



Chagrin Falls Schools



NEWS from the CHAGRIN FALLS SCHOOLS

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GURNEY

Second graders at Gurney Elementary are busy learning many new ideas. In science, students are learning about light and sound. In social studies, each teacher is presenting a unit on U.S. Symbols. Students have been actively engaged with many hands on, minds on experiments. In math, second graders have been collecting, organizing and graphing data. In language arts, teachers have begun their reading group routine. October will be a great month of learning for grade two.

October is a busy month for the third graders! The students have the Reading Achievement test behind them and are ready to learn fun new things. We will be learning about the bones in the human body and our teeth as well. Near the end of the month, we will be making skeletons and preparing for Halloween! Halloween brings many fun activities as well! We will learn many poems and songs about Halloween, write some creative stories, and are excited for the big day!

Some third graders are participating in the Gurney Service Learning Club, which challenges the students to work as student leaders in different areas outside of school. Students will have their chance to give back to the community around them as helpers. They will be helping with recycling, planning a blood drive, and spending time with some residents of Hamlet. These youngsters are showing great leadership through their actions.

School District Adds New Feature to Phone System

The Chagrin Falls District Schools have recently added Internet Protocol (IP) group dialing ability to its phone system. This will allow the school system to mass dial the entire district, separate buildings, separate grade levels or even a separate classroom's student list. The schools can now send out a call for emergency purposes such as a school closing or for informational purposes as simple as reminding parents that tomorrow is picture day.

In emergencies, the system will call a student's home number and the mother and fathers' mobile phones (if provided). For information purposes, only the student's home phone will be called.

Numbers have been gathered from emergency medical card data provided the school system and updated in the Student Information Database before phone numbers were imported into the Dial Out System. Subsequent phone number changes will be periodically updated to the system.

Alumni to Sponsor Speaker

The Chagrin Falls Alumni Association will be hosting Dr. Sean Kay on Tuesday, October 30th at 10:00 a.m. in the new Performing Arts Center that is open to the public. Dr. Kay, a 1985 CFHS graduate, is a full professor in the Department of Politics and Government at Ohio Wesleyan University. He specializes in U.S. foreign and national security policy, European security and international organizations. He has authored several books and other publications that have focused on NATO and the ongoing situation in the Middle East and Afghanistan. He can also be seen or heard in the U.S. or Europe on the major news organizations in interviews regarding these issues. Please call the Alumni Office at 247-4387 regarding any questions.

Save the Dates

Music Lovers Citrus Fruit Sale Ready to Go

It is time again for the annual Chagrin Falls Music Lovers Citrus Fruit Sale. Orders will be taken between October 26th – November 9th. Pick-up will take place on December 14th or you may have your order directly shipped! Questions? Call Ruth Loconti @ 893-0737 or May Burl @ 247-4906

Poinsettia Sale To Begin

The Chagrin Falls After Prom Parents Committee is again offering poinsettias, garland and wreaths through its annual Poinsettia Sale beginning November 1-23rd. Shop for all your holiday needs while providing for a fun and safe After Prom Party for our students. Call Robin Kratche at 440-338-1121 with questions or to place an order.

Booster Club Scholarship Dance Scheduled

The Chagrin Falls Booster Club Scholarship Dance will be held on Saturday, November 17 at Signature of Solon. Festivities begin at 6:30 with dinner beginning at 7:30. Come and enjoy the silent auction and music provided by Tony Quarles & the Discovery Band. For more information please contact: Amy Groneman @ 440-338-1804, Beth Fung @ 440-893-0746 or Jane Stricker @ 440-338-3791.

After Prom Fundraiser Date Set

The After Prom Fundraiser, "Fat Friday" will be held on Friday, January 25, 2008 at 7:00p.m. at the Chagrin Valley Athletic Club.