



Munhall Bulletin

October 26, 2018

Important Dates

October 15-November 14 **Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up**
Home Access Center (HAC)

Friday, October 26

PTO Fall Celebration
6:30 PM, Munhall School



Monday, October 29

Gr. 5 Choir
7:00 AM, Richmond Intermediate School

Tuesday, October 30

Beginner Orchestra Rehearsal
7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

Gr. 5 Too Good For Drugs

Wednesday, October 31

Advanced Orchestra Rehearsal
7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

Halloween Classroom Parties – No costumes
2:00 PM



Thursday, November 1

Gr. 5 Band Rehearsal
7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

November 5 – 16

CogAT Testing - Grades 3 and 5 only

Monday, November 5

Gr. 5 Choir
7:00 AM, Richmond Intermediate School

Tuesday, November 6

Beginner Orchestra Rehearsal
7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

Gr. 5 Too Good For Drugs

Student Council Meeting
3:00 PM, Room 104

Wednesday, November 7

Advanced Orchestra Rehearsal
7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

Veteran's Day Assembly

Thursday, November 8

Gr. 5 Band Rehearsal
7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

Friday, November 9

End of 1st Trimester

November 19 – 23 Thanksgiving Break – No school for students

November 19 – 20 Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, November 21 Report Cards on HAC



From the Principal

PTO Fall Celebration

This evening is our annual PTO Fall Fest from 6:30-8:30. Students, parents, siblings, staff, etc. are encouraged to dress in their Halloween costumes and enjoy an evening of fun. Planned activities include a Haunted Cake Walk, a DJ in the gymnasium for music and dancing, the Anderson Book fair in the LRC, numerous games and activities in our classrooms, as well as food for purchase. All proceeds go directly to our amazing PTO, which supports our students and teachers.

Next Wednesday will be our fall parties beginning at 2:00. Parent volunteers will have access to classrooms starting at 1:45. I ask any parent who has been identified through the classroom teacher as a party volunteer to please consider coming into the main office early next week to be checked in. This will alleviate long lines upon check-in on Wednesday afternoon. Being that we celebrate this evening, we will not have a costume parade on Wednesday.

CogAT Assessment (3rd and 5th Grades)

Please see the message below from our Department of Assessment and Accountability

Between November 5 and November 16, 2018, 3rd and 5th graders will be taking the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). The test consists of three short sections, 40-45 minutes each.

The CogAT is not an achievement test. Instead, it measures a student's reasoning abilities which can facilitate his/her learning and problem-solving. CogAT scores report an individual's verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal reasoning abilities. The test scores may be used to adapt instruction and programs to the needs and abilities of students. Information is also used as a piece of information for student programming such as Academically Talented.

You will receive a report with your child's performance on these tests in January. We appreciate your support of our academic program and your partnership in facilitating your child's learning.

Please feel free to contact your building principal or me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindy Ruesch".

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Music Performances and More...

The music performance dates have been set for the school year:

1st Grade Performance- Thursday, February 28, at 6:30 p.m.

3rd Grade Performance- Thursday, February 28, at 7:30 p.m.

5th Grade Performance- Thursday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m.

Unlike last year, kindergarten, 2nd, and 4th grade students will not have a formal music performance this school year; however, they will continue to have small group performance opportunities in the music classroom. 1st through 5th grade students will continue to have one 30-minute music class each week, and full-day kindergarten students will continue to have two 30-minute music classes each week. The change in performance schedule is a district-wide decision to create continuity among elementary schools and to ensure that the new state standards for music can be taught, balancing the creating, performing, responding, and connecting components during the current music instructional structure. Students will continue to perform in music class, both vocally and on classroom instruments, including glockenspiel instruction in 2nd grade, ukulele instruction in 3rd grade, recorder instruction in 4th grade, and a focus on vocal technique in 5th grade.

Fall Conferences

November 19th and 20th marks our annual fall conferences. Parents will be able to sign up for a conference through Pick-A-Time, which is located through Home Access Center. Parents have until November 14 to sign up through Pick-A-Time.

From the PTO

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR FALL CELEBRATION & BOOK FAIR

We are still in need of volunteers for both the Book Fair and Fall Celebration. Please consider volunteering for one 30-minute shift:

<https://munhallpto.membershiptoolkit.com/volunteer/27746> (Fall Celebration)

and <https://munhallpto.membershiptoolkit.com/volunteer/27350> (Book Fair)

PTO Communications

Did you know that you won't be able to register for After School Enrichment, purchase Lip Sync or Basket Raffle tickets without a PTO account? Register today to avoid delays down the road! Sign up now at <https://munhallpto.membershiptoolkit.com/home>

Fall Celebration

Join us TONIGHT for a spooktakular time at our Fall Celebration from 6:30-8:30. There will be games, prizes, cakewalk, face painting, temporary tattoos, dancing in the gym, pumpkin decorating and much much more! Sandwiches from Jersey Mike's will be available for purchase in the cafeteria.

Yearbook

Parents, order your 2018-2019 yearbook today. Parents who order yearbooks by October 31 will receive a 10% discount. To order please see the yearbook flyer attached.

Don't forget to submit your mobile phone photos to Munhallyearbook@gmail.com. Be sure to label your photo by event and/or grade or just list the event and grade in the subject line of your email.

Upcoming Events

One Book One School/Family Reading Night - November 15 - 6:00-7:15 PM

FALL CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, 2018 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Sponsored by Munhall PTO

	<p>COSTUMES</p>	<p>Wear your favorite costume — *NO WEAPONS PLEASE*</p>
	<p>CAKE WALK</p>	<p>Support Student Council</p>
	<p>BOOK FAIR</p>	<p>Book Fair in LRC</p>
	<p>FACE PAINTING</p>	<p>Fun designs for all ages</p>
	<p>CARNIVAL GAMES</p>	<p>Fun prizes for winners</p>
	<p>DANCING</p>	<p>DJ in the Gym</p>
	<p>DECORATING MINI PUMPKINS</p>	<p>Stickers and Sharpie Markers provided</p>
	<p>JERSEY MIKES SANDWICHES</p>	<p>\$5-\$7 per sandwich – pre-made ready to eat</p>

***** ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT!** Please supervise your children at all times during this event. Due to safety reasons the use of the outdoor play equipment WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.

Capture Your Memories in This Year's Munhall Elementary Yearbook

10% OFF

purchase by
October 31



Purchase by October 31st to get 10% OFF

Customize Your 2 Free Pages

- Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.
- Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.
- The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$0.99.

To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

- 1 Go to www.treering.com/validate
- 2 Enter your school's passcode:
1014133182771719

Regular Price: **\$18.50**

TreeRing



50 BOX TOPS = \$5 FOR YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL



Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school. Tape or paste them to this collection sheet and send it to school. Please note, bonus certificates must be submitted separately. Thanks for your help!

- 1 Clip Box Tops and check expiration date
- 2 Tape or glue Box Tops on sheet until filled
- 3 Send completed sheet to your school Coordinator

