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Ohio Achievement Test Update

Please review the updated testing schedule. We appreciate your cooperation in not scheduling doctor appointments and/or vacations during these important dates and times:

March 6th 8:00-11:00: 3rd & 4th Grade Reading Test

March 7th 8:00-11:00: 5th Grade Reading Test

March 8th 8:00-11:00: 3rd & 4th Grade Math Test

March 9th 8:00-11:00: *4th Grade Writing Test

March 9th 8:00-11:00: 5th Grade Math Test

*Students in Ms. Sack's 4th grade will take the Writing Test on March 9th 12:00-2:30.

P.I. Levy Renewal

The Evergreen Local Board of Education is asking district voters to approve the renewal of a 1.9 mill permanent improvement levy on the May 2, 2006 primary ballot. This levy was originally passed in 1981 as a 2.4 mill P. I. Levy. It has been renewed seven times since 1981, the last renewal being in May of 2001.

Because of the passage of the Ohio School Facilities Project in May of 2002, the Evergreen Local Board of Education reduced this Permanent Improvement Levy by .5 mill making it a 1.9 mill levy. The Board is asking the district voters to renew this 1.9 mill P.I.

Levy for a period of 5 years. The same time frame as the renewal in 2001.

This Permanent Improvement Levy cannot be used for the general expenditures such as salaries, electricity and gas. This levy is earmarked to be used for improvements and repairs to the buildings and grounds and purchase equipment with a five year life that would include computers and school busses.

For the past four years, the Board has committed \$500,000 of its local share for the Ohio School Facility Project for the P.I. fund and also \$460,000 for L.F.I.'s (Locally Funded Initiatives) which include four classrooms at the elementary school. In addition, the Board has committed \$60,000 over two years to assist the Athletic Boosters with installing the new lights on the football field.

Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal and Decrease) Evergreen Local School District

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of part of an existing levy, being a reduction of 0.5 mill, to constitute a tax for the benefit of the Evergreen Local School District for the purpose of GENERAL PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS at a rate not exceeding 1.9 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to nineteen cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five years, commencing in 2006, first due in calendar year 2007.

	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

As we look to the need for the 1.9 P.I. Levy in the next 5 years, we need to be more aggressive in updating our school bus fleet. We have a bus fleet of 27 busses and have only purchased three new busses in the past four years. Technology continues to need updated and replacement to keep our students current. Our enrollment in the new elementary school has risen dramatically since moving into the new building, kindergarten enrollment this year 120 compared to 80 last year. We may need to use P.I. funds to add additional classrooms to the elementary school if enrollment continues to increase.

The P.I. Levy gives the Board the opportunity to improve the building and grounds without affecting the educational opportunities provided for the students. Passage of this P.I. Levy will help insure the maintenance of the new and remodeled facilities that district residents have so generously provided.

Study Island

Study Island, an on-line product designed to help your 3rd-5th grader master the OH Math Standards, is available at home. Log on to www.studyisland.com to monitor your child's progress. Students can log on to learn the skills in the test mode or play a variety of games.

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR RETIRES



After 29 years as bus mechanic with the last nine years as Transportation Coordinator for the Evergreen Local Schools, Mr. Jerry VandeSande retired effective January 31, 2006. During those years Jerry was responsible for maintaining a school bus fleet of 29 busses. He also maintained four school vans and three trucks. Jerry also provided a helping hand in maintaining school district morrows and tractors. Jerry had a reputation in the area of having all his busses ready for the State Patrol's annual inspection. During his career the State Patrol passed all Evergreen busses on their first visit 21 times.

Jerry had one span of 15 consecutive years that his busses passed inspection on the first State Patrol visit.

Jerry's hard work and dedication to the Evergreen transportation will be missed. Jerry will be returning to the district part-time beginning on April 1 to take on the responsibility of head grounds keeper.

Jerry has been replaced by Mr. Ron Whitehead, who after 17 years as a bus mechanic at Evergreen took over the responsibilities of Transportation Coordinator effective February 1, 2006.

4-H "Idea Starter" Projects Provide Alternative to Traditional Project Book

Ohio 4-H has an exciting, new way to explore topics not previously available to its members, according to Bob Horton, Curriculum Specialist for 4-H Youth Development at The Ohio State University.

It's a series of two-page bulletins called "Project Idea Starters" and according to Horton, they have been developed to provide a variety of non-traditional 4-H topics for youth on a timely basis.

Topics currently available as an "Idea Starter" include: astronomy, model railroading, weather, clowning, quilt making, camp counseling, scrapbooking, and rocks, minerals and fossils.

"Each Idea Starter was written as an open invitation to explore some new or innovative topic that we don't currently offer in our traditional project book format," Horton said.

As Idea Starters gain in popularity, they will be targeted for eventual publication as 4-H project manuals, Horton said. Likewise, instead of deleting low

enrollment or specialty 4-H projects, they can be sustained as Project Idea Starters, he said.

4-H members who are interested in learning more about "Idea Starter" topics should contact the 4-H Youth Development Educator of their local Ohio State University Extension Office at 419-337-9210 or view the Ohio 4-H Idea Starter web page at: www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~idea.

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