

A note from the Principal

The month of May has been an extremely busy one for Beacon School!

The first annual Beacon School Prom took place on Friday, May 5th from 11:00- 1:30 at the school. Our students were joined by several students from Federal Hocking Local and Athens City Schools. A couple of students from Tri-County came early to do hair and make-up and by 11:00 all the students were spiffed up and ready to go! They paraded throughout the building prior to entering the gym where they were introduced one by one as they entered. They danced until noon, and then sat down to enjoy pizza, vegetables, dip, cookies, water and pop. Afterward they danced some more and were joined by other classrooms in the school. Everyone had a wonderful time! Again, we would like to thank Hiede Smart and Krystal Palmer for planning the event, Debbie Dixon and Jen Trotta for volunteering to help with decorations and Stephanie Hashman for providing the music. We can hardly wait to start planning for next year!

On Wednesday, May 17th ATCO and Beacon School enjoyed visiting with the animals from the Columbus Zoo. The theme of the presentation was Habitat Heroes. Attendees were able to get up close and personal with a porcupine, opossum, hawk, python, Madagascar cockroaches, armadillo, a relative of the raccoon and a penguin. While showing the animals the presenters provided information on their behaviors, favorite foods, habitats, and their likes and dislikes. It was an enjoyable morning!

Preschool and School-age Awards and Graduation ceremonies were held on May 17th & 18th respectively. Congratulations to our graduate, Willow Blatt! We will certainly miss her smile and laughter in the halls of Beacon School, and wish her the very best in her future endeavors. Congratulations to all of our students for making such great progress throughout the year! It was just amazing to hear all of the accomplishments made by each and every student that day! I would like to thank the Beacon Singers for an excellent performance to start off the day. You Rock! And lastly, a huge thank you to the staff at Beacon School for your love and dedication to our students each and every day that make it all possible! You're the BEST!

Water Day took place on Tuesday, May 23rd. The inflatables from Meigs Inflatables added a lot of fun and excitement to the day! A picnic lunch will be held on Wednesday the 24th with menu items including hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, macaroni and cheese and watermelon. What a great way to end the school year!

It is with deep regret that we have to say goodbye to our wonderful secretary, Kylee Swingle. She is leaving to pursue a program of study at the University of Pikeville-Kentucky College of Optometry. Although we wish her the best, we will certainly miss her great smile and all the creativity, kindness and dedication she brings the school. Her last day will be July 7th. Good Luck Kylee!

As the year comes to a close, I cannot begin to tell you what an honor it has been to be the Principal of Beacon School. We have the best students, parents and staff of any school in Athens County and I am proud to be a part of it all! Thanks to all of you for your support this year, as we couldn't do it without you. It has been a pleasure getting to know each one of you and I look forward to working with you for many years to come.

Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Becky Martin



Speakin' About Beacon

May 2017

Nurse's Note

It has been a great year and we wish you and your family a fun and safe summer! Since summer is the most dangerous time of the year for children, here are some tips to help you make the most out of your child's vacation.

- ◇ Drink lots of water to avoid dehydration. Your child should drink at least 6-8 full glasses of water a day, more if they are playing games or sports.
- ◇ Always wear sunscreen when going outside. Use a sunscreen that is at least SPF 30 and apply it 30 minutes before going out into the sun. Do not forget ears and parts in the hair and to reapply every two hours.
- ◇ Some medications make your child more likely to get a sunburn. A few of these medicines include: Depakote, Risperdal, Dilantin, Abilify, Tofranil and Lamictal.
- ◇ For minor injuries (i.e. scrapes, minor cuts) the best thing you can do is immediately wash with soap and water. Then watch for signs of infection, which include: redness, swelling, foul odor, warmth or drainage. If any of these occur, then go to a doctor.
- ◇ If your child rides a bike they should always wear a helmet and shoes when riding.

Also, if your child stays with anyone else, make sure they understand these safety precautions.

Preschool

The Preschoolers have been busy learning about insects. We learned about caterpillars and butterflies, and the stages from when a caterpillar turns into a butterfly. We have live caterpillars that have formed their cocoons. We are patiently waiting for them to become butterflies. We recently learned about our 5 senses and how we use them in our world. We are going to go on a field trip to ODOT and are looking forward to that. We will have lunch at Burger King. We celebrated our accomplishments having Preschool Graduation and Awards Day. It was a great success. We hope everyone has an awesome summer! Enjoy your time off!

Primary I

What a busy month for Primary I. The year is coming to an end and the students are finishing up lessons in math, writing, and reading. This month the class went on a field trip with the Primary II class to Burger King, and enjoyed interacting with their peers while eating and spending time in the play area. Fun was had by all! We also have the opportunity to raise butterflies from caterpillars to beautiful butterflies, while observing and learning the different stages of the process. Along with the month is the Visit from the Columbus Zoo, bringing interesting animals for the students to enjoy. The year has been one of learning, growing, and fun with all the different activities and events. Have a great summer, and enjoy each day!

Primary II

May quickly came and has flown by! Thank you to all who came for IEP meetings. We were able to go on our first field trip to Burger King with Primary 1. The students did a wonderful job independently placing their orders! For unit studies we have been learning about butterfly metamorphosis - The Life Cycle of the Butterfly. Lucky for us, we have been able to watch caterpillars turn into chrysalis. Our fingers are crossed we will get some butterflies before the end of the school year! May also brought wonderful Mother's Day crafts and time to reflect how much we appreciate and love our families. Between the Zoo coming to Beacon, the Awards Ceremony, and Water Day, we are sure to end the school year with great fun! What a wonderful year it has been in Primary 2!



Intermediate I

Our students enjoyed participating in Special Olympics, the students won several medals. Students have also been enjoying our new playground equipment. As the year wraps up our students have had several achievements. Some of our students are swimming independently without any floats. Some of our students have learned to tie their shoes. Our students have been working really hard on singing their songs for choir. They are looking forward to singing to you at our awards ceremony on May 19, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing all of you and celebrating our success for this school year.

Intermediate II

Our Spring prom was a huge success and was widely attended by staff and students, including students from Athens and Federal Hocking. We even made the front page of the Athens Messenger! Everyone enjoyed an afternoon of dancing and pizza and snacks. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a success!

We have been studying a butterfly unit in class and our caterpillars turned into chrysalis's and several days later they hatched into butterflies. Each student made a booklet that describes the life cycle of the butterfly and many other facts about them.

The Awards day was well attended by friends and family and our students received many awards for all their hard work this year. They are all looking forward to a great summer. We hope everyone has a wonderful break and we are looking forward to next year!

Young Adult

The Young Adult class has been having a blast during the last month of school! We have been doing lots of fun art projects and for the Celebration of Learning, we made a classroom music video! We have also enjoyed our last few classes with Live Healthy Appalachia, making oatmeal and tofu ranch dip. We were really proud of our picky eaters for trying the new foods! We also had fun this month at our Plant Sale with Ato. We crushed our plant sale goal for the year and we have our wonderful community to thank for it all! Thank you everyone for coming out to support us! We have had so much fun this year, but we are especially proud of our graduate this year Ms. Willow! We wish Willow good luck ahead on her next adventure, and everyone a happy and healthy summer!

Physical Therapy

It has been a great year in physical therapy! We've had students learn to sit up, walk, stretch their muscles, ride a tricycle, jump up and down and much more! It is very rewarding to see their hard work pay off and to see their sense of pride when they master a new skill. We hope everyone has a great summer and we look forward to seeing everyone again in August!

Occupational Therapy

Wow! The end of the year is already here. It has been a great year in occupational therapy and I have enjoyed getting to know and work with your children. The students have made great progress this year and it has been a joy to watch them succeed. I hope you all have a great summer and here is a few tips for adding in fine motor and sensory this summer at home. sand/water/planting flowers, side walk chalk, babble activities, on a rainy day build a fort out of cushions, and most importantly have FUN!!!! Here is a recipe for ice cream in a bag great way to work on those fine motor skills, while enjoying a good summer treat!

½ cup half and half 1 tablespoon sugar

¼ teaspoon vanilla 1 sandwich Ziploc bag

1 gallon Ziploc bag 3 cups crushed ice

½ cup rock salt

Put half and half, sugar, and vanilla in small Ziploc and close. Put ice and rock salt in large Ziploc bag. Place the sealed small bag in the large bag and seal. Squeeze and shake the bag until thick about 10-15 minutes! Thanks again for a great year and I look forward to seeing everyone in the fall!!!

Beacon Singers



The Beacon Singers wrapped up the first full school year with a phenomenal performance at the 2017 Graduation and Awards Ceremony. These students worked incredibly hard this year - and that hard work definitely paid off! We hope everyone has a great summer and we can't wait to see what next year has in store for us!



Kids on Campus

First Session: June 19-June 30

Second Session: July 10-July 28



Beacon Prom 2017

Under the Stars



Thank you Hiede & Krystal for all of your hard work to make Beacon School's first prom a success!

