

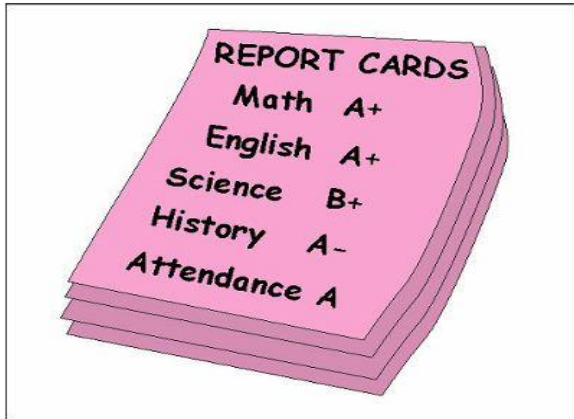


# THE PILOT



## Milton Pope Pilots OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

*From the Desk of Mr. Giertz*



The first quarter has ended and before we know it, Thanksgiving Break will be here. October was an exciting month here at Milton Pope as extra-curricular activities and special events were keeping our parents and students' very busy. Our 5/6 Girls Basketball team finished up an awesome season this year and Ms. Peterson's 7/8 Girls BB team is off and running.

This month also brought on our school Halloween party sponsored by the MPCC followed by the fun and exciting Jr. High dance. Kids had a blast and I cannot thank our MPCC group enough for putting on an awesome event. Students' brought canned goods to help support the local Seneca Food Pantry as their "entry fee" and the boxes were filled!

I want to send out another reminder that our Christmas

concert this year has been moved to Tuesday, Dec. 10 @ 6:30. We have some conflicting extra-curricular dates that were very hard to move, so we needed to make this small adjustment. If you have any questions about this change, do not hesitate to give us a call in the office.

Have a great November!

**Sincerely,**

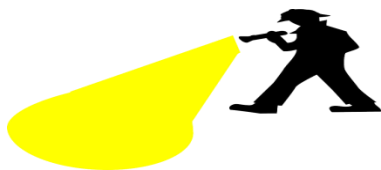
**Mr. Giertz**

### Upcoming November Activities/Dates

- 1<sup>st</sup> 6 BBB Tour. @ Home 4:00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 BBB Tour. @ Home
- 4<sup>th</sup> 5/6 BBB @ Home 5:00  
Community Club Mtg. @ 6:30
- 5<sup>th</sup> 7/8 BBB @ Home 5:00
- 6<sup>th</sup> 7/8 BBB @ Home 5:00  
7/8 GBB @ Seneca 4:30
- 7<sup>th</sup> Articulation Day (Dismissal at 2:30  
7/8 GBB @ Home 5:00  
5/6 BBB @ Seneca 4:30
- 8<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Program @ 1:30
- 9<sup>th</sup> 7/8 BBB @ SHS  
Speech Contest @ Home
- 11<sup>th</sup> No School (Veterans Day)
- 12<sup>th</sup> 7/8 GBB @ TCA 5:00  
5/6 BBB @ Marseilles 5:00
- 13<sup>th</sup> 5/6 BBB @ Home 5:00  
7/8 BBB @ ICS 4:30
- 14<sup>th</sup> 7/8 BBB @ Home 5:00  
5/6 BBB @ Serena 5:00  
Articulation Day (Dismissal at 2:30

15<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Springfield Trip  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Mid-Term Ends!  
 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 7/8 GBB Conf. Tour. @  
 Marseilles  
 18<sup>th</sup> 5/6 BBB @ Cross Luth. 5:00  
 19<sup>th</sup> 7/8 BBB @ Home 5:00  
 20<sup>th</sup> 5/6 BBB @ Home 5:00  
 Board Mtg. @ 6:30  
 21<sup>st</sup> 5/6 BBB @ Home 5:00  
 7/8 BBB @ Tonica 5:00  
 Articulation Day (Dismissal at  
 2:30  
 22<sup>nd</sup> 7/8 BBB @ OHS vs. Grand  
 Ridge 5:45  
 23<sup>rd</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> GBB Regionals Begin TBD  
 26<sup>th</sup> 5/6 & 7/8 BBB @ Home 5:00  
 (3 games)  
 26<sup>th</sup> 2:00 Dismissal  
 27<sup>th</sup>-Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Thanksgiving Break!

## Teacher Spot Light of the Month



This month's spotlight focuses on Mrs. Hamilton, our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade teacher and Mrs. Francis, our Music instructor.

Mrs. Hamilton writes:

October has been a busy month upstairs in second grade. We started the month learning some of our lowercase cursive letters, writing about and making jack-o-lanterns and talking a lot about how characters are feeling in stories. We also had the opportunity to learn about school long

ago and took a visit to the Little Red School House in Ottawa. Students were able to learn about all aspects of school long ago such as how they dressed, their rules, how they made their lunch, and how a one-room school house was set up. Before leaving the school house, students had the opportunity to make homemade butter and have a test taste.



In addition, students were able to visit the fire station and learn about Fire Prevention Week. Students were able to get into the fire trucks and learn about having safety plans. Here are a couple of pictures I captured from our exciting month!



This year's Christmas Program is on Tuesday, December 10, at 6:30 p.m. Please remember that chorus students need to arrive to warm-up at 5:30 p.m. and K-5 students need to be in their classrooms at 6:15 p.m. Please also remember that the gym will not be open until 6:00 p.m. so that the chorus may warm up on stage. In order to be fair to all families, please do not reserve seats ahead of time. Students should wear dress clothes for the concert. These must follow the Milton Pope dress code.



As always, if you have any questions about general and vocal music, do not hesitate to call me at 815/357-8151 or email me at [hfrancis@miltonpope.net](mailto:hfrancis@miltonpope.net). It is a joy making music with your children!

Mrs. Francis writes:

General music and chorus continue to make music in many ways in our classroom this fall! So far, students in K-5 have some or all of the following, depending on their grade: sung songs from America and beyond, found a steady beat, read grade-appropriate rhythms, played instruments (rhythm sticks, boomwhackers, egg shakers, and/or instruments from Ghana), danced, played musical games, sung by themselves... not to mention prepared music for our upcoming Veteran's Day Program! Believe it or not, we've just started working on our annual Christmas Program! Music education is alive and well at Milton Pope!

## 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 "Red Ribbon Week" and demonstrating our commitment to staying drug free. **The 7<sup>th</sup> grade** class won the

“spirit week” by sporting the highest percentage each day with what the theme consisted of. Congratulations **7<sup>th</sup> Grade!**

Next month, we will be doing our yearly canned drive to show our Acts of Citizenship to donate to our local Seneca food pantries. We also will be asking our students to help give canned food items to our local pet shelters. We want to help our animals with the upcoming holidays as well. So, be looking for information to come home with your student about dates and items that can be donated. Thanks!

**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**