

# GURNEY TIGER TALES



Chagrin Falls Exempted  
Village Schools

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## PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING.....

We have had a successful transition back from winter break. We have wrapped up the first semester and all parents should have received their child's report card last week. Do not hesitate to speak with your child's teacher if you have a question or concern. All teachers check their voicemail and email daily! We have jumped right into the second semester and look forward to the many activities ahead.

Gurney Spirit Week and Night at the Girls Basketball Game was a huge success! Thank you to Mr. Howell and his varsity girls for the exciting win that evening (it was the first ever win on a Gurney Night!)- We had a lot of fun showing our spirit that entire week with crazy hats, wacky hair and more! The pep assembly with the basketball players and cheerleaders was just what we needed to get ready to cheer at the game!

I do have a few reminders during this wintry season. All students must have the "Big 5" to play in the snow at recess. We try to go outside every day that the temperature is above 17, so we need our students to be dressed appropriately. Along those same lines, please drop in and check the lost and found every now and then because it does tend to fill up during the winter with "Big 5" items! After school we ask that you refrain from using your cell phone when you are in the parent pick up line at the end of the day. We need your full attention in that parking lot to keep everyone moving safely.

As always, feel free to contact us whenever you have a question or concern.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Rachel Jones

## RECESS

Students will go out for recess when the temperature is above 17 degrees unless they have a doctor's excuse to stay inside. We do not have the adequate supervision for students to stay inside without a doctor's note.



## Morning Student Drop Off

For safety reasons, please do not drop students off in the bus lane. The bus lane is used strictly for the buses bringing students to school.



## Email Teachers:

First.lastname@  
chagrinschools.org



## Bus Garage

**893-4055**



## Greetings from the Gurney Art Room

*The Cleveland Museum of Art will soon be opening the Arms and Armor exhibit. It is probably the most popular and exciting exhibit for our children. Go to C.M.A. web site for more information.*

*In the Gurney Art Room first graders are preparing for the Chinese New Year. This year is the year of the Rat. We will learn about the Chinese culture and how they celebrate the New Year. If you have any extra chop sticks at home could you please send them in with your first grader?*

*Second graders are well into their ceramic lesson. They are creating pots using the coiling technique.*

*Third graders are letting their imaginations go wild to create an Outrageous Bedroom Makeover for their very own bedroom. They will learn how to draw in one point perspective and examine how artists create perspective in their artwork.*

*I have also updated the Gurney Art Room Gallery so click on and check out the new faces.*



## **Kindergarten Registration**

Kindergarten registration will be held for students entering Kindergarten in the Chagrin Falls School District on Saturday, March 1st at Gurney School, 1155 Bell Road, between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:00 pm.

Kindergarten will be 1/2 day, every day for the 2008—2009 school year. Cuyahoga County will be A.M. and Geauga County will be P.M. If a parent needs to request a change from AM to PM or vice versa, due to a conflict with their work schedule, they must submit the request in writing.

Tuition-based full day, every day kindergarten is being offered at Gurney Elementary. Information regarding the tuition and instructional programming for a full day of kindergarten will be available at registration. A deposit will be required to hold a spot for your child in a full day, every day kindergarten class.

Children five years old on or before September 30, 2008 are eligible for kindergarten for the 2008—2009 school year. Please bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, proof of residency (current utility bill, tax bill, lease or rental agreement), custody documents, if appropriate, any immunization records when you register.

Please allow approximately 30 minutes to complete the registration. It is not necessary to bring your student on the day of registration. A kindergarten Kick-off meeting for parents will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and kindergarten screening will take place May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at Gurney School. Further information will be available at registration.

For questions please call 440-893-4030 ext. 4102.

**Nurse's Notes**

Please send in dry clothes with your student's name on them.

Accidents and spills happen.

Lip Balm: It is a good idea to provide your child with a tube of lip balm or tube of Vaseline.

**Attendance**

When your child is ill, going to be late or going to be out due to a trip please notify the office by 9:00 AM.

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Leaving a message for us on this line is sufficient.

**MUSIC LOVERS**



**SPRING CANDY SALE**



**All students are invited to participate:**

The Spring Candy Sale, benefiting music students in grades K-12, will be held from **February 8 – February 20**. This year the students will be selling candy from **Malley's**, a local Cleveland chocolate company. Sales packets will be distributed by the music teachers to all their students. Orders, complete with payment, are due back to the **SCHOOL OFFICE** by **Wednesday, February 20**. The candy will be ready for pick-up ONE DAY ONLY, at the Rec Center, Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support of the Chagrin Falls School District music program. If you have any questions please Call Donna Sauey at 338-3893 or Kristin Reboul at 338-5111.

### **OPEN NEWS**

OPEN is pleased to invite you to **Coffee with Katie**. Join OPEN on February 7th at 10 AM in the Sands Community Room for coffee and educational planning. We will discuss all kinds of educational plans, from IEPs and 504 plans to intervention and behavior plans. We'll also look at the "softer side" of educational planning; we will discuss strategies for participating positively and effectively on your child's educational team and identify ways to help your child succeed at school. As always, we'll have fun in the process. This talk will be monitored by Katie Wetherbee. Mrs. Wetherbee completed her undergraduate work at Vanderbilt University, where she majored in Special Education and Human and Organizational Development. She began her teaching career in the Washington, DC area, working at a public school. She has also worked in a hospital setting, as well as teaching continuing education courses at a community college. Mrs. Wetherbee holds a master's degree in education from Hood College, where she served on the adjunct faculty for the Reading Specialist program. Mrs. Wetherbee created HOPE Educational Consulting, LLC with Suzanne Wilcox in 2001. She is a professional educational consultant, who facilitates positive, proactive communication and cooperation between parents of children with special needs and school personnel. She and her husband have two children in the Chagrin Falls School District.

Also, be sure to save April 19th on you calendars. The Third Annual OPEN Fashion Show Luncheon will be held at Sammy's at Legacy Village on that date. Our theme this year is "Pretty in Pink". You don't want to miss this exclusive event!

Julie Plante - 338-8622

### **Yearbook**

If you have any pictures that you have taken in your classroom that you would like us to consider for this year's book, either make a CD/label with grade and teacher and place it in the Yearbook File in the PTO box in the office or email them to me at:

[kvehar@hotmail.com](mailto:kvehar@hotmail.com).

Ohio School Pictures will be at Gurney on 2/14 for candid shots around the school. Again, if you have something in your classroom that you would like for them to feature, please let me know and I will make sure the photographer will be in your room. Otherwise, just be aware that they will be in the school that day for pictures.

Any question, just let myself or Mary Donley know and we will help.



## CREATIVE ARTS SUMMER THEATRE WORKSHOP FPAC 2008

**DATES: MONDAY, JUNE 16- FRIDAY, JULY 11 (no camp July 4<sup>th</sup>)**

**Time: 9:00-1:00 p.m. daily** (campers bring a sack lunch and drink)

**WHO: Students entering grades 2-6 in the fall of 2008    COST: \$425**

**Location: Chagrin Falls MS Drama and Music rooms**

**FINAL WORKSHOP PRODUCTION: THURSDAY, JULY 10<sup>TH</sup> “Get in the Game”, a sports musical**

Under the direction of **Pat Keller Haynish** (Gurney music teacher , IS Select Choir Director, HS Musical Director) and **Megan (Brack) Consolo**, Chagrin Falls students will again have the opportunity to attend a four week summer theatre workshop at the Middle School Drama Room on the 7-12 campus.

If you like singing, acting, dancing, and having fun, you will want to be part of the 8<sup>th</sup> summer of this program offered this year through the Fairmount Center. This program is designed to offer exploration of the creative arts for children who want a half day experience. Fun theatre, music, dance and fine arts activities will be included! The emphasis will be on individual growth and a final musical theatre production in which all campers will have a speaking part. **THERE IS NO AUDITION REQUIRED!**

During the workshop, students will develop self-confidence and theatrical skills through creative dramatics, improvisation, movement, vocal training, and a talent show. Each week will have a different theme and children will work in small groups with high school/college counselors as well as the professional staff. There will also be a field trip to see “The Wiz” at Cain Park. This is an updated version of “The Wizard of Oz”.

**For more information contact: Pat Haynish (Gurney School) 440-247-5500 Ext. 4135**

**To Register or read more about FPAC please check this website:  
[WWW.FAIRMOUNTCENTER.ORG/FPAC08](http://WWW.FAIRMOUNTCENTER.ORG/FPAC08) (or call 440-338-3171)**



**Chagrin Falls  
Educational Foundation**  
presents its

**8th Annual All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast**  
**Sunday, March 2, 2008**  
**8:30 AM to 1:30 PM**

**Chagrin Falls Middle School**  
342 East Washington Street



\$6.00 at the door/\$5.00 in advance/ Children 5 & under free

Thank you to our sponsor: **South Franklin Circle**

*All proceeds benefit the Chagrin Falls Schools*

### **TIGER TIMES**

The *Tiger Times* is still working on compiling a district cookbook and we still need more recipes! If you have any favorite recipes you would like to share, please email them to us ([tigertimes@chagrinschools.org](mailto:tigertimes@chagrinschools.org)) or leave them in Ms. Beach's mailbox in the High School office. Also, please encourage your students to do the same; we would love to get lots of recipes from students and parents at all the different schools. Hopefully we will have enough recipes to get cooking soon!

Thank you

The Tiger Times



### CALENDAR

- February 1.....PTO Bingo Night
- February 4-8 .....2nd Grade Testing Week
- February 14.....2:15—Valentine’s Day Parties
- February 15.....No School
- February 18.....President’s Day—No School
- February 19.....Board of Education Mtg. 7:30 pm
- February 20.....PTO Meeting 7:30 pm
- March 1.....Kindergarten Registration 8 am—3 pm  
At Gurney School

*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.*