



The Viking News

Vowles Elementary School

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Testing

Students at Vowles take a variety of tests throughout the year. Following are some of the tests that are given and the reasons for them.

Michigan Literacy Progress

Profile -Students at all grade levels take different portions of this test at various times of the year. The results of this test are used to measure a student's progress and to help teachers plan instruction in areas that may show a need.

DIBELS- DIBELS measures are designed to assess Phonological Awareness, Alphabetic Principle, and Fluency. Students in K, 1, & 2 are tested in the fall, winter, and spring. These results are used by the teachers to measure student progress and to plan instruction.

I will discuss more testing in the next newsletter.

Vowles Carnival

The Vowles School Carnival will be held on Friday, February 13 at 6:00.

Tickets for games will be available for sale beginning next Monday. Advance sale prices will be 5 for a \$1. All games will take either 1 or 2 tickets. Tickets will be 4 for a \$1 on the night of the carnival.

Please send money in an envelope, and checks can be made out to the Vowles PTO.

Important Dates

- **February 9, 10, 11**-Yo-Yo sales before school
- **February 11**-Fundraiser order pick-up
- **February 11, 12, 19**-Jump for Heart
- **February 13**-Vowles School Carnival-6:00
- **February 18**-Hundreds Day
- **March 9-13**-Book Fair
- **March 12**-Talent Show

The February 9 PTO Meeting Has Been Cancelled

JUMP FOR HEART

Mary Alsager will lead the students in this fundraiser for the American Heart Association.

PEAK will be taking a field trip to Morey Courts on Feb. 13. Students need to be picked up at Morey Courts by 6:00 pm.

The NED Show

Vowles students attended the NED Show Assembly today. This assembly uses yo-yos to teach a lesson about life. Yo-yos will also be offered for sale to students next week as a follow-up to the assembly. They will be available for sale Mon., Tues., & Wed. mornings before school. Please see the back of today's newsletter for more information and an order form.