

Dear Tekoppel Family,

April 30, 2009

The hustle and bustle of the end of the school year is here. Laughter and excitement fill the air as children participate in baseball and soccer practices and games. Others are tapping and flipping getting ready for that special dance recital. With all of the "busyness" that is part of spring, don't forget to mark your calendar for those special end of the year school activities. We really enjoy your support and participation in making these lasting school memories.

This summer don't forget to read with your child. The public libraries have wonderful summer programs for children of all ages. Make it a weekly event to go to the library to pick-up some favorite reading materials. Remember boys usually like books about animals, sports, weather or real life experiences. Girls enjoy books about fashion, interesting stories, and teen idols. Talk to your child about their books and encourage them to read every day for at least 10 to 15 minutes. Reading is the single most important education activity you can do over the summer.

I would like to thank each one of you for supporting and trusting our faculty and staff with the education of your children. We appreciate your help in encouraging your child to be a successful lifelong learner.

Sincerely,
Sally

Scholastic Book Fair

May 8-15

Open

Friday, May 8

5:30-7:00 p.m.

Snow Make-Up Day

Friday, May 22

Last Day of School
Report Cards Sent Home:



a note
to remind you...

May 1	Safety Patrol Bowling Party	
May 1	PTA Walk A Mile 4 Kids	5:30
May 4-8	Teacher Appreciation Week	
May 5	All City Jazz Band @ Tekoppel	
May 7	3 rd Grade to Angel Mounds	
May 8	5 th Grade Field Trip to Helfrich Park	
May 8	PTA Movie Night at Tekoppel	
May 8-11	Scholastic Book Fair	
May 12	Evie & Keep Evansville Beautiful Visit First Grade	
May 14	5 th Grade YMCA Day	
May 14	Kindergarten Field Trip to Zoo & Howell Park	
May 15	Celebration of Great Citizenship	
May 18	5 th Grade DARE Graduation	8:15
May 19	4 th Grade to Lincoln's Boyhood Home	
May 20	Fifth Grade Class Day	8:30
May 21	Talent Show	8:30
May 22	Last Day of School	
	Report Cards Go Home	



COUNSELOR'S CORNER



Encourage Responsibility Traits In Your Child

Parents want their child to be "responsible." But what does this really mean? A responsible person is respectful, honest, courageous and in control. Here are some ways to encourage these traits in your child:

RESPECTFULNESS

Kids need to be concerned about themselves and others. Help your child consider feelings of others. Teach them to treat others how they would want to be treated.

HONESTY

Talk to your child about how honesty leads to trust. Set a good example by admitting mistakes. Make it a family habit to apologize, learn from things, and move on.

COURAGE

Standing up for beliefs can be scary. Prepare your child by role-playing tough situations. Encourage him to make good decisions despite his fear.

SELF CONTROL

Life is full of temptations. Kids benefit when they are patient and calm. If your child is angry about something, help him weigh the pros and cons of possible reactions.

Future Helfrich Park Pumas

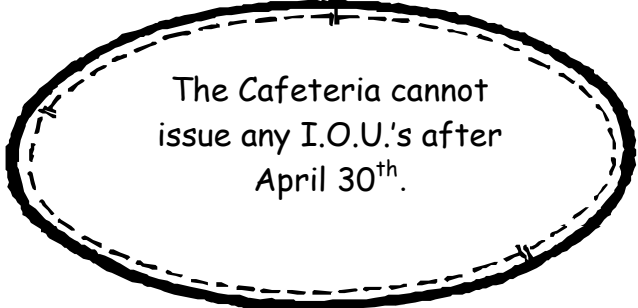
There will be a new dress policy in effect for all students at Helfrich Park this coming 2009-2010 school year!

- **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 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.

-A NOTE FROM THE CAFETERIA-

To have the end of the year close as smoothly as possible, we ask your help in the following areas:

1. *When sending money for your child's account, keep in mind the number of days left in this school year. We don't want an excess amount left in the account.*
2. *Any money that is left in the student's account at the end of the year will automatically "roll over" into his/her account for the 2009-2010 school year unless:*
 - a. *The student is in the fifth grade. Fifth Graders will automatically be refunded any monies at the end of the year.*
 - b. *The cafeteria is notified by the parent that a refund is desired. This should be made by May 8th.*
3. *All IOU's must be paid by May 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Priscilla Snyder at 435-8608.*



The Cafeteria cannot
issue any I.O.U.'s after
April 30th.

Thank You
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Thank you PEF, Rotary and Love Foundation for awarding Tekoppel six grants for the 2009-2010 school year. Their support gives us opportunities to enhance the education of our students. We are very grateful for their generous gifts.