

# LAKE MICHIGAN NEWS

Mrs. Schwalm

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## Important Dates

### May

5/20 Jeans for \$1

5/22 Book Report due

5/25 No School, Memorial Day

5/26 Jeans for Cards

### June

6/9 1/2 day

Last day of school.

—All year awards assembly

—Fun & Field day/Spirit Day

*\*\*4th Qtr. Report Cards & Awards will be mailed home.\*\**



## Science on Our Minds

### Imagination Station

The class had the opportunity to explore Toledo's Imagination Station. We explored magnetism, optical illusions, buoyancy in water, weather, and even what gravity does to us here on earth.



## The Year is not Over Yet!

We have completed the Scantron testing and the 4th grades have been hard at work on the M-Step (the test to replace the MEAP test). The 3rd graders will start M-Step this week. They really have shown off their abilities and everything they have learned over the course of the year. However, the year is not over yet! We will continue to learn new material as well as review material we have been working on. We are encouraging students to keep working hard until the very last day. We have a lot of learning and fun activities to look forward to over the next few weeks of school.



## TFK Webcast!

On April 20th, our class participated in a live Time For Kids (TFK) webcast with Jane Goodall. She is a primatologist who is best known for studying chimpanzees at Gombe National Park in Tanzania, East Africa. Dr. Goodall shared her journey of studying chimps for 25 years in Africa and then beginning Roots and Shoots, a program that encourages young people to volunteer in their communities while working to protect the Earth. We learned that chimps make and use tools, are very social animals, and need protection against people hunting them.



Dr. Jane  
Goodall



### Questions or Concerns?

Please stop in before/after school, call (734) 854-5437, or email at [jschwalm@newbedfordacademy.com](mailto:jschwalm@newbedfordacademy.com)

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## What is Our Focus?






Below is a list of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and GLCE topics that we will be focusing on in May.

### MATH

#### 3rd Grade:

-  Multi-digit multiplication
-  Division
-  Fractions
-  Telling time
-  Volume
-  Counting unit squares
-  Quadrilaterals

#### 4th Grade:

-  Line Plots
-  Angles
-  Long-Division
-  Classify 2-dimensional objects based on the presence/absence of lines
-  Symmetry






### SOCIAL STUDIES

3rd Grade: Public issues in Michigan

4th Grade: -Michigan's people/many people from different lands

### LANGUAGE ARTS

We will be engaging in these activities monthly:

-  Writing narrative, informational, and opinion pieces
-  Phonics
-  Grammar
-  sight words
-  speaking (book reports and other projects that they present)

### SCIENCE

3rd Grade: Nutrition, basic food groups, minerals, vitamins

4th Grade: Uses and abuses of chemical substances, the role of carbohydrates, fats, and proteins