

# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Newsletter

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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](mailto: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!

**It's Science time!!** We have been learning and reviewing our Life Science vocabulary words all week by playing the "I am" game, practicing using the words in our regular conversation, and writing sentences and drawing pictures using the words. Students had a quiz over the vocabulary, the process of photosynthesis, and food chains/webs on Friday. They will receive this quiz back next week. Students also got lots of practice creating their own food chains and food webs. Ask them about our string food web activity! Next week we will be "dissecting" Owl Pellets. . . and oh will they have stories to share with you! Stay tuned for more details!

**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.

LANGUAGE ARTS: This week we have been working on compare and contrast. The students read an article from *Ranger Rick* magazine and used a venn diagram to compare and contrast wolf packs with human families. We were surprised at how similar the two were. We also reviewed figurative language, specifically similes and metaphors. Please remember to check my web site for homework each night, educational games and other important information at:

[www.myteacherpages.com/webpages/teamkeaton](http://www.myteacherpages.com/webpages/teamkeaton)

**Math:** This past week, we have been working on two indicators: selecting appropriate units (linear, square, cubic) and finding perimeter/area of polygons. For the units indicator, we had students bring in examples from home. We also took a walk around the entire school building and listed all the surrounding examples as either linear, square, or cubic. As for the perimeter/area, we introduced the indicator with our Cheez-It activity. It was...well it was delicious! We then moved into the paper-pencil method of finding the A/P of polygons. By this point, the students should have a good idea about how to find the area and perimeter of triangles, rectangles, squares, and parallelograms.

If you still have a homework assignment that has not been redone....IT IS NEVER TOO LATE! Learn from those mistakes, turn it in, and get some points back! Don't forget to do the extra credit as well!! Finally, have a great weekend!!! (I apologize for the possible overuse of exclamation points...)

## Reminders...

**March 20<sup>th</sup>-CMS Play performance @ CMS, 7:00**

**April 4<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>-SPRING BREAK**

**May 21<sup>st</sup>-Growth and Development for 5<sup>th</sup> grade--if you'd like to view the materials prior to the lessons, contact Nurse Linda Ward @ [wardli@alder.k12.oh.us](mailto: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](http://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 to parents about 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.

### 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 out 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](mailto:moore@alder.k12.oh.us) if you have any questions. Thank you, Dr. Bobby Moore



#### **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](mailto:wardli@alder.k12.oh.us).

Thank you, Linda Ward, RN~School Nurse



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Matt Sicilian  
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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!**