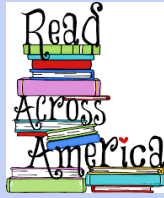




**PRINCIPAL'S DESK**  
DR. ROBIN COLETRAIN



**READ ACROSS  
AMERICA**  
CELEBRATE READING



**PERRY GOES RED**  
WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH



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READING IS  
FUNDAMENTAL

# THE EAGLE PRIDE



## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians,

W.A. Perry students are amazing! They are curious, creative, talented, passionate—truly delightful young men and women. I am so fortunate to have the opportunity to see them learn and grow daily, and I am proud to be their principal.

Our school strives to provide the highest quality education possible to our scholars and we are constantly seeking to increase student achievement. Over the past seven months, we have made significant progress which allows us to better meet the needs of our scholars. This growth is attributed to the hard work of our students, staff and the many programs offered to assist our scholars. Please have your scholar attend early bird tutoring, lunch tutoring, the after school program, or Saturday School. Our staff is committed to making sure our scholars are successful.

To make sure those hopes and dreams are realized, I want to ask for your commitment to making sure your child attends school every day. The evidence is clear: children with good attendance are more likely to be successful in school. High attendance rates are linked to high student achievement. This is true for every grade – elementary, middle, and high school students. Attendance Matters!

We know that our school is a reflection of our community and we work very hard to ensure that our school mirrors positively on the families, residents, and neighbors that make up the community surrounding W.A. Perry Middle School. Feel free to visit the school and your child's classroom. Enjoy a glimpse of the teachers, staff, and learning activities that are a part of W.A. Perry Middle School. I hope that you can take from frequent visits to the school a sense of the extraordinary educational work being performed and the pride we all share in our school.

We are a school community led by dedicated students, parents, teachers, staff and community partners. Together, we are striving to make a difference for our scholars. Thank you for sending your scholar to W.A. Perry. We look forward to working together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robin L. Coletrain

## Read Across America

National Read Across America Day is an annual event that is part of Read Across America, an initiative on reading that was created by the National Education Association. Each year, National Read Across America Day is celebrated on March 2nd, the birthday of Dr. Seuss. This day is a motivational and awareness day, calling all children and youth in every community across the United States to celebrate reading.

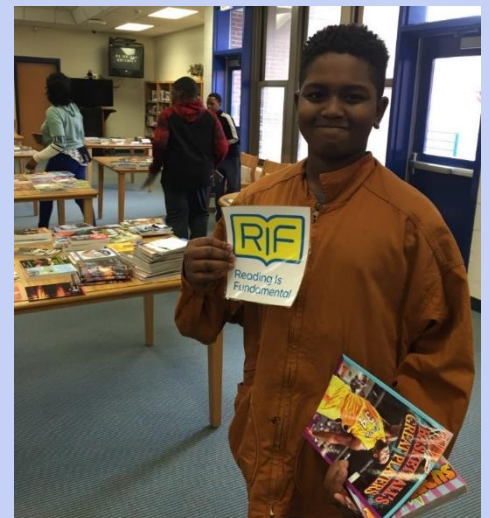
W. A. Perry students and ELA teachers participated in distance learning conferences to read with 6th graders from Ohio and 8th graders from Texas! Awesome job to Ms. Amaker, Ms. Fogle, and Ms. Floyd.



## Reading is Fundamental

Students celebrated RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) in the Media Center the months of February and March this year. RIF is the leading champion for children's literacy and the organization strives to get books into the hands of children in order to make an impact with the power of reading.

In February, students expressed their love of reading by writing "What I love about reading" or "My favorite book is..."



## Perry Goes Red

In celebration of the American Heart Association W. A. Perry’s students and staff wore red on Valentine’s Day, February 14. Cardiovascular disease in the U.S. kill approximately one woman every 80 seconds. The good news is that 80 percent of cardiac events may be prevented with education and lifestyle changes. Go Red for Women advocates for more research and swifter action for women’s heart health.



## Community Service

Congratulations to Office Cann, School Resource Officer, for receiving the Columbia Police Department’s Community Service award. Your hard work and dedication to our school, community, and city is greatly appreciated. Thank you for all you do!



## Free Camp: Catch Your Breath

Camp Catch Your Breath is a free one-day asthma camp for children aged 5-12 hosted by MTC's Respiratory Care students as a service learning project. The event will take place on April 8, 2017 at Drew Wellness Center from 9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. Camp Catch Your Breath is a place to provide your child with the experience of a day camp while maintaining a healthy, medically safe environment where kids can have fun and learn about their asthma at the same time. Register on line by March 31 at <http://www.midlandstech.edu/camp-catch-your-breath>.

## Family STEAM Day

Special thanks to students, parents, and community members who attended our annual Family STEAM day on March 11, 2017. This event would not have been a success without your support.



## It's A Winning Season at Perry

### Programs to Watch

Congratulations to Ms. Kenya Seawright and Mr. Alvin Allen on receiving Richland One's Career and Technology Education (CATE) Middle School Programs to watch award for their Medical Detectives and Computer Science Project Lead the Way (PLTW) courses. Congratulations on a job well done!



### Visual Literacy Festival Winners

Congratulations to Mrs. Peddalagalla's and students: Jenniya Washington, Caleb Counts, and Shayla Harris- winners in the RCSD's Visual Literacy Festival Technology for their My Genetics Monster project. Special thanks to Ms. Bal, Technology Educator, for her assistance with this project. The award ceremony will be held on March 20, 2017 at Olympia Learning Center at 4:00 p.m. Please come out to help celebrate our students.

### District Art Show

The district's Middle and High School Secondary Visual Arts Show is up at the Tapps Art Center located at 1644 Main Street. Students' art work will be on display thru Tuesday, March 21.

Congratulations to Ms. McNeely and our W.A. Perry district art show winners: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Amari Clayborne, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Nakia Reed, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Destiny Taylor, Honorable Mention: Caleb Counts, and Permanent Art Collection: Rori Goff.

### Wade Hampton Sertoma Club Honors Students

Congratulations to Mia Clybourn, Zyairea Wilson, Caleb Counts, Shaniya Grant, Amari Clayborne, and Jailan Vanoy. The students were honored on February 28, 2017 for their "What Does Freedom Mean to Me" essays by Mark Julian of the Wade Hampton Sertoma Club. Each student received dinner, a plaque and cash prize. Thanks to Dr. Evans and team for their hard work with the students.



### Dance, Dance, Dance!

Congratulations to Aisha Seabrook and Jenniya Washington who will be representing W.A. Perry as members of the Richland School District One Honors Dance Company.

### Richland One District Honor Band

Congratulations to Devonna Roary on being name to the Richland One District Honor Band.



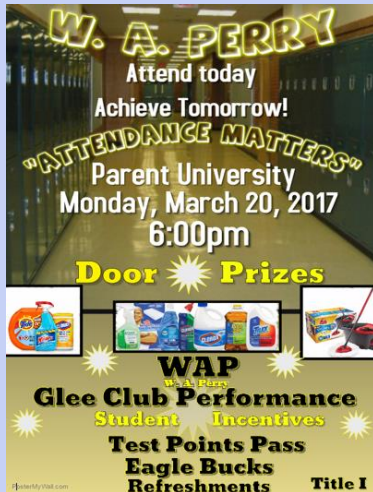


## Student Enrollment Verification

The date for the launch of the **Returning Student Enrollment Verification form** has been set for **Monday, May 15, 2017**. More information will be forthcoming on the enrollment verification process. See Mrs. Bowman-Dozier for parent portal login information.

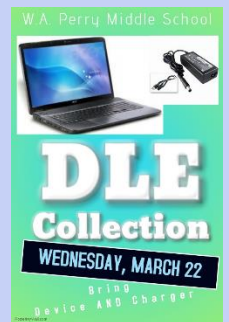
## Attendance Matter

Students are encouraged to attend school every day and on time. When your child is absent, you must turn in a medical note or parent note within **three (3) days** of returning to school. A parent note will excuse a maximum of 10 days. These notes only will be accepted if the absences are considered to be lawful. If notes are not handed in within the specific time frame, your child's absences are considered unlawful. Students arriving to school after 8:45 a.m. should report to the Main Office and get a pass to class. Parents should sign in late students at the Main Office or send a note with the student explaining the tardy. **Join us for our next Parent University on March 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** Our topic for the evening will be "Attendance Matters".



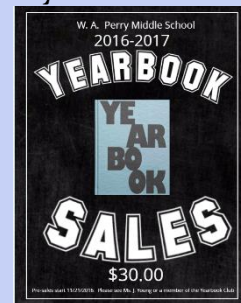
## DLE Collection

Our school wide DLE Collection will take place on March 22, 2017. All devices will be collected on this date.



## Memories Last Forever

The 2016-2017 W.A. Perry yearbook sales are underway. The cost is \$30.00. Please contact or see Ms. J. Young for payment information. Secure your copy today!



## Important Dates to Remember

- March 20 Parent University
- March 21 ELA STAR Testing
- March 22 Math STAR Testing
- March 22 DLE Collection
- April 26 SC PASS Science
- April 27 SC PASS SS
- May 2 SC READY ELA (TDA)
- May 3 SC READY ELA (Reading)
- May 4 SC READY

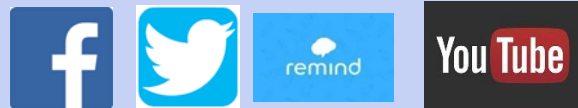
## Perry Athletics



The 2017 W.A. Perry Eagles track season is going to be very exciting. We have many newcomers in all grade levels. Last year, we were only 5 points away from being district champs. This year, goals and expectations are high. We are looking forward to a winning season! Come out to support the Eagles!

### 2016-2017 Middle School Track and Field Schedule

Date	Meet	Location	Time
March 15	Middle School Only	Eau Claire	5:30
March 22	Middle School Only	Memorial Track	5:30
March 29	Middle School (6 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Memorial Track	5:30
April 5	Middle School Only	Memorial Track	5:30
April 18	Middle School Only	Memorial Track	5:15
April 19	Middle School Only	Memorial Track	5:15



### Follow Us and Like Us on Social Media

Keep up with the latest events, best classroom practices, and exciting things happening at W. A. Perry by following us on social media or on YouTube at <https://goo.gl/rhZzCb>.

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