



September Newsletter

From the Desk of Mr. Giertz



The start of a new year is upon us and September has already flown by. Currently our students are progress monitoring with our district assessment, MAP, and doing a great job of focusing to help us get an accurate idea on where they will all be starting this academic school year.

Our Milton Pope athletic program is off and moving with our soccer program wrapping up a very competitive year. 5/6 GBB and 7/8 GBB have been busy on the road this month but are holding strong and racking up several wins.

This coming October our Community Club will meet on two different nights. First, on October 2 to discuss the planning for the Halloween party and then their regular meeting to be held on October 10 at 6:30. So mark your calendars for those dates if you would like to be a part of the planning and help with our Community Club.

Something new we will be starting this month, and are very excited about, is our After School Academic Assistance Program. Each Tuesday and Thursday, we will be offering academic assistance to notified students in need. This program will run from 3:00-4:00, even on 2:30 dismissal Thursdays' and directed by one of our staff members here at school.

Once again, if you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us here at school: (815) 357-8151.

Have a fantastic October!

Sincerely,

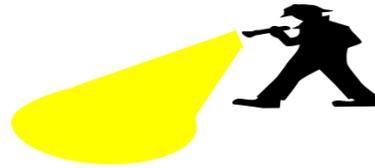
Mr. Giertz

Upcoming October Activities/Dates

- 2nd 5/6 GBB Home 5:00
Halloween Community Club Mtg. 6:30
- 3rd 7/8 GBB Home 5:00
- 4th 5/6 @ Marseilles 5:00
- 5th 5/6 GBB Home 5:00
7/8 GBB @ Marseilles 5:00

- Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)
- 6th No School (Institute Day)
- 9th Columbus Day
- 10th Community Club Mtg. 6:30
- 11th 8th Grad Future SHS students PSAT testing
- K-1st Fire Station Field Trip
- 5/6 GBB Olgesby Tour.
- 12th Band Rehearsal @ OHS 7-9:15 p.m.
- Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)
- 13th 5/6 GBB Olgesby Tour.
- 14th 5/6 GBB Olgesby Tour.
- 16th 7/8 GBB @ Home 5:00
- 5/6 GBB @ Ransom 5:00
- 17th 7/8 @ Marseilles 5:00
- 18th Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 19th 7/8 GBB @ Wallace 5:00
- Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)
- 20th End of 1st Quarter!
- 23rd Flu Vaccine Clinic
- 24th 7/8 GBB @ Home 5:00
- 25th 7/8 GBB @ Home 5:00
- 26th P/T Conferences 1:00-7:00 p.m.
- 27th P/T Conferences 8:30-Noon
- 30th 6/7/8 BBB @ Home 5:00
- 31st Happy Halloween

Teacher Spot Light of the Month



This month's teacher spot light focuses on our Jr. High Math and Literature teacher; Mr. Finley and 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Coleman.

Mrs. Finley writes:

In sixth grade, we have been working on fractions and decimals. We are now beginning to start learning about ratios. Soon they will be starting a grocery store project focusing on unit rates.

In seventh grade, the focus so far has been on percentages. 7th grade has just finished a Savvy Shopper project that had them calculate sales, markups, and taxes.

In eighth grade, we have completed scientific notation, laws of exponents, and will begin equations very shortly. The next two weeks will have plenty of practice and mix in a few "real life" focus questions. The equation section will be a preview of what is to come in high school algebra.

So far in computers, students have been working on type to learn and adding paragraphs to their year-long "blog". Now that MAP testing is completed, they will begin working on vocabulary lessons and different math skills. The lessons will be individualized to help them in all of their classes. The junior high students have also started using google classroom and we hope to extend the online classroom into math, literature, health, social studies, and science.

Mrs. Coleman writes:

Third Grade News

The third grade class has been reading the novel, Charlotte's Web. To prepare for reading this book, we did a few activities with a friendship theme. The third graders thought of ways to "catch a friend" by making spiders and writing a tip for being a good friend. We also made acrostic poems and a book called "The Important Thing about a Friend". As we have read the novel, students see the deep friendship between a girl, a pig, and a spider unfold. The characters in Charlotte's Web show compassion and trust in one another. The third grade students have been able to relate situations in the book to their own relationships. An exciting addition to reading Charlotte's Web is attending the Sandwich Fair. We attended the fair on September 8, just as the families from the novel attended a fair in early fall. The students had fun looking for "Wilbur" the pig and other characters from the book at the fair.

Mrs. Coleman

Book Fair Coming Soon!

The Book Fair is coming to our school from Monday, October 23 through Friday, October 27.

There is also the online Book Fair Opportunity. The web address is

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/miltonpopeelemschool>

All books purchased online will be sent to the school with free shipping. Books may be ordered through the online fair until November 10.



As an extra bonus for friends and family both near and far, Ms. Fleming will, gift-wrap items that are sent to the school through the online book fair that are Christmas presents. Simply email me at kfleming@miltonpope.net with the parent's name, the name of the gift giver, the titles of the books and who will receive the gift books. This will be perfect for the friends and relatives who would like to help our school and order a gift at the same time! All of the gift-wrapped books can be picked up by the parent with the gift tags and ready to put under the Christmas tree!

Enjoy the Book Fair both at the school and online.

Character Counts



Over the last few years, we have put together a 7th/8th grade group of students to form our character counts team. Our Team continues to work at creating a culture of continuous character building and at increasing the level of positive behavior in the school environment. Each year we develop a theme for our students to

strive for, and encouraging them to become active leaders, volunteers, and role models for their fellow classmates.

In doing so, our team comes up with “Monthly Missions” to strive for and passes them along to other classes in a friendly competition. Below you will see what our monthly competitions will consist of and what to be looking for when your student comes home with information. We feel that positive involvement and encouraging students to step out to be leaders is a vital attribute and our Character Counts program helps to build that here at Milton Pope.

This month’s “Friday Spirit Wear” classroom winner was. . . . **8th GRADE!**

Congratulations 8th grade for winning the banner for the month of September!

Sept.- Friday Spirit Wear

Oct. – Red Ribbon Week

Nov. – Veterans Recognition Donations

Dec. – Christmas Spirit Wear

Jan. – Hot Chocolate Read Aloud

Feb. - Penny War Donations

March- Pancake Breakfast

Apr. – Door Decoration Competition

May – Field Day