

Good Friday afternoon! I hope this update finds you doing well! Today marks the end of the 1st semester. Fortunately, the cancellation earlier this week only pushed back our high school exams by one day. For those keeping track the cancellation on Tuesday was our third of the year. If we should happen to have more than two additional cancellations we will need to make up the time either via Blizzard Bags or make-up days. Hopefully, though, the winter weather continues its relative mildness and we can escape without too many more issues.

A few other calendar notes while I'm on the subject. Don't forget that there is no school on Monday, January 16th, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Following on Tuesday, January 17th, there will be a scheduled 2-hour delay for in-service as we continue work on seeking a new English/Language Arts Curriculum for the elementary and continuing to examine best practices in teaching for the high school. Finally, last month the Board of Education established the 2017-18 school year calendar which is now available on the website.

Kudos!

Congratulations to our 5th-6th and 7th-8th grade Spelling Bee Contestants Chelcie McVetta (5th grade champion), Jonathan Black (6th grade, 5th-6th grade Bee Overall Runner-up), and Eric Davis (6th grade champion & Overall Winner for 5th-6th grade Bee) and Eli Banner (8th grade champion and 7th-8th runner-up overall) and Mattie Huber (7th grade champion and Overall Winner for the 7th-8th grade Bee)!

Good Luck!

Our boys' basketball team secured a nice win against McComb last Friday. Good luck to them as they look to do the same against Van Buren tonight! Good luck to our wrestlers as they travel to the Spartan Invitational on Saturday! Good luck, also, to our girls' basketball team as they host Lakota on Saturday afternoon! Finally, best wishes to (Choir) Drew Stewart and (Band) Cassie Thomas, Rayanne Nye, Brittany Boehm, Taylor Born, Brody Hickle, and David Spears as they represent us at the District Honors Festival Concert in the Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert on Sunday!

School Safety

It's been a few months since "The Boot" initiative was introduced by the Hancock County Sheriff in conjunction with all Hancock County Schools. A number of you have generously "adopted a door" by giving to the Hancock County Crime Prevention Organization or directly to our school – for that we are eternally grateful! For those who might still want to learn more about the initiative and the device please visit <http://www.crimepreventionfhc.com/>. Whether you give or not, it benefits all of us and, most importantly, our students for our community to be informed. If you are interested in other giving opportunities you can also check out our webpage for restaurants who are donating a portion of their sales during a specific time period to this worthy cause. On Tuesday, January 17th, from 10:30 a.m. –10:00 p.m. Hot Head Burritos in Findlay is donating 10% of all sales to the county program.