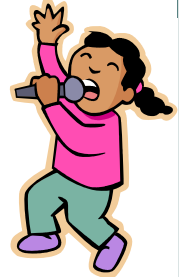


# TOPPER DISPATCH

District-Topton Elementary School Newsletter  
April 2010

## March Musical Performances



District-Topton students were invited to participate in a variety of musical performances during the month of March. Vocal and instrumental music was highlighted.

Kindergarten – Five Kindergarten classes performed four songs at the annual Open House on March 23. The songs included *The Old Gray Cat*, *Five Puppies*, *Pop! Goes the Weasel*, and *Mister Rabbit*.

First Grade – Three First Grade classes also performed four songs at Open House. The songs included *Six Little Ducks*, *The Little Green Frog*, *Bingo*, and *Morning on the Farm*.

Second and Third Grade – Three Second and three Third Grade classes performed at the Night of Music program held on March 9 at 6:30 pm in the Middle School Auditorium. Second graders performed *Old Dan Tucker*, *Best Friends*, *Animals on Parade*, and *I Bought Me a Cat*.

Third graders performed *Four White Horses*, *But the Cat Came Back*, *I Know an Old Lady*, and *Home on the Range*. They also performed three songs on the recorders: *Merrily*, *Three Blind Mice*, and *Juba*. The combined Second and Third Grade classes performed *This Land Is Your Land* as the finale.

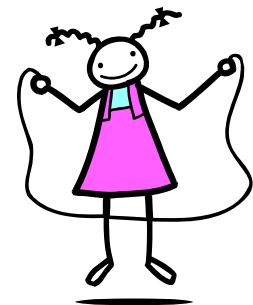
Fourth Grade – Three Fourth Grade classes performed at the Night of Music program held on March 9 at 7:45 pm in the Middle School Auditorium. The songs included *Clementine*, *The Foolish Frog*, *Mister Rabbit*, *Don't Count Your Chickens*, *The Returning Hunter*, *Hear the Rooster Crowing*, *Pennsylvania*, and *This Land Is Your Land*.

Fourth Grade Band – Band members were involved in two concerts. The first concert was part of the Night of Music program where they performed four selections: *Country Walk*, *A Wise Old Owl*, *Copy Cats*, and *Kemo Kimo*. The second concert was a part of the annual Brandywine Heights Music Department's Music In Our Schools Concert held on March 13 starting at 4:30 pm in the High School Auditorium. This concert features all of the performing ensembles in the district: concert bands, concert choirs, and jazz bands. The Fourth Grade Band combined with the Longswamp Elementary Fourth Grade Band as the lead-off group and performed four selections: *Song of the Fjords*, *Lightly Row*, *Duke Street*, and *An Owl Song*.

Mrs. Kay Kriebel, Brandywine Heights graduate, was the piano accompanist for the Open House and Night of Music performances.



## Jump Rope for Heart



The week of February 22nd-26th, District-Topton and Longswamp Elementary third and fourth grade students jumped all over heart disease and stroke by participating in Jump Rope for Heart. Students participating in this year's event raised \$5,526.86 for the American Heart Association. Funds raised for Jump Rope for Heart help fight heart disease and stroke, the nation's No. 1 and No. 3 killers. "This was the 12th year that we participated in this event and the students did an outstanding job," said Mrs. Neumuller, Jump Rope for Heart coordinator.

We're very proud of all the jumpers and their fine effort. Students are anxiously waiting to receive their thank you gifts from the Heart Association for their fine efforts. We all look forward to next year's event. Jump Rope For Heart is a program designed to promote physical fitness and heart health through the fun activity of jumping rope. It is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

## PSSA Preparation

- Have a good night's sleep
- Eat a good breakfast the morning of the test
- Take your time when taking the test
- Check your work
- Answer as many questions as possible
- Mark one response first, use process of elimination and then select the best response
- Highlight important words, phrases, main ideas



## Snow Make Up Day Schedule

The end of the year is not too far away. We have a few snow days to make up from this past winter. Four days are being made up the week of March 29th. One remaining day will be added on to the end of the school year. Below is the schedule for the last week of school.

Monday, June 7	Tuesday, June 8	Wednesday, June 9	Thursday, June 10	Friday, June 11
Regular student day	Professional Day Only teachers report	Early Dismissal, 1:05 Lunch is served	Early Dismissal 12:00 Noon NO Lunch	Teacher In-Service

## FIELD TRIPS

- May 4-** 3rd Grade trip to the Franklin Institute
- May 18-** 4th Grade trip to the Sovereign Center/  
Reading Eagle
- May 26-** Kindergarten trip to Hands On House  
& Stasburg Railroad
- May 27-** 2nd Grade trip to Parkland H.S. —  
Play



## FIELD DAYS

- May 19- 3rd & 4th grade
- 20- Rain Date for 3rd & 4th grade field day
- May 25- Kindergarten, 1st, & 2nd grade



June 1- Rain Date for K, 1, &

## Student Information Update

If there are any changes in your child's emergency information (home phone number, emergency contacts, custody updates, parent pick up forms, etc...) please notify the office with these updates at 610-682-5171.

