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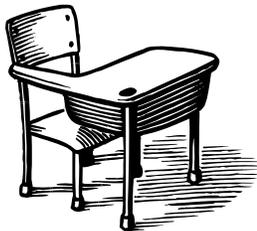


Milton Pope

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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of Mr. Giertz



The cold months have finally hit us and seeing the long extended Christmas break has everyone excited, of course. Students have been super busy with extra-curricular activities and also preparing for our Christmas concert. Projects have been completed and students are plugging away to get those last minute assignments in before our Dec. 2nd Mid-Terms. Girls and Boys basketball seasons are off and running and regionals for both 7th and 8th girls are right around the corner. The 6th grade boys' basketball team will be competing in Wallace for their annual tournament and our 7th and 8th boys' basketball teams will compete at Marseilles and

Harding coming up in December at tournaments as well.

Parents, don't forget to help support our Community Club this coming month as our students' will have the opportunity to buy gifts here at school during the day on December 9th. Character Counts students will help lead younger students around, picking gifts and help wrapping as well. If you would like to volunteer or help with set up and gift wrapping, please contact the school.

Finally, our last day of attendance before Christmas break will be Dec. 16th with a dismissal at 2:00 p.m.

Hope you had a great Thanksgiving break!

Sincerely,

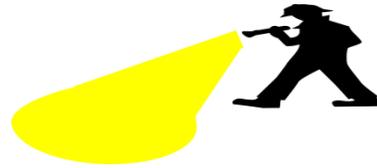
Mr. Giertz

Upcoming December Activities/Dates

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| 1 st | 7/8 BBB @ Oglesby 5:00 |
| | Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30) |
| 2 nd | 2 nd Quarter Mid-Terms |
| | 6 BBB Tourn. @ Wallace TBD |

- 7 BBB Tourn. @ Marseilles 5:00
- 3rd 6 BBB Tourn. @ Wallace TBD
- 7 BBB Tourn. @ Marseilles TBD
- 5th 5/6 BBB @ St. Francis 5:00
- 6th 7/8 BBB @ Home 5:00 (8th grade night)
- 4th/5th Grade Field Trip
- 7th Christmas Concert @ 6:30
- 8th 7/8 BBB @ Marseilles 5:00
- Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)
- 9th Community Club Christmas Bazaar
- 8 BBB Tourn. @ Harding TBD
- 10th 8 BBB Tourn @ Harding TBD
- 12th 5/6 BBB @ Wallace 5:00
- 13th 7/8 BBB @ Ransom 5:00
- 14th Board Mtg. @ 6:30
- 15th Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)
- 7/8 GBB @ Home 5:00
- 16th Early Dismissal @ 2:00
- 16th-Jan. 2nd Christmas Break!!
- Jan. 2nd Teacher Institute Day
- Jan. 3rd 1st Day of Attendance back from Christmas break

Teacher Spot Light of the Month



This month's spot light focuses on our Jr. High Social Studies and Lang. Arts teacher, Mrs. Fleming.

Mrs. Fleming writes:

8th Graders Tackle the Constitution...Again!

We travel to Springfield in November so that we can see the places where all the "action" takes place as we study the Illinois Constitution. All the pieces seem to fall into place when you see the places where the decision making in our state government happen now and places where it also happened long ago in Lincoln's time. Walking down the Hall of Governors gives us a sense of all that has happened since we became a state in 1818.

8th graders also are required to memorize all 102 county names. We tackle this task by actions, songs and some silly sounding stories. Besides impressing their friends and relatives with this incredible feat of skill, it also gives insight to some ways to tackle large bits of information into more "digestible" bite size bits that the brain can retain.

Now for part two of the process, we will begin studying the United States Constitution in January. We will review the history that seventh grade will be studying concurrently and learn all 27 amendments and maybe even recite or better yet sing the Preamble to the Constitution. Passing

the Constitution Test is just one more step toward the goal of graduation from Milton Pope. Studying both Constitutions is another step toward becoming an informed citizen of Illinois and beyond!

Feb. /Mar. – Respect

Apr. – Trustworthiness

May – Caring

June – Fairness

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 was our act of Citizenship and Milton Pope students' and staff took that to the next level. Our school district partook in collecting food for our local food pantries and boy did our boxes and hallway fill up quick. Bringing in over 1,000 cans and boxes, our students helped to fill our Marseilles food pantry for the Thanksgiving holiday. Way to go Pilots!!

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