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ARBURY HILLS SCHOOL  
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### **PARCC Assessments – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Congratulations, we made it through our first round of PARCC testing! I am very proud of our students and staff members for their hard work. Online testing went very smoothly. The second round of testing is considered the End of Year Assessment (EOY) and will take place beginning the week of **April 27, 2015**. The EOY round has fewer test sessions.

### **Appearance Code**

Warmer temperatures are finally upon us! ☺ As spring arrives, please take the time to review the District Appearance Code as outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook on pages 5 and 6. Two highlights include: no tank tops and footwear must have an enclosed toe (backs are recommended). The entire handbook is available online.

### **District Family / Community Night**

All Summit Hill School District 161 Families are invited to participate in a joint family night at Dr. Julian Rogus School on April 30 at 6:00 P.M. Students will participate in various reading activities in the gym while parents listen to two community presentations. Parent presentations will focus on student safety – social media and sexual abuse prevention. We hope to see you there!

### **Student Re-registration**

*Student re-registration underway; \$20 fee savings per child available*

District parents will be utilizing the online student re-registration and payment process for all returning students for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year. This process helps the District adequately plan for the upcoming year to retain the best teachers for verified student enrollment. Beginning March 16, a link to the re-registration form will be active at [www.studentregistration.org](http://www.studentregistration.org). During online re-registration, current student information can be

### **UPCOMING DATES**

- 4/2 – Early Dismissal
- 4/2 – Report Cards Issued (Q3)
- 4/3 – No School; Spring Break Begins
- 4/13 – School Resumes
- 4/13 – STAR Testing Begins
- 4/15 – Board Meeting at DAC
- 4/16 – AVIC 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 4/16 – Hot Lunch (STARS)
- 4/16 – Family Night:  
Pro-Kids Show (6:30)
- 4/17 – AVIC 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- 4/17 – Treat Day (STARS)
- 4/20 – Author Visit – Mary Lincoln Impersonator
- 4/20 – Earth Day Activities Begin
- 4/21 – STARS Meeting (3:30)
- 4/22 – Bookmobile
- 4/22 – Choir Field Trip to LWN
- 4/27 – PARCC End of Year Assessment Window Begins
- 4/27 – Market Day Pick-up
- 4/29 – PBIS Cart
- 4/29 – Board Meeting
- 4/30 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip
- 4/30 – District Family Night at DJR (6:00)
- 5/1 – Progress Reports

[District 161 Online Calendar](#)

confirmed and updated. Parents will need to enter their child's Access ID and Password. Parents will be receiving this information in a letter to be mailed the week of March 2. The re-registration fee for the 2015-2016 is \$130 for students grades 1-8 through May 29, 2015. After that date, the fee will be \$150. Please complete the re-registration process today. Thank you!

### **Kindergarten Registration Drive Continues**

Summit Hill School District 161's 2015-2016 Kindergarten registration drive is underway. Parents may access the left navigation of the webpage to review the checklist of documents needed for registration. Parents have the option of enrolling their kindergartener in the extended day program which is from 8:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. or the half-day program which runs from 8:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. The registration fee for extended day is \$150 and the registration fee for Half Day is \$125. Payment options are available. To register, please come to the District Administrative Center, 20100 South Spruce Drive in Frankfort. Office hours are 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

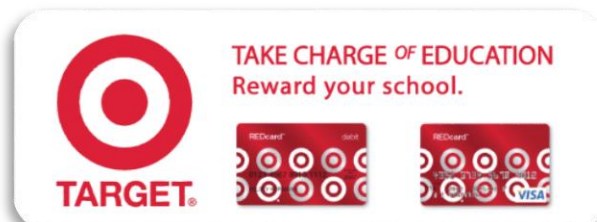
### **Arbury Hills School Family Night – Pro-Kids Show**

Please join us for an exciting family night – the Pro-Kids Show on Thursday, April 16 at the Arbury Hills School gym at 6:30! You will hear messages of respect, responsibility, and more... (Please enter using the activity entrance – Door #18.) The door will be open at 6:15.



### **Target REDcard – Take Charge of Education®**

If you have a Target REDcard, please consider enrolling in the Take Charge of Education program to support Arbury Hills School. All you need to do is visit their website and list Arbury Hills as your designated school. Target will donate a percentage of purchases back to our school! Anyone with a REDcard can do this – so please share this with your family and friends. Thank you for your support. [www.target.com/tcoe](http://www.target.com/tcoe)



## Music Notes

with Mrs. Binzen

“March On” activities brought a lot of the Irish traditions into our music classroom! The students really practiced being respectful, responsible, and safe as they learned how to play the Irish drum (bodhran), the tin whistle, the fiddle as well as dancing using the Irish cane called a “Shillelagh.” Students in fourth grade spun around forming a human maypole as they danced the Irish jig while students played in the Irish Band.



## **Physical Education Notes**

*with Mrs. Dusek*

### **Jump Rope for Heart Update**

Students at Arbury Hills School jumped all over heart disease and stroke by participating in Jump Rope for Heart during their physical education classes and raising \$4,630.00 for the American Heart Association. The funding will support life-saving research and local education programs to fight heart disease and stroke, the nation's No. 1 and No. 4 killers.

During this year's Jump Rope for Heart event, all Arbury Hills Elementary students took part in various stations with different types of rope jumping activities. Arbury Hills has been participating in Jump Rope for Heart for the past 15 years and has raised more than \$55,000, for the American Heart Association. Jake Doyle, a third grade student at Arbury Hills, was the top fundraiser with a total of \$350.00 raised.

I am extremely proud of our Arbury Hills students! Their enthusiasm and commitment to helping others with heart defects through their jumping and fundraising efforts is truly inspiring.

Jump Rope for Heart, in its 36th year, is a program that promotes physical activity and heart health through jumping rope. Nationwide, the program has raised more than \$860 million for the fight against heart disease and stroke. Millions of students have jumped rope and learned about heart health and how nutrition and physical activity can help prevent heart disease and stroke. Jump Rope for Heart is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

To make a donation or to find out more about Jump Rope for Heart, call your nearest American Heart Association office at Direct: (208) 501-7800 or call 1-800-AHA-USA1 (1-800-242-8721). You can also visit [heart.org/jump](http://heart.org/jump).



## **Tech Bytes**

*with Mrs. Hudziak*



Our first grade students continued to use Microsoft Word in technology class this month. The students practiced keyboarding skills while using the tablets to complete the tale "If I were a leprechaun, I would ...". They also learned how to add Clip Art and resize images.

Our second grade students continued to use Microsoft Word in technology class. The students learned how to add Clip Art to a document and also how to resize the images.

Our third grade students learned how to take an online quiz with our new Reading series. The students practiced logging into Think Central and completing online assignments. (Have them show you how to log in to see their scored online quiz at Think Central.) Students also continued to use Microsoft Word. They were busy adding Clip Art, resizing the images, and learning how to position the image in the text.

Our fourth grade students also continued to use Microsoft Word in technology class. The students practiced keyboarding skills while using the tablets to complete a leprechaun tale. They also practiced adding Clip Art and images from a file, resizing images, and positioning the images in the text.

During our technology integration times, students continue to use the computer lab, as well as tablet computers in their classrooms. First grade students have been busy researching the moon and practicing keyboarding skills while typing stories and letters. Many are also reinforcing math skills using the Think Central Go Math online activities. Second grade students have continued to practice math and reading skills on the computer using Study Island. Some students have been taking their weekly Reading tests on the computers and tablets also. (Have them show you how to log in to see their scored online quiz at Think Central.) Third grade students learned and reviewed landform terms and then quizzed themselves by identifying them on a landform map. Finally, fourth grade students reviewed the states of matter and phase changes using an online website and completed an online quiz about what they learned. (Many even remembered how to open a second Internet tab to go back to find information in the text to complete the quiz!) They are also beginning to gather information for their state project from digital sources.



**STARS Scoop – Important News from our STARS SCO**

S.T.A.R.S. Scoop

**Help Wanted!**

Want to help plan Field Days?  
We are planning it on Pinterest!



Contact Wendy Gonzales, Rhiannon Kustak or  
Lena Halawa to PIN with us.



We have a few busy months left of school.

Some extra fun activities include:

4/16/15 ProKids Family Night

5/6/15 ACES Walk-a-thon

5/8/15 Mother Son Dance

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Scholastic Buy 1 Get 1 Book Fair

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic

Field Days



STARS  
Calendar  
of Events

Monday April 13 - Fitness Sheets Due

Thursday April 16 - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade AVIC

Thursday April 16 - Hot Lunch

Thursday April 16 - Pro Kids Family Night

Friday April 17 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade AVIC

Friday April 17 - Treat Day

Tuesday April 21 - STARS Meeting

Wednesday April 22 - Market Day order due

Monday April 27 - Market Day pick up

Wednesday April 29 - PBIS Cart

Watch for more info to be sent home.



**Market Day.**

Do you Shoparoo?

It is a quick and easy way to raise money for STARS!



Boxtopoly is still going on!

Be sure to send in any clipped Box Tops or Labels to your teacher.  
We just received new playground balls and jump ropes for recess with  
our Labels for Education points.

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Lost and Found Photos...





# Lost & Found



**Student Photos...**

