



# Rommelt News

## APRIL 2013

South Williamsport Area  
School District

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### Rommelt Teachers

Mr. Brown  
 Ms. Cooke  
 Mrs. Cruz  
 Mrs. Ehrgood  
 Mrs. Flerlage  
 Mr. Hill  
 Mrs. Ogden  
 Mr. Pearson  
 Mrs. Puller  
 Mrs. Sahm  
 Mrs. Zielewicz

## REMINDER OF PSSA 2013 ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

We will be assessing our students' learning for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades on the following dates:

**Reading and Mathematics     April 8 (AM and PM), 9-12 (AM only)**

**Here are a few ways to help prepare your child to do his/her best on the assessments.**

- 1. Talk to your child about working carefully and thoughtfully on each assessment. Encourage him/her to do their best.**
- 2. Have your child get plenty of rest. Well-rested children tend to perform better on cognitive tasks.**
- 3. Eating a good breakfast provides energy for taking assessments.**
- 4. It is important that your child be present for the assessment unless ill and that your child arrives to school on time.**
- 5. If at all possible, please reschedule any appointments that coincide with the assessment schedule.**

**Please note that if your child needs additional time to finish the assessment that extends beyond the regular school, you will be contacted to make arrangements. The Department of Education does not allow overnight extensions. Students must finish the testing session the same day.**

**Thanks for your continued support.**

*Dwight Woodley*  
*Principal*



# Home & School

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## SHORT NOTES

### Check your work

Your child can do better on assignments by looking over finished work before he hands it in. For instance, he will need to correct misspelled words and make sure that subjects and verbs agree. He should also see that his name is on his paper so he gets credit for his work.

### Observation game

Raise a youngster with a sharp eye by playing this game. Put 10 objects (marker, candy, toy car) on a tray. Let your child look at the tray for 5 seconds. While she closes her eyes, remove one item. Can she tell you which one is gone? Then, have her take away an object for you.

### Swimming safety

Knowing how to swim will help your youngster stay safer in water—and enjoy it more. As summer nears, consider signing him up for swimming lessons at a recreation or community center. Also, discuss rules like diving in designated areas and not swimming alone.

### Worth quoting

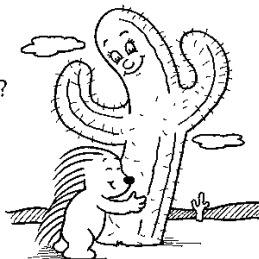
“Be like a postage stamp. Stick to one thing until you get there.”

Josh Billings

## JUST FOR FUN

**Q:** What did the porcupine say to the cactus?

**A:** “Is that you, Mom?”



## A well-rounded reader

Caroline likes picture books and chapter books. Marcus enjoys biographies and sports trivia. And Izzy prefers poems and nursery rhymes. Which kind of book is best for your child?

All of them! Reading a wide variety of materials can prepare her for the novels, textbooks, and poetry she'll encounter in school. Try these ideas.



### Talk about stories

When you read aloud to your youngster, give her comprehension a boost by discussing the book. You might ask, “Which character reminds you of yourself?” or “What would this story be like if it took place in the future?” *Tip:* Encourage her to ask you questions, too. Thinking about what to ask will help her reflect on the story and understand it better.

### Learn from nonfiction

Keep track of what your family learns from nonfiction. Have your child post a sheet of paper where everyone can list facts they discover along with titles of the book or articles where they found

the information. Your youngster might be surprised to see how much nonfiction can teach her!

### Act out poems

Making up motions to go with a poem can help your child visualize what it's about. Help her find a book of children's poetry at the library. At home, pick one to act out together. For “I Found a Four-Leaf Clover” (Jack Prelutsky), she could put a four-leaf clover in her pocket, drop a dozen plastic eggs, and look for keys. *Tip:* Let her illustrate poems—drawing pictures can help her visualize their meanings, too.♥

## Recycling: Making a difference

Get your youngster in the recycling habit with these tips. He'll learn the importance of doing his part to help the environment:

- Have him make a list of recyclables (bottles, cans, newspaper). He can hang it near the trash can as a reminder of what not to throw away.
- Make conservation fun by letting him step on boxes to flatten them or “shoot baskets” by tossing cans into the recycling bin.
- Explain that recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to power a computer for 3 hours, and recycling a glass bottle saves enough to light a 100-watt bulb for 4 hours. Then, ask your child to count items in the recycling bin and calculate how much energy your family will save.♥



## Meals with character

Family meals are full of opportunities to teach your youngster good character traits. Consider these suggestions.

**Politeness.** The dinner table is an ideal place to work on manners, such as saying “please” and “thank you.” You can also teach your child to wait until all family members are seated before he starts eating and to stay at the table until everyone is finished. And have him practice passing food. For example, remind him not to reach across others, and if someone asks for a dish, he should pass it before serving himself.



**Thoughtfulness.** Encourage your youngster to think of others. If he goes for the last piece of chicken, you might say, “I wonder if anyone else wants more chicken, too. Why don’t you ask?” Explain how you consider other people when you cook: “I made carrots because it’s your favorite vegetable. Do you remember which one your sister likes best? We could have that tomorrow.”

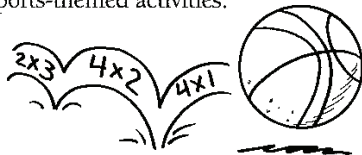
**Helpfulness.** Let your child take part in preparing, serving, or cleaning up the meal. He could make a salad, set the table, or put dishes in the dishwasher, for example. Ask him why he thinks it’s a good idea for everyone to help out (work is shared, your family can spend more time together).♥

### ACTIVITY CORNER

### Sports math



Whether your child is just learning to count or working on multiplication, she can practice math skills with these two sports-themed activities.



**1.** Hit a tennis ball back and forth, and have your youngster count out loud the number of times until someone misses. If you have an older child, pitch a baseball to her. She can keep track and, after 10 pitches, tell you the fraction she hit. *Example:* If she hit 4, that’s  $\frac{4}{10}$ , or  $\frac{2}{5}$ .

**2.** Take turns making up math word problems for each other to solve. Try to think of problems that can have more than one correct answer. For instance, “There were 5 total goals in the soccer game. What could the score have been?” (5-0, 4-1, or 3-2) Or come up with problems that involve multiple operations. You might say, “A basketball player got two 3-pointers, four 2-pointers, and four free throws. How many points did she score?” ( $2 \times 3 = 6$ ,  $4 \times 2 = 8$ , and  $4 \times 1 = 4$ ;  $6 + 8 + 4 = 18$ )♥

#### OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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### Q & A

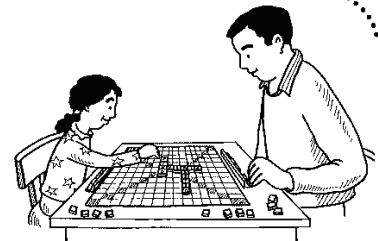
## Becoming bilingual

**Q:** I grew up speaking Spanish, but now I speak mostly English at home. How can I help my daughter speak Spanish more fluently?

**A:** As you know, there are many benefits to growing up bilingual. Your daughter will be able to talk to more people in our increasingly diverse society. Also, knowing a second language will open the door to more jobs for her in the future.

Try having Spanish-only nights on a regular basis. You could carry on Spanish conversations, play Scrabble in Spanish, or watch a Spanish-language movie. Or you might speak only Spanish at certain times, such as in the car or when you are with Spanish-speaking relatives.

Finally, ask a librarian to help you find Spanish picture books and novels. Reading them and following along in the book together is a good way for your daughter to learn written as well as spoken Spanish.♥



### PARENT TO PARENT

## How to handle shyness

Our kindergartner, Aaron, is pretty shy. We thought by this point in the year he would have more friends and be more comfortable talking to adults. When we talked to his teacher, she made us feel better.

Mrs. Perry said shyness is a personality trait—not a flaw. Focusing on it or pushing our son to be outgoing could actually make him feel more shy. Instead, she said, we can help him handle social situations by easing him into them.



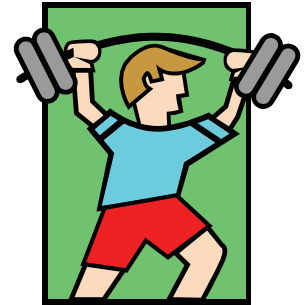
For example, if Aaron isn’t ready to go to a friend’s house, we might let him invite a classmate to our house or meet another family at a park. When guests visit, we could ask our son occasional questions to draw him into the conversation.

Aaron’s teacher also said shyness has its positive points. Kids who are shy are often good listeners and deep thinkers. And they tend to behave well at school because they don’t like to call attention to themselves.♥

# The Lycoming County Fitness Challenge

The Lycoming County Health Improvement Coalition, Inc. sponsors the Lycoming County Fitness Challenge each year. The challenge is aimed at getting kids to exercise by themselves or with a family member and eat more nutritionally. The participants are awarded points for their physical activity and the fruits and vegetables they eat for a six week period. At Central and Rommelt all of the fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students were invited to participate. The event ran from January 9, 2013 until February 17, 2013.

## **The results of the Challenge are as follows:**



We had 25.4% of student participation in the program.

We had 4 of the Top 10 Students with combined point scores: Peter Sinibaldi, Spencer Karasek, Angelo Pearson, and Julissa Smith

For School Ranking of Fitness Points we were 10 out of 22.

For School Ranking of Fruits and Vegetable Points we were 6 out of 22.

For School Ranking of Combined Fitness and Fruits and Vegetables we were 8 out of 22.

For District Ranking of Fitness Points we ranked 4 out of 8.

For District Ranking of Fruits and Vegetables we ranked 3 out of 8.

For District Ranking of Combined Fruits and Vegetables we ranked 4 out of 8.

For Classroom Ranking of Fruits & Vegetables Mrs. Sahn's class ranked 9 out of 10.

**Our top 5 students in Combined Fitness and Fruits and Vegetable points were Peter Sinibaldi, Spencer Karasek, Angelo Pearson, Julissa Smith, and Hailey Neidig.**

**ROMMELT FITNESS CHALLENGE PARTICIPANTS**



## FIFTH GRADE NEWS

### Fifth Grade SOUTH Award

The fifth grade staff would like to recognize some students that have shown effort so far this year. We appreciate their consistency, behavior, and know that they'll continue to work hard for the remainder of the school year. This month's SOUTH award goes to Rylee Monoski, Reidyn Horn, Eileen Shaffer, Sydney Bachman, Lilly Eiswerth, and Nate Persun. Fantastic job, everyone!



Lilly Eiswerth



Sydney Bachman



Eileen Shaffer



Reidyn Horn



Rylee Monoski



Nate Persun

## SIXTH GRADE NEWS

S.O.U.T.H.

### "M-azing Mounties of the Month"

An "M-azing Mountie" serves as an exceptional role model for the school. It is a student who strives to do his/her best and serves as a leader and role model for peers and younger students. "M-azing Mounties" are organized and prepared for class each day with completed work and a positive attitude to learn. Students who earn this recognition understand and support others. They listen and share ideas and offer praise for a job well done. Respect is earned when students work as a team at Rommelt and encourage classmates to do their best.

It is an honor for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade team to present the following students with this special award.



Julia Sauers



Hunter Finn

M  
A  
R  
C  
H



Ashley Gardner



Sam Livorno

## THE STAR AWARD

The SPECIAL teachers awarded one boy and one girl from the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades the **STAR AWARD** on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> in a brief gathering in the gymnasium. The **STAR AWARD** is presented to those students that are **Super Students** who are **Totally Terrific** with an **Awesome Attitude** and are **Radically Responsible**. Each award winner received a certificate and a STAR PERFORMANCE pin.

Congratulations to the second trimester STAR PERFORMANCE students:

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students: **Madelyn Swarthout** and **Buddy Harris**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students: **Jaydan Fogo** and **Ian Bolay**



5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:

Ian Bolay

Jaydan Fogo

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:

Madelyn Swarthout

Buddy Harris





## SECOND TRIMESTER HONOR ROLL

### GRADE 5

Kyler Alexander  
Julie Anthony  
Sydney Bachman  
Ian Bolay  
Samantha Branton  
Cole Brewer  
Jimmy Brokaw-Stealey  
Courtney Dodge  
Gianna Fladd  
Jaydan Fogo  
Madalyn Fortin  
Sarah Golembeski  
Gannon Guerrisky  
Payton Hamaker  
Liam Hill  
Hailey Holtzapple  
Abby Kimble  
Ethan Laudenslager  
Hayley Mistretta  
Rylee Monoski  
Haley Neidig  
Lauren Ogden  
Lauren Peck  
Nathan Persun  
Curtis Sauers  
Alexis Schuler  
Eileen Shaffer  
Mason Shatzer  
Sarah Sullivan  
Elizabeth Summerson  
Alexandra Tsikitas

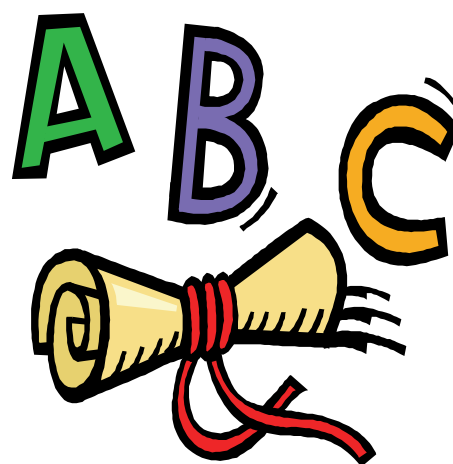


### GRADE 6

Isabella Bachman  
Russell Branton  
Devin Brown  
Kaylin Brown  
Gwen Blass  
Sophia Bragalone  
Logan Burkett  
Ava Clark  
Kaytlyn Coppola  
Sean Dunn  
Amber Eckroth  
Hunter Finn  
AJ Flick  
Isabella Green  
Lindsey Hauke  
Katelyn Hazel  
Emily Hennigan  
Jaela House  
Alyssa Johnson  
Spencer Karasek  
Christopher Klem  
Cole Lentz  
Sam Livorno  
Jake Lusk  
Cailin Minier  
Tayge Molino  
Parker Monoski  
Anna Nevill  
Angelo Pearson  
Keefe Raby  
Ben Reid  
Peter Sinibaldi

Justin Stetts

Madelyn Swarthout  
Colin Warner  
Megan Weber  
Jordan Wein  
Megan Wein  
Ryan Weinhover  
Olivia Welter  
Jacqueline Wright  
Lexie Yerger



# CALENDAR FOR APRIL

1st	NO SCHOOL
2nd	NO SCHOOL
4th	PTO Meeting/7:00 at Central
8th-12th	PSSA Testing
9th-12th	ACT 80 DAYS/11:30 Dismissal
15th	Assembly
19th	Mid-Marking Reports Home
20th	I.R.C. Competition at Hughesville
24th & 25th	Spring Book Fair
24th	Book Fair from 6:00 pm—8:00 pm Rommelt Auditorium
26th	District Chorus

