### FEELIN' GOOD MILEAGE CLUB
Currently 66% of West students participate in the program and have logged 3186 miles.

Classes compete against each other to see who can accumulate the most mileage.
- Mr. Ray's first graders are leading with 296 miles.
- Mrs. Smith's 3rd graders are second with 216 miles.
- Mr. Myers' kindergarteners are third in the race with 210 miles.

The top five individual runners with their miles listed are:
- Breydon Collins (70 miles)
- Luke Seymour (66)
- Ace Heise (50)
- Rachel Kirchgessner (40)
- Chris Kirchgessner (40).

The prizes have been funded by West P.T.O. and donations by Buffalo Wild Wings, Diamond Power and Tim Lewis. We appreciate our volunteers and sponsors. Thank you students for all of your hard work. It pays off in your overall health and in the classroom. Keep up the great work!

### JUMP ROPE FOR YOUR HEART
Throughout the month of January, West School students collected $1313.25 for the American Heart Association’s Jump Rope For Heart Campaign. Students learned jump rope skills and about heart health in their physical education classes while engaging in this community service project. The American Heart Association uses the money that is collected to fund research to fight heart disease, which is the number one killer in the United States.

36 students collected money in grades 1-5. The top three contributors were
- 5th grader, Savannah Collis
- 3rd grader, Jerah Coe
- 1st grader, Aria Griggs

All students who contributed will receive thank you gifts from the American Heart Association within the next 2-4 weeks. Prizes include water bottles, jump ropes, t-shirts and playground balls. Thank you students and community members for contributing to this worthy cause.

### SPELLING BEE WINNERS
Excitement filled the air at West Elementary School on Tuesday, January 25, 2011. Twenty-eight fourth and fifth graders participated in the annual spelling bee. Mr. Dana Hiles, a Lancaster City Fire Fighter, was the special announcer for the evening. Katelynn Johnson, a fifth grader, became the spelling bee champion. Caleb Bennett, also a fifth grader, was the runner-up. Congratulations to all the students. A special thank you to Mr. Hiles, the PTO, and the staff members who made this evening possible.

### WEST PLAYGROUND RENOVATION
New equipment has been ordered and will be arriving soon. A workday is scheduled for Saturday, April 9 @ 9:00 A.M. Come out and help if you can mix concrete.

Half of the profits from the upcoming food fundraiser will go towards the playground.

Keep saving Box Tops for Education, Capri Sun pouches, and Campbell Soup Labels.

### RETENTION LETTERS
In the next week, some students will be receiving a letter addressing the possibility of retention. Almost half the year remains.

As a parent, there are many things that you can do to help your child and to prevent a possible retention.

Students in K, 1, and 2 grades:
- Read baggie book or AR book nightly
- Study spelling words
- Practice site words on ring
- Complete homework nightly

Students in 3, 4, and 5 grades:
- Read AR book nightly
- Study for all tests including spelling
- Complete homework nightly
- Sign homework planner and check completed work

All Students:
- Be in school every day
- Be on time for school every day
- Get at least 10 hours of sleep nightly