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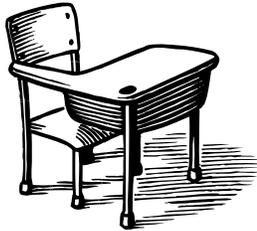


Milton Pope

Pilots

**February
NEWSLETTER**

From the Desk of Mr. Giertz



With the 3rd quarter quickly ending, that home stretch has come into our sights. This last month our students have recently finished their winter session of MAP testing to help give our staff a good indication on what needs to be addressed from fall until Spring as we prepare for our state wide PARCC testing. PARCC testing will be from March 6th-17th testing students in grades 3rd-8th for subjects of Reading, Math, and English. Try to help give your student a good night rest and breakfast in the morning. Most importantly, continue to

motivate, drive, and support your student(s) success no matter what benchmarking scores show. We have a hard working group of students at Milton Pope and know that each of them give it their all when taking our achievement tests.

As the 4th quarter comes into site, remind your son/daughter to set those realistic goals and then help push them with positive encouragement to achieve what they have put into site.

Hope you have a good start to March!

Sincerely,

Mr. Giertz

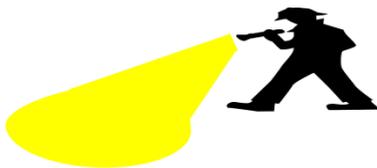
Upcoming March Activities/Dates

2nd Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)

VIP Lunch for grades: 1st, 4th, 7th

- 4th 8th Grade Vball Regional's
MPCC Trivia Night
- 6th-17th PARCC Testing!
- 8th 3rd & 4th Grades to SHS for
Shrek Musical
- 9th Articulation Day (Dismissal @
2:30)
- 15th School Board Meeting @ 6:30
- 16th Articulation Day (Dismissal @
2:30)
- 17th St. Patrick's Day
- 17th End of 3rd Quarter
- 20th-24th PARCC Make-Up
- 24th Early Dismissal (2:00)
- 27th-31st Spring Break

Teacher Spot Light of the Month



This month's teacher spot light focuses on our Physical Education teacher, Ms. Peterson and our 1st grade teacher, Mrs. Gage.

Ms. Peterson writes:

Fitness Gram Testing

All the students have been busy working hard to improve their fitness level for the Fitness Gram test, which will begin in March. The Fitness Gram measures three components of physical fitness, which have been identified as important because of their relationship to overall health. The three components are aerobic capacity; body composition; and muscular strength, endurance, and flexibility. Each component will be scored using criterion-referenced standards that are based on the level of fitness needed for good health. Most students who perform regular physical activity will be able to achieve a score that will place them within or above the Healthy Fitness Zone. All students in grades 3-8 will participate in the Fitness Gram testing. Please encourage your child to do their best on these tests.

Ms. Peterson

Mrs. Gage writes:

'February in First'

We started the month of February off with the 101st day of school. We celebrated 101 Dalmatian style! Each student made their own set of ears with 101 spots.

We moved on to Valentine's Day, and made robots that said, "I'm Nuts and Bolts about you!" We had our party and everyone enjoyed handing out their Valentines.

Next, we learned about President Lincoln and Washington. The students had to choose what they would keep in their hat, after learning that Abraham Lincoln kept important papers in his hat.

We are finishing off the month celebrating Dr. Seuss! We are reading many fun books, and making projects to go along with them. We also learned about place value, verbs, phonics, and many other skills. For the shortest month of the year, it has been packed with fun!



A very special thanks to all our donors and businesses who helped provide new folders for the upcoming 17-18 school year. Each MP student will get their own Pilot branded pocket folder compliments of First Community and our generous parents and businesses. Parents, thank you again for all you do!

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 Character Counts team put together our annual Penny War. Each class creates their own jar to collect change that will go to their class's choice of charity. The winning class gets to choose where the funds go to and have bragging rights for the remainder of the year. Last year was a great success and our students' do such a wonderful job of donating.

Aug/Sept. - Respect

Oct. - Trustworthiness

Nov. - Citizenship

Dec. - Caring

Jan. - Fairness

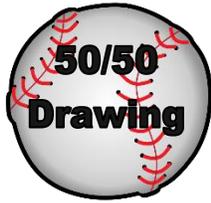
Feb. /Mar. - Respect

Apr. - Trustworthiness

May - Caring

June - Fairness

Milton Pope Community Club Presents



Trivia Night Spring Training



**Saturday,
March 4, 2017**



**American Legion Post 235,
Rutland Street, Marseilles, IL**

Cash Prizes for the Top Teams

\$10 per player  Teams of 6 to 10 players

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m.

Proceeds Benefit Milton Pope Elementary School District 210 Teachers & Students

**To Reserve Your Table of 6-10 players contact Karen Fleming 815-795-4502 or
kfleming@miltonpope.net**

Cash Bar

Stadium Food for Purchase