



# BECKEMEYER SCHOOL

## March Newsletter

### **READ ACROSS AMERICA**

Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade students and their parents are invited to participate in the school's celebration of Read Across America from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, in the Beckemeyer School Gym. This year's theme is "Let's Celebrate Reading". Students and their parents are encouraged to visit the school's book fair in the library either before or immediately following the evening's activities. Please make sure your registration form is turned in. The Book Fair is open for all students from 4-8 p.m. on March 2, and also Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 10-2. Students from Coffeen/Witt will be joining us for the daytime programs, primary 9:45-10:30 and intermediate 1:30-2:15. Ventriloquist, Keith Haddrill, and "friends" will be taking about reading.

### **TERRACYCLE**

As an extension of our recycling efforts at Beckemeyer School we are now collecting the following items: **Mars candy wrappers, Capri Sun drink pouches, and FritoLay chip bags.** We have containers at school for items used in the cafeteria. We also will accept donations from home. Please make sure that all juice pouches are placed in a plastic bag to prevent leakage.

### **ISAT TESTS**

Illinois Standards Achievement Tests will be given to all Beckemeyer third, fourth, and fifth grade students during the week of March 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>. All students in the State of Illinois are required to take these tests. Our District and each of its schools are evaluated on how well the students perform on these tests. Children will receive a more exact testing schedule as the date approaches. Parents are encouraged to make sure their children are well rested and ready to do their best on these important tests.

### **PTC CARNIVAL/Book Fair**

Beckemeyer PTC Carnival will be on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 2:00. There will be lots of fun and games. Also, each classroom has prepared a "theme basket" to be raffled off during the carnival. Watch backpacks for more information. The PTC monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.

### **PARENT LUNCH**

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade parent lunch will be held on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **SCHOOL FUNDING AND THE FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM**

Certain school programs are funded based on the number of children who qualify for free and reduced lunches. Title I funds, for example, are allocated to schools based on these numbers. If your income has been reduced since you enrolled this year, or you wish to review the eligibility requirements, please call the school office and an application will be sent home for your consideration.

### **HILLSBORO PRE-KINDERGARTEN/KINDERGARTEN SCREENING REGISTRATION**

Registration for the Hillsboro CUSD#3 Kindergarten, Pre-Kindergarten, and Head Start Screening will be held in all 3 elementary schools, Beckemeyer, Coffeen and Witt during the week of March 22-March 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. If you have a Kindergarten age child, 5 by September 1, 2010 **OR** if you have a pre-school age child, age 3 or 4 by September 1, 2010, stop by any of these elementary schools to pick up registration forms and an appointment card for the May screening. If your child is currently in the District Pre-K or Head Start program they **DO NOT** need to come to screening! If you cannot make it into one of these schools to pick up the necessary paperwork, call 534-2314 and speak with Mrs. Lockett.

**NOTE:** While there has been some concern as to the state budget and grant funded programs like Pre-K, we are optimistic in planning operation of Hillsboro District#3 Early Childhood Programs with some modifications for the fall of 2010. We will have more information about those modifications for you at your screening appointment date.

### **SODA TABS**

We will continue to collect soda tabs through the 16<sup>th</sup> of April.