

Trebein Monthly

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Highlights!

1st: Character Ed Day
6th -10th: Teacher
Appreciation week
9th: Volunteer
Appreciation Lunch, 11am
11th: Founder's Run
14th: PTO Meeting, 7pm
IMC
20th & 21st: Field Days
23rd: 5th grade send off
AND last day of school
(Early Dismissal)

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

We invite all the wonderful volunteers to a luncheon on May 9th to thank those of you who have done so much for us this year. It will be held in our gym from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. Please RSVP to the office (937)458-2300 or email rachel.weidner@gocre.org by May 6th.

Letter from Mrs. Walk

Hello Parents,

I've been reading lately about perceptions surrounding public education and it seems that parents are getting somewhat of a "bad rap" for being overly protective of their children's feelings and for not supporting the school when issues arise. I would like to shout from the rooftops that this is definitely NOT the case at Trebein. Overwhelmingly, Trebein parents seem to take a common sense approach to parenting. While our families give plenty of love to their children and take an active role in their lives, they also balance this with high expectations for appropriate behavior and effort. When I reach out to parents to communicate about an issue at school, I am always so pleased to be met with concern for what happened and support for finding a way to correct the issue at hand. The fact that we are able to work together and that you support high expectations are part of what makes Trebein such a special place.

This is the time when many parents begin thinking about next school year. Placing children in homerooms is one of the greatest challenges an elementary principal faces. I take this responsibility very seriously and spend a great deal of time making sure each classroom has a balance of ability levels, personalities, boys/girls, etc. Your child's current teacher provides insight as well. If you have some insight you would like to share about your child and his/her needs, I welcome input. However, please understand that Beaver Creek Schools does not accept teacher requests by name. Believe me, we want your child to be successful and happy school and will do our very best to make this happen.

As we complete our book study of *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, we come to Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw. To be effective, we must devote the time to renewing ourselves physically, spiritually, mentally, and socially. This habit surrounds all of the other habits and makes each one possible by preserving and enhancing your greatest asset - yourself!

There are four dimensions of our nature, and each must be exercised regularly and in balanced ways:

Physical Dimension:

- * Eat well
- * Get sufficient rest and relaxation
- * Exercise on a regular basis to build endurance, flexibility, and strength

Spiritual Dimension:

- * Practice daily meditation
- * Communicate with nature
- * Immerse yourself in great literature or music

Mental Dimension:

- * Read good literature
- * Keep a journal of your thoughts, experiences, and insights
- * Limit television watching to only those programs that enrich your life and mind

Social/Emotional Dimension:

- * Seek to deeply understand other people
- * Make contributions to meaningful projects that improve the lives of others
- * Maintain an Abundance Mentality, and see to help others find success

As we focus on renewing ourselves along these four dimensions, we must also seek to be a positive scripter for other people. We must look to inspire others to a higher path by showing them we believe in them by listening to them empathically and by encouraging them to be proactive.

As always, thank you for sharing your sweet children with us each day!
Lisa Walk

Nurse's News

Spring 2019



The End is Near

Medication Pickup

With the end of the school year fast approaching, parents of students with medications in the nurse's office should remember to pick up the remaining medications before the last day of school. All unclaimed medications will be properly disposed of by the end of June. We will additionally provide paperwork, if needed, for those students requiring medications next year and/or an action plan for asthma, diabetes, or seizures. These forms need to be filled out every SCHOOL year, not calendar year.

Kindergarten Assessments

If you have a new kindergartener that will be starting at Trebein next year, feel free to stop by the clinic and drop off any medical paperwork that is required (physical forms, immunizations records, health checklists, etc.) We will also be available to discuss any medical diagnoses/conditions or use of medications if needed.



Saying Goodbye

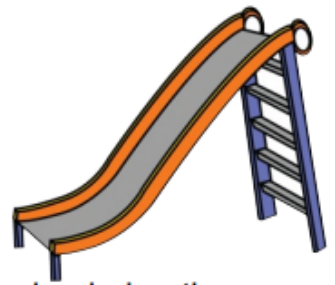


Mrs. A

For those who are not already aware, our beloved Mrs. A will be leaving at the end of this school year. She has been a long standing figure in the Trebein clinic and will be sorely missed. Although Mrs. Gina will still be sticking around and a new nurse will be filling Mrs. A's role next year, nothing will compare to her and all that she's contributed to the clinic and the Trebein community as well. We wish her all the best in her next ventures.

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Tips for Preventing the Summer Slide



Studies show that children who do not read or have access to books during the summer lose up to 2 months of reading performance. Those losses accumulate during the elementary school years so that by the time a child enters middle school he/she may be 2 1/2 years behind! All children, whether from low, middle or upper income families, may fall victim to the “summer slide” if not provided with summer reading opportunities. So how do we prevent the summer slide-or even accelerate reading growth? Here are a few ideas:

- 1** Visit your local library! Help your child find “right fit” books. Right fit books are books that are of high interest to your child and are not beyond their reading level. You can use the five finger test to determine if the book is too difficult for your child. Open the book to a page with many words. Have your child begin reading the text. Hold up a finger for each word he/she does not know. If you have 4 or 5 fingers up, the text may be too difficult for your child to read independently. Feel free to still check out the book! It just may be a book you want to read with your child.
- 2** Be sure your child reads at least 20 minutes a day. According to research, a child who reads only 1 minute a day outside of school will learn 8,000 words by the end of sixth grade where a student who reads 20 minutes outside of school will learn 1,800,000 words! That’s huge! If reading isn’t one of your child’s top priorities, you may need to set up an incentive program.
- 3** Set a good example. When your child sees you reading and enjoying a book or a newspaper article, you are sending a message that reading is important and valuable.
- 4** Read to your child. When you read to your child, he/she hears the rhythm of language. Be sure to read with expression! Changing your voice for different characters and increasing your volume during exciting parts are only a few ways to keep children engaged.
- 5** Read with your child –explore different types of reading such as poetry. For our little ones, poetry is a great way to improve phonemic awareness skills as poetry often incorporates rhyme. For our older children, poetry is a means of improving fluency.
- 6** Read for different purposes. Reading directions for a recipe or directions for assembling a toy are fun ways of incorporating reading into everyday activities.
- 7** Play games with words. Commercial games such as Apples to Apples improves vocabulary. You can easily turn a game of hopscotch or 4 square into a game that incorporates learning letters or sight words. Be sure to check out the “8 Super Summer Sight Word Activities” on the Make, Take & Teach blog.
- 8** If you have access to an iPad, there are tons of interactive books and apps that address phonics and early reading skills. There are also many websites that offer free reading related games.

Have a happy and healthy summer! Be sure to read, read and read some more! Not only can we prevent the summer slide, we can accelerate reading growth.



For more teaching ideas and activities be sure to visit our blog! www.blog.maketaketeach.com

Wolf Pack Volunteers Needed

- **Science Fair** – Friday, May 10th, Must be here at 7:20am. Parents, please email Mrs. Hight to confirm child's participation Michelle.Hight@gocreek.org
- **Feed the Creek Volunteers** – Saturday, May 18th, from 9am to 12pm
 - Duties will include moving items on shelves, bagging, and cleaning carts
 - 4011 Dayton-Xenia Rd. (In front of Knickerbocker)
 - Parents email Mrs. Hight to confirm child's participation Michelle.Hight@gocreek.org



Congratulations to Mrs. Curliss!



Mrs. Erin Curliss, a 2nd grade teacher, was recently named the 2018/2019 Outstanding Educator for Trebein Elementary! Congratulations on a much-deserved award!

Mrs. Walk commented: "Your kind, quiet, caring heart shines through in every interaction with kids and with staff. You have the ability to engage kids and move them forward while considering each child's unique needs and strengths. Such an amazing gift!"



Founder's Run

Trebein's annual Founder's Run, and 5K is on May 11, 2019. Volunteers will help with Registration, Food and on the Course.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044ba8ac2ea5fa7-founders1>

Teacher Appreciation Week

Join us for a whole week of Teacher Appreciation. Please use the link below to volunteer or donate to make the week of May 6-10 a truly special time for our educators.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044ba8ac2ea5fa7-teacher1>

Field Day

The year is winding down and we are winding up for Field Day on May 20th & 21st. We need lots of volunteers to help, so please consider coming out for the morning, the afternoon, or the whole day. All Day Volunteers will be provided lunch.

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5th Grade Sendoff

The 5th Grade Sendoff Party is on the LAST day of school, Thursday, May 23rd, from 10-12:15! Help us say "Bon Voyage" to elementary school and "Hello" to middle school. There are several items needed to make this party a success and we hope you can help, by either volunteering or donating to the party!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044ba8ac2ea5fa7-5thgrade>

2019/20 Board & Volunteer Positions

There is still time to join in on the fun by helping to fill a Board or Committee position next year. Please look through our list of opportunities. Trebein is an amazing Elementary School and it is due to the awesome parents we have who help out in both big and small ways. Thank you!

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Your local Camp Invention site information:

Who: For children entering grades 1-6

Location: Trebein Elementary School
1728 Dayton-Xenia Road, Xenia, OH 45385

Date & Time: June 3 - 7, 2019 from 9:00am - 3:30pm

Price: \$230 (before discount)

Director: Nichole Erwin
nichole.erwin@beavercreek.k12.oh.us | (937) 572-6779

Exciting news for this location: An Extended Camp experience is being provided to accommodate working families. Extended Camp hours are 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM and will cost an additional \$80 per week. To sign up, please select the Extended Camp option during Step 1 of registration.

If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit invent.org/camp for other locations near you.

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Beavercreek Family Fun Day

Sunday, May 5th

12pm-4pm

Beavercreek High School



Free Event!

Join Beavercreek City Schools, community groups and organizations for an afternoon of family fun.

There will be inflatables, games, activities, live music, local vendors, and food trucks.

UpLift: Serve, Support, and Celebrate!

Donations Accepted!

This year, each Beavercreek School building selected a community organization to serve, support, and celebrate. Family Fun Day, 2019, will feature each school's activity booth paired with their chosen organization. All donations during this event will benefit these amazing causes.

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*Rain or Shine!—In the event of inclement weather, festivities will be inside Beavercreek High School



The PTO Executive Board offers our heartfelt thanks to all of you that helped make this another amazing year at Trebein! See you again in August!

And, special thanks to our fearless PTO President and leader, Kim Goodnough, for serving our school so well for the past 2 years. Thank you also to Kristen Kindle, Ami Lewis, Beth Axthlem and Jenny King for answering the call to serve on the board. Our school is a better place because of the love poured into it by each of you. ♥