



MOWRIE A. EBNER
Elementary School
Panther Notes 2009-2010
February-March-April

Mowrie A. Ebner Elementary School Promise

All students will learn in a healthy and safe learning environment.

All students will meet proficiency as determined by the reading, mathematics, writing, and science Pennsylvania System of School Assessments or the PSSA.

By: Mrs. Sherry Wells-Principal

**Mowrie A. Ebner
Recognized for Outstanding
Student Achievement**

This school year, Mowrie A. Ebner Elementary School has been one of the 1,000 Title One schools selected to receive a **Title One Academic Achievement Award** in the amount of \$1,800.00. These Title One schools made AYP (Annual Yearly Progress) in both the 2007-08 and 2008-09 school years.

As we enter the seventh year of NCLB (No Child Left Behind) accountability, the targets for AYP are higher than ever and will continue to increase each year, making this achievement very significant and noteworthy.

It is with honor and pride mentioning that the Pennsylvania Department of Education has recognized that our staff is implementing programs and strategies which meet the students right where they are so they can meet the high academic goals that have been established.

Congratulations go to the staff, students and parents for the successes that we are experiencing within our school!



ALL CITY MUSIC STUDENTS

The AASD All-City Concert will be held on **Thursday-March 04, 2010** at the Altoona Area High School Auditorium.

**Congratulations to the following
All-City Music Students**

All-City Concert Band

**Shelby C
Gavin B
Sarah D
Miranda S
Noah S*
Fiona L
Jimmy O*
Jayden P
Jenna C
Dylan B*
Timothy E
Dylan F
Austin M**

*** AASD Elementary Jazz Band**

All-City String Orchestra

**Brooke B
Jack G
Shelby H
Zemira M
Darrian S
Ciara W
Alexis Y**

All-City Chorus

**Kyra B
Brooke B
Alex B
Gavin B
Tamra F
Shelby C
Harley C
Ariel D
Sarah D
Megan F
Ally H
Robert H
Shelby H
Whitley K
Madison M
Zemira M
Kalyn S
Tyler S
Miranda S
Misty T
Kirsten W
Harley W
Lindsey Y**



Discipline With Purpose

In a recent educational magazine a cartoon illustrated a young man hanging upside-down off the roof of the school. The Principal was standing beneath him. The caption read, “*But Dr. Smith, when you said that you were going to suspend me, I didn’t know this is what you had in mind!*”

How often do our children clearly understand rules and the reasons rules are made?
How often do they grasp the idea that adult-imposed consequences grow out of the need to help children develop better self-discipline?

RULES and *SKILLS* are not alike. Rules can be broken. Skills are learned as they are practiced. They cannot be broken.

Children can be taught *HOW TO DO* a skill. When a rule is broken the consequence is *NOT* negotiable.

Having a clear understanding of the difference between *RULES* and *SKILLS* can help adults and children to develop self-directed behavior.

PLEASE READ THE DWP PARENT LETTER SKILL#7-UNDERSTANDING THE REASONS FOR RULES attached to this newsletter.

ASK YOUR CHILD ABOUT:

- * “Hidden Skills”
- * The **THREE** School Rules
- * Discipline versus Self-Discipline

Q-Site Committee

Q-Site has been collaborating with the faculty and staff in improving attendance and discipline. The “Breakfast Club” a morning club that offers homework help to students in grades 3-6, has already found success this month. Ask your child’s teacher for details if interested.

Q-Site would like to thank Mike Folcarelli and the Folcarelli Supply Co. for sponsoring a AASD District Foundation Grant that will bring author, Bruce Van Patter, to Ebner February 9, 2010. Mr. Van Patter will hold school assemblies, class workshops, and a parent-child evening entitled, *The Magic of Making Stories*.

ALL ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO COME WITH THE WHOLE FAMILY!

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Ebner Student Council will be sponsoring a **BABY LOVE** contest in February. Teams of Ebner faculty and staff will compete in a faculty baby picture contest to raise money for the Miracle League of Blair County. Students will compete in a Penny Wars format where dollars and silver coins will count as **POSITIVE** votes, and pennies count as **NEGATIVE** votes. The winning team will receive **GOLDEN PACIFIERS** as the reward. In March the student council will sponsor a school-wide Shamrock Scavenger Hunt. The council is planning an **EGG HUNT** for K-2 students in April.

NICE WORK, STUDENTS!

SNOW DAYS

On Snow Days, a decision will be reached whether to have a two-hour delay and/or close school. The purpose for the two-hour delay is to give our custodians time to have sidewalks cleared. In most cases the district will start with a delay and upgrade to a closing if a closing is warranted.

When a two-hour delay is scheduled, students should report to school at 11:00 a.m. Please listen to one of our local radio stations or watch TV Channel 13 /Access Channel for more information on school delays and closings.

Electronic Devices

Please be advised that the school is not responsible for lost or stolen game boys, CD players, etc... We advise that all students keep these items at home if they are considered valuable. CELL PHONES are not permitted on school property.

Progress Book Information

We are proud to be part of Progress Book, the web-based technological tool which enhances home to school communication. Be sure to log on to this online grade reporting system, and see how your child is doing. Log on to the following website: <http://grades.altoonasd.com>

Parents are asked to please include your email address in your Progress Book account. If you forget your log-in or your password, this can be emailed to you without having to contact the school.

Cafeteria Reminder

Please keep lunch accounts current. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Little at 946-8400, ext. 4132

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

The school's Valentine's Day Party will be held on Thursday-February 11, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Information will be sent home to each head homeroom parent to help organize the ice cream parties.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held on
April 28-30, 2010.

Volunteers will be contacted to help. This is an annual event our students look forward to attending.



Only prescription medication will be dispensed in school by the school nurse at your request. A signed form from the doctor authorizing our school nurse to administer medication will be required, and medication must be in the prescription container.

A Message from our Nurse:

Help your child make healthy food and lifestyle choices by following these steps:

1. Be good role models. Practice eating and exercise habits you would like your children to have.
2. Increase activity time. Make physical activity a part of your family's daily life. Set limits on TV and computer time to no more than 2 hours a day.
3. Eat breakfast-Studies show that children who eat breakfast do better academically in school and have a lower incidence of obesity than those who skip this most important meal.
4. Involve your child in meal planning and grocery shopping. When they are old enough, teach them about food preparation, cooking and food safety and later how to use the food label information.

Kindergarten and First Grade Registration

Kindergarten and First grade registration for the 2010-2011 school year will take place at Ebner school on -

Tuesday-March 02, 2010

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Large Group Room.

You will need the following documents:

1. Birth certificate
2. Current immunization records
3. Social Security Card
4. Any custody documents

To enroll your child in Kindergarten your child must become 5 years of age on or before September 30, 2010 and plan to enter kindergarten for the first time in August 2010.

To enroll your child in First grade your child must become 6 years of age on or before September 30, 2010 and plan to enter first grade for the first time in August 2010.



Ebner's Technology Fair

Ebner will hold its Sixth Annual Technology Fair on MONDAY-MARCH 08, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Students will complete curriculum related benchmarks, based on grade level technology standards, each semester. Each teacher will have projects on display for you to enjoy. Each year this event has hosted about 200 visitors to our school.

District Technology Fair

The Altoona Area School District Technology Fair will be held on Thursday-May 6, 2010 at the AAHS Field House. Our third grade students will take a field trip to the technology fair during the school day. In the evening all the AASD elementary schools will be presenting their Technology Projects and all family and friends are welcome to attend.



PTO NEWS

2010-2011 Mowrie A. Ebner

PTO Election of Officers

Please refer to the attachment to the newsletter if you are interested in being placed on the Election of Officer ballot for the 2010-2011 school year. We look forward to placing your name on the election ballot. The election of PTO Officers will take place the night of March 8, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym before visiting the Technology Fair.

A Big Thank You

TO the Parents who send in Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels! The school raised more money than ever this year! Points from the Campbell Soup Labels were used to purchase needed physical education equipment for the students.

TO the Santa Shop Volunteers! You ALL did a wonderful job and thank you to the parents who sent in crafts for the Santa Shop

EBNER STUDENT ATHLETES

ROCK!



The Winter Athletics Season is in full swing at Ebner Elementary School. A record number of students signed up to participate in CBRC's and AASD's 4th-6th grade basketball programs.

GO PANTHERS!

Thanks to all those who have volunteered to coach and are currently coaching. Good Luck to all our teams as they move into the 2nd half of the basketball season. Please be on the lookout in backpacks for forms. A cheerleading information meeting will be scheduled for some time in late March or early April.

Thanks, Mrs. Lindner

Sixth Grade Events

The parents of the sixth grade are working diligently to complete committee activities. Parents will be informed of the total profit for students that goes towards the fair share for events. See dates for sixth grade events on the calendar.