

Lion Tales

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FROM THE DESK OF MRS. SHARON DICKMAN - OLIN SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPAL

I hope everyone had a nice spring break. It certainly was wonderful having such nice weather. A couple of weeks ago I noticed that when students were outside for recess they were no longer playing in the snow piles, but playing 4-square, kickball and basketball on the concrete along with other “running” games. We are ALL ready to shed the winter coats, hats/gloves and boots.

The best news to share is the results the students made on their Iowa Assessments. Only grades 1-6 take the Iowa Assessments. The Department of Education has determined the results of the Iowa Assessments indicate how closely the school’s curriculum matches the Iowa Core Standards and Benchmarks. The goal is for at least 80% of students to be proficient on the Iowa Tests in Reading Comprehension and Mathematics.

Reading Comprehension: 71% of the students in grades 1-6 are proficient in Reading Comprehension. This is a considerable increase from the year before. This year, a 30 minute intervention time has been scheduled in which students are grouped for instruction based on a need area in literacy. For example, specific group instruction has included phonics, comprehension and fluency. The most current progress monitoring data includes that most students are well on their way to being independent in their grade level at the end of the school year. Due to a \$13,500 grant from the Department of Education, the teachers are examining 3 new reading series. All 3 reading series are based on the Common Core. Teachers will choose 1 of the 3 to purchase. We will begin instructing students in these new materials next year. We are confident that the new materials based on the Common Core will also increase reading scores.

Mathematics: 79% of the students in grades 1-6 are proficient in Mathematics. This is a slight increase from the year before. The 5th and 6th graders spent some of the 30 minute intervention time reviewing math facts before the Iowa Assessments were given in February.

Iowa Test Celebration Swimming / Pizza Party: Students in grades 2-6 were motivated to try their “very best” on the Iowa Tests because they knew that if they met 1 of the following 3 criteria they were eligible to attend a swimming/pizza party to celebrate their hard work. The criteria includes:

1. Being proficient in EITHER Reading Comprehension OR Mathematics.
2. Increase their Reading Comprehension or Mathematics score by 5 points from the year before.
 - a. 47% of the students who were not proficient in Reading Comprehension improved at least 5 points from the year before.
 - b. 62% of the students who were not proficient in Mathematics improved at least 5 points from the year before.
3. Being within 5 points of this year’s proficiency score in in EITHER Reading Comprehension OR Mathematics.
 - a. 41 % of student who were not proficient in Reading Comprehension were within 5 points of the proficiency score.
 - b. 38% of students who not proficient in Mathematics were within 5 points of the proficiency score.

First graders were eligible by meeting the criteria in #1 and #3.

2014-2015 School Calendar: The school board approved next year’s calendar. Here are a few important dates:

- Meet and Greet will be Thursday, August 14, 2014 from 4:00-6:00
- Winter Break will be December 22, 2014- January 2, 2015.
- Spring Break will be March 16-March 20, 2014 with March 19 and 20 as weather make-up days.
- The last day of school will be May 27, 2015.



KINDERGARTEN AND PRE-KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP:

Olin's Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten Round Up for the 2014-2015 school year will be held on Wednesday, April 16th from 8:30-11:00 AM.

There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, April 15th for parents from 5:00-6:00 PM. At this meeting you will learn about the Pre-K and Kindergarten programs and what is required for your child to register for the 2014-2015 school year.

To register for Kindergarten, a child must be five by September 15, 2014. To register for Pre-kindergarten, a child must be four by September 15, 2014. Students enrolled in Pre-K will be enrolled on a tuition basis only. The tuition rate will be based on the number of students enrolled in the program. The tuition costs will be estimated in August after school registration and the student numbers are reviewed. Scholarships will be available for those who qualify.

Please fill out and mail the registration form below to:
 Sandy Weirather, Elementary Office
 Olin Consolidated School
 212 Trilby St.
 Olin, Iowa 52320



Call the Olin School at 319-484-2170 if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT DATES REMINDER:

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OLIN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENTS:

If you have a child that will be entering Kindergarten or Pre-Kindergarten this fall, please fill out the form below and send it to the office at the Olin School. Information concerning the Round-Up held on Wednesday, April 16th will be sent out when we have a tentative list of students.

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Student's Name _____

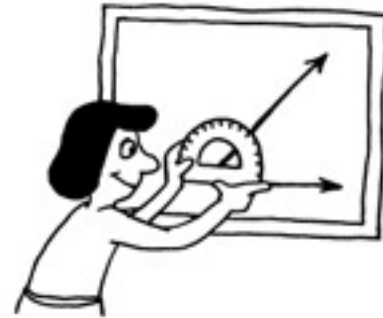
Student's Birthdate Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Place check by preference: PK _____ K _____

If unable to attend – we will need to schedule an alternative time to meet with you and your son or daughter.

FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE

Mrs. Armstrong: The 5th grade is just starting the concept of Geometry in Math right now. They are working with lines, angles, and shapes. Soon they will be working with 3-dimensional shapes so they can classify them. In English the students are working on pronouns. After these lessons they will be writing a comparison paper. In Science they are finishing their unit determining what makes something float or sink in a liquid. The last unit that we will start soon is working with designing and making models.



The 6th grade just finished their Math unit on perimeter, area, and volume and are starting to work on fractions. In Science they are finishing their unit on measuring time with different instruments and talking about why using them is good or bad. Soon they will start their last unit on understanding the Science concepts that Roller Coasters have to work with.

Both 5th and 6th graders are working on reading real-world non-fiction literature that they will encounter in their future in Literature Groups. Some examples are different road signs, how to read a medicine bottle, being able to understand bank and credit card accounts, and the ability to read plane, bus, and movie schedules.

Mrs. Onken: In 6th grade Reading, we are finishing up reading Hatchet by Gary Paulson. All have been enjoying this story of survival and many want to continue reading the sequels! In 6th grade English, we also have finished up our research paper on a topic of our choosing. We had to write an outline, take notes, and include a cover page and bibliography of the sources we used for information. We will now move on to working with pronouns. In 6th grade Social Studies, we finished up our chapter on Ancient Rome and created a game board with a partner or small group with many facts and questions about Ancient Rome to challenge our classmates as they play. We had a good time playing each other's game on Ancient Rome!!

In 5th grade Reading, we are finishing up the book The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster. After some final activities and discussion about the book, we will be able to compare and contrast the book with the movie to talk about similarities and differences and which we liked better. In 5th grade Social Studies, we finished up learning about the colonies by writing a book to compare them, and we have also read about the American Revolution.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE PULL TABS UPDATE

The last deposit of pull tabs were collected on Monday, March 31st and taken to Iowa City Ronald McDonald House. We collected over 88 pounds of tabs!



The Ronald McDonald House of Iowa City is a 31-room "home away from home" for families with children receiving critical medical care in Iowa City. The recycling program is beneficial for everyone involved. It does not interfere with other can recycling programs and recycles a resource that might otherwise go to waste. More importantly, it helps children and their families in their time of need.

FOURTH GRADE

Mrs. Achenbach: April Showers bring May flowers.

The fourth grade class wrote Haiku poems for a poetry lesson. We would like to share them with you.

Liam is little. Liam is my cool brother. My little brother. By Jenna

Hearing the birds sing, picking pretty red roses. A vase on the desk. By Mae

Hiking, swimming, cool. Swimming, diving, skipping, fun. By Anna

Spring is coming. Spring is so very cool. Spring is fun. By Emily

Flowers are pretty. I love to pick some flowers. Daisy and roses. By Shannon

I have five beagles. I run my dogs in the woods. I love beagles. By Xander

Fishing is awesome. I really like to go fish. It is so awesome. By Lane

Dodge ball is so fun. Dodge ball is cool to throw things. Dodge ball is so sweet. By Ayiden

I love Spring, it's great. You can swim, dance, laugh, and sing. Spring's great and cool, too. By Kylie

Spring is fun and cool. Have fun, stay cool, play outside. Swim, have fun, swim. By Emma

Swimming in fresh air. We go swimming in the Spring. Swimming is the best. By Nicole

I'm playing with a friend, Playing Mine Craft with my friends. Cool fun, cool, cool, cool. By David

Happy April Birthdays to Ayiden and Anna.



AEA Digital Library: Iowa Area Education Agencies provide twelve dynamic online resources for grades preK-6 to all Iowa accredited schools.

Iowa students have access at school and at home (Internet access required), 24 hours a day, seven days a week. These online resources give your child access to a wealth of information for assignments, classroom projects, and personal interest. One of these online resources is AEA Digital Library. This contains curriculum resources from leading producers of preK-12 content. This collection will continue to grow! Current resources include physical science, life science, earth science and financial literacy. Students can access these online resources at www.iowaaeaonline.org using the username and password they are given at school. The password can also be obtained by contacting the elementary school.

Iowa AEA Online
Educational Resources Funded and Provided by Iowa's Area Education Agencies

FEBRUARY 2014

B.U.G.S



Pre-Kindergarten



Kindergarten



1st Grade



2nd Grade



3rd Grade



4th Grade



Students are taught and reminded to make choices based on:

- The SAFETY of all students and adults
- Treating all students and adults with RESPECT
- RESPONSIBLE behaviors

5th Grade



6th Grade



Olin Elementary Lunch Calendar

~ April 2014 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 BKF: French Toast* Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad Cherry Tomatoes Orange Wedges Bread & Butter Sand.	2 BKF: Egg Sand.* Chicken Nuggets Dk. Green Leaf Lettuce Mixed Veggies Fresh Banana Bread & Butter Sand.	3 BKF: French Toast* Lasagna Garden Salad Garlic Br. Stick w/Marinara Sauce Fresh Apple Slices	4 BKF: Cereal* Chicken Patty Green Beans Sliced Peas	5
6	7 BKF: Cereal* Chicken Nuggets Vegetables Cherry Tomatoes Celery Sticks Tropical Fruit	8 BKF: French Toast* Tacos Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato Corn Peaches	9 BKF: Egg Sand.* Cheese Breadsticks w/Marinara Sauce Garden Salad Steamed Peas	10 Cereal* Brat or Hot Dog Baked Beans Strawberries Fruit Choice	11 NO SCHOOL	12
13	14 BKF: Cereal* Scalloped Pot. w/Ham Tossed Salad Glazed Carrots Peach Halves	15 BKF: French Toast* Hamburger/Bun Lettuce/Tomatoes Red Bell Pepper Strips Fresh Kiwi/Fruit Apple Crisp	16 BKF: Cereal* Chicken Noodles/Mashed Potatoes Fresh Grapes Bread & Butter Sand.	17 BKF: Egg Wrap* Chicken Sandwich Fresh Broccoli & Cauliflower Pineapple Tidbits	18 NO SCHOOL	19
20	21 BKF: Cereal* Mandarin Orange Chicken over Brown Rice Peas Bread & Butter Sand. Fresh Apple	22 BKF: French Toast* Garden Salad Fresh Baby Carrots Summer Fruit Salad Oven Baked Fries	23 BKF: Cereal Hot Dogs Oven Fries Baked Beans Sliced Peaches	24 BKF: Egg Sand.* Sub Sandwich Lettuce Tomato Slice Fresh Watermelon	25 BKF: Cereal McRib Steamed Broccoli Oranges	26
27	28 BKF: Cereal* Hot Ham & Cheese/Bun Potato Wedges Fresh Broccoli Fresh Grapes	2 BKF: French Toast* Cheese Pizza Tossed Salad Cherry Tomatoes Orange Wedges Bread & Butter Sand.	30 BKF: Cereal* Popcorn Chicken Green Beans Sliced Peas Bread & Butter Sand.	Notes: Menu Subject to Change *Daily breakfast includes listed menu item & 100% juice/fruit and milk 1/2 pint of 1% or skim milk served w/meals		

Olin Elementary Activity Calendar

~ April 2014 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1 Camp Courageous Swimming and Pizza Party 4-6 p.m. SPARKS 3:20-4:30	2 Kahm Sauer Open Gym 4:30 – 8:00 Kelly McAtee - Dance Meeting Room 5:30-7:45	3	4 Professional Development Early Out – 12:30	5	
6 Tim Zaruba – gym 3:30 – 6:00	7 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4 – 8 p.m.	8 SPARKS 3:20-4:30	9 Kahm Sauer Open Gym 4:30 – 8:00	10 Early Dismissal 12:30 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4 – 7 p.m.	11 NO SCHOOL	12 Dodge Ball 5-10 p.m.	
13 Tim Zaruba – gym 3:30 – 6:00 Clover Kids Mig. Room 4:00 – 5:30 Rain Date for Easter Egg Hunt – Gym 3-3:30	14	15 SPARKS 3:20-4:30 PK & Kindergarten Round-Up Parent Meeting in the Kindergarten Room 5-6 p.m.	16 Kahm Sauer Open Gym 4:30 – 8:00 PK & Kindergarten Round-Up 8:30-11:30 Kelly McAtee - Dance Meeting Room 5:30-7:45	17	18 NO SCHOOL	19	
20 Tim Zaruba – gym 3:30 – 6:00	21 Snow Make-Up Day for Olin Elementary School Board Meeting Meeting Room 6:00	22 SPARKS 3:20-4:30	23 Kahm Sauer Open Gym 4:30 – 8:00	24	25 Muffins for Moms 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	26 4-H Soup Supper School Cafeteria 4-8 p.m.	
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SNOW MAKE-UP DAYS FOR OLIN AND ANAMOSA

There have been a few changes to the schedule due to the number of days school has been closed due to weather.

Please note the following dates:

- ✓ April 18 - **No School at Olin - Anamosa has school.** Bussing for MS/HS provided.
- ✓ April 21 - **Olin has school. Anamosa has school.**
- ✓ June 2 - Olin has school. Anamosa has school.
- ✓ June 3 - **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR OLIN.** Anamosa has school.
- ✓ June 4 - Anamosa has school. Bussing for MS/HS provided.
- ✓ June 5 - Anamosa has school. Bussing for MS/HS provided.
- ✓ June 6 - **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ANAMOSA.** Bussing for MS/HS provided.



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