

**Parent Council Principal Reports**  
**Borland Manor Elementary School**  
**Friday, January 15, 2016**



**Borland Manor Elementary School, Mrs. Marella McConnell**

- On Monday, January 11th, Elementary Guidance Counselor, Ms. Sarah Kohlman, invited guest speaker and WPXI/WQED personality, Mr. Chris Moore, to address our fourth grade students at Borland Manor and Wylandville (her shared assigned schools) as part of a Career Awareness initiative.
- Upon our return to school next week, our PFO is bringing to Borland Manor Elementary School Punxsutawney Phil @ 2:00 PM on Tuesday, January 19th. We are going to try to remind him to be brave and not to run from his shadow.
  - On Thursday, January 21st, the PFO hosts our annual Winter Family Fun Night from 6 PM- 8 PM.

**Canon-McMillan High School, Mr. David Helinski, Mrs. Lorien Moyer, Mr. Ken Crowley**

- As a reminder, starting with the second nine weeks, all reports cards will be sent electronically.
- Chris Buchleitner is a recipient of the Horatio Alger Scholarship and will be receiving a \$22,000 scholarship towards the college of his choice.
  - PSAT scores are now available for parents and students to review online.
  - Our student's raised \$2,000 to donate to three students who are facing health issues.
  - This year's Hall of Honor recipients will be announced at 6:40 P.M. on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.
    - The first semester and second nine weeks will be ending on January 21<sup>st</sup>.
      - The Algebra Benchmark Exams will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.
      - The Biology Benchmark Exams will be held on January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.
    - The English Benchmark Exams will be held on January 29<sup>th</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Our Concept and Creative Thinking art class students won \$1,000 for our Art Department as part of the Made by Milk Carton national contest. The students used 1300 milk cartons to create a Circle of Life display.
  - A total of \$7,326.66 was raised on Change Day.

**Canonsburg Middle School, Dr. Greg Taranto, Mr. Ken Schrag**

- There will be a 7<sup>th</sup> grade Fun Night at the Middle School on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. The evening will include sports, swimming, and snacks and runs from 6-8pm.
- The second annual "Empty Bowls" event will be held in the CMS cafeteria on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. The event is a service learning opportunity for students that brings together art and family & consumer science. Students in Mrs. Lisa Angle's art classes create the soup bowls during their pottery lesson; students in Mrs. Emily Joyce's F&C Science classes prepare various soups and baked goods. For the price of the ticket, attendees pick a hand-made piece of pottery and receive delicious food, with the proceeds being donated to the local food bank.
- On Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, agent Philip Little from the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General, in conjunction with Representative Brandon Neuman, will be at CMS to present their drug abuse awareness program to the student body. While students receive information on drug awareness and prevention in multiple classes at the Middle School, this is just one additional avenue through which they can take in knowledge on this critical topic.

**Cecil Intermediate School, Mr. Bob Kleinhans**

- Cecil Intermediate School was selected a Title I Distinguished School for the 2015-2016 School Year. Cecil Intermediate will be recognized at the 2016 Title I Schools' Performance Conference in Pittsburgh on February 8th.

- Tami Jaworski, 6th Grade Math teacher at Cecil Intermediate, was the recipient of a MAC Grant (sponsored by local McDonald's Owners/Operators) in the amount of \$460. MAC stands for Make Activities Count. The MAC Grant will be used to purchase supplies that would be utilized during scheduled Exploratory and Fitness periods. These supplies would be used for hands-on projects that involve problem solving, creativity, team-work, and trial and error. Projects would include spaghetti marshmallow towers for height and strength, and boats using various materials and tested for strength using pennies. Fitness activities would involve using pedometers and stop watches to help gauge and track overall fitness as part of our Staying Active Unit.

### **North Strabane Intermediate School, Dr. Mark Abbondanza**

North Strabane held its annual Winter Assembly on December 18, to recognize students who helped organize charity drives during the first semester. The following charities received donations from NSIS students:

- **Susan G Komen for the Cure Foundation:** In October our school designated several days to wear pink. We did this to help show our awareness about breast cancer. The purpose of this foundation is to raise money to support research to find a cure for this cancer. **NSIS raised \$165.00**
- **Wear a Hat Day for Children's Hospital:** This past November students had opportunity to "wear a hat" for a small donation. Donations were sent to the Children's Hospital to support children who are battling various life-threatening illnesses. **NSIS raised \$100**
- **Nicole Chauvet Scholarship Fund:** This charity drive was conducted to honor of a former Canon-McMillan student who was killed in a car accident several years ago. To keep her spirit alive, a scholarship fund was created in her name. Each year a Canon-McMillan senior is awarded a scholarship. Special thanks to Mrs. Kelemen and Mrs. Burnsworth's students for making all of the ornaments from recycled Christmas cards. **NSIS raised \$200 for this scholarship fund.**
- **Drew Engel's Food Drive:** Drew is a former NSIS student who is now a 10<sup>th</sup> grader at CMHS. He collects food items each year for the Canonsburg Food Bank. This year he collected over 1200 items that will be delivered today to the food bank. **NSIS collected 320 food items this year.**
- **Salvation Army Donation Drive:** Money collected from everyone buying tickets for a chance to pie a favorite teacher in the face will go to the base unit in Canonsburg to support our community members who are in need of food and clothing. **NSIS raised \$1200**

### **Cecil Elementary School, Mrs. Tula Dziak**

- Cecil PFO sponsored Box of Lights: WEIRD, WILD & WONDERFUL Program on January 13<sup>th</sup>. This assembly was full of mime, stories and projections. Students also saw how special effects for movies and television are created.
- The CM High School Environmental Club will return to Cecil on January 29<sup>th</sup> to award the students with a certificate and prizes for raising enough money to adopt an African Elephant, a Snow Leopard, a Komodo dragon, a Red Panda, and a Polar Bear at the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium!
- Cecil Elementary will hold their School Wide Positive Behavior Mid-Year celebration in the beginning of February with a "Beach Party"!

### **First Street Elementary School, Mrs. Shannon Balch**

- January 11- January 21 Annual Food Drive
- January 13- PFA Fundraiser Ice Cream Social
- January 25- Jump Rope for Heart Assembly
- January 29- Scholastic Book Fair Family Night
- February 5- Superhero Booster Party- 2nd Nine Weeks

### **Hills-Hendersonville Elementary School, Mrs. Shelley Brose**

- **Holiday Excitement:** The PTA was busy during December. They held a Parent only Scholastic Book Fair during the Holiday Concert for parents and family members to purchase books for the students. The parents also organized and ran the annual Santa Shop. The students enjoyed shopping for gifts for their family members.
- **Burple, Fizz, Kaboom Program:** The PTA brought to Hills the program called "Burple, Fizz, Kaboom" on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January. This was a fun STEM program for the whole building.

### **Muse Elementary School, Mr. Tom Theodore**

- We had Rand Whipple from the Box of Light organization come to Muse and perform a program entitled "Weird, Wild, and Wonderful" for our students. It was about how many "weird, wild, and wonderful" ways there are to tell a story. He incorporated technology and included mime, stories, and projections to the program. He also discussed and showed students how special effects for movies and television are created. He created a short movie with special effects with the students at the end of the program and projected the finished product. The students enjoyed the program and presentation.
- Sadecky Puppets will be coming at the beginning of February to present a program entitled "Before the Rainbow" to our students. The children have enjoyed programs presented by Sadecky Puppets.
- We'll be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Teachers and students will be participating in various events to celebrate this day.
- Our first grade students will be learning about Penguins and creating paper mache penguins from coffee creamer bottles. The teachers and students will study various types of penguins and then students will create their own paper mache penguin. The students look forward to completing this unit of study.
- We have the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart coming up on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Students will participate in this program to help raise money for a good cause.

### **South Central Elementary School, Mrs. Michelle Tomicek**

- The month of December at South Central was all about donating and supporting others. The entire SC family has rallied behind a 1st grader who is undergoing chemotherapy for cancer. We raised money for Gregory by selling orange #Gregorysmash bracelets and t-shirts. Then, the students got to duct tape Mrs. Tomicek to the wall for a donation.
- We held our 3rd Lock of Love donation the last day before our break. This year we had 2 teachers and 6 students who allowed a trusted friend to cut at least 10" of hair.
- South Central is staying busy during the month of January, waiting for our PTA Valentine's Day Party on Friday, February 12th

### **Wylandville Elementary School, Mrs. Nina Unitas**

- Wylandville is kicking off our American Heart Association **Jump Rope For Heart** program with an assembly at the end of this month! The event will be held the week of February 28<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup> and all funds raised support the AHA's research and education initiatives.
- We are continuing to partner with parents to host an after school STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) program for each grade level. With 70% of our students interested, we are hosting an event each month for every grade level. We will continue to explore computer science through this collaboration.

