

THE FINDLEY FOCUS

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"Summertime is always the best of what might be." — Charles Bowden

May 13th—3rd, 4th, 5th to Civic Center 11:45-2:00
May 15th—North Side Band Concert (5th Grade Band Students)
May 16—Family Fun Night 6-8pm (Hosted by PTO)
May 20th—North Side Orchestra Concert (5th Grade String Students)
May 21st—Band and Strings Concert at Findley Elementary
May 26th—Memorial Day (No School)
May 29th—Drama Club Musical (Willy Wonka @ North High)
June 2nd—Last Day of School (1:50 Dismissal)

WE ARE A PBIS SCHOOL!
(Positive Behavior
Intervention and Support)
RESPECT Self
RESPECT Others
RESPECT Property

Dancing and Cheering for Special Olympics 2014

Thank You for the Findley Journey From Principal, Tara Owen



Findley's Dance and Cheer Club cheered on Ms Owens' and Ms Chenoweth's students as they left for special Olympics in April.

Below: Findley special Olympics Team poses for the camera. Top Left to right: Ms. Olivia, Joey, Ms. Jackie, Ms Aimee, Ms Sarah, Ms Rosemary. Bottom Left to Right: Junior, Landon, Brandon, Delaney, Morgan and Robert.



I can't believe it has been three years since Findley has started the journey of "Turnaround". Over the past three years students have worked so hard and have become highly engaged with their learning. There has been a decrease by 45% in office referrals, a significant increase in improved attendance, parents are attending parent-teacher conferences and other family events at a record high for Findley, quality arts experiences are infused into your child's daily routines, a beautifully renovated building...this list could go on and on.

Together we have accomplished so much! The bottom line is the Findley community (students, staff, and parents) is creating a learning experience like no other causing our students to 'dream big' and 'believe' in themselves! Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your child's educational experience. I feel like the luckiest person in the world to have been a part of the Findley family and will look forward to hearing about the many more exciting accomplishments that await the Findley community. The best is yet to come!

Kindergarten Summer Jumpstart

Have you signed your 2014-2015 kindergarten student up at the Findley office? If not, please come in and get your child signed up for kindergarten next year. After signing up, you will be registered for Findley's summer Jumpstart on Wednesday, June 25 and Thursday, June 26 from 8:30-11:30. This is a time where students will eat breakfast, learn about school routines, and meet their teachers. Jumpstart will be just one additional step to set your child up for a successful start to the school year. Please contact Mrs. Owen at 242-8407 with any questions. Once you have your child registered a reminder mailing will come as the date approaches.

FINDLEY'S MISSION:

Creating big dreamers and high Achievers!

Below: 4th graders get messy

Fourth graders in Ms Herrin and Ms Smith's class are getting messy with math! Students work together collaboratively to solve "messy problems".



Above: Kindergarten Butterfly Dance

Kindergarteners learned all about the life cycle of butterflies and what better way to show it then a dance! Students danced through the life cycle and even performed for families at Fine Arts Night on April 22nd!

Left: Polk County Conservation Visit

Fourth graders received a visit last month from the Polk County Conservation and learned all about solar systems. Students participated in a demonstration about the size and distance of each planet.

From Nurse Cynthia, "Play it safe This Summer"

I hope all Findley students stay safe and healthy this summer! The following tips should help all parents remember to put safety first.

Backyard Basics: (1) supervise children, even if they are "only in the backyard". (2) Never leave children alone near or in a backyard pool. (3) Make sure children drink plenty of water so they don't get dehydrated. (4) Make sure children use sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher, even on cloudy days.

Know Your Neighborhood: (1) Children under 10 should not cross streets alone. (2) Teach children the basic rules of pedestrian safety, such as looking left-right-left before crossing the street, and always crossing streets at crosswalks. (3) Warn children about unacceptable play areas such as garages, construction sites, abandoned buildings or unsupervised swimming areas.

safety on wheels: (1) Buy an approved bicycle helmet for each child, and insist that the helmet is worn correctly every time the child rides the bicycle. (2) Teach children safe bicycling behaviors, and emphasize that a bicycle is a vehicle, not a toy. (3) Make sure the child's bicycle works properly, including the brakes, gears, reflectors and tires. (4) Have your children wear bright colored clothing so drivers can spot them more easily.

safe swimming: (1) Never leave children alone in or near water. (2) Children should learn to swim when they are developmentally ready, usually after age 4. (3) Do not assume your child is "drown-proof", even if he or she has had swimming lessons. (4) Adults and children over age 13 should learn infant and child CPR. (5) Do not let children dive into water unless an adult is present. (6) Watch out for sunburn.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER! We will see you in August.