



# **THE PILOT**



**Milton Pope**

**Pilots**

**February  
NEWSLETTER**

*From the Desk of Mr. Giertz*



**The winter months are hopefully drawing to an end and spring is right around the corner. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Mid-Terms recently went home with your student in hopes to spark conversations of positive reinforcement or questions that can be answered from our staff. We have several interesting upcoming events in March, so please take a peek at those within this newsletter or on our website.**

**As the 4<sup>th</sup> 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. As always, if you ever have questions please feel free to contact our office.**

**Hope you have a good start to March!**

**Sincerely,**

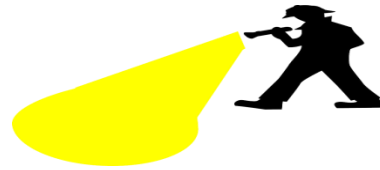
**Mr. Giertz**

## **Upcoming March Activities/Dates**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)
- Scholar Bowl @ Oglesby 3:45
- Boys Vball w/Rutland @ ICS
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Vball Regionals TBD
- 5<sup>th</sup> Boys Vball w/Rutland @ Rutland
- 6<sup>th</sup> Scholar Bowl @ Woodland 3:45
- Boys Vball w/Rutland @ Newark

- 7<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> to SHS for “Oklahoma”  
Play  
Scholar Bowl @ Marquette 3:45
- 8<sup>th</sup> Math Team Competition @  
Northlawn 4:30  
“Reading Night” 6:00-7:00  
Articulation Day (Dismissal @  
2:30)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Hoops 4 Heart
- 10<sup>th</sup> PANCAKE BREAKFAST 7-11  
A.M.**
- 12<sup>th</sup> MPCC Meeting @ 6:30
- 13<sup>th</sup> Scholar Bowl @ Wallace 3:45
- 15<sup>th</sup> Scholar Bowl @ Marseilles 3:45  
Articulation Day (Dismissal @  
2:30)
- 16<sup>th</sup> VIP Lunch for grades: 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>  
3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ends!
- 17<sup>th</sup> Solo/Ensemble @ Marseilles
- 18<sup>th</sup> Scholar Bowl @ Home 3:45
- 21<sup>st</sup> School Board Meeting @ 6:30
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Scholar Bowl @ Gr. Ridge 3:45  
Articulation Day (Dismissal @  
2:30)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Early Dismissal (2:00)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report Cards Home
- 24<sup>th</sup>-April 2<sup>nd</sup> Spring Break

## Teacher Spot Light of the Month



This month’s teacher spot light focuses on our Physical Education teacher, Ms. Peterson and our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Richardson.

**Mrs. Richardson writes:**

### Second Grade News

**WONDERS** is the key word in Second Grade this year. The class is enjoying our new reading series. We are learning and reading some wonderful literature. The stories are fresh, interesting, and full of teachable moments!

We started cursive writing right after Thanksgiving. We have learned all the lower case letters and have started the uppercase letters. Second graders love when we learn the first letter of their name so they can start writing it in cursive!

This year is really moving fast. We will continue to work

hard learning new things the last two nine weeks of Second Grade. Then we can look forward to our Brookfield Zoo Trip in May!

Beth Richardson

Second Grade

**Ms. Peterson writes:**

**Hoops for Heart**

February 26- March 9, the students at Milton Pope will be collecting pennies for the American Heart Association. Along with their task of collecting pennies, the students will learn a new fact about the heart each day during PE class. Every day in PE class, we will discuss the importance of taking care of our heart. The students will learn what they need to do every day to keep their heart healthy, and the importance of good nutrition and exercise for their heart.

On Friday, March 9, the students will participate in Hoops for Heart during their PE class. The students will play Trash Can Basketball, Knockout, Wacky Relays,

Horse, and Scooter Basketball. During the last five minutes of class, students will enjoy a nutritious snack of apple and water.

Please encourage your child to donate as many pennies as possible. I hope to make Hoops for Heart a very enjoyable and successful 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. This coming month our Character Counts team will be putting together our annual Penny War. This year each class will create their own jar to collect change that will go to the National Heart Foundation through “Hoops 4

Heart.” Working with Ms. Peterson’s PE classes, students will be participating throughout the first week of March shooting FT’s and working out to demonstrate their commitment to being healthy. Character Counts Club will provide each student with apples and water on Friday, March 9 to promote our healthy eating habits. 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**

