

# Bulldog News

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Mar. 1:	Early Out for Students
Mar. 2:	No School - Students
Mar. 8-9:	Kindergarten Roundup
Mar. 13:	School Board Meeting
Mar. 16:	Prelude Concert
Mar. 23:	End of Third Quarter
Mar. 26:	No School
Mar. 27:	School Board Meeting
Mar. 30:	Preschool Screening
Mar. 30:	Lifetouch Spring Pictures

**Reminder: Students should not arrive at school prior to 7:45. The doors will open at 7:45 for students eating breakfast. All others will need to report to the playground at that time.**

**K-5 Conferences will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Please visit the school website @  
Paynesvilleschools.com**

## From the Principal

Grades 3-5 have completed the first round of state testing. I was impressed with how hard the students worked on these math tests. We will continue to look at the results and prepare for the next round in April.

Kindergarten Roundup is scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be no kindergarten classes on those



days. This includes multiage kindergarten.

February, I Love to Read Month was a huge success. I want to thank all of those involved who make this month so special for the students.

Teacher request forms for next year will be available in April in the elementary office. The forms are due in the office by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

We are currently working on the 2012-13 school calendar.

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## Tackling Test Questions

It's spring, which means it is time for standardized tests. To help your child be prepared, share these tips about the types of questions that often appear.

**Multiple Choice:** Read all the answers before marking your choice. Remember, your first instinct is usually best – so don't change your answer unless you're sure.

**True/False:** Look for words such as *never*, *always*, *all* and *none*. They are usually false answers. Words like *many* or *often* are generally found in true answers.

**Essay:** Read essay questions at least twice. Then make a list of important thoughts or key points about each question before writing your essay. Read through the finished essay to be sure you have included all your key points.

## March is National Association for Music Education Month

### *MCA Testing Dates*

#### *MATH #2*

*Grade 3 April 24-25*

*Grade 4 April 11-12*

*Grade 5 May 1-2*

#### *READING*

*Grade 3-5 April 17-18*

#### *SCIENCE*

*Grade 5 May 9-10*

*We will be using school reach to communicate with parents. Please make sure that we have an updated email address and phone number.*

**Daylight Savings Time begins on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Remember to "Spring Ahead" one hour.**



March has been officially designated by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) for the observance of Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM<sup>®</sup>), the time of year when music education becomes the focus of schools across the nation. MIOSM began as a single statewide celebration in 1973, and has grown over the decades to encompass a day, then a week, and then in 1985 to become a month long celebration of school music. The purpose of MIOSM is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children – and to remind citizens that school is where all children should have access to music. MIOSM is an opportunity for music teachers to bring their music programs to the attention of the school and the community and to display the benefits school music brings to students of all ages.

**Please join the students of Paynesville Area Elementary School on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> by wearing BLACK/WHITE that day to show your support of Music In Our School.**

We will be studying the following composers throughout the month within our Multi Age through 4<sup>th</sup> grade music classrooms: Antonio Vivaldi, Franz Schubert, John Philip Sousa and Charles Ives.

Various piano students have participated in festivals and contests within the last month. We will celebrate their hard work and accomplishments by featuring them on a bulletin board posted in the District Office Lobby area. Congratulations to our pianists!

On Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> you are invited to our Annual Lollipop Concert featuring the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Recorder Students and the Prelude Singers, the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Students and the High School Pops Choir. This is a benefit concert for the Paynesville Service Center starting at 7:00 P.M. in the PAS Auditorium.

Please consider joining the High School Choir students at their concert Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. and the High School Band students for their concert on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M.

On Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> the Talent Showcase 2012 concert will begin at 5:30 P.M. in the PAS Auditorium. This concert features local talent and is a benefit concert to raise money for the needs that arise in maintaining the beautiful auditorium facility we all enjoy. Tickets may be purchased through the Community Education website.

**Thank you so much for making music an integral part of your child's education in Paynesville.**