



**Parent Council Administrators' Report
Friday, March 20, 2015
South Central Elementary**

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In February:

- PTA hosted our Valentine's Dance from 6-7:30 on the 6th.
- Dennis Bowman gave the students a visit on the 18th with an interesting program about weather- Did you see us on the news?
- Our Scholastic Book fair was a success the week of February 23-27.
- Mrs. Tomicek and Mrs. Bajack, along with Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Balch (from First Street), worked at Wendy's in Canonsburg on the 19th. Wendy's donated back 10% of the evening's profits to raise money for our Blessings in a Backpack organization.

In March:

- We celebrated Read Across America, Dr. Seuss style the week of March 1st. Stories, games, dress up days, and give-a-ways made a fun week.
- 75 of our 4th graders participated in our Battle of the Books on the 10th.

Borland Manor Elementary

- On Monday, March 2nd, the students at BME celebrated a fun-filled day of Dr. Seuss themed activities for Read Across America Day. This annual, "Reading Day!" celebration is hosted by our PFO. A great day was had by all!
- On Thursday, March 19th, the PFO brought to our student body another fun-filled performance. The Chinese Acrobats "wowed" our crowd in a BIG way!
- Today, March 20th, our 1st grade classes ventured out to the Heinz History Museum for a field trip. The exhibit theme, "Pittsburgh Plays!" explores the comparing and contrasting of Pittsburgh's toys of yesteryear and those enjoyed today by children of all ages.
- Monday, March 30th, annual 4th grade Battle of the Books

Cecil Elementary

- Students enjoyed the Sadecky's Puppet Show on February 25th.
- The crazy weather did not stop us from celebrating our VIP Day on February 27th. Each student and their Very Important Person completed a special activity and enjoyed their time together.
- Congratulations to Will T. and Lola T., this month's winners of Mr. Lew's Kindness Crew. Both students extended kindness to either a peer or an adult in the month of February.



- Dr. Seuss' birthday was celebrated on March 2nd with a "Read Across America" sketch artist. The students enjoyed listening to a Dr. Seuss' story as the artist sketched the characters. Mrs. Ruffolo, Reading Specialist, also treated the students to a daily Dr. Seuss quote or poem during the morning announcements.
- Spirit Week was in full swing last week. Students dressed in a range of fun outfits and raised money for Project Bundle Up and Mikey's Medical Fund.

First Street Elementary

- March 18, 2015 Kindergarten Activity Day at First Street
- March 20, 2015 PFA Carnival Family Night
- March 31, 2015 2nd Grade Field Trip to the Carnegie Science Center
- March 31, 2015 Wildthings Reading Program ends
- April 7, 2015 Literacy Night at the Frank Sarris Public Library



Hills Hendersonville Elementary

- Read Across America Week - The week was filled with literacy activities organized by the Reading Specialist. They included trivia, writing activities and daily themed activities.
- "Don't Be Rude, Dude" Program - This play from Saltwork Theatre Company, educated students about rude behavior and poor manners that often lead to bullying or other dangerous situations. The students watched a scene and identified actions that are not polite and learned positive action words like "thank you", "please", and "excuse me".
- Cello Fury Program - From Bach to Rock: A Musical Odyssey - On Tuesday, March 17th the students were entertained by Cello Fury, from Gateway to the Arts. "Classically trained cellists Nicole Myers, Ben Muñoz, and Simon Cummings, along with jazz/rock drummer Dave Throckmorton, perform high-energy, original music along with classical pieces and cover songs, demonstrating how this cutting-edge quartet's original and organic crossover sound connects classical and rock music. A Pittsburgh-based cello rock band, Cello Fury's performance is designed to let students connect the dots between musical genres and relate to their own musical experiences, while encouraging them in the study of traditionally "classical" instruments. Students will also identify various tone colors produced on the cello and drums explore the idea of genre by comparing and contrasting seemingly opposite styles of music."
- Variety Show – March 20th The student at Hills will perform their talent acts at our annual Variety Show. We will have singers, dancers, comedians, pianist and much more.
- 2nd Grade President's Program –March 30th The students researched a president and will present the information to their parents dressed as that president.
- Battle of the Books – March 31st We will have our annual Battle of the Books with the fourth grade students. The students read books within their teams and then they will have a friendly competition based on the books.

Muse Elementary

- The third grade class at Muse sponsored a Father/Daughter Dance to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House charity in February. The dance was held on February 20th in the high school Atrium. There was a father/daughter dance off, tasty treats and refreshments, along with a Chinese Auction. On February 27th, a Mother/Son Breakfast was held at Muse in the morning prior to school. They were also included with the Chinese Auction items that morning. Between the two events, the students raised \$2358.50 to give to the Ronald McDonald House charity.
- The monthly charity for March is “Blessings in a Backpack” which is being organized by our first grade.
- The Muse PFA sponsored two Cultural Arts programs recently. Sadecky Puppets came to perform for the students. The program had a superhero theme which addressed the topic of bullying. The other program that came was “Pedal the Planet with Lisa” which covered topics such as travelling, recycling, and taking care of our planet.
- We celebrated “Read Across America” week during the first week of March. We had a different theme each day to celebrate Dr. Seuss and invited guests in to read to our students. We also had a chalk artist come and perform for our students. She created a terrific chalk drawing of Dr. Seuss characters while students listened to the story. The students enjoyed both programs.

Wylandville Elementary

- Congratulations to Sydney Morgan, first grader, who took second place in the first & second grade division of the Annual Ag Days Coloring Contest!
- Second grade students have begun an artist residency experience with a local artist as they explore paper making, symmetry and science. This was made possible through funding from Gateway to the Arts and a Crayola/NAESSP grant celebrating Creatively Alive Children.

North Strabane Intermediate

- The NSIS Spring Fun night took place last week. Nearly 300 students turned out for the fun-filled event. Thank you to all the NSIS PAA volunteers for helping with the event.
- On February 27 NSIS students participated in a Jump-A-Thon to raise money for the American Heart Association. The student body raised \$9,182 this year.
- The NSIS Gold Band will be participating in the Music in the Parks at Kennywood on May 9. Prior to attending this special event the Gold Band will participate in an adjudication.
- After-school math and reading tutoring will conclude the first week of April.

Cecil Intermediate

- Cecil Intermediate "CAN" make a difference! Cecil Intermediate School donated non-perishable food items to the local food bank in our "Good Neighbor Project." Students brought food in during the week of Jan. 26-30. Students always benefit from knowing they can make a difference in someone's life. The collection went well and the food bank greatly appreciated our efforts.
- What do you get when you cross a popular fad and a desire to help those in need? Sixth grade students in the Lavallee and McIlvaine homerooms Banded Together Against Homelessness by creating Rainbow Loom valentines and selling them to their peers for 50 cents apiece. Hours of effort resulted in \$366 for local homeless children and their families!
- Winner of the Spelling Bee - Jesse Marks
- Winner of Geography Bee - Dane Timmons

Canonsburg Middle School

- CMS had a successful Scholastic Book Fair earlier in February. A big thank-you to Mrs. Corwin and Mr. Manion (CMS Student Council Advisor) for coordinating the event!
- The Empty Bowls Project was a recent service learning opportunity for CMS students in Mrs. Joyce's Family & Consumer Science class and students participating in Mrs. Angle's art enrichment. Students created hand-made ceramic bowls and prepared food (soups, bread, desserts) for the evening of March 6th, which also included artwork and entertainment provided by the CMS Symphonic Band. Attendees took their hand-made bowl home as a reminder of the empty bowls in our community. Proceeds from the ticket sales benefitted the Greater Washington County Food Bank, This project began with Mrs. Angle receiving a grant through the "Donors Choose" program and a contribution from the Horace Mann Co. to fund the ceramics materials.
- The annual CMS spring musical, the Middle School's first-ever performance of "Shrek", is coming up on April 16th and 17th.
- The Canonsburg Middle School's chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) will be inducting qualifying 8th graders in a ceremony on the evening of March 26th.

Canon-McMillan High School

- Our Spring musical, Seussical, took place on March 12, 13, and 14.
- The Canon-McMillan Varsity Hockey Team defeated Butler this past Saturday, at Consol Energy Center, to win the AAA Penguins Cup. They will face off against Holy Ghost Prep in the state championship game this Saturday at Pegula Ice Arena in State College.
- Blaise Petrone was selected to represent CMHS at the SHASDA student forum on Tuesday, March 10th. He did a wonderful job representing our school and district while sharing student input and insight in regards to current educational trends.

- Student scheduling is currently underway.
- Benchmark 3 tests in Science, Math, and English will be taking place in April.
- The Santa Fund Reward Breakfast was held on March 18 for the students who raised the largest amount of money.
- Our Online Credit Recovery Program has started and is officially underway.
- Career Cruising will be occurring in our student's Social Studies classes during the month of April.
 - Two of our Art students, Chelsea Hartman and Hanna Smith, participated in the Extreme Rack Makeover Contest at the Galleria from March 6-12. The students beautifully decorated an Almanac newspaper bin and students, staff, community members, and visitors to the Galleria put quarters into the machines they thought were the best. Each school receives the money they collected and can donate it for a beneficial use for the school and/or community.

