

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...



## SCHOOL MATTERS

### WELCOME BACK

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year at Annistown Elementary. Our theme, "Accepting Only Excellence," truly articulates the expectations of our students and staff. The staff at Annistown is interested in the betterment of students and the foundation of learning that shapes futures. The staff continues to be committed to excellence by meeting the needs of all students through careful planning and collaboration. Our goals are to increase student learning and improve student proficiency in the areas of reading, math, writing, and technology. We also want to increase positive and effective communications with our local school community and increase socially responsible behaviors of our students.

Learning needs the support of, not only the staff at Annistown, but also the parents and students. We are proud to announce that our school made AYP for the 9th consecutive year! We plan to continue the trend by seeking excellence in everything that we do. We look forward to our continued partnership and encourage all of you to contact your teacher(s) with any questions or concerns.

I also encourage you to join PTA and become a VIP (Very Involved Parent) and acquaint yourself with our wonderful volunteers. There are many ways to contribute your time and talents to the students and staff of Annistown Elementary. We all look forward to sharing infor-

mation with you through our monthly newsletters, Parent Portal for updates on grades, and through the school handbook. Let's make this the best year yet!!

### TIGER TIME!

Parents, each week your child is given instruction for 30 minutes during Tiger Time. Students are tested each week in an area pre-planned by the grade level. Students that have already mastered the concept are placed in an enrichment group for the week. Students that need extra help with the concept are placed in other groups to match their need. All children work in small groups for mastery, and groups change weekly. Tiger Time begins each day at 9:00 a.m! Be on time to school so your child does not miss this important learning experience.

### Dress For Students!

It is important that children come to school each day dressed in their school uniforms and wear them Monday - Thursday. Students may wear jeans and spirit wear on Friday. We want the best learning experience for each child, and wearing uniforms allows the children to focus on instruction instead of the latest fad. Students are allowed to wear the colors navy, tan, white and light blue & yellow. Shorts and skirts must be at the appropriate length. (If arms are down by their sides, skirts and shorts are below finger tips.) Pants and shorts for boys must

not be oversized. **NO FLIP FLOPS OR SNEAKERS WITH WHEELS AT ANYTIME.**

### How Does Your Child Go Home

Parents, if your child is changing how she/he goes home at anytime, a note must be sent to the teacher. Teachers will not take the word of the child, and they will be sent home their normal way. Bus drivers will not drop off your child at a different stop without a note. If no one is at home or at the bus stop, students will be brought back to school. Parents will be called to pick up their child. Parents that are picking up their children must pick them up by 3:20. After 3 violations of a student being brought back to school because a parent is not at home or they are not picked up on time, the resource officer will be called.

### PTA NEWS

Parents have you joined the PTA?? If you have, then you hold yourself to a higher standard. As a result of joining, you can begin to show evidence that you care about teaching and learning, character building, our facilities, and all of the wonderful events and activities that continue to take place. Please support our school. We do not have good test scores by accident!

### Tiger Points of Interest:

**Aug 12:** PTA Board Mtg.

**Aug. 26:** Curriculum Night 7:00 p.m. Please come and meet the teachers again and learn how your child will be instructed for the year. The class with the most participation by parents will be recognized.

**Aug. 27:** Newcomers Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. (New to Annistown—come join us!)

**Aug. 27:** Book Fair Preview

### Throughout the month of August:

Bring your children to school every day, on time, and ready to learn.

**Become a PTA Member for only \$5.00. We need every parent to join.**

### SPARKS' WORD OF THE WEEK

Review the words each week.

*Excellence*

*Legible*

## CURRICULUM NIGHT- PLEASE READ!!!

On Thursday, August 26, you are invited to attend *Annistown's Curriculum Night* at 7:00 p.m. If you are new to our community, this evening provides you an opportunity to learn more about what is happening in your child's classroom. You will also gain further understanding

of his/her teacher's expectations, rules, procedures, and personality. It is, in fact, an evening that is focused on learning. Parents, please meet in the gym first for teacher introductions. Parents and teachers will then be dismissed to the classrooms. We want a large turnout, so come with your

questions for an evening of learning! The class with the most parent participation will be recognized! You do not want to miss this night.



**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**