



THE PILOT



Milton Pope

**Pilots
DECEMBER
NEWSLETTER**



From the Desk of Mr. Giertz

It is hard to believe that half of our year has come and gone. Every year it seems to go by quicker and quicker. Students have been working on finishing projects, papers, and studying for that final chapter test before we end our 1st semester.

Shortly after we return from break we will jumping into our second round of MAP testing. So with this well deserved rest, we hope

our students' will come back rested ready to test.

I also want to thank our Music and Band department for another wonderful exhibition of talents and a fun night of music. Our students' really know how to put on a show, and what a great turn out we have every year from our parents.

Finally, want to give a special thanks to all our volunteers and MPCC crew who put on another spectacular Christmas Bazaar. Students' were able to shop for gifts for practically nothing, and the gifts they got were amazing. Our Character Counts Crew helped our younger students keep track of items and money spent while our volunteers helped gift-wrap. It is just an unbelievable site to see what our small community can put together for our students here at Milton Pope. Thank you again for all that you do and how you support our school.

Have a wonderful start to your New Year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Giertz

Upcoming January Activities/Dates

- 6th Return From Christmas Break
5/6 VB @ Home 5:00
- 7th 7/8 BBB @ Wallace (Conf.
Tourn. TBD)

5/6 VB @ Home 5:00
- 8th 7/8 BBB @ Wallace (Conf.
Tourn.)

7/8 VB @ Seneca 4:30

5/6 VB @ Home 5:00
- 9th Articulation Day (Dismissal @
2:30)

7/8 BBB @ Wallace (Conf.
Tourn.)
- 10th **2nd Quarter Report Cards Home!**

Honor/High Honor Roll
Breakfast

7/8 VB @ Waltham 5:00

5/6 VB @ Home 5:00
- 11th 7/8 BBB Shootout @ Marseilles
- 13th 7/8 BBB @ Home 5:00 (8th Grade
Night)
- 14th-22nd MAP TESTING
- 15th Board Meeting @ 6:30

- 16th Articulation Day (Dismissal @
2:30)

7/8 VB @ Tonica 5:00

5/6 VB @ Serena 5:00
- 17th Spelling BEE
- 18th 6th VB MP Tourn. TBD
- 20th No School! MLK Jr. Day
- 21st 7/8 VB @ Home 5:00
- 22nd 5/6 VB @ Home 5:00

7/8 VB @ ICS 4:30

7/8 BBB @ Seneca JH 4:30
- 23rd 6/7/8 VB @ Oglesby 5:00

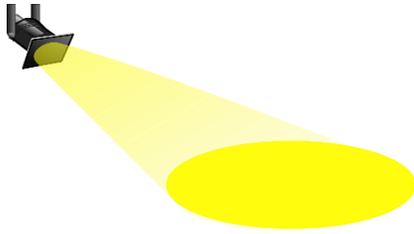
Articulation Day (Dismissal @
2:30)
- 27th 7th BBB Regionals TBD

6/7/8 VB @ MVK 4:30
- 28th 7/8 VB @ Home 5:00
- 29th 5/6 VB @ Waltham 5:00
- 30th 5/6 VB @ Home 5:00

7/8 VB @ Wallace 5:00

Articulation Day (Dismissal @
2:30)
- 31st 7/8 VB Tourn. @ Mars. TBD

TEACHER SPOT LIGHT



This month's teacher spot light comes from our 1st grade teacher, Mrs. Gage.

Mrs. Gage writes:

First Grade News

These last two months have to be my favorite time of year to teach! We celebrated the 50th day of school, Thanksgiving, and Christmas!

We have been learning about gingerbread. We conducted a science experiment to see why the gingerbread man needed the sly fox to help him cross the river. We found out that gingerbread softens and breaks apart when wet. We read many gingerbread books and ate gingerbread too!

We learned about caribou and reindeer. We learned that they are called caribou in Canada, but Caribou in Asia. We learned they eat lichen and that they have hooves that help them dig it up in the snow.

This last week we celebrated Christmas with lots of projects like candy canes, trees, elves, and have been counting down the days to Christmas by cutting off pieces of Santa's beard. We also found out what we would like Santa to bring us!

Shielisse: a unicorn

Sophie M: a tablet

Crayton: drum set

Kyle: 20 mini drones

Austin: Fortnite toys

Landin: a big green RC car

Ethan: a train

Emmie: a newborn

Jillian: a real-life unicorn

Sophia R.: an iPhone

Parker: a jump rope

Billy: a Lamborghini

Carly: a laptop

Crosby: a cat and a dog

Vincent: 2 dogs



Student Of The Month

K- Alexis Perry

1st- Crosby Williamson

2nd- Broden Jackson

3rd- Drake Mann

4th- Zach Green

5th- Alex Cosmutto

6th- Drake Hefner

7th- Grant McCloskey

8th- Caleb Doloski

Congratulations students!

traveling banner. Good luck to all our classes. Thanks!

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. The team has been very busy building school spirit and Pilot pride throughout our district. This last month we focused on supporting the efforts of citizenship. Students' here at Milton Pope put all their hard work and efforts into bringing in canned food for our local shelters, as well as, our local pet shelters. The 7th grade class won the "spirit banner" for the month by bringing in the highest percentage of canned goods each day with what the theme consisted of. Congratulations 7th Grade!

Next month, we will looking for acts of kindness within our school district. Students will be written down on small tickets when "being caught" by staff doing something out of the goodness of their heart. At the end of each week, students will be drawn for a reward with tickets they have entered from their own classroom. At the end of the month, each class that has the most tickets entered will win the

Sept.- Friday Spirit Wear

Oct. – Red Ribbon Week/Anti-Bullying Assembly/Boo Grams

Nov. – Food Pantry Drive/Pet Shelter Drive

Dec. – Crazy Christmas Days

Jan. – “Caught Being Good”

Feb. - Penny War Donations/Hoops 4 Hearts/Crush Pop

March- Literary Night

Apr. – Pancake Breakfast

May – Field Day

