



DATES TO

NOTE:

10/10 Picture Day

10/17 The Big Pump-
kin Family Literacy
Night 5:30-7:15

10/18 No School

10/22 and 10/23
I Am a Tree Field Trip

10/31 Halloween
Parties and
Neighborhood Parade

11/5 October Reading
Assembly

11/6 1-Hour Early
Dismissal

11/6 and 11/7 Parent-
Teacher Conferences
4-8PM

11/6 Cookie Dough
Delivered (*Pick it up
after your conference
on the 6th or 7th*)

11/8 No School

11/12 Picture Re-take
Day

11/26 Thanksgiving
Feast

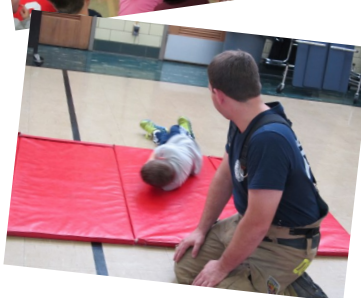
Careful Corners

During the week of September 23, our students participated in Nicklin's safety week called, Careful Corners. During this week, community helpers from around the area visited Nicklin to teach our students how to stay safe. Mrs. Scott, our school nurse, helped the students understand how household items, such as medications (prescription and over the counter) and cleaning products, may look appealing (like candy or juice), but can make you very sick and are dangerous. She also taught our students how to minimize the spread of germs by coughing or sneezing into your sleeve and how to wash your hands properly.

Wes Robbins, firefighter from the Fort Loramie Fire Dept. taught our students about Fire Safety. The students practiced how to safely get out of a smoke-filled house by crawling under pretend smoke and how to put your clothing out if you catch fire. Firefighter Robbins also showed the students what a firefighter looks like and sounds like with all of their gear on so students would not be afraid.

On Thursday, Officer Kris Lee from the Piqua Police Dept., taught our students about stranger danger and how to be safe and get away from a stranger. The students were taught to scream, "NO!" and run away and tell an adult. On this day, our students got to visit a police car, see the tools that a police officer uses and practiced how to cross the street safely.

On the last day of Careful Corners, the Nicklin Learners were visited by Buster the Dancing Bus as well as Mr. Dan, Mr. Gary, and Ms. Tammy from PCS Transportation Dept. The students practiced how to ride the bus safely, how far back to stand in their safe zone, and how to cross the street following the bus drivers hand signals.





Volunteering

We value our parent volunteers. We need your help and support for field trips, parties, activities, our library and in the classrooms. If you have the time and interest you will need to be fingerprinted (for free) by the Board of Education Of-

fice and approved by our Board of Education prior to volunteering.

Please contact Sarah Deavours at the Treasurer's Office at 773-4321 to set up your appointment.

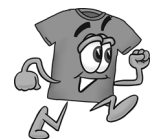
2013 DEADLINES FOR FINGER-PRINTING:

October 11 (Board Meeting: October 24)

November 7 (Board Meeting: November 21)

December 6 (Board Meeting: December 19)

Reading Assembly



September Reading Assembly

On October 8, Nicklin held their first reading assembly of the year. At this assembly the following accomplishments were recognized:

- * Students who read 30 books or more during the month of September.
- * The classes who had 80% or more of their students meet their family reading goal.
- * Star Students (chosen by classroom teachers) who demonstrated good leadership during the month of September
- * All students who celebrated August and September birthdays.

Mr. Ford and Mrs. Meckstroth from the Piqua Rotary Club, Nicklin's business partners, gave a birthday book to each child who had a birthday in August and September.

We also gave away tee shirts! One student from each class was awarded a Nicklin reading tee shirt. Every child who met their reading goal was put into a drawing and a child from each class was randomly chosen. One tee shirt per class will be awarded at each assembly this year.

Congratulations to our Star Students for September:

Devin Woehrmyer, Bryanna Penny, Alexis Burroughs, Kaylee Carr, Carter Davis, Hayden Hare, Kaitlyn Szachta, Liam O'Leary, John Hess, Madison Cook, Chloe Martin, Ellee Ward, Keidin Pratt, and Gianna James

Congratulations to our Tee Shirt Winners for September:

Jayden Brush, Garrett Hughes, Addyson Love, Malaiya Gross, Kaden Earick, Keaton Bolden, Kaitlyn Szachta, Ryleigh Puckett, Austin Witheiss, Madison Young, Dietrich Whiteford, Rylan Block, Alyson Street, and Dillon Jessup

Congratulations to the following classes for winning the Clifford/Toto Award for September:

Mrs. Patrizio's Class 82% and Mrs. K's Class 82%

Lets see if we can give away our 3 Toto's and 3 Clifford's next month!

Don't forget to read to your child!

Parent's Corner - Reading Tips



From Reading Rockets:

Play with letters, words, and sounds! Having fun with language helps your child learn to crack the code of reading. The tips below offer some fun ways you can help your child become a happy and confident reader. Try a new tip each week. See what works best for your child.

- 1. Talk to your child:** Ask your child to talk about his day at school. Encourage him to explain something they did, or a game he played during recess.
- 2. Say silly tongue twisters:** Sing songs, read rhyming books, and say silly tongue twisters. These help kids become sensitive to the sounds in words.
- 3. Read it and experience it:** Connect what your child reads with what happens in life. If reading a book about animals, relate it to your last trip to the zoo.
- 4. Use your child's name:** Point out the link between letters and sounds. Say, "John, the word jump begins with the same sound as your name. John, jump. And they both begin with the same letter, J."

I Am a Tree— Field Trip



On October 22 and 23, Nicklin students will be traveling to the Stillwater Prairie Reserve to participate in a program, hosted by the Miami County Parks Dept., entitled, I Am a Tree.

A flyer went home in your child's parent pack during the first week of October with information regarding the trip as well as a permission form for the field trip.

The students will be exploring animal habitats, plants, trees, leaves, etc. so expect them to get dirty. Please send your child to school on their designated day in old clothes and shoes or boots that you don't mind getting dirty.

The classes attending on the 22nd are: Gerlach AM and PM, Green AM and PM, Krouskop-Smith, Scott, Heitman, and Drake.

The classes attending on the 23rd are: Wesbecher, Patrizio, Widney, Wehrman, Arnold, and Rindler.

Your child MUST have their field trip permission form returned to school, if you want your child to go on the trip. Without the signed permission form, they will be unable to attend.



Halloween Parties and Parade

On October 31, students at Nicklin will be celebrating Halloween. Each class will have a Halloween party and participate in a neighborhood parade.

Each teacher will individually communicate party information home. The Parade is a school-wide event. Detailed information regarding costumes and the parade will come home with your child on Monday the 21st in their Parent Pack.

The Nicklin ghosts and goblins will parade around the neighborhood for photos and fun. **Morning kindergarten** classes will parade at 10:00am with parties to follow. **Afternoon and All Day kindergarten** will parade at 1:00pm with parties to follow.

The parade route will have our ghosts and goblins leaving the school and turning left onto Nicklin Ave., left on Gill, left on Walker St. to the alley on the North side of Nicklin. The students will then return to their class for their parties.

Parents are welcome to line the parade route to take pictures of their children in the parade.

Only parents who have been fingerprinted and approved by the Board of Education may volunteer at the parties.

Notes from the Nurse



WHEN TO KEEP SICK CHILDREN HOME FROM SCHOOL

Deciding when to keep a sick child at home from school is not always easy. It's important for children to attend school, and for some parents staying home means missing work. But when a child is truly sick, they need to stay home in the care of an adult to get well and to prevent spreading illness to others. If your child is truly sick, **PLEASE**, do not send them to school, even if they insist. Please keep the school office up to date with current phone numbers so you or an alternate contact can be reached if your child becomes ill or injured at school.

Here are some guidelines to help you make a decision on whether to send your child to school:

COUGH: A mild hacking cough often starts after the first few days of a common cold. A child with mild symptoms, no fever and otherwise feeling well may be fine at school.

WHEN TO KEEP A CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL: A child with deep or uncontrollable coughing belongs at home even without a fever. **A child with cough and fever must stay home from school for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever or signs of a fever, without the use of fever reducing medicine.**

DIARRHEA/VOMITING:

WHEN TO KEEP A CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL: Children who have vomited or had diarrhea should be kept at home and should return to school only after being **symptom free for 24 hours without the aid of medication.**

FEVER: Fevers are a common symptom of viral and bacterial infection. Children are likely to be contagious to others when they have a fever. If there is no thermometer, feel their skin with your hand - if it is much warmer than usual they probably have a fever. **Please do not give your child fever reducing medicine and then send them to school.** The medicine will wear off, the fever will probably return and you'd need to pick them up anyway.

WHEN TO KEEP A CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL: Any child with a fever of 100°F or higher should not attend school and should not return until they have been fever free for 24 hours. **A child with flu-like illness (fever and a cough) must stay home from school for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever or signs of a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medicine.**

PINK EYE (Conjunctivitis): is a common infectious disease of one or both eyes caused by several types of bacteria and viruses. The eye typically appears very red and feels irritated. There may be drainage of mucous and pus or clear liquid. Prescription medication may be needed to treat bacterial infection. Virus-caused pink eye will not need antibiotic treatment.

WHEN TO KEEP A CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL: A child with the above symptoms should be kept at home until evaluated by a medical provider and return to school with or without treatment depending on the diagnosis.

RASHES: A rash may be one of the first signs of a contagious childhood illness such as chickenpox. Rashes may cover the entire body or be in only one area and are most contagious in the early stages.

WHEN TO KEEP A CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL: Do not send a child with a rash to school until a medical provider has said it is safe to do so – especially with additional symptoms like itching, fever or appearing ill.

STREP THROAT: A significantly sore throat could be strep throat, a contagious illness. Other symptoms may include fever, white spots in the back of the throat, headache and upset stomach. Untreated strep throat can lead to serious complications.

WHEN TO KEEP A CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL: Keep your child home from school with the above symptoms and contact a medical provider. A child diagnosed with strep throat is no longer infectious and can return to school 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has been started.