

## Rome City Elementary

### Roman News

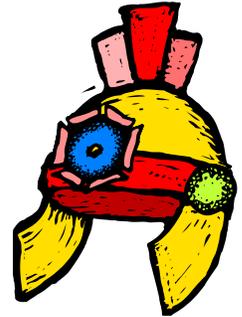
#### Upcoming Events:

- Feb 9—8:30 PAC Meeting
- Feb 9—Popcorn Day
- Feb 16—End of Trimester 2
- Feb 19—Presidents' Day, No School
- Feb 20— Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Feb 20—Spring Picture Day
- Feb 21—All Science Projects due
- Feb 22—Report Cards go home
- Feb 22— Math Bowl Competition
- Feb 22—Science Fair Judging
- Feb 23—Awards Program  
8:30 KDG Room 123  
9:00 1-2 Gymnasium  
10:00 3-6 Gymnasium
- Feb 23—Popcorn Day
- Feb 26— ISTEP Part 1 begins

#### The Principal's Desk

Heather Green

I am so proud of all of the great things Romans are doing!! Do you know we have many things happening after school that your child could participate in? We have Robotics club, STEM Club, Science Fair time, Math Bowl, Spell Bowl and middle school sports. We need to keep our kids active, while having fun with learning.



Did you know that many of our kiddos are reaching many goals each day and we are celebrating a lot lately? Please "like" us on our Facebook page to see all of the exciting things happening here at Rome City!

In approximately 20 more school days, students will be taking the ISTEP assessment. Even though this time of year tends to be stressful, we try to make it as fun as possible for students. We will have an assembly to kick off the testing, have daily snacks and even have a "no homework" policy for the weeks during testing. We truly want the atmosphere to be relaxing and calming for the students. We are meeting with each child and discussing the importance of growth. I believe every student in the building has an opportunity to grow! Your support in homework and academics will help growth happen!

Please make sure your child has a healthy breakfast and is on time to school. Being late and leaving early on testing days, can actually cause children to be frazzled when they are taking a test.



# Parent Action Committee

The next Parent Action Committee meeting is Friday, February 9, 2018 at 8:30AM. Please help us as we plan and prepare for the end of the year events.

Here are things we will be working on and discussing:

- Carnival
- Spring events such as Muffins for Mom, Donuts with Dad
- Fundraiser
- Staff Appreciation Week

### Update Contact Information

With winter weather here, it is extremely important to have the most up-to-date contact information on file with our school office. Phone calls of delays and cancellations will be made to the primary phone number on file, and when children are ill, our office uses this primary phone number as well. If your phone number has changed or you are not receiving these messages, please check with our office to update your number.

### Planning ahead

1. Field trips are being planned. Make sure your background checks have been approved and are up-to-date, if you would like to chaperone.
2. Carnival is coming soon on March 16th. We would love to hear from you regarding donations and volunteering.

### Box Tops!!!

Bring in your box tops! Grade Level competitions going on now!

### ISTEP Applied Skills

Feb 26 – March 2

IREAD-3

March 12-13

### Attendance Calls &

#### Messages for Students

If your child is sick or will not be at school, a phone call **MUST** be made to the school to report the absence by 9:00am. Phone calls will be made to ensure student safety. Doctor's notes are encouraged.

Also, please be sure all messages for students are called into the office by 1:30. This is to ensure all messages are given to students before they leave school every day. We will do our very best to make sure students receive these messages.

Thank you!



### Test-Taking Skills



Do you remember the tests you took in school? Our experiences with tests leave an imprint on each of us, good or bad.

Today, our children have more accountability to do well on assessments than ever before. Despite our experiences, we must stay positive with our children when talking about ISTEP, IREAD, or any other assessment our children take in school. These are important pieces of a child's education. These tests give all of us an excellent look at our children's strengths and weaknesses. However, with this kind of accountability and pressure, our children need the skills to stay calm and focused throughout the test.

If you have any questions regarding ISTEP, IREAD, or any other assessment given at the school, please feel free to talk to Mrs. Green or your child's teacher.