

PARENT COUNCIL SCHOOL REPORTS

October 2014



Borland Manor Elementary School

- On Friday, October 3rd, the Borland Manor PFO hosted the annual Fall Carnival. A good time was had by all with face painting, activities and crafts, and guest "mascots" and community volunteers.
- On Wednesday, October 8th, the annual Fire Prevention/Safety Week Assembly was presented to our school. The North Strabane Fire Department and Canonsburg Fire Department, and special guest, "Freddy the Fire truck" were on hand to discuss the importance of fire safety with our students.
- On Tuesday, October 21st at 6 PM, Borland Manor will host for our K-4 school community a meeting to learn about the Odyssey of the Mind program led by music teacher, Mrs. Megan Hoffman. Odyssey of the Mind is an international creative-problem solving program for students in kindergarten through college.

Canon-McMillan High School

Here are some upcoming happenings in the high school:

October 24th is Senior Night for the football teams and for the band and auxiliaries at the stadium before our game against Blackhawk.

- The Fall Drama, "The Stuck Pot" will be performed on Wed. Nov. 12 through Fri. Nov. 14 at 7pm. in the High School auditorium. It is a comedy based on a dance between two private schools. There are 40+ students involved in the production as actors and tech. Tickets are \$5.
- There are three Varsity teams heading to the playoffs:
 1. Girls Tennis
 2. Girls and Boys Soccer
 3. Girls VB is very close)
 4. Lauren Weller (Golf), is the 2014 WPIAL Champion. She is currently competing in the PIAA Western Regional Golf Tournament Tuesday (10/14)
- Bella Voce will be participating in PMEA Honors Choir on October 24th and 25th held at Seton Hill. There are 33 local high schools involved and 120 students. Canon Mac has 27 students attending the festival.
- Bella Voce will be singing the National Anthem on November 11th for the Veterans Day Ceremony that will be held at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. The public is invited to attend.
- Bella Voce will be singing at the Sarris Library Banquet held on Sunday, November 16th.

- The high school announcements are now online. Parents can view them on website is highschoolcube.com. You can search for Canon-McMillan there is also an app for iOS and android.
- The League of Women Voters is sponsoring a "meet the candidates night" next Thursday at the high school. Local legislators and their opponents are expected to address the audience and answer questions.

Canonsburg Middle School

- CMS had a successful activity night on October 3rd. Approximately 400 students spent the evening with a DJ, basketball, and a dodge ball tournament in the High School's gyms.
- Middle school fall sports seasons have just about wrapped up. The boys' Cross Country team just won the Washington County championship, and the girls' volleyball team won their SHASDA tournament. Approximately 250 seventh and eighth graders participated in six different sports this fall.
- Students are busy preparing for the annual fall play. On Thursday, November 20th, students will perform a new play titled "House of Cards" for their classmates in the morning and family and friends at 7pm.
- On Tuesday, November 10th, CMS science teacher and Iraq war veteran Mr. Wolf will once again be speaking to all 8th grade social studies classes for Veteran's Day.

Cecil Elementary School

- Our Fall Book Fair is in full swing this week.
- Our "Wear a Hat for Cancer" day will take place on October 24th with all proceeds going to Children's Hospital.
- Cecil Elementary is looking forward to Red Ribbon Week and the fun activities that will take place. The week will end with our annual Halloween Parade and parties.

Cecil Intermediate School

- CIS held a Stomp Out Bullying Day on Monday, 10/6. Students wore blue and did activities in their classrooms to promote anti-bullying behaviors.
- Cecil Volunteer Fire Department visited the school on 10/7 to hold a Fire Drill and a Fire Safety Program for the students.
- CIS will "celebrate" Red Ribbon Week and the "Say No to Drugs & Alcohol" message at the end of October with theme days and a Magic Show, all helping to promote a drug free lifestyle.

First Street Elementary School

October 10-13, 2014 - Scholastic Book Fair hosted by the PFA

October 13, 2014 - Evening Book Fair Event

October 15, 2014 - Picture Make-up Day

October 17, 2014 from 3:00 pm-8:00 pm - Chuck E Cheese PFA Fundraising Event at Bridgeville location

October 21, 2014 - Read for the Record hosted by the Reading Specialists

October 31, 2014 - PFA sponsored Halloween parade and parties

November 5, 2014 - Magic of Science assembly

Hills-Hendersonville Elementary School

Service Project

Hills-Hendersonville Elementary School collected \$190.59 and 42 bags of candy. With that the PTA was able to buy stuffed animals as prizes for their costume contest, juice boxes, Halloween cookies and treat bags. They also gave them a \$100 gift card to Walmart to buy other supplies they need for the party. The donations were used for a Children's Halloween Party for on-base military families of the 911th Airlift Wing.

Wear a Hat for Cancer

On Friday, October 3rd the students raised \$250.00 for the Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology and the Division of Blood Marrow Transplantation (BMT) and Cellular Therapies at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. The students brought in loose change in turn for wearing a hat all day.

Pumpkin Patch

We would like to welcome the community to attend our annual Pumpkin Patch. It will be held tonight, October 17th from 6:00-8:30 at Hills-Hendersonville Elementary School. There will be face painting, balloon artist, shimmer tattoo, mini pumpkin craft, games, Chinese Auction, food and much, much more. So come enjoy a fun evening with us!

Box Top Store

The students will shop the box top store on Monday, October 27th. The PTA has purchased prizes for the students to buy with their box tops.

We will celebrate Red Ribbon Week the last week of October. The Halloween Parades and parties will take place on Friday, October 31st

Muse Elementary School

Relay for Life – We held this after school event to raise money for the American Cancer Society. It was held on October 9th from 4:00- 5:00 p.m. There were over 100 students, parents, and staff members that participated in the event at Muse. We had a DJ there to play music. Nutrition Inc came and set up a table where the students could sample milk flavors, try apple slices, and get nutritional information about various items. Kona Ice came and donated 25% of their earnings. Muse Elementary School raised \$1101 dollars to donate to the American Cancer Society. We appreciate everyone's generosity with this event.

Fire Safety Week – The Safety Officer and firemen from Muse Volunteer Fire Station came to the school on October 10th for a fire safety program. They talked to the students about fire safety and conducted a fire drill with the students and staff. They also brought a couple fire trucks to the school for the students to tour. We appreciate the dedication of all firemen.

Red Ribbon Week – We will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week at the end of the month. There will be various activities throughout the week including an assembly on Monday. Each day will have its own theme. We will wrap up the week on the 31st with "Say Boo to Drugs!" Students will be able to wear their Halloween costume on that day.

North Strabane Intermediate School

1. The NSIS Magazine fundraiser has been a huge success this year! All orders should be turned in as soon as possible to ensure all incentives are afforded to students. The Limo ride and lunch at Pizza Hut will be scheduled to take place mid November. Notification will be sent via email to all parents.
2. Parents are reminded to use Powerschool to check academic progress throughout the quarter.
3. All 5th graders will take the Benchmark Literacy Pretest the week of October 20. This assessment for learning will provide English/Language Arts teachers with insight about comprehension and word solving skills.
4. NSIS continues to infuse 21st digital-learning skills to meet the needs of today's digital learners. Two exciting new avenues teacher are taking to promote digital skills are (1) the incorporation of Chromebooks to engage students in research and writing activities, and (2) the use of Schoology, which enables teachers to share resources with students in a cloud-based digital environment.

South Central Elementary School

- Since our last Parent Council South Central students have been settling in and working hard (like all kids at C-M!)
- Friday, Oct. 3rd South Central hosted the fall Title 1 Parent Meeting with great attendance from our parents as well as our friends from First Street.
- Tuesday, Oct 7th we celebrated Fire Safety Week with a visit from the Canonsburg Fire Department.
- The end of the month will focus on Drug-free, healthy living with our district Red Ribbon week, and Halloween Parade and Parties!

Wylandville Elementary School

Our School Wide Positive Behavior Intervention and Support program is in full swing! Children can be seen Making their MARK (Make good choices, Act kind, Respect others, yourself and surroundings, Keep being the best you can be!). Students receive dots for making responsible choices and being kind to others, while having opportunities to win various awards/prizes throughout the year. The implementation of this program is making a positive impact on our school!

