

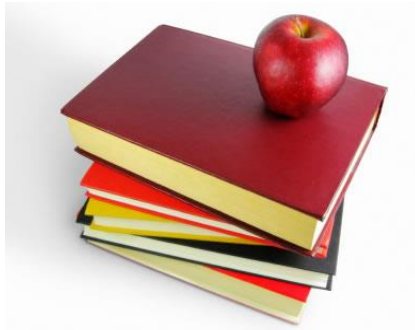


THE PILOT



Milton Pope Pilots OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of Mr. Giertz



First quarter has flown by and next thing we know it will be Thanksgiving break. Parent/Teacher conferences were, once again, a great turn out by our parents and community and hopefully that allowed the quality time for both staff and parents to communicate on the success and improvements needed for our students to have a great second quarter.

October also wrapped up our first quarter celebration parties that each student got the opportunity to earn through academic achievement, attendance, behavioral awards, and assignment completion. Grade level celebrations ranged from movies, games, candy, pop, popcorn, and a ton of laughter. Glad to see our students rewarded for hard work and success during their 1st quarter efforts.

Finally, as November approaches I want to invite all

parents and community members to our November 9 Veterans Day celebration. Our students' and staff have been working to put together a wonderful program to honor those who have served for our country. The program will start around 1:00 and conclude at 2:00 with cake and punch to follow.

Have a great November!

Sincerely,

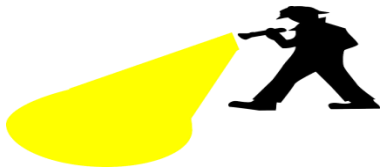
Mr. Giertz

Upcoming November Activities/Dates

- 2nd 5/6 BBB @ Home 5:00
Articulation Day (Dismissal at 2:30)
7/8 BBB @ Home 5:00
- 3rd 5/6 BBB Tourn. @ Home
- 4th 5/6 BBB Tourn. @ Home
- 6th 5/6 BBB @ Home 5:00
- 7th 5/6 BBB @ Ransom 5:00
- 4th-9th 7/8 GBB Conf. Tourn. @
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- 9th Veteran's Day Program 1:00
- 9th 5/6 BBB @ Seneca 4:30
7/8 BBB @ Home 5:00
Articulation Day (Dismissal at 2:30)
- 10th No School! Veterans Day
- 11th 7/8 BBB @ Seneca HS vs. Serena 10:00/11:15
- 13th Community Club Mtg. @ 6:30
- 13th 8th Grade Springfield Trip (leave @ 7:30 a.m.)
- 13th 5/6 BBB @ Marseilles 5:00
- 14th 7/8 BBB @ Home 5:00
- 15th Jr. High to SHS for Play

7/8 BBB @ ICS 4:30
 7/8 GBB @ Seneca 4:30
 5/6 BBB @ Home 5:00
 Board Meeting @ 6:30
 16th Articulation Day (Dismissal at 2:30)
 7/8 BBB @ Tonica 5:00
 17th 7/8 BBB @ OHS vs. Grand Ridge 6:00
 20th 7/8 BBB @ Lisbon 5:00
 21st 2:00 Dismissal!
 22nd-26th Thanksgiving Break!
 27th 7/8 GBB Regionals Begin
 5/6 BBB @ Home 5:00
 28th 7/8 BBB @ Home 5:00
 29th 7/8 BBB @ TCA 5:00
 5/6 BBB @ Home 5:00
 30th 7/8 BBB @ Wallace 5:00
 Articulation Day (Dismissal at 2:30)

Teacher Spot Light of the Month



This month's spot light focuses on Mrs. Francis, our Music and Chorus director.

Mrs. Francis writes:

Greetings from the Milton Pope Music Trailer!

This fall your student(s) in kindergarten through fifth grade have been doing some combination of making and moving to all kinds of music, including: speaking chants and rhymes, learning solfege, reviewing letter names on the music staff, reading and decoding rhythms, learning folk songs from several countries, playing instruments from Ghana, West Africa, and dancing to an American folk song. Whew! We

are busy gaining ALL kinds of musical knowledge! We've started working toward our Christmas Program, so don't be surprised if you start hearing your students singing holiday music around the house soon!

The 5th – 8th grade chorus is also off to a great start as we prepare for sharing our program in December. I'm enjoying working with this talented group and they're really starting to bring a big sound! I know you'll enjoy their music at the upcoming Christmas Program.

This brings me to a very important announcement: **The Milton Pope Christmas Program will move to MONDAY, DECEMBER 18th, at 6:30.** Although the previous program date was chosen and set on the school calendar last spring, IESA scheduled the 8th grade girls' basketball IESA sectional game for the same night. Mrs. Hatcher and I fully support our students' involvement in both music and sports, and so in order to avoid a potential conflict with our 8th grade band and chorus members who are involved in girls' basketball, Mrs. Hatcher and I have chosen to move the Christmas Program. This date will stand firm whether the 8th grade girls play on Dec. 6th or not.

Again, please change your calendars: the Christmas Program will be on December 18th. You won't want to miss this evening of holiday music!

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. The team has been very busy building school spirit and Pilot pride throughout our district. Last month we focused on supporting the efforts of “Red Ribbon Week” and demonstrating our commitment to staying drug free. The 7th grade class won the “spirit week” by sporting the highest percentage each day with what the theme consisted of. Congratulations 7th Grade!

Next month, we will be doing our yearly canned drive to show our Acts of Citizenship to donate to our local Marseilles food pantries. So, be looking for information to come home with your student about dates and items that can be donated. Thanks!

Sept.- Friday Spirit Wear

Oct. – Red Ribbon Week

Nov. – Veterans Recognition/Canned Good Donations

Dec. – Christmas Spirit Wear

Jan. – Hot Chocolate Read Aloud

Feb. - Penny War Donations

March- Pancake Breakfast

Apr. – Door Decoration Competition

May – Field Day

