



THE PILOT



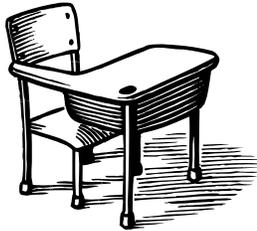
Milton Pope

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March

NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of Mr. Giertz



It is amazing what the seasons bring us in March and that this weather can give us more havoc than it did in December. We are so grateful that our families of Milton Pope managed through the difficult weather and tornados, as well as, all the support and help this community gave in time of need. It never seems to amaze me of how quickly the parents and staff quickly act to help lift other families up and give what is needed. . . and some. What an amazing group!

The month of March also brought on our annual state testing with PARCC and I am proud of our students' effort, attendance, and respect they gave to our staff and me in conducting these assessments. We hopefully will be able to examine our testing results late this spring or early next fall to see the areas that we can show improvement in or areas that we have excelled at.

March has also brought on our annual "Penny War" for charities. Each class had students bring in their loose change to fill up milk jugs and see who could raise the most money before spring break. This year's winner was Mrs. Polancic's Kindergarten class. They raised over \$300! The Kindergarten class will get a Pizza Party for winning the challenge. Mrs. Polancic's Kindergarten class donated their winning funds to the Ottawa YMCA and also a family that was affected by the early March tornados. Each class did a phenomenal job as we

raised over \$750 total. I am very impressed with our students' and parents' dedication and efforts to help others.

Hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing spring break!

Sincerely,

Mr. Giertz

Upcoming April Activities/Dates

- 3rd Return from Spring Break
- 5th Track Meet @ Streator 4:30
- 6th Track Meet @ Seneca 4:00
Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)
- 7th 8th Grade Dance--- 7:00-9:00
- 10th Community Club Meeting @ 6:30
Track Meet @ Seneca 4:30
- 11th Spring Sports Pictures
- 12th Track Meet @ Seneca 4:30
- 13th VIP Lunch—Grades 2nd, 5th, 8th
Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)
- 14th No School ---- Easter Break!

- 17th No School ---- Easter Break!
- 17th-24th Final MAP Testing
- 18th Track Meet @ OHS 4:30
- 19th Track Meet @ Seneca 4:30
- 19th Board Meeting @ 6:30
- 20th Track Meet @ Seneca 4:30
- 20th Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)
- 21st Parent "Read Aloud Night" from 6-7:30
- 21st 4th Quarter Mid-Term
- 22nd Track Meet @ OHS 9:00 a.m. (Conference Meet)
- 23rd Character Counts Breakfast
6:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
- 24th Track Meet @ Seneca 4:30
- 26th Track Meet @ Seneca 4:30
- 27th SIP Day/ 11:30 Dismissal
- 28th 4th Quarter Mid-Terms go home

Teacher Spot Light of the Month



This month's teacher spot light focuses on our 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Gibson.

Mrs. Gibson writes:

March has been an exciting month for fourth grade! The class started the month by learning about the Iditarod, which is an annual long-distance sled dog race run in early March from Anchorage, Alaska to Nome. The students were given the opportunity to research and choose one musher to follow throughout the race; logging their checkpoint and race time daily, also keeping an eye on the number of dogs still a part of their team. Throughout the month, they also learned a great deal about the history of the race, the Alaskan terrain, and obstacles the mushers and their dogs could encounter. There was so much anticipation and excitement as they checked the standings each day!

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. Coming up next month we will be having our annual Pancake Breakfast raising funds for our committee and activities that they sponsor for our students throughout the year. The breakfast will be on April 23rd from 6 a.m.-11 a.m. It will be a donation format and all proceeds go to the Character Count fund.

Aug/Sept.- Respect

Oct. – Trustworthiness

Nov. – Citizenship

Dec. – Caring

Jan. – Fairness

Feb. /Mar. – Respect

Apr. – Trustworthiness

May – Caring

June – Fairness

