

# TRENTON AVENUE NEWS

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Congratulations again to  
our students and staff!

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### 3rd Grade Reading Achievement Test

Third grade students will be taking their state-mandated reading achievement test on Tuesday, October 6, 2009. Please see that your 3rd grade student is to school on time and ready to do their best on this important test. This test is one of the 6 indicators on our building report card that determines our building rating. Good luck 3rd graders—remember....always do your best!!

### Right To Read Week “Saddle Up and Read”

*October 12-16*

Monday—Hat Day  
Tuesday—Reading Day  
Wednesday—Cowboy Day  
Thursday—Badge Day  
Friday—Mustang/Horse Day

### Progress Reports

Students in grades 1-4 should be bringing home their 1st nine-week progress report with this newsletter. Grades closed for these reports on Friday, September 25.

The progress report for your child is computer generated directly from the teachers grade book. Please look over the report carefully. The teacher who is responsible for your child's grade in that particular subject is listed at the far right of that subject line (darker shaded line). Your child's actual grade is listed in the second shaded line just below the subject name and teacher name shaded line. An explanation of marks you may find in that line are:

A—100%-92%

B—91%-83%

C—82%-74%

D—73%-65%

F—64%-0%

E—Excellent

S—Satisfactory

MP—Moderate Progress

HD—Having Difficulty

U—Unsatisfactory

The information below the actual grade is specific information regarding what assignment types make up that particular grade. Please be sure to check the front and back of your child's progress report as most students have information on both sides of their report. The beige copy is for you to keep for your records. Please sign and return the white copy to your child's teacher.

If you have any questions regarding your child's progress report—contact your child's teacher.

### End of the 1st Nine-Week Grading Period

The end of the 1st nine-week grading period is Friday, October 30 and report cards will be available for all students (K-4) when you come in for Parent/Teacher Conferences—November 4 or 5.

Now is the time for your child to maintain or if necessary, turn around their grades if they are not where they should be. Waiting until the last week of the nine-weeks is too late. Please speak with your child daily about school. If you ever have questions, contact your child's teacher by leaving them a voice mail message or by sending a

note. Communication between home and school is extremely important and demonstrates to your child the interest you have in their education.

## Picture Retake Day



Picture retake day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28. If your child was absent from school on Wednesday, September 23 (Fall picture day) you will want to mark this date on your calendar as your child will be getting their picture taken that day.

## Bus Reminders

Just a reminder that students are not permitted to ride a different bus from their established routine in the morning or afternoon. This means that a bus student has only one route (bus) that they can be picked up on in the morning and only one route (bus) they will be on in the evening for the entire year. Students may not change that morning or evening bus now that it has been established unless the child moves.

## Halloween Room Parties

Classroom Halloween parties will be held on Friday, October 30 at 1:30 p.m. Classroom teachers will be organizing their own parties and will contact parents if help is needed in their classroom. Costumes are **not** permitted.



## Cafeteria Prices

Breakfast—\$.75  
Reduced Breakfast—\$.30  
Lunch—\$2.00  
Reduced Lunch—\$.40  
Milk—\$.50

## School Fees

Student fees for the 2009-2010 school year are \$25.00. Checks may be made payable to Claymont City Schools. Payment can be made by stopping in the school office during the school day or by sending payment with your child to school. Your child's school fees must be paid in full or a payment plan established in order to receive your child's 2nd nine-week report card. If you feel your child is eligible for a student waiver, you may request an application from the office.

## Dropping Off and Picking Up Students

The drop-off and pick-up location for students is the Trenton Avenue parking lot. Do **not** use the bus canopy entrance before or after school for dropping off or picking up your child. It is also very important that students are not dropped off on Trenton Avenue (the street). It is extremely dangerous for students to be let out on Trenton Avenue and then walk across the parking lot to enter the building. This is for your child's safety as well as the safety of all students.

Students should not be dropped off or arrive at school before 7:25 a.m. as the doors are locked until then. If you are planning on walking your child to the door after dropping them off, do not park/leave your vehicle in the flow of traffic. Park your vehicle in a parking space. This will allow those behind you to continue the traffic flow, helping to eliminate the build-up of cars on Trenton Avenue.

## PTO Meeting

The Trenton Avenue PTO will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the LRC. Everyone is invited to attend. I encourage you to attend and get involved with the PTO.

## New Security System

There will be a new security system installed at Trenton Avenue in the very near future. All outside doors will be locked during the school day. There will be a doorbell (buzzer system) with a camera at both the Trenton Avenue entrance and the Bus Canopy entrance. Any visitors to the building will need to press the doorbell (buzzer) and the door will be unlocked from the office to allow entrance to the building. Visitors will then report directly to the office. This may appear to be an inconvenience at times, but it will provide a safer environment for our students and our staff members. If you have any questions regarding this new system please call the school.

## Emergency Medical Forms

It is extremely important that we receive your child's emergency medical information. This provides us with the information we would need in the event of an emergency. These forms also travel with the students on field trips. Students are not permitted to attend field trips if they do not have one of these forms on file. If you have not done so already, please complete the form and return it to the school as soon as possible.