Principal’s Message

In addition to Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, and Science, Horace Mann students study Physical Education, Art, and Music each year. Students participate in three quarters of Physical Education, and this year we will have three different teachers: Mrs. Anderson (1st quarter), Mr. Manderfield (3rd quarter) and Mr. Karabaic (4th quarter). For more information, see Mr. Manderfield’s Gym News on page 4. We also hope many 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will participate in Jump Rope Club, with Mrs. McCafferty acting as their club advisor.

Horace Mann students are busy artists this year. In addition to the art-inspired elements of their classroom work, they participated in art instruction with Art teacher Mr. Vargas during the second quarter. Children learn art techniques and develop skills by working toward state Visual Arts standards. Our HMES student artists created beautiful artwork—like self portraits—which brighten our halls.

On the Music scene, Horace Mann students in grades K-3 will sing and dance up a storm in musical workshops of Cinderella, Wizard of Oz, The Jungle Book or Peter Pan. Children exercise their imagination, creativity, and reasoning skills as they explore musical theater with our Kids Love Musicals artists-in-residence, along with Music teacher Mr. Waryk. Each grade actively participates in this arts residency for two 50-minute workshops, and every child will a be musical theater performer. Many thanks to the Horace Mann PTA for enabling our students to have this unique experience!

This year, there is an exciting addition to the Kids Love Musicals program at Horace Mann. The students in our CHAMPS classrooms are participating in a pilot program being evaluated by researchers at Case Western Reserve University. This adapted Kids Love Musicals Wizard of Oz curriculum will provide students with special needs the opportunity to experience the learning and fun their peers have been enjoying for years. Thank you, Mr. Waryk and CHAMPS Teacher Mrs. Smolen for taking the lead on this amazing project!
MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT:

February looks to be an important month for the district as the first round of online assessments associated with the Common Core will be given to students in grades 3-12 for English and Math. High school students will also be tested in science and social studies. The testing begins the week of Feb. 16 and continues into March. This will be the first real test of our preparedness for these new online tests and I am confident that all the hours of work our staff has dedicated to getting our students ready will yield positive results.

February is also the month that we will see another one of our elementary buildings demolished. Lincoln started coming down in late January. Roosevelt will follow this month. Grant, which had more asbestos removal to be done, may come at the end of the month or into March. While there are bittersweet feelings about saying goodbye to these long-serving school buildings, the progress being made toward new buildings rising on those sites is exciting. The knowledge that all this activity will lead to one day providing our students with the best facilities for learning makes it all worth it.

Jeffrey W. Patterson
Superintendent

CLOTHING SUPPLY We are happy to receive outgrown sweatpants in sizes 5-8. We keep these on hand for emergency changes of clothing. We ask that they are laundered and returned if worn. Please send to the Office. Thank you!

2015-2016 ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT

The Elementary and Middle School open enrollment period for the 2015-2016 school year will be from March 2 through April 3, 2015. Applications will be processed on a first-come, first served basis.

Open enrollment requests for registered students may be submitted beginning Monday, March 2, 2015. On March 2, 2015 only, requests will be accepted from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Lakewood City Hall, 12650 Detroit Avenue.

Forms will first be available at Lakewood City Hall the morning of March 2, 2015. After 11:00 a.m. on March 2, 2015, the form will be available at the school buildings and at the Board of Education. You may submit the form at your neighborhood school or at the Board of Education.

**Please note: Elementary Open Enrollment approvals will be extremely limited due to construction and transition. If open enrollment is granted, your child will continue at the school through grade five.**

Families will be notified prior to the end of the 2014-2015 school year whether their request has been approved or denied.
PARKING LOT SAFETY
We are very concerned with the children’s safety. When entering the parking lot for dismissal, please join the line of cars and staff will see your child to your car. (Thank you to the many staff members who volunteer to help children get to cars safely!) Do not stop elsewhere in the lot and have your child walk to the car. Children are not to be walking in the parking lot. The safety of our children is our primary concern. Any inconvenience to an adult is certainly worth the safety of a child. PLEASE use the bright green cards for your car! They help us match your children with your car and make the line move quickly.

CONCERT NOTES
Parents, would you like to take your children to FREE classical music concerts? Please don’t forget to check with the places like Baldwin Wallace University, Cleveland State University, Oberlin Conservatory, Cleveland Institute of Music and Lakewood Library for these free opportunities. These are especially important if your child has an interest in music – or if you would simply like to expose them to more live classical music. You can find vocal or instrumental music at each place. You can’t beat the price!

PTA NEWS
Calling All Moms! Join us for Doughnuts With Mom February 5th (last names A-L) and February 6th (last names M-Z) from 8:15-8:45 a.m. in the Cafetorium. PTA will serve doughnuts, coffee, and juice. Please attend whichever day that best fits your schedule.

A Fundraiser has been planned at Angelo's Pizza on February 5th to support Corey Kidd. Corey is a 4th grader at Horace Mann who was diagnosed with a form of pediatric cancer over winter break. 20% of all proceeds (take out, delivery, and dine in) that night will go to Corey and his family to help offset some of the costs they will incur while he is undergoing treatment. Please look for a flyer to come home soon. Corey’s family has also set up an account at Go Fund Me. Please take a moment to view the link and learn more about Corey http://www.gofundme.com/supportcorey.

We Need Your Help! Believe it or not PTA is looking to fill Officer and Chair positions for the 2015-2016 school year. The following positions are open:

Officer Positions:
President - oversees the running of the PTA.
2nd Vice President Fundraising - plans fundraisers for PTA to help fund the student, family, and teacher events held each year. Funds raised also support the PTA Teacher Grant Program.
Recording Secretary - takes minutes at the monthly PTA meetings. Types the minutes and distributes to PTA members. Sends volunteer hours to Lakewood PTA Council.
Council Delegate - attends monthly Lakewood PTA council meetings at the Board of Education. Reports back at our HM PTA meeting.

Chair positions:
Membership - sends out membership letter in the beginning of the school year. Collects all membership dues and reports them to Horace Mann PTA. Sends dues to Ohio PTA.
Scholastic Book Fair - works with Scholastic to coordinate book fairs. Usually held in conjunction with other PTA events Oct, Mar, & May.
Market Day - handles the monthly Market Day orders and sale pickup. Distributes catalogs monthly.

All positions come with detailed binders on how to perform your job along with training from the prior position holder. Horace Mann PTA cannot be successful without your help! Please email me at facaros@att.net if you are interested in any of these positions or would like more information.

Date Reminders
2/10 PTA meeting 7:00 p.m. HM library. Babysitting provided!
2/11 All Pro Dad's Meeting 7:45 a.m. Art Room
2/25 Market Day Pick Up 5-6:00 p.m. Gym

I hope you all have a wonderful February!

Heather Facaros
PTA President
Flu season is upon us and here are a few healthy tips to follow:

Avoid close contact with people who are ill. The flu spreads from person to person.
Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze. Respiratory droplets contain the flu virus.
Stay home from school when you are ill. Children can infect others beginning one day before getting symptoms and up to seven days after getting sick.
Wash your hands often. Use warm, soapy water and dry with clean towels.
Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread when you touch something that has germs on it and then touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
Drink plenty of water. A well-hydrated body has a better chance of fighting infections.
Keep your immune system strong. Eat a balanced diet with lots of fruits and vegetables, and be sure to get regular exercise and plenty of sleep.

Further information may be accessed through the following websites:
http://www.ccbh.net/flu
http://www.cdc.gov/flu/keyfacts.htm

Gym News

It’s exciting to be back at Horace Mann teaching Physical Education. During the third quarter students will learn and practice skills of the underhand toss, catch a rolled ball, forehand strike, and hand dribble. Additional learning experiences include arm & shoulder strength, hip flexibility, locomotor skills, aerobic fitness, and net games.

Mr. Steve Manderfield

MATH HELP

-- A few suggestions for helping children with mathematics:

Talk about the math you use everyday – estimating at a store, comparison shopping, finding the tip at a restaurant, estimating how much change you will receive, how you measure while you cook, etc.

Play games that involve thinking and calculating – Twenty-Four, Tri-omino, etc.- and practice math facts.
UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

PTA Wellness Series: It’s All About You

The Lakewood Council of PTAs is hosting a wellness series focused on taking care of yourself first. The series will feature workshops specifically designed for busy people looking to create balance and wellness in their lives. Participants will leave each workshop with the know-how to incorporate techniques into their daily routine to help reduce stress and better manage a hectic schedule. Each instructor is a highly knowledgeable experienced professional certified in their field of expertise.

The next installment in the series is “Yoga Basics” followed by “Drum Circle: Healing with the Power of Music and Drums on February 25th, 7pm at Garfield Middle School. To register email lakewoodcouncil@gmail.com. The series is free for PTA member, $5 per workshop for non-members. Participants may join PTA the night of the event.

“Yoga Basics”

An overview of what the practice of yoga has to offer to overall health and well-being. Participants will learn about the origins of yoga as well as how yoga can benefit the physical body through stretching and strengthening as well as increased balance and flexibility. We’ll also discuss the mental and emotional benefits of yoga to reduce stress and promote more calm, peace and clarity for the mind and spirit. Instructor will lead a yoga class to introduce basic poses and breathing exercises that can be easily incorporated into a daily lifestyle.

Darlene Kelbach is a Registered Yoga Teacher (RYT) with the Yoga Alliance and teach yoga as a freelance instructor throughout the Cleveland/Akron area who has been practicing yoga for approximately 11 years. Darlene teaches at Studio 11 in Tremont, Namaste in Sagamore Hills, and Mentor-Heisley Racquet & Fitness Club in Mentor. In addition, I teach with Zenworks Yoga, a non-profit organization that brings yoga to underserved students & their families in the City of Cleveland. I am currently working with PreK and Kindergarten classes this school year. I also offer specialized yoga events, personalized yoga sessions as well as corporate group classes.

“Drum Circle: Healing with the Power of Music and Drums” with Tommy Melarago & Friends

Music is a powerful and moving element in all of our lives. Tommy Melaragno will be discussing the history of music and drums, and sharing evidence of its healing power. Tommy, along with a few guests, will lead the group in playing/drumming with percussion instruments. Participants are encouraged to bring their own drum or percussion instrument. A limited amount of drums will be available to share.

Tom Melaragno was born in Lakewood, the youngest of 8 siblings. His brothers, sisters, and friends brought him up on many different genres of music. In high school he was turned on to college radio Grateful Dead and most importantly reggae music. His first reggae album was legend by Bob Marley, then Jimmy cliff live, but the album that really got him hooked on reggae was Sunsplash 1981. Tommy Reggae has been with Jah Messengers Reggae Band since 2012. He feels blessed to be part of such a beautiful family, "Reggae's heartbeat and soul has been a part of Cleveland's music scene since 1978. To be a part of it and to speak the message of Jah has been a true gift,"

Human Trafficking 101

Who is trafficked, where trafficking takes place, and both how and why it occurs. What is being done in terms of anti-trafficking efforts? What about human trafficking laws and safe harbor in Ohio? What can you do to help combat human trafficking? Speakers are from The Collaborative Initiative to End Human Trafficking will be presenting to the Lakewood Council of PTAs on March 4th, 7:30pm at the Lakewood Board of Education. Learn how this horrific practice is affecting the Lakewood community and the potential danger for kids and families. All are welcome to attend. For more information contact lakewoodcouncil@gmail.com.

*PTA Council Meeting 7pm-7:30pm followed by the presentation.

PTA Book Club

Everyone is welcome even if you haven't read the book! The PTA Book Club Meets on the 4th Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 26th. For location and title of the current book, contact Andrea Stahl at saintcharles@cox.net.
Kindergarten Parent Information Night
Welcome to Lakewood Class of 2028!

For parents of incoming kindergarten students who would like to learn more about the Lakewood Schools’ kindergarten experience.

When: Wednesday, February 11, 2015
6:30 p.m.

Where: Emerson Elementary School
Cafetorium
13439 Clifton Boulevard

Pamela Griebel, Director of Teaching and Learning, will review the District’s kindergarten curriculum, talk about how a typical kindergartener’s day unfolds and outline the resources available to Lakewood City Schools’ students. The night will wrap up with a question-and-answer session. Staff will be on hand to accept your registration packet. Only completed and notarized forms will be accepted.

Students must be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2015, in order to be age eligible to enter kindergarten.

For more info: Call 216-529-4203