



# Canon-McMillan Parent Council Newsletter

A little piece of our world. . . . .  
to share with you.

March 18, 2016

## MUSE

We had the “Jim Basketball Jones” program recently come to Muse. He talked about respect and character with the students. He incorporated basketball into the program which the children loved. He had a great deal of audience participation and he also personalized the program for Muse in regards to discussing and reinforcing our Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports program we implemented this year. The children truly enjoyed the program and came away with a great deal of information.



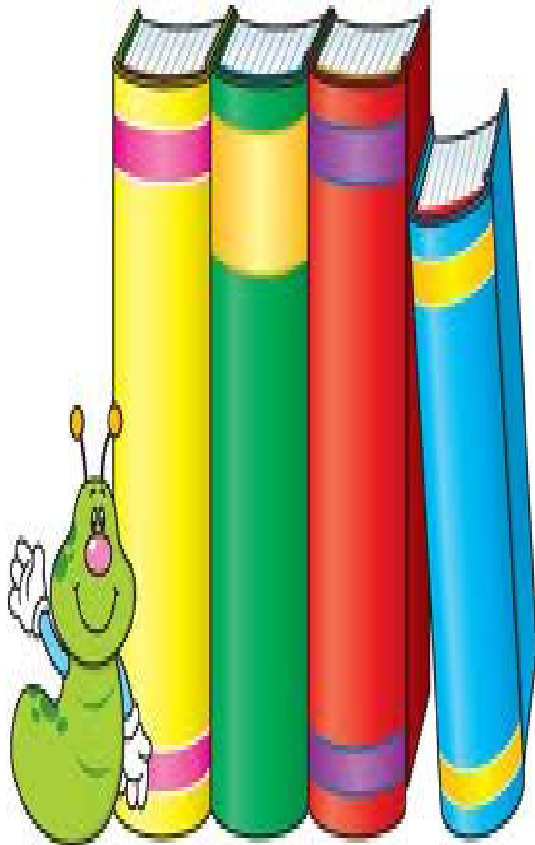
For our “Muse Cares” grade level activity, fourth grade students most recently collected toiletry items and food for the local food bank. Students have been advertising throughout the school and volunteered their time to work at the food bank in Canonsburg on two Saturday mornings. It has been a great experience for the students. We also had our second grade students collect book donations for Jameson’s Army to donate to Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh Heart Center and Children’s Home. This ran in conjunction with our “Buy One, Get One Free” Scholastic Book Fair. We appreciate the generous donations for all of our various charity events throughout the year.

Our third grade will be sponsoring another Father/Daughter Dance on April 29<sup>th</sup>. In addition to this, the PFA is sponsoring a Mother/Son “Date Knight” so that the gentlemen in the building feel like royalty as well. We will be holding Penny Wars here and at other buildings in the district to raise money for four CM families who have children fighting cancer.



Our fourth grade students have been reading books to prepare for our Battle of the Books which will take place this Monday at 6:00 p.m. This is always an exciting evening for our fourth grade participants. We appreciate the time and dedication of our parent sponsors for each group and wish all the fourth grade participants good luck.

We have a STEAM museum coming to Muse in May as a culminating activity for all of the STEM and STEAM projects our students have participated in throughout the year. It will take over the entire Multi-Purpose Room for the day and each workstation will allow the students to be engaged in activities geared towards Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math.



## CECIL ELEMENTARY

- Cecil PFO's annual VIP Day was filled with special guests and special activities. Each year, students invite a Very Important Person to join in them in a fun learning activity. From the smallest to the biggest, from the youngest to the oldest, a great time was had by all!
- Dr. Seuss' Birthday was celebrated with a week of fun and crazy days! A dress-up day was coordinated with a Dr. Seuss book which was read to the students during lunch. Mrs. Ruffolo, our Reading Specialist, also visited each classroom to share a Dr. Seuss story and pass out cool Dr. Seuss trinkets!
- Cecil PFO sponsored "Jim Basketball Jones" Program about character education and using your P.O.W.E.R.! Everyone was on their feet and pumped up!
- Congratulations to Amanda P. and Caiden S. for joining Mr. Lew's Kindness Crew in February.
- Police Survival Kits created by second graders in Miss Gilbert's classroom were presented to the Cecil Police Department. Each kit was filled with a specific candy that goes along with a saying that pertains to being a police officer. The students also wrote thank you letters to go inside each kit to express their gratitude towards the police officers for protecting them, their school, and their community. The students truly enjoyed participating in this activity and were filled with excitement when presenting the kits to the officers. All of the supplies and candy were donated by the parents of students in Miss Gilbert's classroom.

## BORLAND MANOR

The Art Show is district wide -10 projects from each art teacher were selected. It takes place at the Frank Sarris Public Library through the month of March. The Borland Manor students selected Ryan Galicic who did a great metalwork project of a dog with an artist statement. Elizabeth Montgomery did a great cut-out project influenced by Minecraft and added three-dimensional qualities using cut-out swirls. Jordin Williams made an amazing paper lantern. Roman Cimarolli created a playground using geometric shapes.

On Wednesday, March 2nd, Borland Manor Elementary School was presented with a gift celebrating our inclusive practices and partnership with the "Include Me" program. "Include Me" is an initiative of The ARC of The ARC of Pennsylvania. Borland Manor was presented with any acrylic paint and tissue paper decoupage aptly entitled, "One Yellow Spot". As part of the Include Me program, students of all abilities apply paint with the wheels of a wheelchair to create inclusive art in coordination with Mikayla's Voice.

On Monday, March 14th, the PFO celebrated Pi Day with a bake sale to benefit a third grade student at Borland Manor Elementary School that has recently been diagnosed with pediatric cancer.



## SOUTH CENTRAL

South Central has been busy so far during the month of March. Every day the week of February 29-March 3, we had a wacky theme day in celebration of "Read Across America" week. We played Dr. Seuss BINGO against each other as well as had guest readers. That Tuesday, March 1 was also our 4th graders' "Battle of the Books." A big thank you to our 3 reading support teachers for organizing all of those activities for us!

Our PTA sponsored a "Feelin' Groovy" Book Fair with a cool hippy theme the week of March 7. A coin drive was sponsored with a competition between the classes. Students in the rooms for each level with the most money collected were able to select a book of his/her choice. However, the special part was that Scholastic matched our collection. For every dollar donated by South Central, Scholastic will now donate books for children in a disaster relief area.

On Thursday, March 10, our 4th graders were able to participate in a special "Google Making Science" program due to a grant written by Mrs. Conroy (4th grader teacher) and Mrs. Trovato (Art teacher). The 84 students, staff and parent chaperons spent the day at the Children's Museum - all expenses covered!

Monday, March 21, if you are going out to eat, make it an Applebee's night and mention South Central please. They will be donating 15% back!



## HILLS-HENDERSONVILLE

### **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. Guest readers came in to read to the classroom.

### **Weather Program**

This month Ron Smiley from KDKA came to Hills to talk to the students about the weather. The students raised \$951.69 by doing chores around their house. "Change for Chores" was a huge success and were able to donate \$1,000.00 to the KDKA Turkey Fund.

### **Swim Party**

The PTA sponsored a Hills-Hendersonville Elem. only swim party at the Middle School Pool on March 11<sup>th</sup>. It was a fun night!

### **Bunny Hop – March 18<sup>th</sup>**

The PTA will host their annual Bunny Hop on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, right after school. The students will participate in games and activities sponsored by the PTA.

### **Box Top Store – March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Our second box top store will take place during recess on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The students will redeem their box tops for small prizes.

### **Variety Show – March 31<sup>st</sup>**

The students at Hills will perform their talent acts at our annual Variety Show. We will have singers, dancers, comedians, pianists and much more.



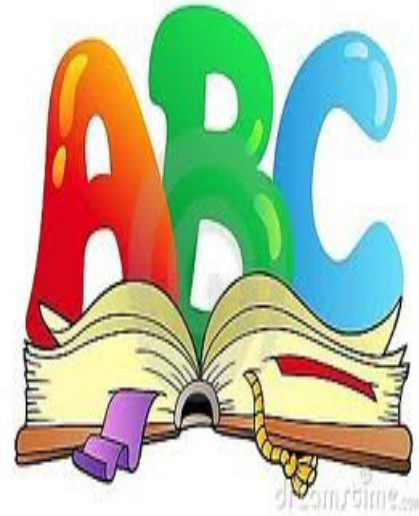
## FIRST STREET

The PFA is having a Family Fun Night at Planet Bounce on April 1, 2016 from 5:00-8:00 PM.

Please join us for an evening of fun and literacy at the Frank Sarris Public Library on April 6, 2016, from 5:00-7:00 PM. There will be many games, activities, and treats for students and their families.

Grade 2 will participate in a program about insects on April 6, 2016 hosted by the CCAC South Campus.

Grade 4 will participate in a science program hosted by the CCAC South Campus on April 6, 2016.



## WYLANDVILLE

Attack Theatre performed an interactive piece for the entire student body last month thanks to our PFA. All third grade students stayed after to work with the dancers during an hour long workshop that was generously funded by the Rural Arts Collaborative. The third grade faculty is looking forward to integrating various parts of the workshop into their classrooms!

## CECIL INTERMEDIATE

On February 23rd, over 250 students at Cecil Intermediate School participated in The Jump Rope 4 Heart Fundraiser. Through their jump roping, the students raised \$6,769 for the American Heart Association. Mr. Pietras, our Physical Education teacher, facilitated this event.

Maadhav Muthukumar, a 5th grade student at Cecil Intermediate School, won our Spelling Bee. The "Paws for a Good Cause" Humane Society Collection benefitting the Washington Co. Human Society went extremely well. Sixth grade students Angelina Mitchell, Carrah Carson, Daniel Buckley, Elena Reitlinger, Maddie Rothacher and Olivia Lusk combined forces to accomplish this wonderful project. The students collected over 500 items. Mrs. Farrar and Mrs. Laskowski's classrooms brought in the most items. The two top classrooms will be rewarded with a classroom prize. Guidance Counselor, Mr. Barzan, assisted the students and commented how satisfying it is to see students come up with an idea, work together to solve the problem and follow through with it to the end - these are skills that last a lifetime.





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## [NORTH STRABANE INTERMEDIATE](#)

1. NSIS is holding its Spring Fun Night tonight. Students will enjoy playing dodge ball or watching a movie with popcorn.
2. Niko Borish, 6th grader, advanced to the Geography Bee regional finals which will be held at Penn State University on April 1.
3. Maturation classes will be conducted for all fifth graders by the school nurse on March 31 and April 1.
4. Sixth grade -Team Independence raised over \$1200 for the Washington Humane Society. This service learning project helped raise an awareness for animals in need.
5. The NSIS End of Year Activities Calendar is available on the school website. The calendar provides information about all year end activities.

## [MIDDLE SCHOOL](#)

This year's annual CMS spring musical, *Annie*, will be performed on Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The evening performance, which is open to families and the public, is at 7pm in the auditorium.

The Canonsburg Middle School's chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) will be inducting qualifying 8<sup>th</sup> graders in a ceremony on the evening of April 7<sup>th</sup>.

The process of orienting incoming seventh graders to the Middle School occurs in multiple steps. One component of this process, the New Seventh Grade Parent Orientation, has been scheduled for 5:30pm on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. During this meeting in the Middle School auditorium, principals and counselors will provide an overview of academic programming and other important information to parents of incoming seventh grade students.



## HIGH SCHOOL

Student scheduling is currently underway.

The Santa Fund Reward Breakfast was held on Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, for the classes that raised the largest amount of money.

Our seniors presented their graduation projects on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Our musical, the Little Mermaid, took place on March 10, 11, and 12.

Registration for the AP Exams began on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and will run until March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The regular registration window is from March 2<sup>nd</sup> through 9:00 A.M. on March 17<sup>th</sup>. The late registration window runs from March 17<sup>th</sup> until March 23<sup>rd</sup>. No registrations will be accepted after this date.

Our Spanish National Honor Society Induction will be held on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Our Math Benchmark Exams will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

Our Biology Benchmark Exams will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

Our English Benchmark Exams will be held on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Marching Band will be traveling to perform in Orlando, Florida from April 12<sup>th</sup> to April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to our Girls Basketball team on their historic run. They qualified for the PIAA playoffs for the first time in school history before their historic run came to an end.

Congratulations to our swimmers and wrestlers who competed in the PIAA playoffs



*As a team, parents, school, and community, we come together to help our children to grow and succeed.*