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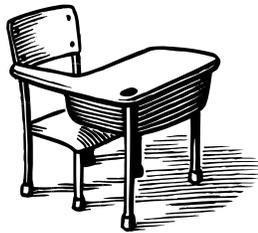


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**January
NEWSLETTER**

From the Desk of Mr. Giertz



January has come to a close as did our 2nd quarter term. We saw many students', both new and old, join our Honor and High Honor Roll list. We also saw the beginning of our 3rd quarter and the second round of MAP testing. Milton Pope students have continuously shown respect and hard work when given the challenge to achieve at their best for our district assessments. If you ever have any questions about our MAP testing procedures or concerns with test scores, please feel free to call us at the school.

I also want to congratulate two of our 8th grade students this

month. Cody Marko and Sara Meyer will be honored at Streator High School on February 15 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 Cody and Sara have been nothing short of these character traits.

Hope you have a wonderful February!

Sincerely,

Mr. Giertz

Upcoming February Activities/Dates

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| 1 st | 6 th -8 th VB @ Home 5:00
Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30) |
| 2 nd | 7/8 VB Tourn. @ Marseilles TBD |

3rd 7/8 VB Tourn. @ Marseilles TBD

5th VB Tourn. @ Wallace TBD

6th 7/8 VB @ Tonica 5:00

8th 5/6 VB @ Home 5:00

8th SHS Here For 8th Pre-Registration

Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)

9th ½ Day In-Service

11:30 Dismissal

10th 7/8 VB Conf. Tourn. @ Waltham TBD

12th No School! Lincoln's Birthday

13th 5/6 VB @ Home 5:00

MPCC Meeting @ 6:30

14th 5/6 VB @ TCA 5:00

Valentine's Day!

15th Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)

16th VIP Lunch—Grades K, 3, 6

3rd Quarter Mid-Terms

17th 7/8 VB Shootout @ Marseilles TBD

21st School Board Meeting @ 6:30

22nd 8th Grade Step-Up Day @ SHS

Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)

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

24th 7th VB Regionals Begin

28th Seneca HS Freshman Registration

March 3rd 8th VB Regional Begins



2nd Quarter Honor Roll Students'

5th Grade:

Honor Roll

Evelyn Jeppson
Addyson Miller
Caleigh Rick
Noah Sallee

High Honor

Kyler Araujo
Lauran Barla
Addison Ciesielski
Paxton Giertz
Emmett Liberg
Grant McCloskey
Lilia Muffler
Drew Norton
Evan Snook
Alyssa Zellers

6th Grade:

Honor Roll

Adyalyn Borowski
Olivia Borowski
Clara Cartwright
Jacie Clapp
Daniel Doloski
Joey Maffeo
Packston Miller
Tony Solis

High Honor

Beyonce Hogue
Reese Puleo
Ethan Sallee
Carson Zellers

7th Grade:

Honor Roll

Brady Barla
Bryce Bartolucci
Ava Clark
Brooke Coleman
Kendall Eslinger
Kara McCloskey
Ashley Rohr
Taylor Stenzel

High Honor

Calvin Maierhofer
Hailey Nelson
Mckenzie Oslanzi
Carter Snook

8th Grade:

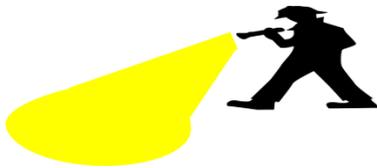
Honor Roll

Jocelyn Cartwright
Madison Lineback
Olivia Long

High Honor

Julia Maffeo
Cody Marko
Sara Meyer

Teacher Spot Light of the Month



This month's teacher spot light focuses on our Jr. High Literature teacher, Mrs. Thorsen.

Literature with Mrs. Thorsen

6th Grade-We just started Collection #3-"Dealing with Disasters" upon returning from Winter Break. We finished the non-fiction story, "Mammoth Shakes and Monster

Waves". This story outlined the destruction of 12 countries affected by the earthquake and following tsunami on December 26, 2004. Following that story, we are currently 'tracking trash' from a shipping container that dumped 28,800 rubber duckies into the ocean from 1992. Upon tracking the ducks through the ocean currents, some duckies turned up on the British shores in 2012; 10 years later. We are learning... "Through every kind of disaster, setback, and catastrophe. We are survivors." Robert Fulghum

7th Grade-*"You take up for your buddies, no matter what they do. When you're in a gang, you stick up for the members. If you don't stick up for them, stick together, make like brothers, or it isn't a gang anymore. It's a pack. A snarling, distrustful, bickering pack like the Socs in their social clubs or the street gangs in New York or the wolves in the timber." Pony Boy*

*We are currently reading the novel, **The Outsiders** by S.E. Hinton. This is a great classic novel about stereotypes and life experiences of social groups in the 60's. Students have done character packets describing each person's appearance, personality, and things important to them. Group*

work is important when sharing ideas about theme, plot, conflict, and life statements. Let's try one... "Peer pressure from your group can force you to be someone you do not wish to be." True or False? We have some lively discussions about what is true and false in their lives. We will end the novel with Pepsi (glass bottles) and BBQ in honor of a character in the book.

8th Grade-"Because men, groping in the Arctic darkness, had found a yellow metal, and because the steamship and transportation companies were booming the find, thousands of men were rushing into the Northland," Jack London

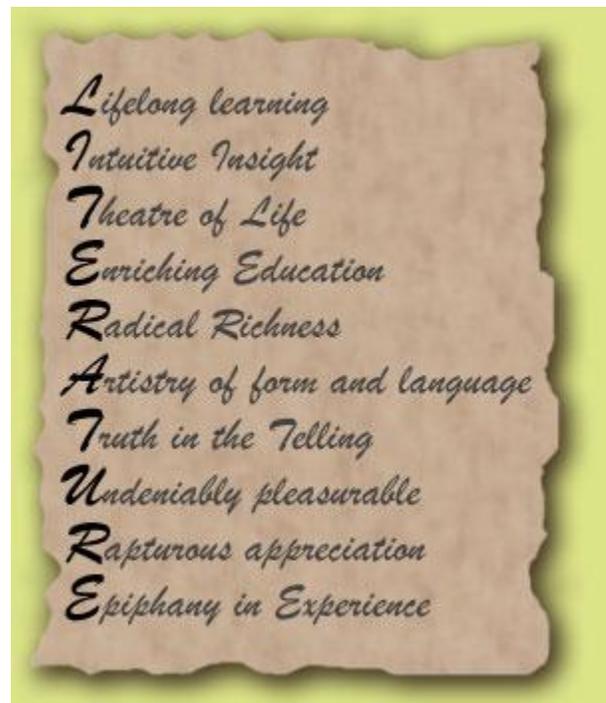
Currently, we are studying the classic novel, **Call of the Wild**. We introduce the word, "anthropomorphism" in which an animal gains human-like qualities. We take a journey with Buck, the spoiled aristocratic dog who is kidnapped into the Northland to become an uncivilized dog who fights for his life. This classic is a 'right of passage' for every 8th grade student to help them understand the struggle of one dog's struggle for survival.

CHARACTER COUNTS

We just finished our "Book Drive" for PADS in Ottawa. The Milton Pope

community donated 1,041 books to the shelter. A **BIG THANK YOU** to Melissa Dietzel-Haugabook and her daughters—Annie and Georgia—for cleaning and organizing the shelves at the shelter to make way for all of the new books.

February begins the Crush Pop and Water Sales to support the Character Counts team and their many activities throughout the year. Thank you for all of your **SUPPORT** now and throughout the year Milton Pope families!!





Junior High Spelling Bee

The Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade Spelling Bee was held on Friday, January 19, with twelve spellers ready to win the Milton Pope Championship. The Sixth Grade Spellers were Ben Schutter, Joey Maffeo, Clara Cartwright, and Daniel Doloski. The Seventh Grade Spellers were Michaela Harlan, Jasmine Digilio, Carter Snook, and Johnny Pacholski. The Eighth Grade Spellers were Cody Marko, Duncan Perry, Forest Stuedemann, and Jonathan Clapp.

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 seventh grader Carter Snook, and the alternate was seventh grader Michaela Harlan. 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. Michaela 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 10, at Ottawa Township High School Auditorium. If he cannot attend for whatever reason, Michaela will take his place.

Congratulations to Carter, Michaela, 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 book drive for our local shelter, PADS. Students were asked to donate lightly used books to help fill the shelves for little ones to read. Once again, our students' went above and beyond by donating over 1,000 books to help students read while staying at the shelter. The class that donated the most books was 5th grade with a total of 241. Nice job 5th grade!! This coming month our committee will be having our annual Penny War where students' can bring in their loose change from home to help raise money for their selected charity. It is a "winner take all" competition, so let the money rain in!

Aug/Sept.- Respect

Oct. – Trustworthiness

Nov. – Citizenship

Dec. – Caring

Jan. – Fairness

Feb. /Mar. – Caring

Apr. – Trustworthiness

May – Respect

