



THE PILOT



Milton Pope

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**April
NEWSLETTER**

From the Desk of Mr. Giertz



We are finally into some good spring weather and our kids and staff deserved it. The 4th quarter is well under way and we have just wrapped up our final Mid-Term grades. Elementary classes are preparing for field trips as May approaches and the 8th graders can see the finish line. Graduation is set for May 24 at 7:00 p.m. and our final day of student attendance will be May 30 at 11:30. So, continue to push your student to the end and we look forward to seeing your student's success as we finish 2017-2018 school year.

Just a small reminder that the MPCC flower pick-ups will be Tuesday, May 1 starting @ 2:00 and ending at 5:30.

If you have any questions about this please call the school office.

One final note and reminder, our annual Talent Show is coming up in May for students here at Milton Pope. So, be watching for the letter coming home to get your student signed up and ready to show off their special talent.

Hope you have a warm and relaxing May!

Sincerely,

Mr. Giertz

Upcoming May Activities/Dates

- 1st MPCC Flower Delivery 3-5:30
- 2nd Track Meet @ Seneca 4:30
- 3rd Track Meet @ OHS 4:30
Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)
- 4th Mid-Terms Go Home!
- 5th Track Sectionals @ Seneca
- 7th Track @ Seneca HS 4:30

7th-11th Teacher Appreciation Week

8th Community Club Meeting @ 6:30

9th Spring Concert @ 6:30

10th Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)

11th-12th State Track @ Peoria

14th MPCC Meeting @ 6:30

7th Grade to JJC

15th 6th Grade Field Trip

16th Board Meeting @ 6:30

16th Talent Show Pract. from 3-4:30

17th Awards Banquet @ 1:16

17th Last Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)

18th SIP Day (11:30 Dismissal)

18th 8th Grade Field Trip

19th K & 1st Field Trip

21st K-1st Grade to YMCA

22nd Talent Show @ 9:00

23rd 8th Grade Field Trip

25th End of the 4th Qtr.

24th 2:00 Dismissal

24th Graduation @ 7:00

28th No School! Memorial Day

29th No School! Teachers' Institute

30th Half Day Dismissal @ 11:30 (Report Cards)

Teacher Spot Light of the Month



This month's teacher spot light focuses on our Jr. High English and Science teacher, Mrs. Ludwig.

Mrs. Ludwig writes:

The birds are chirping, the sun is shining, and the weather is finally feeling like spring. Another April has come and almost gone. The seventh grade class is keeping very busy, like the bees coming out of the hive in spring; they are working to the end. The research paper is being typed and edited, soon to be turned in. They had a wonderful day at Guaranteed Rate Stadium earlier this month. The White Sox game turned out to be quite enjoyable. The sun came out, the home team won, fireworks went off, and the hot dogs were a dollar! Does not get much better than that. Next month, seventh grade will be going to Joliet Jr. College to visit their planetarium. I am always excited to view the planets.

The Scholastic Team had a great season. We ended with a winning regular season record. We brought home the second place trophy from the "Just Solve It" tournament and the second place red ribbon from Regional

competition. We also hosted a very successful Vermillion Conference here at Milton Pope. Thanks to all the parents and students that make it all possible.

Along with all the fun things coming up, our academic endeavors continue as well. Seventh grade will be finishing their body systems study soon. I know they are looking forward to dissecting the frogs in my cupboard.



A special thanks to Mrs. Fleming, our staff, community and students on coordinating the recycling project. Milton Pope exceeded what Mrs. Fleming had hoped. We were hoping we could collect at least 1,000 pounds, and we collected 1,468 pounds. This put us in 2nd place for the bench. Even though we didn't win the grand prize, it was still an amazing number to accomplish. Thanks again Mrs. Fleming for putting this together!!

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 month we had our Character Counts Club do our annual "Door Judging Contest." Each staff decorated their door, with the help of their classes, in honor of April's Poetry month. It is a fun and creative way to get students involved in the Arts and show their creative way to represent our school, class, and themselves.