

# the commodore Connection

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## ISTEP TIPS

- ◆ Students should eat a healthy breakfast at home or at school.
- ◆ Students should get plenty of sleep the nights before the tests.
- ◆ Students should bring a water bottle.
- ◆ Parents should encourage students to do their best.

## TESTING

Students in grades 3rd-8th and 10th grade will be taking the Applied Skills ISTEP February 27th – March 10th.

Testing schedules will vary by grade level. Elementary Teachers will be sending out info about test days. Junior High students have been given their schedule. Parents can contact classroom teachers with any questions.

Third graders will also be taking the IREAD test March 13-14th.

## GRANDPARENTS DAY

Perry Central Elementary students will honor grandparents of K-6th graders on Friday, March 17th. Grandparents are invited to come to school from 8:15-10:00AM.

On arrival they should go to the cafeteria where they will enjoy a breakfast snack and then be entertained with short presentations by classes. Following their class performance grandchildren will join their grandparents and together they can tour the school and the 6th grade science fair.

Please RSVP with the attached form by Tuesday, March 14th. For more information call 812 843-5122.



## SUMMER PROGRAMS

Perry Central is currently planning a variety of summer programs to be held June 5-30th for students in grades Kindergarten-8th grade. Childcare will be available before and after sessions so families can use the programming as summer childcare from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm each week day. More information will be coming in next month's newsletter.

## TEE BALL

Perry Central is ready to kick off the 2017 tee ball season. Boys and girls ages 4 to 6 are eligible to play tee ball. Registration forms can be picked up in the office and need to be returned by April 28th. This year, we are changing the format of tee ball. The first tee ball session on May 20 will consist of pictures and a practice. No games will be played that day. All game days will begin with a 20-minute practice followed by a 40-minute game. Practice and games will be on Saturday mornings: June 3, 10, 17, 24, and July 1. Please read the registration form carefully for other tee ball format changes.

### WHATS BRIGHT AT LIGHTS ON

Students staying at Lights-On have been enjoying many new activities.

Our daily number of students are usually averaging 130. This is super exciting for the Lights-On staff and the National Afterschool Network because our students at Perry Central are getting extended quality care, tutoring/homework assistance and exciting workshops daily through a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Grant.

If you have any questions about the Lights-On program, please call Dixie Dickerson at 812-843-5122.

## This & That

NEWS FROM AROUND SCHOOL



### SNOWFLAKE

Snowflake is scheduled for April 7th.

### COMMUNITY READERS WANTED

How would you like to read a good book to a classroom once a month? If this sounds like an activity that would work into your schedule the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, please contact Dixie at 812-843-5122. Students love to have people from the community come and read. Books are provided, flexible reading times and coffee with rolls!

### NHS INDUCTION

The NHS Induction has been changed to Monday, March 6th.

### CLASS PHOTOS

Elementary Class Photos will be taken on March 14th for grades K-6th and M/T preschool. W/T Preschool photos will be taken on March 15th.

### ROUNDUP

The second session of Preschool and Kindergarten roundup will be held on Friday, April 28th. Remember incoming preschoolers must be 4 by August 1 and incoming kindergarteners must be 5. Call Joyce Foury at 812 843-5122 to register.

### PHONE BOOK DRIVE

The annual phone book drive will start the middle of March. We appreciate the support you give to this fundraising endeavor that helps support Family Outreach programs.

### WINTER FOOTBALL CAMP

Elementary winter football camp will be held March 4th. Camp for Fourth and Fifth grades is from 9 to 10:30 am and camp for Sixth, Seventh and Eighth grades is from 10:45am-12:15pm. There is no cost but students need to sign up with Coach Winchell or Coach Gibson.

### 4H MULCH FUNDRAISER

Mulch is delivered and spread by 4-H volunteers on April 21-22 for info or to place an order call Purdue Extension at 812 547-7084.

*"Spring is the time of plans and projects."*

Leo Tolstoy

### Career Day

The annual High School Career Day will be held on March 10th for 8th-10th graders. Community business personnel will be talking to the students on a variety of careers to help them plan their future.

### Budgeting Basics

There are a few spaces left to join the Budgeting Basics classes meeting on February 28th, March 14, April 4 and 18. If you are interested in learning how to budget, achieve your financial goals and increase your income or lower expenses sign up now.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_



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*This year, we are changing the format of tee ball, and we want to communicate that so that parents and children know what to expect.*

### *Tee Ball Organization*

*The first tee ball session will consist of pictures and a practice. No games will be played that day. (Saturday, May 20)*  
*All game days will begin with a 20-minute practice followed by a 40-minute game. Practice and games will be on Saturday mornings: June 3, 10, 17, 24, and July 1*

*The practice part of tee ball will consist of age-appropriate drills that teach children the fundamentals of baseball and softball (e.g., proper way to hold bat and swing, pitch & catch, base running, etc.).*

*We will not keep score at the games.*

*All players will bat every inning.*

*Coaches will soft toss the ball to children when they bat. If after three tosses, a child has not hit the ball, the coach will bring up the tee, and the child can hit off of it. (There are no strike-outs.)*

*In order to teach the rules of the outfield, we are going to let an out be an out. For example, if a child hits the ball into the air and an outfielder catches the ball, that is an out, and the child will return to the dugout.*