of our kindergarten art will be taught by Miss Fenton. Finally, Gurney welcomes Mrs. Stapulionis who will be teaching Spanish in grades 1-3 for one semester while Chinese will be taught in those grades during the opposite semester by a visiting Chinese teacher.

As parents I ask you to think ahead to the 2008-2009 school year as well. Attached to this newsletter you will find a "Student Information" form. Parents MAY NOT request a teacher for their child, but this is an opportunity to share any unique information about your child which may impact our decision making when completing class placements for next year. Please return this form to the Gurney main office no later than May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Rachel Jones

FROM THE GURNEY ART ROOM

*The Gurney Spring Art Show is now on display at the Chagrin Falls Public Library. Visit the library during the entire month of April and May to view an example of Gurney student's art work.*

*This is not to be confused with the Gurney Art Walk, an all-student exhibit, which will be spring of 2009.*

*We also have a beautiful display of student's art work throughout the Gurney building.*

*Enjoy the show and don't forget to visit the Gurney Art Room web site for gallery pictures and so much more!*



Email Teachers:



First.lastname@  
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**Bus Garage  
893-4055**



**Volunteer  
Appreciation Tea**

May 20, 2008

2:15 p.m.

Please join us for desserts and some singing from our kindergarteners! This is our opportunity to thank you for all the many, many ways you volunteer for us here at Gurney!

## KINDERGARTEN SCREENING



MAY 15 & MAY 16, 2008

For those students entering kindergarten this fall.

Remind anyone you know who has a new kindergarten student to call the office and sign up for an appointment if they have not already done so.

## Gurney Summer Reading & Math Camp

August 11 - 22

Mon. - Fri 8:30 - 12:30

Grades = Students currently in K,1,2,3

Contact: Mr. Brad Jones—893-4030 Ext. 4137

Look for more information to come home!



## Science Camp Invention

It will be held June 16-20<sup>th</sup> for anyone entering grades 1-6 in the fall of 2008 at Gurney School.

Anyone with questions can contact Mr. Howell at 893-4030 Ext. 4126.

## WINTER GEAR!!!

Don't get rid of outgrown winter gear yet! Hang on to it and donate it to the children at Giddings School in the fall! Gurney PTO will be collecting new and gently worn coats, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, snow pants, sweaters and sweatshirts in October. This has been a very successful effort in the past. The children greatly appreciate the generous donations they have received. Look for reminders this fall to find out where to drop off your items!

### Attention Gurney Parents!

Looking for a way to get involved in the classroom after almost a full school year of procrastination? **JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT** has just the thing!

We are looking for parents, friends, neighbors and alumni who want to get in the classroom by becoming a **Junior Achievement classroom volunteer**.

The time commitment is minimal: A one-time, one-hour orientation, which we can provide on-site for your convenience. Then spend FIVE, 30-40 minute sessions presenting the JA curriculum, once a week for five weeks. We are looking for 10 volunteers to fill each of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classrooms.\*

Help Junior Achievement and Gurney teachers **inspire students to be the leaders of tomorrow!**

Junior Achievement will provide all necessary materials and details during your volunteer orientation. With your help, we will reach 42,000 students in the Greater Cleveland area, **and we need your help!**

Interested? Please contact:

Jen McAllen

216-861-8080 or [jmcallen@jacleveland.org](mailto:jmcallen@jacleveland.org).

### THIRD GRADE PARENT ORIENTATION

**MAY 28TH**

**7:00 P.M.**

**INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

**MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW**

## **The 23rd Annual 'Back the Rec'**

**Saturday, April 26th**

**5:30 – 8:00 PM**

**19 N. Franklin Street  
(the old Cottonwood location)**

**Support the Chagrin Valley Recreation Center!**

**Items from local artists, businesses and Rec Center friends will be available for silent auction and raffle.**

**Enjoy appetizers and refreshments while supporting a great community facility!**

**Tickets are \$30 per person at the door  
or by contacting Gigi Kuper-Lewis at 338-8660**



**HAPPY SPRING!!!!**

**Student Assignment to Classes  
at the Elementary Level**

**Parent Information Form**

As we assign students to classes for next year, our goal is to create heterogeneous groups in each grade level. Our process for building these classes involves all teachers working with the guidance counselor and building principal to ensure a balance of gender and achievement abilities in each classroom. In addition, this process allows us to balance class size and create a healthy change of classmates from year to year.

Parents have the opportunity to provide information which may be unknown to school personnel and which might impact their child's placement. This information should be of a unique or special nature (i.e. medical issues, physical limitations, learning needs, cousins in same grade level, etc.) Information provided by parents/guardians will be reviewed and evaluated by the building principal.

**DO NOT REQUEST A PARTICULAR TEACHER**

As parent of \_\_\_\_\_, I wish to provide the following unique/special information regarding my child which may not be known to you:

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Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

My student is currently in grade \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN TO DR. JONES NO LATER THAN**

**MAY 9, 2008**



# CALENDAR

- April 15.....Parent/Teacher Conferences PS, K, 3:15–7:00 p.m
- April 18.....Dads’ Club Poker Fundraiser—Pine Lake Trout Club
- April 19.....Booster Dinner/Raffle—Solon Valley Party Center  
.....OPEN Fashion Show Luncheon—Sammy’s
- April 21.....Board of Education Meeting 7:30 pm—Sands Community Room
- April 29.....3rd Grade Achievement Testing—Reading
- April 30.....3rd Grade Achievement Testing—Math
- May 5.....Board of Education Meeting 7:30 pm—Sands Community Room
- May 7.....Teacher Appreciation Day
- May 15 & 16.....Kindergarten Screening

\*NOTE: Principal’s Coffee and Conversation May 6th has been cancelled due to a scheduling conflict. Information will be sent out regarding rescheduling.

*The mission of the Chagrin Falls Schools is to provide a comprehensive range of learning opportunities through which students, staff and community, in partnership, can develop each student’s knowledge, confidence and responsibility leading to individual success and lifelong learning.*