



News From The Middle

Fort Recovery Middle School

March 2010

Will Spring Ever Arrive?

As the snow piles up, melts down and piles up again, we find ourselves wondering if it will ever end. Spring is usually a time of very unsettled weather in Ohio. Like the weather outside, there is a great deal of change going on in our building. With the onset of spring we find our 8th graders listening to presentations from various clubs and groups from the high school. We also begin the process of registering our returning middle school students for the upcoming year. Whenever you are in this process, I would encourage you to take some time to talk with your child about the courses they are enrolling in and the activities they are interested in participating in at Fort Recovery. I hope that you encourage your child to join a group/club such as Student Council or join one of our five athletic teams. If your child is interested in music, they can join our middle school band or choir. Participating in a co-curricular or extracurricular activity is a

wonderful way for any student to make new friends and gain valuable experiences.

Science Fair 2010

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Science Fair last month! Receiving a Superior were 8th graders Jesse Buckley, Morgan Dues, Joe Gonzalez, Ashley Homan & Isaac Keller. The 7th grade superior recipients were Olivia Acheson, Abbie Grube, Katie Homan & Lauren Rammel. The 6th grade superior recipients were Brook Acheson, Chase Bruns, Kelsey Evers, Abigail Fullenkamp, Caitlyn Huelkamp, Tanner Koch, Leah Kunk, Brian Lennartz, Morgan Lennartz, Adam LeFevre, Ethan Muhlenkamp, Caylen Rockwood, Cori Stone, Chelsea Timmerman, Tori Vaughn & Kasey Vogel. Thanks to the Business Advisory Council and Fort Recovery High School for providing judges for the competition.

Tdap Shot Update

The 2010-2011 school year requirements for Ohio's 7th grade students have changed. All students entering the 7th grade must have a Tdap or Td booster vaccination. A booster cannot be given unless a series containing either Dtap, Dt or Td is completed. The series should have been completed upon entering kindergarten. The Tdap booster

is essentially the same as Dtap, but formulated for an older child. Fort Recovery will host a Tdap clinic on Tuesday, March 16 at 1:30. The Mercer County Health Department nurses will be administering the vaccinations. Please read the enclosed Tdap forms. Money & the written consent form must be returned on the day of the clinic.

Online Safety

In last month's issue I wrote about some of the ways in which we are incorporating 21st century skills into our curriculum. One of those skills deals primarily with ethical behavior regarding various technologies that our kids use. Later this month, we will be distributing a pamphlet written by Onguard Online. This will help parents in providing practical tips that you can use to guard against internet fraud, secure your computers and protect your families' privacy. I urge you to talk to your children about online safety issues and stress the importance of not sharing information to anyone online. There are many helpful websites devoted to providing students and parents with internet safety tips. I have listed a few of them below:

www.NetSmartz.org

www.safekids.com

Terra Nova Test

March 22-24 we will be administering the Terra Nova tests to our middle school students. It is important that your child gets plenty of rest and a good breakfast to ensure that they do their best on the test. Students be sure to remember your #2 pencils this week and good luck on the test!

March dates to remember:

<i>Cabaret concert</i>	7
<i>1 pm</i>	
<i>8th Grade D.C. meeting:</i>	15
<i>7 pm Chaperones</i>	
<i>8 pm all students and parents</i>	
<i>Tdap Shot Clinic</i>	16
<i>1:30 pm</i>	
<i>End of the 3rd Nine Weeks</i>	19
<i>Terra Nova Testing</i>	22-24
<i>Grade cards go home</i>	26
<i>7th & 8th Grade Dance</i>	
<i>7-9:30 pm</i>	
<i>Parent-Teacher Conferences</i>	30
<i>4-7:30 pm</i>	
<i>Make - Up Day</i>	31

March Track Dates:

* 3/30 Track @ Home 4:30

