

CYNTHIA HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • 435-8740 • Mrs. Lee Ann Shields, Principal

May 21, 2010

Dear Parents,

As summer vacation draws near, I want to give a *special* thanks to our **PTA, Mr. Gary Loveless, Miss Becky Owens, the 8th grade students from Helfrich Park**, all of the **parent volunteers**, and to our **teacher/storybook characters** who made our **Celebration of Reading** a wonderful event last Friday! Through motivational events like this, our AR Club, and our excellent teacher instruction, our students are becoming great readers! Please encourage your child to continue reading during the summer!

I am excited that over **190** of our students were members of our AR Club this year! One of our third grade students, **Hannah Nelson**, was our top reader with **725 points**! She has broken the previous school record of 537 points! She will be principal-for-a-day on May 25. Miss Nelson and the two next highest readers, **Jackson Elaman**, a fourth grader with 253 points, and **Emily Umbach**, a fifth grader with 219 points, will be going to lunch with me on May 25. I'm looking forward to having lunch with these three amazing readers!

This year, I have several changes to report in regard to our staff. As you might have heard, we are losing three of our "master teachers" to retirement! **Mrs. Lacer, Mrs. Price, and Mrs. Singer** are all going to be missed next year. They have had a significant, positive, impact on the lives of many children during their teaching careers! They are all looking forward to more time with their families, travel, and fun!

New teaching assignments so far are: **Mrs. Wells** will be moving from kindergarten to take Mrs. Lacer's first grade, **Mrs. Hopkins** will be returning from maternity leave to her kindergarten room, and **Mrs. Marissa Zimmer**, will be coming to us from Dexter to join our 5th grade team to take Mrs. Singer's position! We have a staff of great teachers at Cynthia Heights! No matter who your child is assigned to for the next school year, he/she will have a top notch, hard-working, dedicated professional for a teacher!

I am excited to also tell you that our school will be receiving those awesome Promethean Boards/White Boards for the rest of our remaining classrooms sometime during the summer or at the beginning of the school year! They are tremendous teaching tools and highly engaging for our students, and an asset to learning. Thank you **Dr. Bertram** and **Mr. Russ** for making this possible for our students!

I am also excited that almost all of our teachers will be trained this summer in the Inquiry Based Teaching Method for Science which includes hands-on-science projects and notebooking skills for our students at all grade levels K-5! We are already planning for next year, such things as: Student Goals, Novels/Book Clubs, differentiated instructional groups, word wisdom, hands-on-science, and many more exciting learning activities!

A big THANK YOU to the **West Side Nut Club** for their recent, very generous donation of **\$3,600** to our school. They are true supporters of all of our west side schools, students, and families!

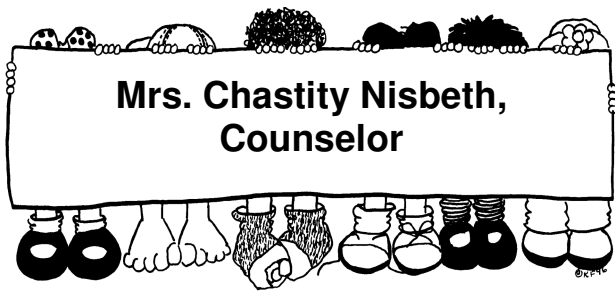
Parents of current 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade students should be looking for Study Island summer information to come home soon. Study Island replaces the Summer Packets that we used to send home and is a fun way to keep your children learning over the summer.

In closing, this has been a great year! Thanks for sharing your children with me. They are wonderful, little people. Have a safe and fun summer!



Sincerely,

Lee Ann



**Mrs. Chastity Nisbeth,
Counselor**

ISTEP:

ISTEP scores will be available beginning in June. In with your child's report card will be an Indiana Department of Education Parent Network letter. The letter will give you all the instructions you need to access your child's ISTEP scores online. Also, at some point during the summer, you will receive a copy of your child's student report which tells you how they performed on ISTEP. This report will come to you in the U.S. Mail.

Summer Fun:

Parents and students often ask, "What will I/we do with all the lazy, hazy days of summer? Here are some ideas:

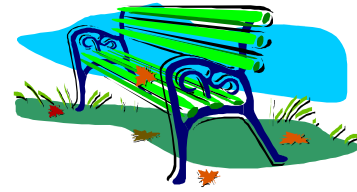
- Lie on a blanket at night and find constellations.
- Interview family members and write a family history.
- Read! Join the library's summer reading program.
- Swim!
- Exercise & picnic at one of the city or county parks.
- Re-write favorite family recipes, substituting more healthful ingredients.
- Write thank you and thinking-of-you notes to special people.
- Visit the zoo.
- Review 3 or 4 math facts DAILY.
- Use some favorite photos to make a unique photo album.

Have a Great Summer!



"We the People"

Congratulations to Mrs. Schultz'
5th grade class for receiving
"Outstanding" rating in the state
"We the People" competition.
We are proud of our future leaders!



Thank you to Mrs. Rhonda Harper for your hard work in organizing the Bar-B-Q Memorial Fundraiser for Alyssa and Caleb Lynch. The \$2,179 raised will be used toward the purchase of benches for the new courtyard project scheduled to begin this summer. We appreciate the families and other community members who contributed to this worthwhile memorial project.



Wildcat Walkers

The top four "100+ mile" Wildcat Walkers will have lunch at Golden Corral with Mrs. Shields. They are:

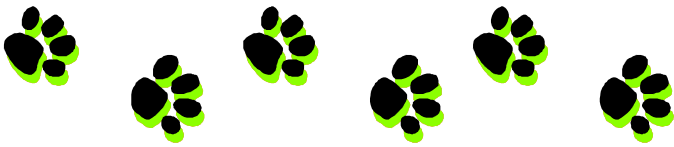
**Max Ashby
Tanner Bell
Gavin Murray
Jake Robertson**

**60 miles and still walking:
Kyle Hartmann**

**Look who reached 40 miles!
Isaac Simms
Conner Feagley**

**Joining our 20 mile team:
Allison Herr
Isaac Laugel**

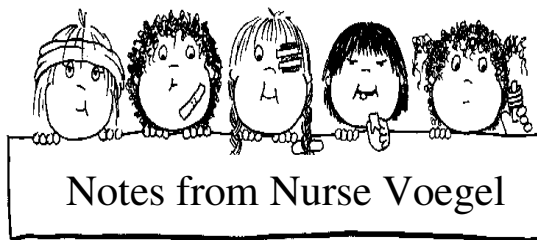
**Congratulations to all of our Wildcat Walkers, you did an awesome job!
Keep walking this summer!**



Attention Future Helfrich Park PUMA's:

There is a dress code policy in effect for all students at Helfrich Park for the 2010-2011 school year!

- **Shirts** – All students must wear a polo or oxford shirt. Shirts may be a solid color or striped; no prints, writing on shirts, pictures, etc. will not be allowed. Shirts should fit properly; oversized or hooded shirts/sweatshirts will not be allowed.
- **Pants** – Only solid-colored slacks or jeans will be allowed. Pants must fit properly. Pants are not allowed to have any tears, slits, or extreme length dragging the floor; nor outside zippers, metal, studding, etc.
- **Shorts** – Students are allowed to wear shorts that approach the knee. Capri-style pants or knickers are preferred for female students.



Dear Parents, Faculty, Support Staff and Students:

Thank you for another wonderful year at Cynthia Heights. This note is wishing all of you a safe and happy summer. I also want to pause and give a big THANK YOU to all the parents that have helped me in any way. A special thanks to the wonderful Cynthia Heights PTA, faculty, and support staff. Our parent volunteers are the greatest!

Nurse Voegel


Accelerated Reader

TOP TEN SCHOOL WIDE POINT LEADERS AS OF 04/30/10

Hannah Nelson	725.9	Trinkle
Jackson Elaman	253.9	Courtney
Emily Umbach	219.1	Bryan
Patrick Barchett	208.8	Bryan
Addison Paul	205.7	Schultz
Elyse Talley	188.8	Lewis
Jacob Cree	158.2	Walker
Caleb Tichenor	153.6	Wargel
Amanda Meuth	153.5	Hamilton
Isaac Gibson	153.4	Lacer

Hannah Nelson broke the previous AR record and will be principal for the day on May 25th. Hannah, Jackson, and Emily will also be going out to lunch with Mrs. Shields!

Way to Go Wildcat Readers!



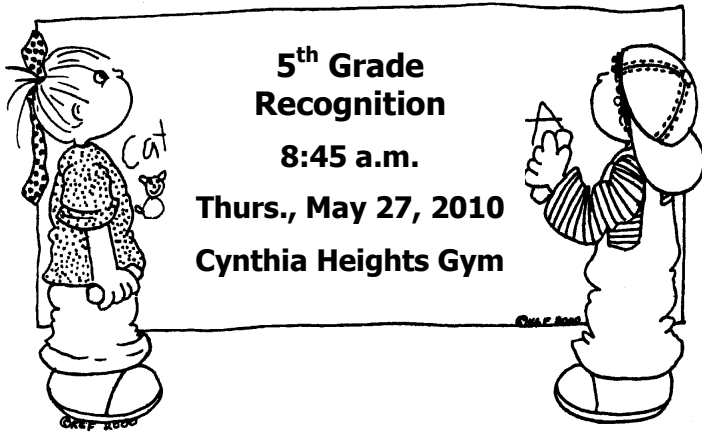
Please have an adult stop by the school to pick up any unused medication by the end of school day on May 27th.



New Junie B. Jones books for the Media Center

Thank you to Bailey Brush's aunts for presenting a new set of 23 Junie B. Jones books to add to the library collection. These books were donated in memory of Bailey's friend, Alyssa Lynch.

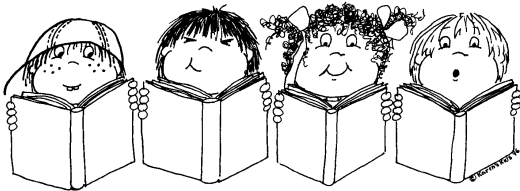
Thank you also to Kinsey, Calyssa, and Krisa Peralta's grandmother for her donation of new books to the Media Center.



**Free
School Physicals & Immunizations
For Uninsured K-12 Students
Thursday, July 15, 2010
3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
St. Mary's Center for Children
3900 Washington Avenue (suite 100)**

School Physicals and Immunizations will be provided at **No Charge** for school-age children. These services are available for any school-age child without insurance. The student must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian and they **MUST have their current immunization record.**

**APPOINTMENT IS REQUIRED
Call 435-8343 to schedule an
appointment**



April Book Buck Winners

The following students were selected in a random drawing from all students who earned three Book Bucks for the month of April. The following students were awarded a new book from the PTA.

Jackson Ashby, Shelby Burns, Bailey Brush, Aiden Curl, Eric Dietsch, Grace Gill, Jacob Guffey, Branden Horton, Ryder Lloyd, Carter Loveless, Bailey Menacher, Dalton Morris, Rhiannon Reiter, Seth Reynolds, Logan Roberson, Alexa Sacco, Bailey Schmitt, Nathan Snyder, Kamri Sumrall, and Taylor Wilson



Mark your calendars, the first day of the 2010-2011 school year is Wednesday, August 11, 2010.



Arbor Day Essay Contest

Congratulations to Elyse Talley for winning 1st place in this year's Arbor Day Essay contest!

Eagle Scout Courtyard Project

Kevin Niehaus, former Cynthia Heights student, will be working in our courtyard this summer. He will be building a gazebo with landscaping to provide our students with an outdoor classroom setting to study nature, read books, or any other outdoor activity the teachers want to provide for their students. Donations to help him with this project will be appreciated. Please contact Kevin at 963-8919 if you want to help with this project!



Ed Center News

Day Care Wrap Up!

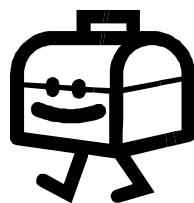
Day Care celebrated International Day last Friday. Each group took a different country and brought in items and facts about that country. It was very exciting to hear about how other countries live. The groups chose: France, United Kingdom, Egypt, Germany, and China. Thank you to all the parents who helped out.

Last month Miss Codi spoke to our group about rescue dogs. She rescues German Shepherds and helps out the Humane Society. She brought in 2 of her dogs and showed us some tricks they could do.

We are wrapping up this year with a lot of fun activities. We hope everyone has a great summer. If you need Day Care over the summer, contact Mrs. D at 963-6031, she we will be able to give you a few ideas.

Next year's theme for PTA Reflections is
"Together We Can..."
and the theme for Citizenship is
"What Being Free Means to Me."

Start working on ideas and entries NOW to create some awesome projects! If anyone has suggestions for themes for either of these programs, there are separate contests for that too. Please go to the website www.indianapta.org and click on Programs, then Reflections, or Citizenship for more details.



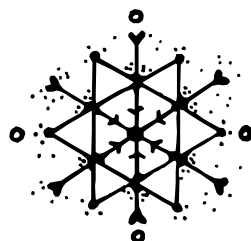
Cafeteria News

The school year has been great and to have it close as smoothly as possible, we would ask your help in the following areas:

1. When sending money for student's accounts, keep in mind the number of days left in this school year. An excess amount cannot be left in the account.
2. Any money left in the student's account at the end of this school year will automatically "roll over" into his/her account for the 2010/2011 school year unless:
 - a. The student is in the 5th grade. His/her monies will automatically be refunded at the end of the year.
 - b. The cafeteria is notified by the parent that a refund is desired.
3. All IOU's must be paid before the end of the school year or they will be carried over to the next school year.
4. If you have any questions, please call Dana Estes, Cafeteria Manager at 435-8748.

Also, it has become very important when sending a check for lunches that the check be made payable to Cynthia Heights Cafeteria. Please do not abbreviate with CHS or EVSC. This is a requirement of the State Board of Accounts. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Dana Estes
Cafeteria Manager



Snow Make-up Day

Thursday, May 27
Last Day of School!

“Super Readers”

Congratulations to the 178 students who earned the title “Super Reader” this year. Super Readers are those students who turn their Book Buck sheets in each month and earn the maximum 3 Book Bucks for every month, September – April, for a total of 24 Book Bucks. These students were awarded with a new book from PTA during Celebration of Reading.

Thank you 5th Grade Library Helpers

Mrs. Niehaus sends a huge THANK YOU to the 5th Grade Library Helpers who put in many hours throughout the school year to help keep the Media Center in order. The students shelved books, cleaned and straightened, helped with the book fairs, and even helped change the letters on the school sign. Thanks to the following student helpers who stuck with it the entire school year.

Kassandra Arnold, Patrick Barchett, Lily Casavant, Kaylee Dillman, Loren Jones, Jessica Marcum, Hannah Miller, Emma Niederhaus, Erin Niederhaus, Addison Paul, Tiffany Rue, Sarah Schnautz, Emily Umbach, and Adison Young

Thanks so much!

Many thanks to all the Parents, Mrs. Niehaus, Mr. Gary Loveless, Miss Becky Owens, and 8th grade students of Helfrich Park STEM Academy for all their help at Celebration of reading! It was a great, fun filled day! We would also like to thank McDonalds and Rogers Jewelers for their generous donations to our Celebration of Reading!

THANKS!

The 5th Grade Class would like to thank all of the parents, grandparents, family, and friends who helped raise the money so we could go to Holiday World & Splashin’ Safari. We are looking forward to graduation, but will miss Cynthia Heights!



Bailey Brush
Winner of the March
Box Tops Map Drawing!

Abigail Harrison
Winner of the April
Box Tops Map Drawing!

May’s Crayola Box Tops Winners are:

Kaylee Meyer 151
Noah James 108
William Elfreich 100
Sophia Rexing 100
Abbie Steinhart 89

A big “Thank You” to everyone who sent in Box Tops and Campbell’s Soup labels all year. I’ll be sending home an extra map so that you can save Box Tops and labels over the summer. Please feel free to make extra copies of the map and return them in August. We also have a “new product”, Welch’s Jelly & Jams will have Box Tops on them this summer. So check it out! Keep clipping and saving Box Tops! Have a wonderful summer vacation!

Congratulations to the Top 3 class winners who sent in the most Box Tops!

1st place – Mrs. Walker (2nd Grade)
3,043 Box Tops wins a pizza party!
2nd place – Mrs. Hamilton (2nd Grade)
2,500 Box Tops wins a doughnut party!
3rd place – Mrs. VanMeter (3rd Grade)
2,474 Box Tops wins an ice cream party!