



Where everybody can be somebody!



The fourth quarter is the most important quarter of the school year. It is the final opportunity we have to equip your child with the skills they will need to be successful at the High School. We will be taking the Ohio Achievement Test this quarter. We will be scheduling classes for next year. We will be visiting the Hamilton Freshman School. We will be celebrating the success of each child's Middle School experience. Keeping perfect attendance is a must! Please remind your child to enjoy the last quarter that we have together and to leave Garfield with the most pleasant of memories!

Stop for self-control

Teach your middle schooler to handle upsetting situations without melting down.

When he/she is dealing with a frustrating situation, have them:

- *Picture* a STOP sign
- *Pause* to think
- *Consider* how best to proceed
- *Walk away*, if necessary, to calm down
- *Address* the issue after cooling off



Something to think about...hmmm...

Are you keeping mornings stress-free?

For many families, morning is the toughest part of the day. Answer the following questions Yes or No to see how calm your mornings are:



- ___ 1. Do you make an effort to listen to your child in the morning?
- ___ 2. Do you get up at least 15 minutes before your child?
- ___ 3. Do you and your child have a regular morning routine?
- ___ 4. Do you make sure to say "I love you"?
- ___ 5. Do you make time to sit at the table for breakfast together?
- ___ 6. Did you and your child take a few minutes to get organized the night before?

Each yes answer will bring you closer to stress-free mornings!



Miss Cindy Smith ~ 8th grade Counselor

Testing... 1, 2, 3...

1. Teri is simplifying the expression $6 - 2(3 + 5)$

Which computation should Teri do

- A. subtract 2 from 6
- B. multiply 2 by 3
- C. add 3 and 5
- D. multiply 5 times 5

2. _____ first?

Sample Math question from the OAT.
(hint: think "order of operations")

Get ready for year-end tests

As the year draws to a close, your child may have some big tests coming up. Here's a simple way to help:

Encourage good attendance!

For example, try especially hard not to schedule doctor and dentist appointments during school hours. If your child is ill on a testing day, it is mandatory that your child have a doctor's note on the day of his/her return to school.



80% of success is attendance!

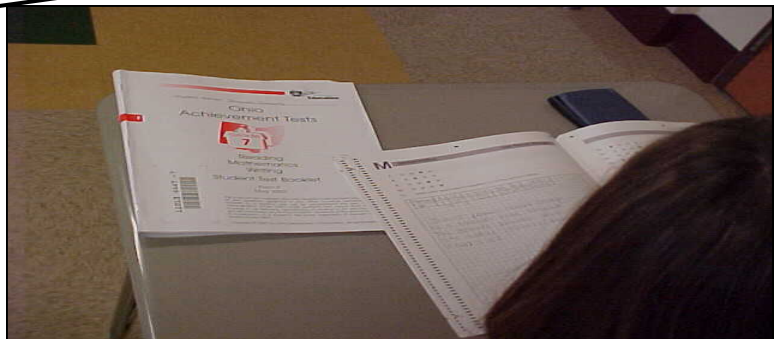


Ohio Achievement Testing for 7th & 8th graders!

What is an achievement test?

Required assessments that measure students on what they know and are able to do in mathematics, reading, science, social studies and writing, with administration to students spread out from third to eighth grade (*replace Ohio's proficiency tests*)

(<http://www.ode.state.oh.us>)



7th & 8th graders will test April 20th through April 28th during 1st, 2nd, and 3rd period classes.

Students and teachers worked hard in class and during specially assigned advisory periods to prepare for the OAT.



Super job at the Hamilton Rotary Science Fair

Science Fair Winners

Student's Name	Category	Place	Rating
Brittany Sauer	Physics		Good
Amy Burton	Botany		Excellent
James Chen	Chemistry		Superior
Lynyanna Collins	Biochemistry		Excellent
T'Oni Miles	Zoology	Second	Excellent
John Morrison	Science & Computers	First	Superior
Anthony Paulson	Health & Medicine		Excellent
Brandi Sauerwein	Physics	Second	Superior
Allison Taylor	Microbiology	Second	Superior
Seth Turner	Microbiology		Excellent



I'm so proud of the hard work and effort!!

Students of the Month!



Megan
Turner



Zach
Vaughn



Acceptance Award

These team Orion students are helpful, friendly, and always choose a positive uplifting attitude.



Yonatan
Lopez



Shelby
Brewer



We love Science,
don't we Daniel?

Lit Circles
are so much
fun....



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
MRS. KELLEY!!



Claymation rocks!



Orion students were well-behaved during our Dr. Tuck presentation.

