



Canon-McMillan Parent Council Newsletter

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

November 21, 2014

MUSE

-Muse is "Making a World of Difference":

Each year, we hold charitable endeavors throughout the year. We held our annual food drive the last two weeks. Food was collected to benefit local families in need. We were able to fill up three carloads of food to donate. We are starting our toy drive on Monday. The toys collected will again benefit local families in need to help brighten their holiday season. Starting in January, each grade level will take a month to sponsor a charity. Some charities that will benefit are the Washington Women's Shelter, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, Washington Humane Society, Blessings in a Backpack, and Jameson's Army.



-Farm to Table program – The Muse PFA sponsored a "Farm to Table" program this past Wednesday. Students enjoyed the program and learned some great nutritional information.

-Safety Program – We have a Pennsylvania State Trooper and his canine officer coming to Muse on Wednesday, November 26 to present a safety program to our students.



HILLS-HENDERSONVILLE

Pumpkin Patch

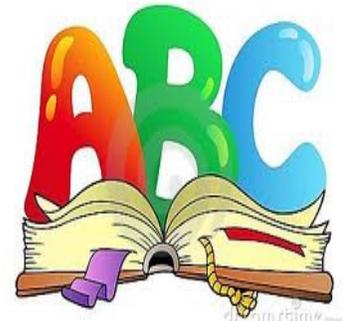
We had a great turn out at our Annual Pumpkin Patch, sponsored by the PTA. Thanks to all the parents who helped to make it a big success.

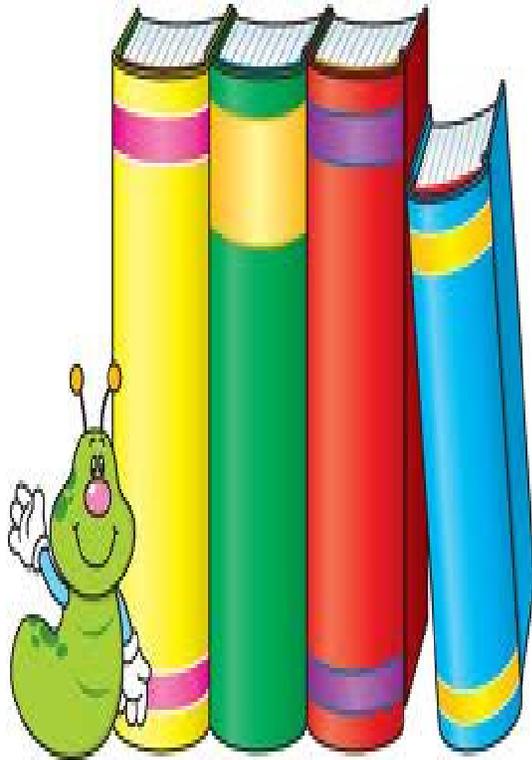
Veterans Day Celebration

Hills-Hendersonville Elementary School honored veterans on November 11th. The students invited family members and friends who are veterans to attend a celebration. The veterans visited the classrooms where they had a question and answer session. The students learned a lot.

FIRST STREET

- 11/19/2014 Fundraiser Reward Ice Cream Social
- 11/20/2014 Sarris Limo Ride-Fundraiser prize
- 12/1/2014 Chipotle PFA Fundraiser
- 12/2/2014 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 12/5/2014 4th Grade Nutcracker Field Trip
- 12/8/2014 Holiday Concert 10:00 M-Z 2:00 A-L
- 12/9/2014-12/10/2014 PFA Santa Shop
- 12/17/2014 Kindergarten Gingerbread House Project with Parents
- 12/19/2014 PFA Holiday Parties





CECIL ELEMENTARY

Students enjoyed the Food Challenge Program on November 17th. The game-show style assembly got the students excited about choosing local, Pennsylvania-based foods, how to eat a variety of foods, and tested their ability to work together as a team!

Congratulations to Katie O. and Brody S., 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 October.

The Blind Association will be visiting fourth graders on November 21st. We look forward to their program year after year.

Tuesday, November 25th, will be the annual Fourth Grade Thanksgiving Feast and Turkey contest. Many awards will be given for creativity, uniqueness, presentation, and theme.

BORLAND MANOR

The PFO hosted a very successful book fair on November 11th, 12th, and 13th.

On Tuesday, November 25th, Mrs. Rinehart's 4th grade will be celebrating with a Native American Day. There will be four stations that the students go through where they learn about and participate in various activities related to the daily life of the Native Americans in the Northeast region. It relates well to our region in Social Studies, along with coinciding with the webquest the students will do regarding the first Thanksgiving.

On Wednesday, November 26th, the PFO presents a Rope Masters Assembly for students at 10 AM.

The PFO and school community outreach programs benefiting the district Santa Fund are coin and wrapping paper drives from November 17th-December 3rd.



SOUTH CENTRAL

South Central participated in the Red Ribbon Week celebration with the rest of Canon Mac the last week of October. Our Halloween Parade had to be moved inside with a route through the school and across the stage for our guests to see our costumes before our PTA room parties.

We held our annual Veterans Day program on the 11th with approximately 30 service men, and one service lady in attendance. The 4th grade chorus performed 2 beautiful songs, we had a short play, and saw a video to reinforce the meaning of Veterans Day and how we can show our gratitude to those in the US Military.

Our Kindergarten students have decorated their aprons and are excited to get to work when they visit the Hilton Garden Inn on Wednesday, December 3. They will make gingerbread houses and have a special lunch at the hotel.

Cookies with Santa is Thursday, December 4 from 6:00-7:30 pm. The PTA Holiday Shop will be held for the students December 8-12 during the school day. Our School Winter Concert will be held on Monday, December 15. On the afternoon of Friday, December 19th, there will be a school holiday sing-along and our 2nd hair donation for "Locks of Love" before our room parties.

Have a great holiday season from South Central!



WYLANDVILLE

Wylandville Elementary is one of 20 elementary schools in the United States or Canada to be selected to receive Champion Creatively Alive Children grants to develop school Creative Leadership Teams. This grant delivers professional development and documents the impact increased school-wide arts-infused education has on student outcomes. Wylandville received a \$2,500 monetary grant and \$1,000 worth of Crayola products. They will share outcomes and inspire other schools to implement these innovative practices via Crayola and NAESP venues.

Mrs. Unitas participated in the BOOK IT! Principal Challenge to "read your heart out" during National Young Readers Week. Hundreds of school principals joined in on the fun in wacky and different ways. Wylandville students voted that Mrs. Unitas "camp out" in the front entrance as she read her heart out. Every class visited her campsite to listen to a story by the campfire. This year, BOOK IT! invited thousands of school principals to participate.



CECIL INTERMEDIATE

--Red Ribbon week activities, including theme dress days like "Team Up Against Drugs" where students wore their favorite team jersey and "You Won't See Me Doing Drugs" where students dressed in Black or Camo. The students also had a Magic Show with a fun, drug free theme to it.
--5th Grade Red Ribbon Drug Free Poster Winners were Daniel Bishop & Caitlyn Ray



NORTH STRABANE INTERMEDIATE

The Scholastic Book Fair was a big success at NSIS last week. In return, our school library will get additional resources as the NSIS PAA has decided to give over \$3,000 Scholastic Bucks to purchase books.

Sixth grade science Ms. Douglas and Miss Kotz are preparing for the first NSIS Science Fair. The Science Fair will give students the opportunity to select a science-based topic of their interest to research and learn in-depth knowledge.

Students that met the criteria for the magazine fundraiser rode in a limo to have lunch at Pizza Hut yesterday. Approximately 145 students had a fun time with friends.

The fall Fun Night for all 5th and 6th graders took place two weeks ago. It was the best turn out in several years! Thank you to all the parent volunteers and the NSIS Fall Fun Night Committee for organizing a eventful evening for students.

Team Up Against Hunger: Two sixth graders from NSIS, Macey M. and Jaime R. carried out a charity drive this past week to raise money for Kids Against Hunger, an organization that helps supply food to children living in Africa.

6. Be sure to check out the NSIS website to learn about upcoming events.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

On Tuesday, October 28, eight students from CMS attended the History Bowl sponsored by the Intermediate Unit 3 and the Heinz History Center. Students spent a "day in the past", trying to answer questions related to several exhibits at Heinz History Center. This cross-curricular activity had students writing about the Arabia (the Lost Steamboat), answering questions about the history of Pittsburgh Sports, reading articles on special artifacts, and working as a team throughout the competition. Both teams had a great performance! One CMS team made up of Cameron, Katie, Himanshu, and Wes, took first place by scoring a 119/120 possible points.

Students are gearing up for the annual CMS Charity Dodge Ball Tournament to be held the afternoon before Thanksgiving break.

All female CMS students are invited to attend the 8th annual "Girls Night Out" program during the afternoon/evening before Thanksgiving break. This yearly event is organized by Mrs. Hedderman, CMS counselor, and involves many and involves many CMS female staff members providing a series of fun and educational activities targeting our young ladies.

The holiday band concert will be on December 4th and the holiday chorus concert will be on December 17th.



HIGH SCHOOL

Science

- Our Envirothon Team meets every Tuesday directly after school to prepare for the Pennsylvania Envirothon Competition in May 2015.
- In September, three tables were donated by Terri Startare in memory of her grandfather, Dr. Robert V. Sulkowski for our school's pond area. The tables are for our science classes to use for outdoor activities in the pond area.
- Bill Kohler, CM senior, built two tables and a staircase for Geist Trail that is located behind our school. The tables and staircase are used by the students for science activities.
- The boys cross country team came in 2nd in WPIALS and, therefore, qualified for the Pennsylvania State (PIAA) competition. This is the first time in school history that any cross country team qualified for states.
- This is the first year that students from Canon-McMillan participated in "Disability Mentoring Day" (which is a national event) and we went to Bayer Material Science in Robinson, PA. There the students were exposed to the STEM program, science experiments, a motivational speaker, and had the opportunity to explore several buildings on the Bayer campus including laboratories.

Athletics

- The Boys Cross Country Team competed in the PIAA State Championship meet in Hershey, PA
- One Girl Cross Country runner also competed in the PIAA Championship meet
- The Canon Mac Girls Soccer team were WPIAL runners up and will be competing for the PIAA State Championship on Saturday, November 15th, in Hershey
- Canon Mac had three scholar/athletes sign their National Letter of Intent on Wednesday (11/12) to Division I schools: Lauren Waller (golf) – PSU; Abby McCartney (softball) – Robert Morris ; Natalie Burchesky (Girls VB) – Ohio University
- Five Student/Athletes attended the WPIAL Sportsmanship Summit at the Heinz History Center on Wednesday (11/12)

Arts, Humanities, and Culture

- A few of the art classes are working on puzzle pieces for something called "The Puzzle Project," an international art installation project. Each student received a foam core puzzle piece to design however they chose. For the project, we must send the originals to the artist, Tim Kelly, in NYC to add to his giant installation. Our puzzle pieces will join pieces from 20 different states and 10 different countries. However, we will be making copies of all of the puzzle pieces to make a permanent installation to display at the high school. For more information visit -<http://www.timkellyartist.com/tkpuzzleabout.html>
- LYC will be sponsoring our Annual Talent Show this January 10th, 2015. The try-outs for the show are Dec. 10th and 11th in the H.S. Auditorium. We are planning to have a "Buy the special person in your life a Christmas Flower" fundraiser in December as well. We will be selling them in the Cafeteria during the lunch periods, the week of Dec. 8th thru the 12th. Delivery will be on Thursday (the 18th) or Friday (the 19th)
We also "kick-started" our Transition program this year with two field trips including one to California University of Pennsylvania to participate in "Discovery Days" and one to Pittsburgh Technical Institute.



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