

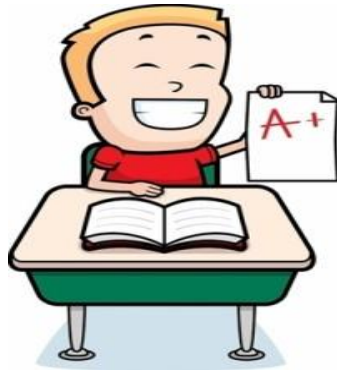


THE PILOT



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.

Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up this week from 1 p.m.- 8 p.m. on Thursday and from 8 a.m.- 12 p.m. on Friday. So, please check those times if you have a student in grades K-5th, and Jr. High are open time slots.

Milton Pope students' in 5th-8th grades got to experience our first quarter honor/high honor roll celebration this past month and what a great turn out we had. We had over 45 students in those four grades make honor/high honor roll and parents came out to support them in waves. Want to thank our MPCC for hosting our Honor Roll celebration and providing our delicious food.

I would also like to add another special thanks to our MPCC members who helped make our Fall

Festival in October an awesome experience this year. It took a ton of help and organization and our students' had a blast. Students' brought canned goods to help support the local Seneca Food Pantry as their "entry fee" and the boxes were filled!

Once again, this community comes together to help support, embrace and provide for those in need without thinking twice. Way to go Pilots!

Have a great November!

Sincerely,

Mr. Giertz

Upcoming November Activities/Dates

- 1st P/T Conf. 1-8 P.M (No School)
- 2nd P/T Conf. 8- Noon (No School)
6 BBB Tour. @ Home 4:00
- 3rd 6 BBB Tour. @ Home
- 5th 5/6 BBB @ Home 5:00
- 6th 5/6 BBB @ Home 5:00
- 5th-8th 7/8 GBB Conf. Tour. @
Marseilles
- 8th 7/8 BBB @ MVK 4:30
5/6 BBB @ Seneca 4:30
Articulation Day (Dismissal at
2:30)
- 9th 8th Springfield Trip
- 10th 7/8 BBB @ Seneca HS vs.
Serena 5:00/6:15 p.m.
- 12th Community Club Mtg. @ 6:30
- 12th 5/6 BBB @ Marseilles 5:00
- 13th 7/8 BBB @ Tonica 5:00
- 14th 5/6 BBB @ Grand Ridge 5:00
Board Meeting @ 6:30

14th 7/8 GBB @ Seneca 4:30
 15th Articulation Day (Dismissal at 2:30)
 16th 7/8 BBB @ OHS vs. Grand Ridge 6:00
 16th 2nd Quarter Mid-Terms
 17th 7th GBB Regionals TBD
 19th 7/8 BBB @ Odell 5:00
 19th 5/6 BBB @ Cross Luth 5:00
 20th 7/8 BBB @ Waltham 5:00
 20th 2:00 Dismissal
 21st-25th Thanksgiving Break!
 26th 8 GBB Regionals Begin
 5/6 BBB @ TCA 5:00
 7/8 BBB @ Home 5:00
 27th 7/8 BBB @ Home 5:00
 29th 7/8 BBB @ Oglesby 5:00
 Articulation Day (Dismissal at 2:30)
 30th 6 BBB @ Wallace Tour. TBD
 7 BBB @ Mars. Tour. TBD

and constructing firetruck snacks. To end the unit, the class visited the Seneca Fire House where the students received a first-hand look behind the scenes of a real fire station. They conversed with the firefighters and paramedics, and got an up-close look inside an ambulance and firetruck.

This month, the class also experienced its first "Mystery Reader". The students were given one clue a day about the "Mystery Reader" who would come that Friday to read a book to the class. The students made predictions and changed their predictions based on the daily clue that was revealed. The excitement and suspense come Friday was immeasurable.

Here are a couple of pictures that captured us recipe writing, our classroom mystery reading and visiting the Seneca Fire Department,

Teacher Spot Light of the Month



This month's spotlight focuses on Mrs. Gibson, our Kindergarten teacher.

Mrs. Gibson writes:

October has been a fun filled month for Kindergarten. We kicked off the month with a unit on Fire Safety. The students learned how fires could start and discussed a fire escape plan for both school and home. We also got our hands dirty writing a recipe for,



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. Last month we focused on supporting the efforts of “Red Ribbon Week” and demonstrating our commitment to staying drug free. The 5th grade class won the “spirit week” by sporting the highest percentage each day with what the theme consisted of. Congratulations 5th Grade!



Next month, we will be doing our yearly canned drive to show our Acts of Citizenship to donate to our local Marseilles food pantries. We also will be having our door-decorating contest between the staff for the upcoming holidays. 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

Nov. – Door Decorations/Canned Good Donations

Dec. – Crazy Christmas Days’

Jan. – Hot Chocolate Read Aloud

Feb. - Penny War Donations

March- Pancake Breakfast

Apr. – Poetry Month

May – Field Day

