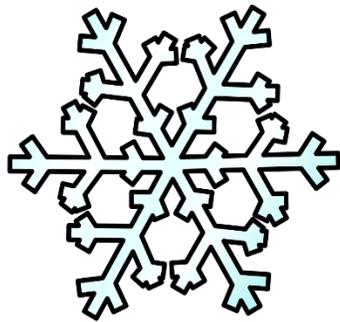


Milton Pope

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January NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of Mr. Giertz



January has ended and we have survived without using a snow day! That is amazing! With January ending, we saw many students', both new and old, join our Honor and High Honor Roll list. Once again, with the help of MPCC, we were able to recognize those outstanding students' achievements with our quarterly breakfast celebration. Milton Pope students have also wrapped up our winter session of MAP testing where we saw several students improve drastically since our fall testing. Nice work Pilots!

Coming up later in March and after spring break, we will be taking

the IAR tests (formerly known as PARCC). Students will be tests in ELA and Math subject areas. Math tests consist of three 60-minute tests and the ELA portion consists of two 90-minute tests. The grade ranges are from 3rd-8th being tested. If you have any questions about the test, please feel free to call me here at school.

I also want to congratulate two of our 8th grade students this month. Ethan Sallee and Beyonce Hogue will be honored at Streator High School on February 20 for the John Orth award. This award goes to one boy and one girl who has respectable grade point average in their class and throughout their elementary years, portray an image of social and civic responsibility within their school community, and possess an attitude conducive for a good work ethic and representative of an image the school district finds commendable. Both Ethan and Beyonce have been outstanding student athletes in their careers here at Milton Pope and have shown to be exemplary role models.

Hope you have a wonderful and warmer February!

Sincerely,

Mr. Giertz

Upcoming February **Activities/Dates**

1st 8th BB Regionals @ Elwood 1:15
5th VB Tourn. @ Wallace TBD

3rd 8th BB Regionals @ Elwood 4:30
5/6 VB @ Home 5:00

4th 5/6 VB @ Home 5:00
Scholastic Bowl @ Home 4:00

5th 7/8 VB @ Cornell 5:00
7th BB Sectionals @ Pontiac St. Mary's 6:30
Winter Pictures at School

6th 6/7/8 VB @ Home 5:00
Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)

7th 3rd Quarter Mid-Terms
7/8 VB Tourn. @ Marseilles TBD

8th 7/8 VB Tourn. @ Marseilles TBD

10th 5/6 VB @ Wallace 5:00
MPCC Mtg. @ 6:30

11th Scholastic Bowl @ Marquette 4:00

12th 5/6 VB @ Marquette 5:00
8th BB Sectionals @ Sauneman 6:30

13th 5/6 VB @ TCA 5:00
7/8 VB @ Home 5:00 (8th Grade Night)

Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)

14th 3rd Quarter Mid-Terms Home
Valentine's Day!
½ Day In-Service
11:30 Dismissal

15th-20th 7/8 VB Conf. Tournament @ Tonica TBD

17th No School!

18th 5th-8th BBB Recognition Night @ SHS 6:45
Scholastic Bowl @ Marseilles 3:30

19th Board Meeting @ 6:30

20th Scholastic Bowl @ Oglesby 4:00
8th Grade Step-Up Day @ SHS
John Ourth Award @ Streator HS
Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)

21st VIP Lunch—Grades K, 3, 6

22nd 7/8 VB Shootout @ Mars. TBD
Scholastic Bowl @ Wallace 8:00 AM

24th Scholastic Bowl @ Flanagan 4:00

25th Scholastic Bowl @ Waltham 4:00

26th Scholastic Bowl @ Home 4:00
Seneca HS Freshman Registration 6:00

29th 7th VB Regionals Being TBD



2nd Quarter Honor Roll Students

5th Grade:

Honor Roll

Bella Borowski
Rylee Hogue
Eli Jeppson
Braxton Nelle
Bailey Schutter

High Honor

Landon Hebel
Landon Brandt
Alex Cosmutto
Lily Grooms
Madelyn Hedge
Emily Mullins
Scarlett Nichols
Aiden Polancic
Piper Stenzel

6th Grade:

Honor Roll

Taylor Brandt
Lila Coleman
Teagan Jeras
Liam Knoebel
Zebadiah Maxwell
Cooper Smith
Rhoin Zopp

High Honor

Kaden Aruajo
Drake Hefner
Jace Mitchell
Jonathan Neu

7th Grade:

Honor Roll

Evelyn Jeppson
Emmett Liberg
Hailey Martin
Addyson Miller

High Honor

Kyler Araujo
Lauran Barla
Paxton Giertz
Grant McCloskey

Jacy Miller
Caleigh Rick
Lilia Muffler

Drew Norton
Evan Snook

8th Grade:

Honor Roll

Akeisha Bermudo
Olivia Borowski
Matt Dillon
Angelo Izzarelli
Gabriella Maxwell
Packston Miller
Reese Puleo
Ethan Sallee

High Honor

Daniel Doloski
Beyonce Hogue
Lana Swift

Teacher Spot Light of the Month



This month's teacher spot light focuses on our 4th Grade teacher, Mrs. Polancic, our Jr. High Literature teacher, Mrs. Thorsen and Jr. High teacher, Mrs. Kargle.

Mrs. Polancic writes:

The fourth grade students are off to a great start in the New Year! Upon returning from break, each student set a goal for himself or herself. We developed action plans and I have enjoyed seeing each child put their plan into motion.

We are all eager for our next visit from Ag in the Classroom. We are lucky to have a presenter from the LaSalle County

Farm Bureau to come and teach us about all things agriculture. Our first lesson was on corn and the many products it can be found in. The students could not believe all the uses of corn products, especially that it is found in baby diapers! Our second presentation focused on dairy. Students each placed a calcium tablet in a container of milk and another one with Sprite. It was a great hands-on experience that showed them how important milk is to your bones! Later this week, we will be learning all about chickens!

It is hard to believe that the school year is half way over! There is so much learning and fun to come. I am looking forward to a great second half!

Mrs. Thorsen writes:

Literature News with Mrs. Thorsen-January 2020

6th Grade-We are finishing "Medusa's Head", a myth, retold by Olivia E. Coolidge. The story explained that Medusa is angry that she has been turned into a monster who cannot find love. In her anger, she wants revenge on the world by turning them into stone. Perseus becomes a hero by slaying Medusa, saving Andromeda from an unjust punishment, preserving her parent's

kingdom, and marrying Andromeda for a "happily ever after" ending.

7th Grade-We are finishing **A Christmas Carol** by Charles Dickens. This is a play about a mean-spirited and selfish old man named Ebenezer Scrooge. He hates Christmas! One cold Christmas Eve, Scrooge is unkind to the people who work for him. Then he refuses to give to charity. He is then rude to his nephew, Fred, when he invites him to spend Christmas with him. He is visited by three spirits in an attempt to encourage Ebenezer to change his life for the better. He learns to be a better man throughout the course of the evening. The "spirits" have taught him that there is more to life than money. He became a giving man the rest of his days.

8th Grade-We have just begun the novel, **Call of the Wild** by Jack London. Buck, a powerful dog, half St. Bernard and half sheepdog, lives on Judge Miller's estate in California's Santa Clara Valley. He leads a comfortable life there. His comfortable life ends when men discover gold in the Klondike region of Canada. There is a great demand for strong dogs to pull sleds to find the gold in the region. Throughout the

book, there are many symbolic comparisons between the dog's experiences and human ones, which leads students to learn about the term: ANTHROPOMORPHISM. Call of the Wild is a literature classic which is told year after year in 8th grade literature class!!

Mrs. Kargle writes:

Currently in my classroom, the students and I are reading a novel. This is one of my favorite activities to do with the students as it allows for lots of interaction, discussion and hands on activities. The novel we are currently reading allows us to learn about the Vietnamese language, culture and customs. This week we are learning about the game of marbles and how to shoot a marble. Google translate has allowed us to learn a few Vietnamese words. Overall, this is a great way for the students to combine multiple modes of learning.

We have had the opportunity to supplement our math program with a computer based math program. We use it two days a week and the students seem to really enjoy it. It is individualized for each student and I am very pleased with the results we are seeing from it.



Junior High Spelling Bee

Milton Pope Spelling Bee

The Junior High Spelling Bee was held on Friday, January 17. Four participants were selected from each grade level through spelling contests held during Literature classes by Mrs. Thorsen to determine the qualifiers. Representing the eighth grade were Ben Schutter, Damon Hill, Ethan Sallee, and Olivia Borowski. Representing the seventh grade class were CJ Scheibe, Evelyn Jeppson, Emmett Liberg, and Lauryn Barla. The sixth grade representatives were Kaden Araujo, Taylor Brandt, Drake Hefner, and Jon Neu. Congratulations to all of the finalists!

Ben Schutter was the winner of the Spelling Bee and was awarded prizes from the school of a Webster Collegiate Dictionary and a Spelling Bee pin. From the Scripps Spelling Bee, he was awarded a one-year subscription to Encyclopedia Britannica for Kids. Ben will represent Milton Pope School at the Regional Spelling Bee at Ottawa High School on Saturday, February 8 at 9:00 a.m.

CJ Scheibe was the runner-up to the winner. If Ben cannot attend the Spelling Bee in Ottawa, C.J. will be his replacement. C.J. also won a one-year subscription to Encyclopedia Britannica for Kids and a Spelling bee pin. Congratulations to terrific spellers!

Ms. Fleming

Spelling Bee Coordinator

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.

Our February theme will be our annual Crush Pop/Water sales. Students' will get the opportunity to say a few kind words to a fellow friend or two or three by having a crush soda or water delivered to them with a special note. This event helps raise money for our special school activities throughout the year to give back to our school and brings some positive words and excitement to our students.

Sept.- Friday Spirit Wear

Oct. – Red Ribbon Week/Anti-Bullying Assembly/Boo Grams

Nov. – Food Pantry Drive/Pet Shelter Drive

Dec. – Crazy Christmas Days

Jan. – “Caught Being Good”

Feb. - Penny War Donations/Hoops 4 Hearts/Crush Pop

March- Literary Night

Apr. - Pancake Breakfast

May - Field Day