

# York School

Luana Coppus, Principal  
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**Dear Parents and Friends,**

**It's hard to believe that is October already and we are approaching the end of the first 9 weeks which is October 28. Parent – Teacher conferences will be held October 12 & 13. If you haven't already done so, please schedule an appointment with your child's teacher. Don't forget that we have a Parent Access component on Progress Book. This feature allows parents to monitor their child's grades at home. If you do not have internet access at home you may request a copy of your child's grades at any time.**

**All third grade students will be taking the Ohio Achievement Reading Assessment on October 4. Please make sure that your child is well rested and eats a good breakfast on that day. We want to give each student the best opportunity to succeed.**

**It's been a great start to the school year. As always, we welcome you into the school. We need your help and support to continue to provide the best educational environment for your child.**

**Sincerely,  
Mrs. Coppus**



## A LOOK AHEAD

October 4	3 <sup>RD</sup> Grade Reading Test
October 12	Parent-Teacher Conferences; 5:00 – 8:00
October 13	No School Parent-Teacher Conferences; 8:00 – 8:00
October 14	No School
October 19	Marcos Pizza Night
October 28	End of first 9 weeks
November 4	Grade Cards go Home
November 7	No School – Teacher Professional Development



**Reminder:**

**NO SCHOOL**

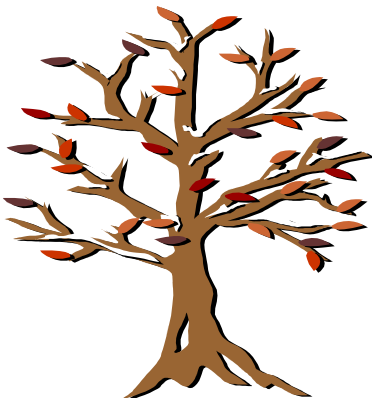
**October 13<sup>th</sup> &  
14<sup>th</sup>**



**Things to Remember:**

- 8:15 Student may go to class**
- 8:25 Tardy Bell – Classes Begin**
- 3:16 Students picked up may leave**
- 3:25 Students get on busses**

**Note: If your child is absent from school don't forget to call the school office by 9:00 a.m. at: 419-484-5050.**



**News from our  
Intervention Specialist**

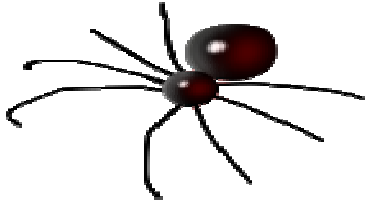
The leaves are changing – autumn is here. As the air becomes cooler we will stay inside more often – what a great time to relax with your child. Ask your child about their day – what they did at school and what they are working on. What was something new they learned? Is there anything they are struggling with? Turn the evening of relaxing into an everyday event. Ask your child to show you their assignment book and ask about each assignment that has been written. While your child completes his/her assignment(s) keep the area quiet and work on something quietly yourself or work with your child if help is needed. When assignments are completed initial your child's assignment book to acknowledge that you have seen the assignment and have seen your child's finished work and it is ready to be handed in.

Keep that evening appointment with your child even when there isn't any homework. Have your child pick a book at their reading level and have them read to you or you read to them. You can also use this time to practice math facts. When your evening relaxation becomes an everyday event you will have created a positive work/study habit within your child which will carry over into adulthood. You will have created a life long learner!!

Mrs. Kahler  
Intervention Specialist



News from Mrs.  
Prenatt's  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class



I'm so excited that we are back to school and everyone seems to be in the swing of things. There have been a lot of changes implemented in our district to improve your son/daughter's education. All of the teacher's are working very hard to ensure that your child is getting the help and assistance they need to be successful in the classroom.

Fifth grade has been hard at working discussing "I can" statements and using exit slips to help the teachers assess who needs further help in various content areas. Make sure to ask your son/daughter about this new form of instruction. The students are putting forth great effort to complete homework and participate in class.

A few reminders for parents, remember to check binders and assignment pads every night. Your son/daughter should be writing down their assignments and tests daily. The use of the binders should help your child stay organized and prepared for class. Please make sure that the "take home" folder is emptied nightly. Remember to check Progress Book for postings of any important announcements of information your child's teacher would like you to be aware of.

Thank you for all your help and support at home, it really makes a difference in your child's life.

Mrs. Prenatt/5<sup>th</sup> Gr-Science/Soc. Studies

## Physical Education News

Welcome back to a new school year. My name is Mr. Scheiber and I am the new Physical Education teacher at York. I have some big shoes to fill this year with the retirement of a well known instructor as Mrs. Dietzel.

I am very excited to work with all of your children and get to know every one of them. We have had an exciting first few weeks of class. We will be incorporating fitness lessons and ideas into our classes. I am also excited to be able to continue the nutrition nuggets that will hopefully be arriving monthly to send home with each of your students. These are news letters that help keep us at the school connected with all of you at home. I hope you will find these useful.

I am also pleased to announce that we will be continuing the Jump for Heart Program with the American Heart Association. This event will take place sometime in January. Hopefully we can meet or exceed the success you all have had in the past. Please keep an eye out for information in your child's take home packs.

If possible, please try to have a pair of athletic shoes for your children on physical education days. If there are any reasons why this is not possible please contact us at the school. If there is any reason that your child cannot participate in class please send a note.

Thank you,  
Mr. Scheiber  
Physical Education

## News from Mrs. Widman's Fourth Grade

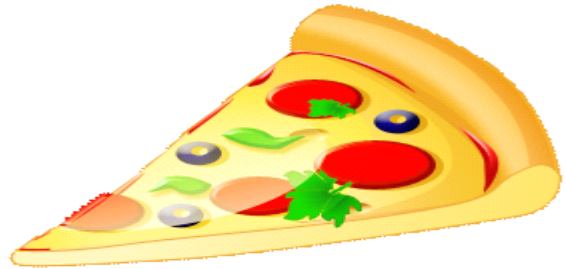
We are off to a good start in fourth grade. The students are adjusting nicely to switching between two teachers throughout the day. They go to Mrs. Stiles for reading and language arts, and they come to me for math and science. The students are also understanding the necessity of completing their planner on a daily basis. It helps them to stay organized and reminds them of their daily assignments. I encourage you to check your child's planner nightly, as it is a great tool for communication between home and school.

In science, we have been studying cells and organisms of the present and past. We concluded our unit with each student making their very own fossil, some even created their very own dinosaur foot. We just started our unit on ecosystems. The students have enjoyed learning and discussing how the various ecosystems are found throughout the world. The students were eager to make their very own ecosystem that they could take home and watched how it changed.

In math, we are starting to study place value and landmarks. We are also beginning to master our multiplication facts; this is a very important concept in fourth grade that they will use throughout their lifetime. Any extra help at home that you can give your son or daughter to help them memorize their facts would be a big help. I look forward to working with your child this year!!

Mrs. Widman

October 19<sup>th</sup>  
Marco's  
Pizza Night



**No School**

**November 7<sup>th</sup>**



**Teacher Professional  
Development Day**