



# **THE PILOT**



**Milton Pope**

**Pilots  
DECEMBER  
NEWSLETTER**

***From the Desk of Mr. Giertz***



It is hard to believe that half of our year has come and gone. Every year it seems to go by quicker and quicker. Students have been working on finishing projects, papers, and studying for that final chapter test before we end our 1<sup>st</sup> semester. Christmas break is a great opportunity to catch up on some well-deserved rest but also for students to catch up on their newly checked out books from our library. Help encourage your student to take a few minutes each day and continue to read and reflect on materials that they have brought home for the break. As we come back from break, we will have only one week before our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter ends, so remind your student to push through to the end.

Have a wonderful start to your New Year!

**Sincerely,  
Mr. Giertz**

## **Upcoming January Activities/Dates**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 7/8 BBB @ Marquette HS  
7<sup>th</sup>- 1:00 vs. Tonica  
8<sup>th</sup>- 6:00 vs. Oglesby
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 7/8 BBB @ Marquette HS TBD
- 4<sup>th</sup> 7/8 BBB @ Marquette HS TBD
- 8<sup>th</sup> Teachers' Institute Day (No School)
- 9<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Day Back!  
5/6 VB @ Ransom 5:00  
7/8 BBB @ Home 5:00 (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night)
- 10<sup>th</sup> OHS here @ 1:00 (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)  
5/6 VB @ Home 5:00  
7/8 VB @ Seneca 4:30

11<sup>th</sup> 7/8 VB @ Tonica 5:00  
5/6 VB @ Home 5:00  
12<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Ends!  
13<sup>th</sup> 7/8 BBB Shootout @ Marseilles  
15<sup>th</sup> No School!  
16<sup>th</sup> 7/8 VB @ Home 5:00  
17<sup>th</sup> 5/6 BBB vs. Waltham 5:00  
Board Meeting @ 6:30  
18<sup>th</sup> Articulation Day (Dismissal @  
2:30)  
7/8 BBB @ Seneca 4:30  
7/8 VB @ Oglesby 5:00  
19<sup>th</sup> Spelling Bee  
20<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Milton Pope VB Tournament  
@ Home  
22<sup>nd</sup> 5/6 VB @ Wallace 5:00  
7<sup>th</sup> BBB Regionals Start  
23<sup>rd</sup> 7/8 VB @ Home 5:00  
24<sup>th</sup> 5/6 VB @ Home 5:00  
7/8 VB @ ICS 4:30  
25<sup>th</sup> 7/8 VB @ Wallace 5:00  
Articulation Day (Dismissal @  
2:30)  
MAP Testing  
26<sup>th</sup> MAP Testing  
29<sup>th</sup> MAP Testing  
8<sup>th</sup> BBB Regionals Start

5/6 VB @ Home 5:00

30<sup>th</sup> 6/7/8 VB @ MVK 4:30

MAP Testing

31<sup>st</sup> MAP Testing

## Teacher Spot Light of the Month



This month's spot light focuses on Mrs. Rachel Polancic's Kindergarten class.

Mrs. Polancic writes:

December is upon us and, as always, that means we are very busy in the Kindergarten classroom. Last week we got our "suitcases" ready and have been having a blast visiting places all around the world to see how they celebrate the holiday season. So far, we have stopped in Mexico, Israel, Africa, and Italy. With each new country we then compare and contrast their traditions to ours here in the U.S.A.

After a couple months of practice, the students did not disappoint at this year's music program. Keeping with tradition, the following day the students wore their pajamas and sipped hot cocoa while watching The Polar Express. We will finish this week jammed packed with activities and Christmas fun. We are

especially looking forward to the school-wide Christmas sing-along Mrs. Francis has planned for Friday!

I hope everyone has a relaxing winter break and a very Merry Christmas. I will see you in 2018!

students' to make this happen for all is truly amazing. Thank you again MPCC for everything you do for Milton Pope.

## Character Counts



Our Character Counts Team continues to work at creating a culture of continuous character building and at increasing the level of positive behavior in the school environment. This month our students encouraged school spirit by promoting fun and “whacky” Christmas outfits the week before break. Each day the students’ were given an opportunity to have some fun with their outfits and dress with Christmas spirit. This month’s winner was. . . . The 5<sup>th</sup> grade class! Congratulations 5<sup>th</sup> grade!

I would also like to throw out a very special thanks to our MPCC. Once again, the Christmas Bazaar was unbelievable. The items that were brought in for students’ to buy and also the generosity our MPCC does for