



# North Harrison Elementary School

## Family News

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### GREETINGS!



It has been a joy to see so many of you in the building for our parent-teacher conferences and for our Christmas programs. Thank you for loving your children so much. I know that may seem like an unusual “thanks;” however, as parents, you give so unselfishly to your children of your time (often without appreciation) that I want you to know that your devotion to them does not go unnoticed. You give because you love them, and I assure you that is the greatest gift of all.

Coming up after Christmas, we have our annual *Winterfest* on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that our NHE Science Fair will take place that same week during school hours with our Science Fair Awards being held as part of *Winterfest*. Don't forget to mark your calendars for that date!



Our months after Christmas are also filled with final preparations for ISTEP+ in Grades 3-5. This year, all three grades will be taking ISTEP+ Online. Our 5<sup>th</sup> Graders last year took ISTEP+ in this way and were very successful. The State of Indiana is moving toward online assessment for all students, so our corporation will be taking that step this year. Remember that study time at home each evening helps your child be successful. Extra practice on skills always pays off.

Take some time this holiday season to enjoy your family and friends. Despite the hustle and bustle, all that really matters is our time with one another. May you and your family be richly blessed this Christmas.



Take care,  
Lisa

### FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE



### **PERTUSSIS (Whooping Cough)** What You Need To Know

**Pertussis** (whooping cough) is very contagious and can cause serious illness in infants, children and adults.

**Symptoms:** The disease starts like the congestion, sneezing, and maybe a mild cough or fever. After 1-2 weeks, severe coughing can begin.

Unlike the common cold, pertussis can become a series of coughing fits that continues for weeks. Pertussis can cause violent and rapid coughing, over and over, until the air is gone from the lungs and you are forced to inhale with a loud “whooping” sound.

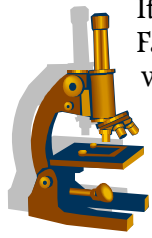
**How Pertussis Spreads:** People with pertussis usually spread the disease by coughing or sneezing while in close contact with others, who then breathe in the pertussis bacteria.

**Preventing Pertussis:** It is recommended you check the immunization status of all family members and make sure they are up-to-date for DTaP (a pertussis containing vaccine for persons less than 7 years of age) or Tdap (a pertussis booster vaccine for persons 10-64 years of age). Your healthcare provider or the Harrison County Health Department (phone: 812-738-3237) should be able to assist you in determining if vaccination is needed for any of your family members.



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## ANNUAL NHE SCIENCE FAIR



It's that time of year! NHE Science Fair interest letters will go home with students when they return to school after Christmas break on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Those letters will need to be returned by Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, so that your child can receive an information packet. As soon as your child returns his/her interest letter, an information packet will be sent home with further details about the science fair, as well as category designations and project suggestions.

Once your child has chosen his/her project, the participation form included in the information packet will need to be completed and returned by Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. All science fair projects are due to school on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Judging will take place on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Our NHE Science Fair Awards ceremony will be held as part of *Winterfest* on Thursday evening, January 26<sup>th</sup>.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade to the Kentucky Center for the Arts**

-- PTO Night with Santa

Come sit on Santa's knee, make sure he has your list and get your picture taken with the jolly old elf. Then enjoy cookies and hot cocoa with family and friends!

**Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade to *Madeline's Christmas* at IUS Ogle Center**

**Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten to A *Velveteen Rabbit Christmas* at Derby Dinner**

**Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> – Classroom Christmas Parties** sponsored by NHE PTO. Only room parents may attend. Each child will need a gift costing \$5.00 or less for a gift exchange. Boys buy a gift for a boy and girls buy a gift for a girl.

**Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> – No School: Christmas Break**



**Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Students return to school**

**Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> – Cougar Readers** recognized at halftime of NHHS Varsity Boys' Basketball Game, approximately 7:00 p.m.

**Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: No School for Students**

**Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> – Annual NHE *Winterfest*.** Classrooms open from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Science Fair Awards Ceremony, 7:15 in the gym. Projects also on display.

**Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to JA Biztown**

**Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade to IUS Ogle Center for *Kuniks* performance**  
✍ Midterm reports sent home

**Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> – Classroom Valentine Parties** sponsored by NHE PTO. Only room parents may attend.

**Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> – Ident-a-Kid** pictures taken

**Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> – Presidents' Day: No School for Students**

**Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Kentucky Center for the Arts for *Number the Stars***

**Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> through Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – ISTEP+ Online Applied Skills** in Grades 3-5

**Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade to IUS Ogle Center for *Number the Stars***  
✍ 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade to JB Speed Art Museum and Rauch Planetarium

**Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – Spring Picture Day**

**Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> – IREAD3 Assessment** in Grade 3

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