

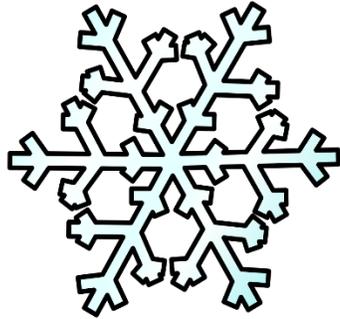


THE PILOT



January NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of Mr. Giertz



January has come to a final status and it was a cold one. With missing a few of those days we will have to catch them now later in June. 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 also began our second round of MAP testing and have continuously shown respect and hard work when given the challenge

to achieve at their best for our district assessments.

Coming up later in March and April, we will be taking the new IAR (formerly known as PARCC). If you are looking for more information on the IAR assessment, you can go to www.isbe.net

I also want to congratulate two of our 8th grade students this month. Brady Barla and Brynn Hefner will be honored at Streator High School on February 21 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 Brady and Brynn have been nothing short of these character traits.

Hope you have a wonderful and warmer February!

Sincerely,

Mr. Giertz

**Upcoming February
Activities/Dates**

1st Snow Day
7/8 VB Tourn. @ Marseilles TBD

2nd 7/8 VB Tourn. @ Marseilles TBD
5th VB Tourn. @ Wallace TBD

4th 7/8 VB @ Home 5:00

5th 7/8 VB @ Home 5:00
5th-8th BBB Recognition Night @ SHS 6:45

6th 7/8 VB @ TCA 5:00

7th Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)
5/6 VB @ ICS 4:30
7/8 VB @ Home 5:00
8th Grade Night!

8th SHS Here For 8th Pre-Registration
7/8 VB vs. Wallace 4:30

9th 7/8 VB Conf. Tourn. @ Waltham TBD

11th 5/6 VB @ Home 5:00
MPCC Mtg. @ 6:30

12th 5/6 VB @ Grand Ridge 5:00

13th 5/6 VB @ Home 5:00

14th Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)
Valentine's Day!

15th ½ Day In-Service
11:30 Dismissal

15th 3rd Quarter Mid-Terms Home

16th 5/6 VB Tourn. @ Home TBD

16th 7/8 VB Shootout @ Marseilles TBD

18th No School- Presidents' Day!

20th 6/7/8 VB @ Marseilles 5:00

21st 8th Grade Step-Up Day @ SHS
John Ourth Award @ Streator HS
Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)
School Board Meeting @ 6:30

22nd VIP Lunch—Grades K, 3, 6

23rd 7th VB Regionals Begin

27th Seneca HS Freshman Registration

March 2nd 8th VB Regional Begins



2nd Quarter Honor Roll Students'

5th Grade:

Honor Roll

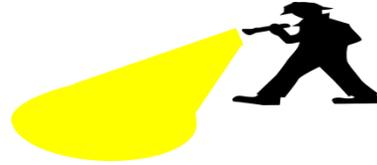
Lila Coleman
Teagan Jeras
Liam Knoebel
Jace Mitchell

High Honor

Kaden Aruajo
Taylor Brandt
Zebadiah Maxwell
Cooper Smith

Jonathan Neu
Ismah Shams

Rhoin Zopp



6th Grade:

Honor Roll

Evelyn Jeppson
Addyson Miller
Caleigh Rick
Noah Sallee
Lauran Barla
Natalye McAndrew
Lilia Muffler

High Honor

Kyler Araujo
Paxton Giertz
Emmett Liberg
Grant McCloskey
Drew Norton
Evan Snook

This month's teacher spot light focuses on our first grade teacher, Mrs. Gage, fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Polancic, and Jr. High teacher, Mrs. Kargle.

Mrs. Gage writes:

First grade has been learning about polar animal's right along with our polar vortex! We are learning about polar bear, arctic foxes, arctic owls, seals, walruses, and penguins. We learned that polar bears and penguins never live together except in the zoo! Polar bears fur is actually clear, and the sun reflects on it and it appears to be white. Penguins are birds, but they are unable to fly. The Arctic Fox is so gross; it follows the polar bear around and eats the leftovers. Yuck! Arctic owls are the only type of owl that hunt and fly during the day. If you see, a first grader ask them all about polar animals. They have become great scientists and have done some great research!

7th Grade:

Honor Roll

Adyalyn Borowski
Olivia Borowski
Clara Cartwright
Jacie Clapp
Daniel Doloski
Josh Doloski
Angelo Izzarelli
Gabriella Maxwell
Packston Miller
Ethan Sallee

High Honor

Beyonce Hogue
Reese Puleo
Lana Swift

8th Grade:

Honor Roll

Bryce Bartolucci
Ava Clark
Brooke Coleman
Kara McCloskey
Haley Nelson
Ashley Rohr
Cora Sisk
Taylor Stenzel

High Honor

Brady Barla
Brynn Hefner
Calvin Maierhofer
Mckenzie Oslanzi
Carter Snook

Mrs. Polancic writes:

Fourth Grade

This year has been flying by, with no signs of slowing down! We have been busy, busy, here in fourth grade. One highlight this year has been designing roller coasters as part of our "Energizing

Teacher Spot Light of the Month

Everything” unit. The students used their knowledge of energy to design a coaster that would take their marble “cars” through hills and even loops!

We have now begun our study of chain reactions. We developed a lever and ramp that will be the base to our very own “chain- reaction machines.” The students are so excited to get started! We have researched several different chain reaction machines and the students’ imagination has helped them come up with many ideas. I cannot wait to see these budding scientists’ ideas come to life!

Mrs. Kargle writes:

In December, the students in my classroom did a fun project making snowmen out of recycled PVC pieces. The students had the opportunity to spray paint their PVC tubes, sew fleece hats on a sewing machine and use a glue gun to attach the eyes, nose and mouth. It turned out to not only be a fun and educational experience but also a nice gift to take home for their families.

February is American Heart Month, so this month we will be learning about our heart and ways to make sure our heart stays healthy. We will be doing some research on the internet and writing mini reports on our findings. We will also be exploring ideas of ways that we can incorporate exercise into our school days.



Junior High Spelling Bee

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The Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade Spelling Bee was held on Friday, January 18, with twelve spellers ready to win the Milton Pope Championship. The Sixth Grade Spellers were Hailey Martin, Emmett Liberg, Kyler Araujo, and Cara Peterson. The Seventh Grade Spellers were Clara Cartwright, Amilia McGeorge, Lana Swift, and Reese Puleo. The Eighth Grade Spellers were Carter Snook, Calvin Maierhofer, Brady Barla, and Taylor Stenzel.

Each of those students were selected in their respective grade classes and won over the rest of their classmates. They started the competition as winners. Congratulations to all of the participants.

The winner was eighth grader and returning champion, Carter Snook, and the alternate was eighth grader Calvin Maierhofer. Carter was presented with a Dictionary from Milton Pope School and a one-year subscription to an on-line encyclopedia, Encyclopedia Britannica from Scripps Spelling who sponsored the event. Calvin was also presented with a one-year subscription to an on-line encyclopedia, Encyclopedia Britannica from Scripps Spelling. Carter will participate in the

countywide Spelling Bee on Saturday, February 9, at Ottawa Township High School Auditorium. If he cannot attend for whatever reason, Calvin will take his place.

Congratulations to Carter, Calvin, and to all of the participants at Milton Pope. We wish Carter the best at the County competition.

Thank you to the Mrs. Thorsen who held the classroom Spelling Bees in her classes and to the Junior High teachers for serving as Spelling Bee Judges.

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. In January, our committee organized a school wide “Hot Chocolate Read Aloud” for all grade levels. Our Character Counts students’ took turns reading aloud short stories to our lower level students’

while they enjoyed a nice warm cup of Coco. Unfortunately, not every grade level got the chance to be read to, due to our snow days, but those who partook in the event were excited and had a blast.

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

Nov. – Door Decorations/Canned Good Donations

Dec. – Crazy Christmas Days’

Jan. – Hot Chocolate Read Aloud

Feb. – Crush Pop/Water

March- Pancake Breakfast

Apr. – Poetry Month

May- Field Day