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Blazing the Trail to Excellence...

Upcoming Events

Fridays through April 23rd:

[Spring Fling](#) tickets on sale after school

March 11th:

Jump Rope for Heart
Deadline

March 12th - 19th:

Spring Break

March 23rd:

CiCi's Night

March 24th:

[Kindergarten Round-Up](#)

1:30 OR 6:00

March 25th:

PTA Meeting, 6pm
& Open House/
Literacy Night, 6:30

April 6th:

5th grade Math TAKS
(no lunch visitors)

April 5th:

Chili's Night

April 7th:

5th grade Math TAKS
(no lunch visitors)
& No Chess Club

April 11-17th:

National Library Week

April 13th:

Librarian Day
& CiCi's Night

April 14th:

Principal's Day

April 19th:

Chili's Night

April 21st:

Secretaries' Day

April 24th:

[Spring Fling](#)

Books Needed for the Book Walk:

New or "gently used" children's books are needed to be used as prizes in the Book Walk at Open House/Literacy Night. Any grade level book will be accepted, but we especially need books for the younger grades. If you are willing to donate a book, Please bring it to Ms. Douglas in the library by Thursday, March 11. ([Billie Snow](#), Mohawk Principal)

Spring Fling Ticket Sales:

Since there is no school on Friday, the Spring Fling Committee will be selling tickets after school TODAY. If you are interested in purchasing a Spring Fling t-shirt, there are two left...one large and one extra-large. (Contact [Amy Carter](#) for information.)

Magazine Cut-Outs Needed:

As an elementary school counselor I like to provide students with different ways of expressing themselves in counseling. For example, some students like to use sand, some to draw, some play with the army men, and others use the doll house. One thing I have found to be beneficial with older students are collages. Art and symbols allow students a non-threatening way to express themselves. The technique itself is not what is important, but the meaning behind the picture, word or expression. I would love to offer older students, in individual counseling, pre-cut pictures which represent various feelings or ideas, like happiness, anger, excitement, stress, or sadness. If you would like to help, please cut out pictures, phrases, or drawings from a magazine and send to me. Think about the kinds of things that might connect with a 4th-6th grader. This will save a tremendous amount of counseling time! I appreciate any help that I can get! Please let me know if you have any questions. ([Lindsey Dennis](#), Mohawk Elementary Counselor)

Open House & Family Literacy Night:

Don't miss this fun family event on Thursday, March 25th! Scavenger hunt, dessert theater, classroom games, book walk and MUCH MORE! ([Lisa Ochoa](#), PTA Programs Chair)

Babysitting For Mohawk Elementary Spring Fling:

The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany will provide childcare from 6:30 - 11:30 for those who would like to attend the Spring Fling. The price is \$25 for one child, \$10 for each additional child with a \$50 cap for the whole evening (proceeds go to support youth mission trips). Click [here](#) for more information and contact [Toni](#) to reserve your spot today.

([Chris Nagus](#) & [Missy Shofner](#), Spring Fling Committee Chairs)

Clothes Closet:

Thanks for donating new shoes for the Shoe Shoe Train/Clothes Closet! As Spring arrives and you're cleaning out closets, remember you can drop gently used clothes/shoes on my porch (1123 Chesterton) or in the basket in the foyer at school. Please make sure it is something you would let your child wear and/or your child would want to wear to school (no holes, broken zippers, missing buttons, etc.). ([Melissa Youngblood](#), PTA Clothes Closet Chair)

Silent Auction Donations/Solicitations Requested:

As you have probably heard, Mohawk PTA will be holding our first ever, adult only, Spring Fling & Silent Auction! It will take place at Canyon Creek Country Club on April 24 from 7pm - 11pm.

Donated items sold at the Silent Auction will provide additional funds to help our school. Please consider making a donation of a special item or service and/or soliciting an item or service from a favorite business that you frequent. Local businesses, restaurants and places of service such as beauty salons, dry

April 27th:
3rd, 4th & 6th grade
Math TAKS
(no visitors at lunch) &
CiCi's Night

April 28th:
3rd, 4th & 6th grade
Reading TAKS
(no lunch visitors)
& No Chess Club

April 29th:
5th Grade Science
TAKS
(no lunch visitors)

April 30th:
Field Day & TAKS
Celebration

May 14th:
ArtFest

May 21st:
4th grade to DMA

cleaners, etc. are great places to ask for auction donations that will support Mohawk. Please click [here](#) for a list of donations as of February 26th.

If you have an item to donate, please turn it in to the office at school and complete a donation form. (The form to complete will be sent home in the Thursday Folder)

As a Thank You for your donation a Special Souvenir will be given to your child, before the Spring Fling, for donating an item valued at \$35 or more.

Deadline to turn in an Auction item (or make arrangements) is April 9th, 2010.
(For more information contact [Emily Nichols](#), Spring Fling Committee)

If My Mama Had Told Me...

Spring is the Air!

In the United States and the rest of the northern hemisphere, the first day of the spring season is the day of the year when the Sun crosses the celestial equator moving northward (on March 20th or 21st). This day is known as the vernal equinox.

The vernal equinox marks the beginning of the astrological year when the sun enters the sign of Aries. Also known as Ostara, the pagan goddess of spring and fertility, the vernal equinox signifies new life emerging this time of year.

Why Wear a Watch?

One of the best ways to determine spring is by watching and tracking migratory animals, such as fish, bats, birds and butterflies that have an innate biological clock necessary for survival by means of eating, waking/sleeping, blooming, migrating, mating and more.

<http://animal.discovery.com/tv/spring-watch/spring-facts/spring-facts.html>

([Renee Laffitte](#), Mohawk PTA Parent Ed.)

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