



The School Age Care News

May 2009

Dear Parents,

Celebrate **Keep America Beautiful!** Children will discuss littering and how it affects the people who live in their community. They will also contribute by helping pick up litter around the school they attend.

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WOODBURY

GENERAL NEWS

The April showers have brought May flowers. The weather is better and we are taking advantage of it. The outdoor fun includes four square, football, and running around and playground activities. Some students are in the school running club. However, homework is first and foremost—Work before play.

We have had very healthy snacks, fruits and vegetables. We are also trying to instill healthy conversations and behavior. We have stressed to our students that kind words are to be used. Friendships are lasting.

The past month topics included math and eating healthy.

Many students have completed the Ohio Achievement Testing. Lots of students had math homework. So April being Math Month was very

fitting to come before the OGT's. See Creative Writing for a poem about math.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all moms.

Some projects completed were cards and plants.



CREATIVE WRITING

Math

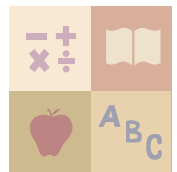
Math rules,

Math is cool,

Math is going to teach them,

Math is going to beat them!

By Shaina Brown



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MERCER

GENERAL NEWS

April showers will soon bring May flowers at Mercer. Our students are awaiting the sun to blossom their flowers as a Mother' Day gift. As we continue to nurture, educate and provide an atmosphere for learning, let's not forget to keep safety first.

Mercer students have been exercising and getting ready for outside activities, such as relay races, scavenger hunts, nature walks and sport activities.



SPOTLIGHT

These students have shown kindness, helpful hands, and positive energy at Mercer.



Let's guess who it is???

*Every student at
Before and After Care*

Congratulations!!!

THANK YOU NOTE

A special thank you goes to the staff at Mercer for their time, leadership and teamwork to make everyday productive.

Mr. Quaterman

SPECIAL DAYS

Earth Day — April 22

National Ranger Day — April 25

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Students will be celebrating Mother's Day by preparing a tasteful dessert to serve and share with mom on May 8.
- Spelling Bee Contest
- Poetry Contest



FERNWAY

GENERAL NEWS

Fernway will be sticking to the homework schedule after snack for all grades (especially for 3rd and 4th graders). Now that the weather is changing we will not get outside until 4:45 pm or after, when the parking lot and playground areas are clear from traffic.

Fernway's school age child care welcomes newcomers Alex and Sophie Holtcamp to morning care and Matthew Johnson to after care. We welcome new faces!

Fernway's 3rd and 4th graders will be preparing for their upcoming SATs next week.

May and June birthdays will be celebrated together the 1st Friday in June. We will have special summer super soaker water balloon toss for our summer birthdays to kick off the summer of '09.



SHOWCASE (GIRLS RULE!)

Congratulations to Julia Barragate's and Nazini Cassidy's families on their new arrivals. Both families welcomed baby girls!

Julia and Nazini are great big sisters!



EDUCATION CORNER

Fernway gave a math contest for all grades in honor of mathematics month. The groups were split by grade and partnered with helpers. The winners for 1st place were:

Kindergartener group: Charlie Gunn

1st Grade group: Jackson Lang

2nd Grade group: Sam Gunn, Clarise Williams and Pillar Vazquez helped tutor; they were excellent junior teachers for our kindergarten group

3rd Grade group: Marissa Harris

4th Grade group: Caroline Kruthoff

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Natalie Kellon	May 2
Marissa Harris	May 12
Hayden Steiss	May 14
Abigail Yingling	May 26



FERNWAY (cont'd)

CREATIVE WRITING

Our U.S.A. Flag

The U.S.A. flag means that we have the freedom to do anything that the law says. I think having our flag helps us have a better life. Red, white, and blue also having the colors tells everyone that they have the power to do anything!

by Kimya Taheri, 1st grade



FAVORITE BOOKS OF THE MONTH

- Fourth Grade Fuss

by Johanna Hurwitz

- Matilda

by Roald Dahl

The Rainbow

What do you think about when you hear the word "rainbow"? Color? Paint? Rain? Sun? I think about the pat...pat...pat...of rain, the sound that lulls you to sleep. I also think about my violin because it has a smooth sound like rain. It is very cool to think



about these and other words alike to rain and violin. I hope you like my word suggestions. Remember rainbows are royal and loyal.

by Anna Walker, 3rd grade

LOMOND

GENERAL NEWS

Lomond had some very interesting projects going on in the month of April. The children in each grade participated in a Math-a-thon! The Math-a-thon provided numerous math activities that challenged their "left side" thinking. They worked on it all month and for their participation received certificates and special ribbons. It was a great experience and the children will be participating in more math activities.

Lomond child care also did a tribute to some of the world's greatest landmarks. The children did a weaving project of each landmark. They are on display in the school's hallway.

CREATIVE WRITING

Spring Time

Spring time is the time for fun.

Jump up in the bike of fun.

I ride my bike for lots of fun.

My brother has a ripstick...

He rides it a lot.

I don't know what to say...

I ♥ spring!



By Parker Jarrett

LOMOND (cont'd)

SPOTLIGHT

★ MARVIN PARRA ★

This outstanding 3rd grader attends Lomond's before and after care program. His birthday is May 3rd and he will be 9 years old. He has a younger brother Micah. Marvin is in Mr. Smith's class and his favorite subjects are music and art.

Marvin enjoys watching TV and playing with his friend Jalan. In after care his favorite club is science. He is also in sewing club and enjoys playing basketball.

Marvin would like to be a teacher when he grows up. He feels it is important to teach and help people



learn information. Marvin has displayed leadership, enthusiasm, and intelligence in the after care program and would make a fantastic teacher.

Marvin also likes to read and he recommends *"Diary of A Wimpy Kid- The Last Straw"* by Jeff Kinney. He said it is funny and everyone should read it.



CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

SCIENCE CLUB—The children were involved in various experiments and activities. A few of the activities included creating flubber balls, experimenting with colors, food ingredients and recipes, and learning science terminology.

CHEERLEADING CLUB—The children worked on their own cheerleading uniforms for the "All-Star Game"! Each child designed their own outfit with Ms. Danielle's help. They also learned new cheers and practiced hard for the competition.



SPORTS CLUB—The "All Star Game" demonstrated good sportsmanship and all around good time. The cheerleaders performance and the support from our families were appreciated. The children practiced very hard.

READING—This month the children have had the opportunity to choose their own books to focus on. They also took the time to participate in group activities. Some of the books they read were by Eric Carle, *Animals, Animals* and *A House For Hermit the Crab*. Each week was also devoted to a chapter of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl. The children will finish the book by the end of May.

SEWING CLUB—Mrs. Rogers was busy keeping up with the juice bag project and teaching the children the proper techniques for different patterns and projects. The children have been helping with the environment by taking juice bag containers and making bags and other accessories. It has been a huge success!

BOULEVARD

GENERAL NEWS

Spring is here! Though weather may be getting better, parents please remember to dress your kids appropriately. As the weather warms up for safety reason it might be a good idea to have your child bring another pair of shoes other than sandals. Sandals can be dangerous on the playground. They can pack these in their book bags and change before outside time.

If you haven't gotten a chance please take a few minutes either at morning care drop off or after care pick up to check the "Lost and Found" for hats, gloves, boots, and scarves. These items seem to pile up.

Since we are in the spring of the year, we hope to do more fun events and have parent

involvement in them. We will discuss dates and activities that will occur as we move toward the end of the year.

Thank you for all your support for your children and the Boulevard before care/after care program.

LOST and FOUND



SHOWCASE

★ ALULA HANSEN ★ and ★ CHENEY SEMPLE ★

Alula and Chey are both 4th graders in Mr. Austin's class. They are hardworking and always willing to help. They show personal interest in many of the younger students, especially those who may be shy.

Alula is always reading and willing to help, he assists in the re-shelving of books after reading time, carrying the bags down the hall during gym time, and enjoys helping set up dodge balls during game time in the gym (he often sets the best dodge ball across from where he will be standing 😊).


Chey helps out both in the morning and after care. Chey often politely asks to set up the rug during Movies or Legos. He helps assist younger kids with game clean up even when he is not playing that game and quietly comes in during check in time, setting a good example for the younger kids.

Chey and Alula enjoy gym time and playing with K-nex (they love construction and designing their own structures). The Boulevard staff would like to thank both of you for all your hard work!



BOULEVARD (cont'd)

SPORTS

Simon Manning, Jack Sullivan, and Justin Phillips made the traveling Shaker Heights baseball teams. They will begin their season this month. Hopefully some of us will be able to make their home games this season. 

Since many children are involved with other sports and activities, please let the Boulevard staff know what days they are involved. We hope to get involved in some sort of sport or activity with another after care program this spring and would not want to leave anyone out. We want to do our best to allow your child to participate, this will be greatly appreciated. A kickball game is one of the ideas that the kids are excited about. We are trying to work this out with those schools that are within walking distance . We will keep you informed.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Since spring seems to finally be here, we are going to be spending a large amount of time outside. We hope that one thing that we can begin is a Nature Club. We will examine the animals and their habitats around Boulevard school. During our nature walks we will try to classify some of the trees and leaves into each family and group in the plant kingdom. Students may also do some outdoor science experiments. We are looking into the possibility of doing bottle rockets.

Many of the high school sports teams use Boulevard field so we hope to be able to work around them. If you have ideas please feel free to make suggestions. We will consider implementing those ideas into our before and after care schedules.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the things you can think up if only you try... You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself, any direction you choose.

Dr. Seuss

Remember always, you are in control of your own destination, it's all about choices, keep thinking always Boulevard for without thinking there is no learning.

ONAWAY

GENERAL NEWS

Wow! Time is flying. This year is almost over and summer break will soon be upon us. Plans for the end of the year party will begin very soon, so keep your eyes on the lookout for our end of the school year celebration. The kids have a great time.



The weather in Cleveland is up and down but we are finally getting some good weather. With this in mind, we will be going outside more often. If you don't see us in the Multipurpose Room on a bright sunny day, chances are that we are on the playground. You can feel free to join in the fun. At this time of year, with the weather changing from warm to cold so frequently, please remember to have your child prepared for rising and dropping temperatures. The kids get mad if Onaway staff does not let them go

outside without wearing the proper attire.

The children will be having a lot of fun closing out the end of the year. Along with the wonderful art work being produced by our Onaway kids, they will also be playing games for prizes. Some of the cool games being played will be word searches, a humming contest, basketball dribble, jump rope contest, cup stacking race, balloon bopping, and pyramid puzzles. Because of the popularity of Connect Four, there will also be a tournament for it. There will be some cool prizes and candy treats for all who participate. Mr. Hill can't wait! He doesn't know that he is not allowed to win any prizes.

SPOTLIGHT



SILVER BARKER-BEY

Silver is a 1st grader in Ms. White's room. She gets kudos because she loves before and after care. Silver is 6 years old and her birthday is September 21st. She loves computer time and P.E. Silver also loves to eat Chinese food. Chicken fried rice is her favorite.

She wants to be a nurse when she grows up. She chose this profession because her mom is a nurse and she likes helping people. She said she would consider being a school nurse to help the kids. AWESOME!!!!!!!



CREATIVE WRITING

Dinosaurs

Dinosaurs lived so long ago, they never had a chance to know,



How many kids will love to get a Dinosaur to be their pet.

by Silver Barker-Bey and Yu Otaki

ONAWAY (cont'd)

RULE REVIEW

With the weather getting warmer, the children will be spending much more time outdoors. With this in mind, Mr. Hill, Ms. E., and Ms. Sarah will be going over the safety rules.

Though Shaker is a close-knit community and there are many familiar faces, the dangers of child abduction exist everywhere. We want the children to be completely safe here, as well as everywhere else they go. Because safety is a major goal of ours, we will review the rules of not talking to strangers and children wandering off. If you could also review these rules with your children at home, the children will be that much safer.

We will also review bathroom rules, keeping hands and body parts to ourselves, and not tag on the playground. More children get hurt playing tag than they do playing dodge ball. Go Figure?!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Emily Kemvill	May 22
Rudy Collins	May 26
Charlie Neel	May 26



BEWARE



There has been a highly contagious spread of the "SPRINGTIME LOONEYS." If you notice the children getting antsy, acting a little crazy, talking nonstop without taking a breath, and literally spinning in circles, and you have cut out the sugar, they may have the SPRINGTIME LOONEYS.

Cure: Patience, and let the kids play! Be careful, adults have been known to get it too!



COMMUNITY LIFE DEPARTMENT

Upcoming Events

STAYCATION PACKAGES

July 10-12
A Howling Great Wolf Lodge
 Includes Family Suite, water park passes and Cedar Pointe tickets.
 Must register before April 1.

July 31 & Aug. 1
A Spoonful of Sugar

Includes 2 night stay at the Radisson, Tickets to the Indians game and picnic buffet, Orchestra Seating for "Mary Poppins" and \$25 gift card to Hard Rock Cafe

Call 216-491-1295 to register or register [online](#).

Bears 'n the Park

Wednesdays, June 24-July 15
 6-7 pm
 Horseshoe Lake Park

Annual Pancake Breakfast

May 23 (Rain Date: May 24)
 Time: 8:30-11:30 am
 Site: Horseshoe Lake Park

All you can eat pancakes and sausages, coffee, orange juice and milk!
 Proceeds benefit the Recreation for Youth Scholarship Fund.

Activities Cancellation Hotline
216-491-3143

Fields Hotline
216-491-2577



Bicycle Rodeo

May 9 (Rain Date: May 16)
 Time: 10 am-2 pm
 Site: Thornton Park parking lot (Farnsleigh Rd.)



Helmet purchase and fittings, prizes and inspection by Bicycle Boulevard of Shaker Heights.

Preschool in the Park

Fridays, June 26-July 31
 9 am-12:30 pm
 Chelton Park

REGISTRATIONS FOR CAMPS ARE OPEN.

Register early.

We are offering many choices for your children enjoyment during the summer from the Traditional Camp to specialty camps and an array of sports.

Call 216-491-1295 for more information

Registration for classes have started.

Register [online](#) or call Thornton Park at 216-491-1295 or the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building at 216-491-1360