**PRINCIPAL’S CORNER**

As February goes out the door, let’s hope the snow and cloudy days leave with it. It’s time to give March a warm welcome and experience some spring weather!

Next week is the Applied Skills ISTEP+ Test for students in grades 3, 4, and 5. This portion of the test is focused on problem-solving and making sure our students can “apply skills” by writing essays and providing written explanations to solve problems. Please help us encourage our students to do their best for the test.

We would love to see you at the March PTO Meeting where we will be discussing our school improvement plan. Our teacher’s are implementing some great new reading strategies as part of our literacy initiative and we’d love to get feedback from you about what impact this is having on your student(s). Our meeting is on March 11th at 6:45 pm. Please join us!

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**THE LEARNING SUPPORT TEAM** would like to thank the Johnson County Autism Support Group for their donation that provided students with new computer software. The group continues to support our programs and has provided us with many valuable resources! We appreciate all that you do for the students!

*Mrs. Fisk and Mrs. Blakely*

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**YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED...**

Even though parking can be somewhat difficult at dismissal, we ask that you please reserve the HANDICAP PARKING SPOTS for those with a Handicap License Plate or window sign. We DO have several visitors that need to use this designated parking but are not able to because of a vehicle parked in these spots without the proper signage.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

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**MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY**
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March 1 | Day 4 | March 2 | Day 5 | March 3 | Day 1 | March 4 | Day 2 | March 5 | Day 3

**STARS**

KG Tuition Due

Math Pent. Div. I & II till 4:45
Math Bowl 8 am
Bible Club 8 am
Math Pent. Div. III 7:45 am

AJ’S till 4:00

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March 8 | Day 4 | March 9 | Day 5 | March 10 | Day 1 | March 11 | Day 2 | March 12 | Day 3

**STARS**

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Math Bowl 8 am
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Math Pent. Div. III 7:45 am

AJ’S till 4:00

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DISMISSAL at 3:00
AMK 9-11:15
PMK 12:45-3:00

PTO MEETING
6:45 - 8:00 PM

DISMISSAL at 3:00
AMK 9-11:15
PMK 12:45-3:00

End of 3rd Nine Weeks
2nd gr. Famous American Day

**Remember to set your clock ahead 1 hour on Sunday!!**

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**MAPLE GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
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Shelley Coover, Principal
Ron Siner, Assistant Principal
Rhonda Orth, Secretary
5th grade parents—We still need PHOTOS!

We are working on the picture CD for the end of the year ceremony. We need pictures of the 5th grade students while in kindergarten through 5th grade. Please send photos in an envelope with your name, phone number, and room number to Luke Dever or Ella Brown. All photos will be scanned and returned ASAP. You may also electronically send photos. Deadline is March 22. Questions? Call Lynn Dever @ 535-6201 or mdever5697@aol.com or Laura Brown @ 422-8108 or brownLK@aol.com.

In the event that school must be closed because of weather conditions, notification will be made through the Internet and area radio and television stations listed below:

INTERNET
www.centergrove.k12.in.us

RADIO
93.1 FM-WIBC, 102.3 FM-WCBK, 97.1 FM (HANK FM) and B105.7

TELEVISION
CHANNEL 4, 6, 8, 13 and FOX 59
The Alert Now System will also be used.

***Please note that if there is a two hour delay on a Wednesday, there will NOT be early release.

Maple Grove’s 5th grade students had a blast learning about static electricity and other science concepts during Professor Donovan’s Amazing Traveling Science Show!

PLEASE COME JOIN THIS FUN EVENT AT BARNES & NOBLE BOOKSTORE ON MARCH 6TH!!
EVERYONE IS INVITED!
Mark your calendars for CAMP INVENTION! JUNE 7-11, 2010!
This week long science camp focuses on eco-friendly activities that enhance creativity and strengthen science literacy skills. Campers will rebuild a virtual world, build motorized creatures while learning about alternative sources of energy, investigate tessellations, and will explore new innovative ways to play ancient games! Camp will be held at West Grove Elementary School during June 7-11 from 9:00am-3:30pm. Call Kelli Swigert (6th grade CGMSN teacher) at 885-8800 ext. 5118 for questions. Call 800-968-4332 or visit www.campinvention.org to register TODAY. Hurry, discount rates for early registration.

Soccer Sign-Ups
Registration is currently open at www.centergrovesoccer.org
Teams are forming for ages U5-U16
U5 - U6 is $60 per player
U8 - U16 is $75 per player
Register by March 1, 2010 to avoid late fees and to assure a spot on a team

Update on Marsh Fresh Ideas for Education
There is only one month left to earn points with Marsh Fresh Ideas for Education; accrual ends March 31, 2010. Our goal this year is 156,000 points. Our current point total is 116,101 (thru 1/31). It's not too late to register your Fresh Idea Card. Log on to www.marsh.net and click "Fresh Ideas for Education" on the left menu, then click "Parent Sigh-Up" at the bottom of the page. Last years points were redeemed for laminating film. Shop at Marsh this month and help us meet our goal!

want to help our school win a $25,000 recycled playground from Sprite? Just by signing up and donating your Coke Rewards points to Maple Grove, we have a chance! We can also get 25,000 Extra Bonus Points to spend on rewards! Just read the attached Coke Rewards Flyer for more information!

Attention all Center Grove Girls!
Center Grove Lassie League softball is holding registration for all girls ages 4-18 years. The Lassie League facilities are located on Morgantown Road, south of Center Grove Middle School North. The facility features 10 beautiful, lighted fields where girls are taught basic fundamentals of girls fast pitch softball. With the perennial and recent successes of the Class 4A high school state champion Trojans, softball will continue to be a fun and team oriented sport for all girls to participate and enjoy. Registration can currently be completed online at www.cglassieleague.org. Fees range from $75.00-$125.00 depending on age. Early registration discounts do not apply. Registration is open until April 5, 2010. We look forward to seeing you at the ball park this spring.

Attention all Center Grove Boys!
Registration for the Center Grove Little League 2010 spring season is now underway. On-site registration will be held Saturday, January 30th at Dick’s Sporting Goods located at the Greenwood Park Mall from 10:00 am-5:00 pm. You can also register on-line or learn more by visiting their website at www.cgll.com. Additionally information can be obtained by calling their 24 hour voice mail system at 881-6704. Little League Baseball is available to youth ages 4 through 18 as of April 30, 2010. We are not affiliated with the girl’s Lassie League softball program. Please register early, players registering may be put on a waiting list and not guaranteed a spot on a team.
DO YOU KNOW YOUR GREATEST STRENGTHS?

EVERYONE IS WELCOME to join us for our next P.E.E.L. training on Tuesday, March 16th. Jay McNaught, Sr. Manager of Learning, Education and development for Pfizer, will be presenting “Strength Finders” training. His session will help parents understand the importance of recognizing and developing strengths in their children as well as to identify their own strengths and how to use this information to become a highly effective volunteer!

Training will be held at the Education Services Center at 4800 W. Stones Crossing Road and will begin at 1:30 pm and end at 3:00 pm. The evening session will begin at 6:00 pm and end at 7:30 pm.

To get the most out of the workshop we ask that you purchase the book, Strengths Finder 2.0. Please read the first chapter of the book, and then go online and take the Strengths Finder assessment (the instructions and password are provided in the book). Print and bring your assessment with you on March 16th. If you do not get a chance to do the assessment before the workshop, that is quite alright. We still encourage you to attend. Hopefully after the presentation, your interest in Strength Finders will cause you to want to rush out and complete the assessment! Also, send a copy of your results to Jay McNaught (jay.mcnaught@pfizer.com). Jay will facilitate the workshop, and he will use your results to compile a Strengths Finder composite.

Please SVP by Friday, March 12th to christenc@centergrove.k12.in.us OR janmcnaught@gmail.com
Good Readers Ask Questions!

What are MGES kids reading this month?

1. Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Roderick Rules
   by Jeff Kinney
2. Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw
   by Jeff Kinney
3. Season of the Sandstorms
   by Mary Pope Osborne
4. Among the Brave
   by Margaret Peterson Haddix
5. Crispin: The Cross of Lead
   by Avi

Pull out the comics from your next newspaper and read through them with your child. Take turns asking questions about the cartoons. Remind him/her that good readers ask LOTS of questions!

- Good readers ask questions before, during, and after reading.
- There are many reasons to ask questions: for clarification, to build understanding, make connections, etc.
- Some questions can be answered directly from the text (thin questions) while others require the reader to infer, use background knowledge, or reference another text (thick questions).
- Good readers ask questions in other areas of their lives, too.
- Good readers know that some of the most intriguing questions may go unanswered and that’s okay!

If you have any questions and/or suggestions, please contact Mindy VanderVeen, MGES Literacy Coach
vanderveenm@centergrove.k12.in.us or 881-0561 ext. 1721
Help our school win a $25,000 recycled playground from Sprite

Let's play—Sprite is giving one lucky My Coke Rewards school $25,000 towards a recycled playground and 10 schools will win 25,000 Bonus Points to spend on rewards. We can earn one entry for every 10 My Coke Rewards points donated from February 25 through April 30, 2010. Donate your points today to help us get rewards for our school and the chance to win.

4 Refreshingly Simple Steps to Donate Points:

1. Purchase participating Coca-Cola beverages—like Sprite® and Sprite Zero™—to get My Coke Rewards codes
2. Go to mycokerewards.com (register if you are not already a member)
3. Enter codes to get points—choose “Donate to Your School” from the Six Ways to Spend Points
4. Find our school then click “Donate Points Now” to enter the amount you would like to donate

My Coke Rewards codes can be found on many of your favorite Coca-Cola drinks including Dasani®, POWERADE®, Minute Maid®, Fanta® and other drinks. Check under caps, on packaging and shrink wrap to find codes and get points.

Registered schools will earn 10 entries for the first 10 points donated by My Coke Rewards members and 1 additional entry for every incremental 10 points donated from 2/25/10 – 4/30/10. See Rules at mycokerewards.com/schools for details. © 2010 The Coca-Cola Company.
### NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK
March 8-12, 2010

**Monday, March 1**
- Breakfast: 100% Juice, Lower Milk, Hash Brown Potatoes, Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- Lunch: 100% Juice, Low Fat Milk, Ham & Cheese Sandwich

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**Special Meal on Friday**
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- Side Salad
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- **Lunch**: Ham, Cheese, Vegetables, and Dip

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### March 30
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### March 31
- **Breakfast**: 100% Juice, Whole Wheat English Muffin, Bagel, Fruit, Cereal, Oatmeal
- **Lunch**: Ham, Cheese, Vegetables, and Dip

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**NOTE:**
- The daily menu includes a variety of options such as fruit, cereal, oatmeal, and bagels.
- Meals are diverse, offering options like ham and cheese with vegetables, and oatmeal.
- The menu is designed to provide a balanced diet throughout the month.