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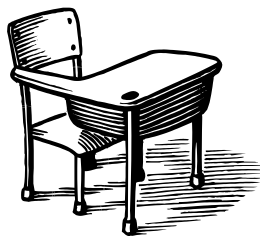


Milton Pope

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**January
NEWSLETTER**

From the Desk of Mr. Giertz



This month we have been very fortunate and have not had to miss a single day for snow. Now, did I just jinx us . . .? Probably, but making it through a January with no worries about snow has been great! The second quarter has come and gone and we are already flying right through the third quarter. Teachers and students have begun to prepare for our upcoming PARCC tests in early March and having a full month to do so, has been great.

I also want to stress how important having a consistent attendance is for your student because each day they miss,

valuable instruction is missed. Without a doubt, this is the time for flu's and cold's but it is so important to get a consistent grove going for your student as we get moving into this second semester. So, continue to push, drag, or lightly shove (joking) your student to school because we want them to succeed at the highest level possibly.

Sincerely,

Mr. Giertz

Upcoming February Activities/Dates

- 30th 8th BBB Regional's @ Marquette HS @ 7:00
- 31st 6th-8th VB @ Marseilles 5:00
- 1st 6th-8th VB @ Home 5:00
- 2nd 7/8 VB @ Home 5:00
- Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)
- 3rd 7/8 VB Tourn. @ Marseilles
- 4th 7/8 VB Tourn. @ Marseilles
- 6th 5/6 VB @ Ransom 5:00

8th 5/6 VB @ Waltham 5:00

9th 7/8 VB @ TCA 5:00

Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)

11th 7/8 VB Conf. Tour. @ Home TBD

13th 7/8 VB Conf. Tourn. @ Home TBD

14th 7/8 VB Conf. Tourn. @ Home TBD

5/6 VB @ Grand Ridge 5:00

Valentine's Day!

15th 7/8 VB Conf. Tourn. @ Home TBD

16th 11:30 Dismissal

17th K, 3rd, and 6th grade VIP Lunch

School Board Meeting @ 6:30

18th 7/8 VB Shootout @ Mars.

5th VB Tour. @ Wallace

19th 3rd Quarter Mid-Terms

20th No School! Presidents' Day

21st 8th Grade Step-Up Day @ SHS

22nd 5/6 VB @ Home 5:00

Seneca HS Freshman Registration

23rd 5/6 VB @ Home 5:00

Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)

24th 3rd Quarter Mid-Terms go home

Jr. High Band to Seneca JH

25th 7th VB Regionals Begin

27th Bullying Assembly @ Marseilles

March 4th 8th VB Regional TBD

Trivia Night @ Marseilles Legion



2nd Quarter Honor Roll Students'

5th Grade:

Honor Roll

Olivia Borowski
Daniel Doloski
Joey Maffeo
Packston Miller
Benjamin Schutter
Tony Solis

High Honor

Beyonce Hogue
Jack Myre
Reese Puleo
Ethan Sallee

6th Grade:

Honor Roll

Ava Clark
Brooke Coleman
Kendall Eslinger
Michaela Harlan
Brynn Hefner
Kara McCloskey
Johnathan Pacholski
Ashley Rohr
Jacob Sealley
Cora Sisk
Taylor Stenzel

High Honor

Brady Barla
Calvin Maierhofer
Hailey Nelson
Mckenzie Oslanzi
Carter Snook

7th Grade:

Honor Roll

Carley Griffin
AnnaMarie Haugabook
Madison Lineback
Janie Merideth
Duncan Perry
Grace Satterfield

High Honor

Jocelyn Cartwright
Olivia Long
Julia Maffeo
Cody Marko
Sara Meyer
Lillian Mullins

8th Grade

Honor Roll

Megan Bessett
Lexi Boe
Madi Bromberek
Audrey Garner
Brooklyn Giertz
Andrew Matteson
Autumn Meadors
Alyssa Potochney
Ella Robson

High Honor

Nya Clark
Levi Maierhofer
Ryan Nelson
Ashleigh Sealley
Zayna Shams

Teacher Spot Light of the Month



This month's teacher spot light focuses on our 2nd Grade teacher, Mrs. Beth Richardson and our Jr. High Special Education teacher, Mrs. Sheila Kargle.

Mrs. Richardson writes:

We started the year off with a field trip to Shabbona Park. We attended Environmental Activity Day sponsored by the LaSalle County Soil & Water Conservation District. Conservation and environmental professionals covered topics

on conservation, wildlife, agriculture, water safety, and the environment. OSF workers were also there to teach us about exercise and healthy eating. It was a fun learning experience!

We had started our cursive writing right after Thanksgiving. We are almost done with all of the lower case letters! They are doing a great job!

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

Mrs. Kargle writes:

I have 6-8 grade in my classroom this year and we have been working hard on responsibility and respect. Junior high is a big adjustment for the students. It involves changing classes, having multiple teachers and an increased amount of homework. My students are doing great with being responsible and getting their assignments done for all of the classes.

February is also known as Black History month. This month we will be learning about the history and achievements of African Americans. We will be doing some research on the internet and writing mini reports about our findings. We will also be learning about the inventions created by African Americans. We will be using our math skills to make our own peanut butter and doing an activity learning about when the potato was first used to make potato chips. We will enjoy a little taste testing as we learn about these wonderful inventions.



The Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade Spelling Bee was held on Friday, January 13 with eleven spellers ready to win the Milton Pope Championship. The Sixth Grade Spellers were Michaela Harlan, McKenzie Oslanzi, and Hailey Nelson. (Ashley Rohr was absent). The Seventh Grade Spellers were Cody Marko, Kennedy Underwood, Jocelyn Cartwright, and Jonathan Clapp. The Eighth Grade Spellers were Zayna Shams, Audrey Garner, David Munson, and Levi Maierhofer.

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

The winner was eighth grader Levi Maierhofer, and the alternate was Eighth grader Zayna Shams. Levi 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. Zayna was also presented with a one-year subscription to an on-line encyclopedia, Encyclopedia Britannica from Scripps Spelling. Levi will participate in the countywide Spelling Bee on Saturday, February 11, at Ottawa Township High School Auditorium. If he cannot attend for whatever reason, Zayna will take his place.

Congratulations to Levi and Zayna and to all of the participants at Milton Pope. We wish Levi 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. 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

June – Fairness

