



# **THE PILOT**



**Milton Pope**

**Pilots**

**NOVEMBER  
NEWSLETTER**

***From the Desk of Mr. Giertz***



It is hard to believe that half of our year will almost be over in just a couple of weeks. It is also amazing that the weather outside would make you think otherwise, but here we are in the middle of winter. As the holidays quickly approach us help remind your students to keep pushing to the end. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter will end quickly after we return from Christmas break, so catching up could be tricky to do. Try to keep your students on task and work hard throughout the quickly moving December. Hope you have a

wonderful month and great Christmas break!

I would also like to thank our students, staff, and Veteran, Mr. Scott Buennemeyer, for putting on such an awesome presentation on November 10, 2017 for our Veterans' Day Program. What a great honor it was to see so many of our veterans come out and partake in this program. We can not say thank you enough to all those who serve and have served our country.

**Sincerely,**

**Mr. Giertz**

## **Upcoming December Activities/Dates**

- 1<sup>st</sup> 5/6 BBB @ Wallace Tourn. TBD
- 1<sup>st</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> BBB @ Mars. Tourn. 6:00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Mid-Terms
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 BBB Tourn. @ Wallace TBD
- 7 BBB Tourn. @ Marseilles TBD
- 4<sup>th</sup> 5/6 BBB @ Home 5:00
- 5<sup>th</sup> 7/8 BBB @ Home 5:00

6<sup>th</sup> Culver's Teacher Work Night! 5-8 p.m.

8<sup>th</sup> GBB Sectionals @ Wallace 6:00 p.m.

7<sup>th</sup> 5/6 BBB @ Home 5:00

7/8 BBB @ Marquette 5:00

Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)

11<sup>th</sup> 5/6 BBB @ Home 5:00

13<sup>th</sup> 7/8 BBB @ Wallace 5:00

14<sup>th</sup> 5/6 BBB @ Home 5:00

Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)

15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> 8 BBB Tourn. @ Harding TBD

18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Concert @ 6:30

19<sup>th</sup> 5/6 BBB @ Waltham 5:00

20<sup>th</sup> Board Mtg. @ 6:30

21<sup>st</sup> Community Club Christmas Bazaar

Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)

22<sup>nd</sup> 2:00 Dismissal

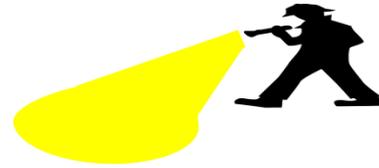
23<sup>rd</sup>-Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Break!!

Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 7/8 BBB Conf. Tourn @ Marquette HS (TBD)

Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> Teacher Institute Day

Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Attendance back from Christmas break

## Teacher Spot Light of the Month



This month's spotlight focuses on our Jr. High Social Studies and Lang. Arts teacher, Mrs. Fleming and 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Judi Gage.

Mrs. Fleming writes:

### Springfield Trip for 8th Grade

On November 13<sup>th</sup>, the eighth grade, accompanied by Ms. Fleming and Mrs. Ludwig, took off for Springfield, Illinois. An amazing tour of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum included one of the originals of the Gettysburg Address. We proceeded to the Illinois Capitol building with a tour and a photo session in the Senate Chamber arranged by Tara Horn who is a staff member of our local Senator, Sue Rezin. We departed and left to explore the Old State Capitol building. The students heard some amusing back-stories like the origins of "cutting the red tape" and about Mary Todd Lincoln's boyfriend before Abraham. Just ask them who it was, and you might be surprised.

We kept on traveling on the beautiful, crisp fall day to Lincoln's tomb where we explored so much symbolism that it made our heads spin. After the traditional rubbing of Lincoln's nose on the much bigger than life size bust of Lincoln for luck, we had a short walk around the War Memorials and explored the

solemn and dignified way Springfield honors our fallen veterans.

After a short meal at McDonald's outside of Springfield, we traveled home and cut two hours off of our trip because we went on a Monday instead of a Friday. Pretty sweet to see all of that with a great bunch of students. Some of what they witnessed must have made an impression on them because all of the eighth graders passed their Illinois State Constitution Test on the following Thursday. Congratulations 8<sup>th</sup> graders!



Lily: I am thankful for dogs.

Shianne: I am thankful for the pet store.

Cora: I am thankful for Jesus and God.

Brooklyn: I am thankful for my brother.

Cole: I am thankful for my teacher.

Abbie: I am thankful for my friends.

Lincoln: I am thankful for my turkey.

Kyle: I am thankful for my soccer game.

Jack: I am thankful for my school.

Drake: I am thankful for my house.

Brian: I am thankful for Cody.

Rosalie: I am thankful for my family.

Brycen: I am thankful for Caden.

## Character Counts



Mrs. Gage writes:

**November in First Grade is a very busy month! We celebrate so many things: The 50<sup>th</sup> Day of school, Veteran's Day, and Thanksgiving!**

**Our feast is always a favorite of mine! We dress up like pilgrims and enjoy a morning with the Kindergarten class. We ate sandwiches shaped like turkeys, made a bracelet, and watched the movie Free Birds! We did take time out to write what we were thankful for and that is what is most important! Here is what First Grade is thankful for:**

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 once again, our Milton Pope students', community and staff took that to the next level. Our school district took on a challenge created by the Marseilles Food Pantry to see which class could bring in the most canned goods for their pantry. The winning class will receive a pizza party, compliments of

the Food Pantry. Well, let's just say that we have some very competitive students' here at MP! Bringing in close to 1,000 cans and boxes, our students helped to fill our Marseilles food pantry for the Thanksgiving holiday. And, the winning class, **the 5<sup>th</sup> grade**; they brought in over 180 cans. Way to go Pilots!!