



School Reports

Cecil Intermediate School

****Emma Gross** a 5th grade student at CIS won the Office of Attorney General's 2016 Drug-Free Calendar Contest. Her artwork was chosen out of 928 entries and will be featured as the month of May in the 2016 calendar.

****Avery** Cecil Intermediate School joined forces to help one of their fellow Canon McMillan family members. The amount raised totaled \$3229.35. . We raised more than \$400 from the green Bravery Ribbons, more than \$1400 on the change collection day, more than \$1000 with the Pajama and Lunch Buddy Pass days, and staff members donated more than \$300. Students also created cards with heartfelt get- well messages which were delivered along with the donations to the Kazakewicz family.

****Blessings in a Backpack** During the week of November 9-13, students at CIS donated over 1600 food items to benefit this program at Cecil Elementary and Cecil Intermediate. The goods are distributed to students at both of these schools.

Canon-McMillan School District

Parent Council
November 20, 2015

2015 Parent Council Officers

President

MeLissa Fetty

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First Street Elementary

November 23, 2015 School-wide 2015 Blue Ribbon Celebration at the Carnegie Science Center

December 1, 2015 Parent Teacher Conferences

December 2, 2015 Sarris Candy Limo Ride Fundraiser Prize

December 7, 2015 Holiday Concert

December 8, 2015 Holiday Shop for Students

December 11, 2015 Blue Ribbon Celebration at First Street

December 11, 2015 4th Grade Washington County Blind Association Presentation

*"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge."
-Albert Einstein*

North Strabane Intermediate

The annual limo/lunch to Pizza Hut incentive for fundraising took place on 11/19. There were 175 students that won the reward this year.

This week intermediate students running for student council gave a speech to their peers in their homeroom. Students will vote today to elect a homeroom representative.

Did you know NSIS has a Twitter page. Follow us at @TeamNSIS to see what is happening at our school.

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Cecil Elementary



*"Education is not the filling of a bucket, but the lighting of a fire."
-W. B. Yeats*

** Cecil Elementary is partnering with the CMHS Environmental Club to help endangered animals. Approximately 20 high school students presented information on endangered animals in an effort to raise funds for these animals on Tuesday, November 10th. Our students have been challenged to raise \$30 per grade level to adopt an animal at the Pittsburgh Zoo. Our adoption campaign is well on its way and we are looking forward to the Environmental Club returning in January with more fun activities.

** Our annual talent show, "Calling All Superheroes", took place on Thursday, November 12. Over 50 students participated in a variety of performances that included singing, dancing, karate moves, magic tricks and jokes. There was even a surprise performance by the teachers. Great job to everyone!

** Cecil Elementary participated in "Getting Flocked" to support the Luke Blanock Family on Monday, November 16th.

** Our fourth grade classes will hold their annual Thanksgiving Day Feast and Turkey Trot on Thursday, November 19th. After enjoying a delicious meal prepared by the fourth grade families, students will showcase their decorated turkeys and a winner will be selected. Extra food donations will be delivered to the City Mission.

** Officer Phil will close out the month with a safety presentation on November 24th.
Happy Thanksgiving to all!

*"Nothing is ever achieved without enthusiasm."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Borland Manor Elementary

On Friday, November 13th, Mrs. McConnell helped to celebrate National Young Reader's Week by committing to read from bell to bell. She aimed to read throughout the building and to each of the classrooms. The Principal Challenge is a tradition of the Pizza Hut Book It Program where principals across the United States are shining examples of literacy in which they select a day to read their hearts out all day long.

Tuesday, November 17th- Second Grade VIP Day @ 2:00 PM

Wednesday, November 18th- Officer Phil Program

Wednesday, November 25th- Thanksgiving Assembly @ 2:00 PM

Tuesday, December 8th- Holiday Concert- AMK and A-L @ 10 AM & PMK and M-Z @ 2 PM

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Canon-McMillan High School

- › Starting with the second nine weeks, all report cards will be sent electronically.
- › Congratulations to both our Boy's and Girl's soccer teams. Both teams qualified for the WPIAL playoffs and our Boy's won the AAA WPIAL Championship.
- › The Powder Puff football game will start at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, November 23rd.
- › Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, December 1st.
- › After School Biology tutoring is available every Monday from 2:50-3:50
- › After School English tutoring is available every Wednesday from 2:50-3:50.
- › The Algebra Keystone Exam will be held on Thursday, December 3rd and Friday, December 4th for any student who has previously taken the exam and scored Basic or Below Basic.
- › The Biology Keystone Exam will be held on Monday, December 7th and Tuesday, December 8th for any student who has previously taken the exam and scored a Basis or Below Basic.
- › Keystone Exam makeup testing dates will run from December 9th to December 16th.
- › The HS Holiday Band Concert will be held from 7:00-10:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 8th.
- › The HS Holiday Chorus Concert will be held from 7:30-10:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 17th.
- › The High School will be once again hosting a dance marathon on Friday, December 18th.
- › The annual Santa Fund will be held throughout December.
- › The High School will be distributing turkey's, throughout the district, to twenty five families in need.

Canonsburg Middle School

Mr. Wolf, CMS 8th science teacher, is an Iraq War Veteran. He shared his experience serving the country with the 8th grade social studies classes on Veteran's Day this year.

Next week before leaving for the Thanksgiving break, the CMS Student Council is sponsoring their annual Charity Dodgeball tournament.

The CMS Band will be performing their holiday concert on Thursday, December 3rd; the CMS Chorus will perform their concert on Tuesday, December 15th. Both evening performances are at 7pm in the school auditorium and make a great addition to the holiday season.

Believe in yourself and all that you are. Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle.
-Christian D. Larson

Finally, on Thursday, December 10th, many of the 7th and 8th grade girls will be staying after school for the annual "Girls Night Out." This event was started by CMS counselor Mrs. Hedderman, who, along with a majority of the female faculty members, organize a series of workshops with crafts, snacks, yoga, and more that are all geared toward the uniqueness of our adolescent girls.

Hills Hendersonville Elementary

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 as well as the Middle School Student Council.

Hills Kids of Steel

We are kicking off another exciting year of Kids of Steel. The kids and parents are training for the Kids of Steel Marathon in May.

Sadecky Puppets

The PTA is sponsoring a program from Sadecky Puppets titled "It Pays to Be Nice," on November the 25th.



Muse Elementary

Mrs. Ambrose and Mrs. Hagerman are planning their third STEM activity of the year with the first grade students. The teachers will discuss the Native American culture, complete various activities with the students, and then have students create their own drum based upon the parameters of the project. They will then "test" their drum to see if the goals for the project were met.

The Education Outreach team from NETL (National Energy Technology Laboratory) which is part of the U.S. Department of Energy will be spending the day at Muse on Wednesday, December 2nd doing STEM activities with all grade levels. They have various projects to complete such as Bird Feeders(various functions of birds), Cookie Mining(properties of earth materials), Energy Monitors(electrical devices and the energy consumed), Ice Cream(deals with freezing solutions/liquids), Lava Lamps(liquids separating and oil being less dense than water), Make it Rain(various types of pollution), Marshmallow Towers(engineering design and team problem solving), Side Walk Chalk(structure and properties of matter), Slime(basic concepts about structure and properties of matter), Smelly Balloons(generating questions and examining balloons), Straw Rockets(design), UV Beads(weather), Volcanos, and Windmills(wind power).

Our Talent Show was held last evening for family and friends of the performers. The show had an Alice in Wonderland theme to it and was successful. We always enjoy watching the various talents of the students at Muse. We appreciate the work of Mrs. Ambrose, Miss Mavrigh, and Miss Collins in organizing and running the talent show.

Wylandville Elementary

The Wylandville community joined together in November to Make Change for BrAvery by bringing in change to support one of our Wylandville families. The PFA presented the family with \$1,600 when they visited our building with Avery as we created this green heart to let her know that we are thinking of her.



Mr. Mike and Officer Keith visited us this week to present the Officer Phil Program to the entire school. The children learned about making good choices, staying safe and being good citizens.

Over 40% of our students participated in and after school STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) program organized by parents and staff. One of the main goals of the program is to help explore the Four C's of 21st Century Learning; Creativity, Communication, Collaboration, and Critical Thinking.

South Central Elementary

10/27 South Central's PTA sponsored our annual First Grade Pumpkin Math. We put our observation, predicting, counting,

measuring and weighing skills to work with our very own pumpkins.

10/30 Our school did a parade around the school to show off our Halloween costumes before enjoying our party led by the parent volunteers.

11/10 PTA sponsored a Chuck E Cheeses Fundraiser Night

11/11 South Central hosted our annual Veterans Day Celebration with our biggest turn out yet! 38 men and women were recognized and honored for their service to our country.

12/4 Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at South Central for cookies, crafts, stories, face painting and pictures from 6-8 pm.

The week of 12/7 the students will be shopping in the PTA Holiday Shop.

12/14 The students will perform in our Winter Concert. 10 am for last names A-L and 2 pm for last names M-Z.

12/18 We will kick off the holiday break with a school sing-along, our 4th annual Locks of Love donation, and holiday room parties.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season!
