

# LAURELVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

October 2007

## Reminders and News to Families

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Dear Families:

October is a busy time for our students. Some will be completing important assessments (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Achievement and 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Standardized Tests), and all are busy with learning and enjoying the fall season.

Below is a list of upcoming important dates for our school. Please mark them on your calendar.

Enjoy the beautiful month and a few days in the middle of the month when there is a break for you and your family.

Mrs. Riddle, Principal

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### **Important Dates to Remember:**

- Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders take the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Achievement Test.
  - Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>: 1-hour delayed start.
  - Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders take Standardized Tests (COGAT and IOWA); teachers will communicate a specific schedule for the classes.
  - Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>: Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4:00 – 7:30 p.m. Please arrange a time to meet with your child's teacher.
  - Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>: School Picture Day.
  - Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>: PTO Fundraiser Kick-Off.
  - Wednesday – Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>: No School.
  - Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>: Fire Safety Program, Grades PreK – 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>: End of 9-week grading period.
  - Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>: End of PTO Fundraiser.
  - Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>: Halloween Parade, 1:30 p.m.; PTO Halloween Party, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., in the gym.
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### **“Thank You” for Donations**

- Thank you to the several organizations and individuals for the generous donations of various school supplies: Chris Riddle, Laurel Hills Church, Adelphi UM Women, Pickaway County Retired Teachers Organization, and Delta Kappa Gamma (Logan Chapter).

### **Student Leadership Team**

- The Laurelville School Leadership Team will soon begin assisting with projects and activities. Team members come from the 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade homerooms and will represent their classes and the primary grades. Team members are: Karly Hart, Branden McNichols, Kate Ricketts, Shawn Winland, Hannah Hopkins, Joshua Johnson, Hannah Carder, Jacob Young, Desire VanCuren, MaKayla Bailey, Corbit Cartee, Mallory Rennard, Katie Willard, Dillon Young, Christen Shaw, Nate Porter, Chris Thomas, Scotty Deluse, and Trevor Graham.
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Remember to visit the Ohio Department of Education website ([www.ode.state.oh.us](http://www.ode.state.oh.us)) for information about curriculum and assessments. Soon the Laurelville School website will be updated. We are working with the Logan Elm High School technology class to have a new web design with up-to-date information for you. The site is not ready yet, but we will let you know when it is.

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### **Arrival and Dismissal Times**

School start time is 8:45. Dismissal time is 3:15. We appreciate your attention to these times so that your child is in attendance all day without coming in tardy or leaving early unless absolutely necessary.

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### **“Character Corner”**

- Responsibility: Have your child list his responsibilities. Examples: “Do my homework.” “Feed the dog.” Then, discuss the duties of others, such as teachers or policemen. Talk about what happens when responsibilities aren’t taken care of. What if the policeman decided not to direct traffic when the traffic light broke?
- Independence: Teach your youngster a new skill, like how to fix her own lunch or lay out her clothes for school the next day. She will gain a sense of accomplishment when she doesn’t have to ask you for help.
- Giving: Instead of buying gifts, encourage your child to give “tickets.” They can be good for things such as playing a game with a sibling or helping a parent with housework. He can draw the tickets on paper and decorate them with markers.