

Chillicothe R-II School District
Superintendent News Article
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It's Grade Card Time

As an elementary school child I can remember bringing home a green, post card like grade card for my parents to view and sign prior to returning the grade card to my teacher. One of the columns on the grade card was labeled "Department" which reflects the student's behavior and academic effort. As I recall, a good grade in the Department column was almost as good as the grade report column. Over the course of time grading scales have changed as well as grade reporting. The Chillicothe R-II schools have the capability of grade reporting utilizing the Student Information System, SIS computer program through the SIS Parent Portal. This program allows parents and students the opportunity to check academic progress each week and in some cases daily. If you would like more information on the SIS Parent Portal contact your student's building administrative office.

The end of this week brings the close of the first quarter of school. Students and parents should expect to receive grade cards for first quarter's progress next week. All student grade cards will be available at Parent-Teacher Conferences. The Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, October 20 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. We hope all parents will take an active part in participating in the conferences. High School conferences are open from 1-7 p.m., all others please contact the respective building offices for setting up a conference appointment. School will not be in session on Friday, October 21, 2011.

Our students have had a busy month. Middle school students recently "floated their boats", a science experiment where students construct boats using cardboard and duct tape and then paddle the boats for time and distance at the YMCA. This is Fire Safety Week at the Elementary Schools; Smokey The Bear will be making an appearance at Dewey School. The Universal Breakfast is taking place all week at Field Elementary. The High School activities for the week include the Girls Softball Team will be competing in Sectional play on Wednesday evening in Liberty. They won the District Championship game last Saturday. Elizabeth Sivill will be competing in the upcoming State Golf tournament, and the Tennis Team individuals that advanced to Sectional play were Kelsey Jones, Juleah Littrell, and Laura Turner. Boys Soccer, Varsity Football, and Girls Volleyball are all on the road this week. And the FFA will have a Parents Night on Wednesday at 7 pm in the Jenkins Building. As you can see, school classes and organizations are very busy as the end of first quarter nears.

Until next time, have a good week.