

5th Grade Newsletter

Patterson-Craney-Nicol

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Art/Technology- We finished our rip art projects this week and have moved on to watching a video about the life of Ansel Adams. So far we have learned that Ansel was a conservationist and that he loved to take pictures of things in nature. We also learned that he was a natural musician and could easily replay songs on his piano after hearing them only once! Ask your child how old Ansel was when he got his first camera! Next week we will take a look at some common terms used in technology and will do a 'Four Squares Word Work' activity.

Library: Start looking for those library books because students will be coming to the library next week! New books will be added soon, including Abby Hays, Ripley's, and sequels to Tunnels and The Sea of Trolls. Do you have any suggestions for what should be added to the library collection? Drop me an email at hurstsh@alder.k12.oh.us. Have a fun weekend!

RRG: Students finished their newspaper pages declaring the Transcontinental Railroad has opened! They did a good job and hopefully learned something new. We started to play Ticket to Ride this week and will play all next week also. Ask your child how the game is played. We're having fun in RRG!

Greetings from Language Arts! Greetings from Language Arts! This week, we have been reviewing/relearning our five types of figurative language: simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, and idiom. Ask your child if they can give you definitions! Students took an online quiz over similes and metaphors and really enjoyed it! Book orders should be in by the middle of next week. March and April book orders will come out together by mid-March so we can get the books by Spring Break! Please assist your child in looking up some American inventions--I would like the kids to have three inventions in mind before we begin our invention speeches! OAT practice in class has been difficult for many students lately. Please encourage your child to read carefully, look back in the selection for answers, and use complete sentences when answering. Have a great weekend!

Physical Education: We are now taking our basketball skills that we have been practicing into game situations. We are learning about both zone and man to man defenses and trying our hand playing both. The students who have played on teams are helping those who have not. We are still stressing pivoting, and keeping our heads up to look for a pass. The classes have also been asked to try to watch some games on tv if they have a chance to see if they can see the different defenses. In three weeks we will be sending home March Madness brackets so the students can enter our March Madness Bracket contest. Remember to keep active and move as much as possible.

Math: This week we have been doing many investigations. We started the week with an investigation on linear, square and cubic units. Tuesday we did investigations with Cheez-its on square units to find area and perimeter. We also worked with cubes on using cubic units. Hopefully all these hands on investigations will help them come up with formulas to use in finding area, perimeter and volume.

Last week was not a very good turn in week for extra credit. Out of 76 students that I have only 40 turned in extra credit. I even had a couple students turn in a blank paper.....no problems worked at all! Please check with your students to see that they are attempting these problems for practice. **Thank you to those who are getting 8 and above every week!** You are really showing that you are practicing to become better and better at solving problems. Every one needs a little challenge now and then! **There will be a new paper coming home for March extra credit on Friday.**

Reminders-

March 20th-CMS Play performance @ CMS, 7:00

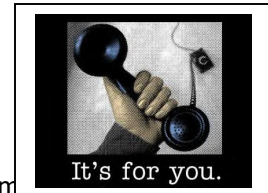
April 4th-13th-SPRING BREAK

May 21st-Growth and Development for 5th grade--if you'd like to view the materials prior to the lessons, contact Nurse Linda Ward @ wardli@alder.k12.oh.us

One Call Notification System and Canaan Students...Update...

Now that district has the ONE CALL NOTIFICATION SYSTEM, the **Canaan Staff will not be contacting parents individually if school is released early during the day because of inclement weather.** Please remember to keep your contact information up-to-date with the system. It's easy and simple to do. Just follow these easy instructions:

- 1)go the school website - www.alder.K12.oh.us
- 2)click on the One Call Now link on the top right-hand side of the opening page
- 3)follow the instructions provided there



You can have one phone or multiple phones notified when communication is made. This includes school delays, cancellations, or school emergencies, etc. Please give careful thought to the information you enter and only have the phones you want to ring at 5:30 or 6:00 a.m. in the morning on your list.



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Cameron Toth
Matt Sicilian
Aaron Kaeser
Lily Cotter
Trevor Klugh
Jack Dematteis
Tommy Tackett
Austin Rehm
Shannon Kirkey
Devin Hill
Jordi Dye
Bridgett Hahn
Wyatt Bush
Michael Whilhoite
Mrs. Stalnaker
Corey Preece
Derrick Wampler
Levi Bush
Drew Stahl
Nate Gonzalez
Jesse Ramey
Ashley Parthemore
Hunter Harrison
Michaela Hostetler
Casey Pollock
Megan Will
Austin Thomas
Brooke Plummer
David Salzler
Keli Geers
Daniel Solaha

Great Job!



ATTENTION PARENTS: A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

If you have taken your child for a recent well child visit and they received and immunization, please send this new information to school. I would like to update all of our student health information files. If you have questions, please email me at wardli@alder.k12.oh.us.

Thank you, Linda Ward, RN~School Nurse

School Calendar Change due to Calamity Days

Dear Parents:

Because of the wind damage and snow days we have already used our 5 calamity days plus the 2 days the last week of school (Monroe has used one more day than that). Right now no extra calamity days have been given by the state nor has there been discussion about giving districts any extra calamity days. We want to protect Spring Break and make sure both students and staff will not have to change family plans during that vacation time period, so we have decided the following:

1. We will go to School on Feb. 16 - President's Day (currently this day is scheduled as a day off school on the school calendar)
2. We will go to school on Thursday, June 4th, the last week of school
3. We will use Friday, June 5 as our next makeup day if we need one (Monroe will already be using this day to make up their extra day missed)
4. In the event we need another makeup day, we will use the Monday after Easter, April 13

If for whatever reason, we have more than two more days off school/calamity day, we'll be forced to look further at Spring break. According to weather forecasters, we get more than half our winter snowfall after February 1st so that may be a real possibility but we'll cross that bridge when we come to it. Personally, I hope we do not lose any days over Spring Break, as I plan on skiing in Canada so let's keep our fingers crossed :)

Hope this helps you plan and hopefully we can make it through the remainder of winter without too much more bad weather.

Please contact me at moore@alder.k12.oh.us if you have any questions. Thank you, Dr. Bobby Moore