



THE PILOT



Milton Pope
Pilots
April
NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of Mr. Giertz



We are finally into the home stretch and with just a couple of weeks remaining in the year our staff and students are hard at work completing those final projects. Students have recently wrapped up our state testing (IAR) and now look to push forward with the remaining few weeks here at Mid-Terms.

Our track athletes are also concluding their season and will compete in Sectionals on May 4 starting @ 9:00 at the Seneca HS track and field. Any athletes who qualify for state will compete on May 10-11 in East Peoria. Good luck Pilots.

Just a small reminder that the MPCC flower pick-ups will be Wednesday, May 1 from 5:00-7:00, as well as, on May 2 from 2:30-4:30. 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 Pick Up 5-7
- 2nd MPCC Flower Pick Up 2:30-4:30
- 2nd Track Meet @ Seneca 4:30
- Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)
- 2nd Excellence in Education Award

3rd SOTM Announcement

3rd 6th-8th to OHS for Play

4th Track Sectionals @ Seneca

6th Track @ Seneca HS 4:30

6th-10th Teacher Appreciation Week

8th Kane County Cougar Game

8th Spring Concert @ 6:30

9th 3rd Grade to SHS Farm

9th Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)

10th OHS Jazz Band @ 9:15

10th-11th State Track @ Peoria

13th MPCC Meeting @ 6:30

14th 7th Grade to Sox Game

15th Board Meeting @ 6:30

16th Articulation Day (Dismissal @ 2:30)

17th 8th Grade Dance 7-9 PM

21st 8th Grade Play 1:00

22nd 8th Grade Field Trip

23rd Awards Banquet 1:00-2:30

24th May SOTM Announcement

24th Talent Show @ 9:30

27th No School (Memorial Day)

29th 2:00 Dismissal

29th Graduation @ 7:00

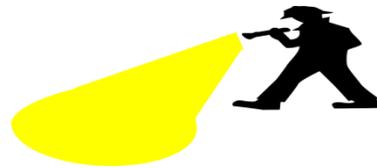
29th No School! Teachers' Institute

31st End of 4th Qtr./Honor Roll Breakfast

June 5th No School (Teachers' Institute)

June 6th 11:30 Dismissal (Last Day)

Teacher Spot Light of the Month



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

Mrs. Ludwig writes:

The seventh grade class is keeping very busy. The research papers they have been working so hard on are now waiting to be graded. We are looking forward to learning about verbal's, a new area of grammar to tackle.

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. Thanks to all the parents and students that make it all possible. I feel extremely

blessed that the scholastic students and their wonderful parents made this season extremely special for me personally. It will be hard to watch them leave, but I expect great things from them in the future.

We have many fun and exciting experiences waiting on the horizon. Looming large is the Chicago White Sox game. It is set for May 14 and hopefully the weather will cooperate. I want to give a big thank you to the seventh graders that qualified for this trip by selling magazines and Great American items last fall. The proceeds make their eighth grade trip and dance possible.

Mrs. Hatcher writes:

We are coming off a great Solo/Ensemble season in March where we had 15 band students receive a Division I rating on their solos, and two groups of students receive a Division I on their ensembles. We had the second highest attendance rate, behind only Seneca in terms of involvement.

Currently we are working hard and preparing to say goodbye to our 8th graders and put on our final concert of the year on May 8th. We will be

playing one combined piece with all students in the band program (4th-8th). Beginning Band will perform two pieces on the final concert and Concert band will perform 5 pieces. We will also be awarding students with their participation certificates and announcing the winners of our 8th grade scholarships at that time.



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 recycled over 3,100 pounds of plastic and finished in 2nd place overall! With almost 700 school who participated in this challenge, that is an unbelievable accomplishment by our students. With that 2nd place finish, Milton Pope will be receiving a Trex bench to display at our school. Way to go Pilots! 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 annual Character Counts Club pancake breakfast. With the combination of our Character Counts committee and our 8th grade class, students' brought in breakfast items to help create a very tasty meal. Each grade level competed to see who had the most students in attendance to compete for the banner. It was a fun and creative way to get students to come out and support their school to raise money for school supplies, projects, or specific items that help with the betterment of our building.

This year we raised over **\$1,300** that will help go towards special items or projects here at the school. This year our winning class with the most students' attending the breakfast was the 3rd grade. Nice job 3rd grade! Thank you all who came out and helped support our school and students.

