



Munhall Bulletin

November 16, 2018



Important Dates

November 19 – 23	Thanksgiving Break – No school for students
November 19 – 20	Parent Teacher Conferences
Wednesday, November 21	Report Cards on HAC
Monday, November 26	Gr. 5 Choir 7:00 AM, Richmond Intermediate School
Tuesday, November 27	Beginner Orchestra Rehearsal 7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room
Wednesday, November 28	Advanced Orchestra Rehearsal 7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room
Thursday, November 29	Gr. 5 Band Rehearsal 7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

From the Principal

Munhall Family Reading Night

We had a great night at our first Munhall Family Reading event of the year!! Students came in their pajamas and enjoyed an evening of literacy, including a game of Read, Write, Draw! In addition, students created their own book marks, created add on stories, and showed their parents how to access Tumblebooks. I want to thank our LRC Director, Mrs. Lumsden for coordinating the event, our teachers who attended, our parent volunteers, and our families who chose to spend their Thursday evening at Munhall!

November 12th Board of Education Meeting at Munhall

Munhall Elementary School hosted the Board of Education meeting on Monday, November 12. I was very proud of our 5th grade band members, who performed two songs for the audience and our 4th grade students who presented to the Board regarding their use of student self-assessment. I want to thank Mrs. Lydigsen, Mr. Duncan, Ms. Ryan, Mrs. Henning, Ms. Carter, Mrs. Milella, and Ms. Shumaker for their efforts as well!

Winter Weather has Arrived

As evidenced by our weather the past two weeks, winter weather has arrived early. This marks a great time to remind parents and students of the importance of coming to school with appropriate winter attire. Students go out to recess as long as the wind chill temperature is above zero degrees. In addition, when there is snow on the ground, students are only permitted in the field areas of the playground if they are in snow gear. If not, students are asked to stay on the blacktop and playgrounds.

Fall Conferences

There will be no school next week for students in order to allow time for parent/teacher conferences, as well as to observe Thanksgiving holiday. Parent/Teacher conferences will be

conducted from 8:00-8:00 on Monday, November 19 and 8:00-12:00 on Tuesday, November 20. Parents wishing to meet with staff members needed to sign up on Pick-A-Time, accessed through HAC. Sign up closes this evening at midnight.

Arrival/Departure Procedures for Car Riders

For those who habitually drive your child to school, please revisit the procedures below in order to ensure our arrival and departure routines are firmly in place, allowing for a safe and efficient process:

- If using the carpool lanes, please remain in your vehicle. If you would like to greet your child, please park your car on Rita Avenue and use the crosswalk on 13th Avenue.
- Ensure that your child exits curbside only—there are numerous cars/buses that use 13th Avenue, making it unsafe to proceed any other way.
- When entering the carpool lane, follow directions of staff members and posted signs (No U-turns). Pull as far forward as possible.
- Students should only enter and exit vehicles if it is stopped in the carpool lane, or parked north (closer to Ronzheimer) of the drop off lane. Students should not enter or exit any vehicles, nor should any vehicles be parked, south of the drop off lane (closer to Rita Ave).
- When crossing 13th Ave, all students and parents are encouraged to use the crosswalk. Mrs. Hogate does a great job making sure our students are safe, so please use this resource when crossing 13th Ave. In addition, cars, parked or just stopped, should not block crosswalks.
- SLOW, SLOW, SLOW—Please be patient, as we are dealing with young kids. Student safety is the number one priority.
- Drop Off Times—Students may begin arriving on school grounds any time after 8:25. There is not adult supervision any time before 8:25. A second bell rings at 8:35, and a 3rd a final bell (when learning officially started, although teachers often times have routines/tasks for students upon arrival) sounds at 8:40, which is when the school day officially begins.

Attendance

Over Thanksgiving Break, I will be sending absence/tardy letters to deserving families, as a reminder of the importance of having our children in school. If you are having trouble getting your child to school, never hesitate to contact me at 331-228-6637. This is just one way I can help support families.

Holiday Travel

If you are heading out of St. Charles for Thanksgiving, I wish all of you safe travels. I hope your family is able to relax and spend some much needed time with each other during this time.

Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving!
Jarrod Buxton, Principal

From the School Nurse

Winter air is very dry and can chap lips easily. Please send a lip balm to school with your child to use in their classroom if they need it. Please also remember to send a water bottle and healthy snack.

With the weather turning cold and wet, many students are coming to the health room for a change of clothes. The health room is running very low on pants and socks. Please send an extra

pair of pants and socks for your child to school in case the accidentally become wet during recess.

From the Art Teacher

Artsonia is the World's Largest Student Art Museum. Yet it is so much more than that! It's a free, safe, educational program designed to connect parents and families with their child's creative activities at school. New artwork from the Munhall Art Studio is currently being uploaded to the website! Permission slips went home this week printed on yellow paper. With these slips, you can activate your student's account online. If you did not receive a slip and are interested, please e-mail Mrs. Jontz at kellsa.jontz@d303.org, and I will be happy to e-mail you a permission slip.

Parent University

Join us for Parent University programs aimed at engaging local experts, parents and school staff in conversations about ways in which we can collectively strengthen our communities. Programs are free and open to the public.

Upcoming Parent University Offerings:

December 4 - Talking to your Child about the Dangers of Drug & Alcohol Use
St. Charles North High School - Room 302
6:30-8:00 p.m.

January 24 - Follow-Up ANGST Session #2
Wasco Elementary LRC
6:30-8:00 p.m.

January 30 - Preventing and Addressing Bullying: Lessons Learned and Resources for Parents
Thompson 6th Grade Cafeteria
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Check out the [Parent University Page](#) on the district website. Please note the registration deadline for the February and March programs is November 30 for purposes of ordering the correct number of books for parents.

From the PTO

Giving Tree

It is hard to believe that the holidays are right around the corner! As the holiday season begins, the Giving Tree committee would like to try to help make some of our Munhall families' holidays a little brighter. In order to continue this tradition, we need your help! There will be a large bulletin board located in the Munhall Gallery, just outside the third grade hallway, starting the week of conferences **Nov. 19th**. Star tags will be attached with gift wishes of some of the students at Munhall. If you would like to help, ***please choose a tag(s) and bring it to the office to be recorded so we are able to keep track of all the tags.*** Bring your wrapped gift(s) back to school by **Dec. 17** and know that you have helped a fellow family this holiday season. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Schrandt at 847.414.0867. Thank you for your continued support of the program and have a happy holiday season!

Family Reading Night

Special thank you to Clark & Sarah Barthel, Megan Nietzel, Jennifer Harmon, Chad Siemens, Vittoria Rosetti and Christine Lumsden (Munhall Librarian) for a great Family Reading Night!! Thanks to all who came!

One Book, One School

We launched our One Book, One School event last night at Family Reading Night! The Munhall PTO is very excited to announce that books will come home with the eldest child in your family the week before Winter break. The books are a gift from the PTO to your family. If you would like to learn the title we will be reading together and other information, please check out the video of last night's announcement on our PTO webpage.

Science Night

If you are interested in being involved with Science Night, please reach out to Kerri Trejo at kerritrejo@gmail.com. The date of the event is March 14.

PTO Communications

Did you know that you will not 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>

Yearbook

Parents, order your 2018-2019 yearbook today. Orders can be placed by visiting our PTO website. You did NOT purchase a yearbook with your elementary school registration.

Do not 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

Wish List

Pokemon	Sports Team Gear
Remote Control Toys	Robotic Toys
Monster Jam Cars	Hot Wheels
Mega Blocks	Star Wars
Musical Toys	Lego Sets
Jewelry Making Kits	Skate Board
Headphones	Monster High
Disney Princess	Peppa Pig
Nexo Knights	Action Figures
Shopkins	Jewelry Boxes
Purses	MineCraft
Movie Gift Card	Fischer Price Toys
Jewelry	Thomas the Train
Disney Junior	Hello Kitty
Books	Easy Bake Oven
Arts & Craft Items	Radios
Paint Sets	Melissa & Doug
Transformers	Back Pack
Gift Cards	Gym Bag



For More Information

If you would like more information or have any questions regarding the Toys for Kids Program, please contact us!

The Salvation Army
Tri-City Corps
Joe K. Anderson Community Center
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Jim Wheeler

Long-time advisory board member for The Salvation Army Joe K. Anderson Community Center, Jim Wheeler made it his life mission to make sure no child in the Tri-Cities went without presents on Christmas morning.

Every year, Jim tirelessly found individuals and businesses to help provide donations of toys for The Salvation Army's Christmas Toy Shop. He also served as Santa Claus for thousands of children over the last 31 years before his sudden death in early 2014.

Salvation Army has continued the Jim Wheeler Toys for Kids Program, to honor him and his work of providing for the children of our community at Christmastime.

What We Do

The Salvation Army interviews families to determine their need for toys at Christmas. The families are invited to The Salvation Army's Christmas Toy Shop, where they hand-select toys for each of their children. The Salvation Army serves children ages 0-17 and relies on donations of toys from individuals and businesses in the community.

How You Can Give

You can make your contribution to the Jim Wheeler Toys for Kids Program by purchasing age-appropriate toys and delivering them unwrapped to any Jim Wheeler Toys for Kids Collection Site before Sunday, December 9, 2018 or by dropping gifts off at The Salvation Army, 1710 S. 7th Ave, St. Charles, IL through Christmas Eve.



Monetary Giving

At Jim Wheeler's death, The Salvation Army became the fiduciary manager of the Toys for Kids fund. If you would like to make a financial contribution, please make checks out to The Salvation Army, including Toys for Kids in the memo line. All financial contributions will be used to buy new toys.

Distribution Dates

Toys will be picked up at collection sites no later than Sunday, December 9, 2018 and will be distributed on December 18 & 19, 2018.

If you are interested in volunteering for our distribution, please contact us!





GET YOUR SPIRIT STICK!!

All students and staff members with a profile membership by November 23rd will receive a FREE Munhall Mustang Spirit Stick for their student's backpack. What is a Spirit Stick? Check out the PTO website to find out!



Please make sure your student's teacher is updated in your PTO Membership Toolkit

1. Login to <https://munhallpto.membershiptoolkit.com>
2. Click on My Account Tab
3. Select Family/Personal/Student Information
4. Scroll to the bottom and select next
5. Update your student's teacher and select SAVE
6. Don't have an account? No problem! See Step 1 Below

Munhall PTO Membership Registration

1. Visit us at <https://munhallpto.membershiptoolkit.com> or scan



2. Select the Register/Login Icon.



3. Create an account as a new user
4. Complete the online forms beginning with Family Information.
5. Add your student's information using their grade for the 2018-19 school year. The t-shirt size is used for various clubs and activities.
6. Enter your directory preferences. Keep in mind, if you do not elect to be in the directory, other Munhall families cannot find your contact information.
7. SAVE
8. CONFIRM your registration through the emailed link. IT IS ONLY GOOD FOR 2 HOURS. Once you confirm, you will be able to receive information from the PTO, make purchases, volunteer, plus register to have fun with friends at all of the FUN PTO EVENTS!

****P.S. Membership to the PTO is free!!!**

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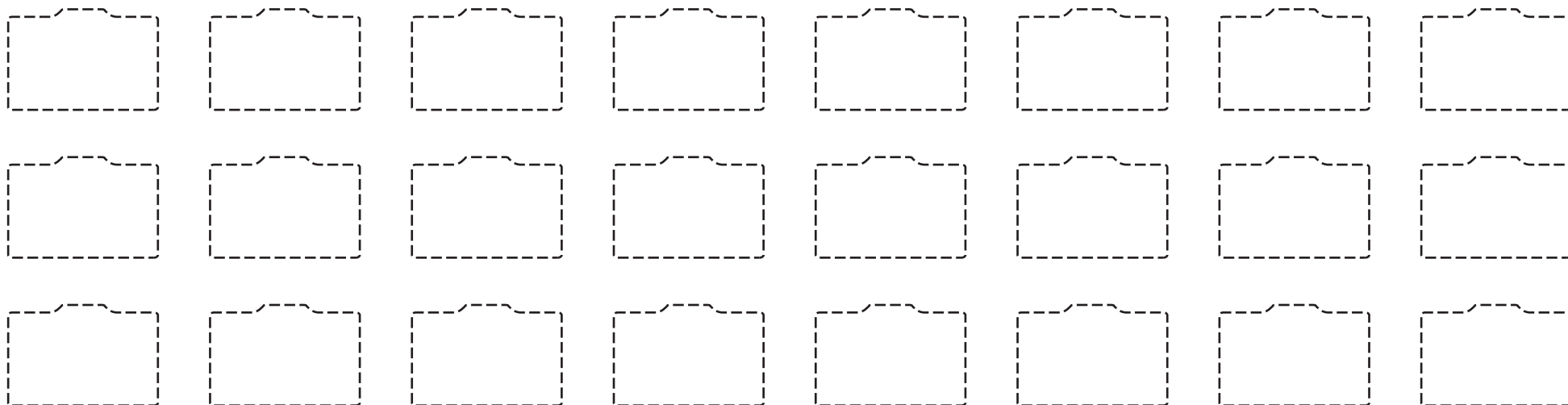
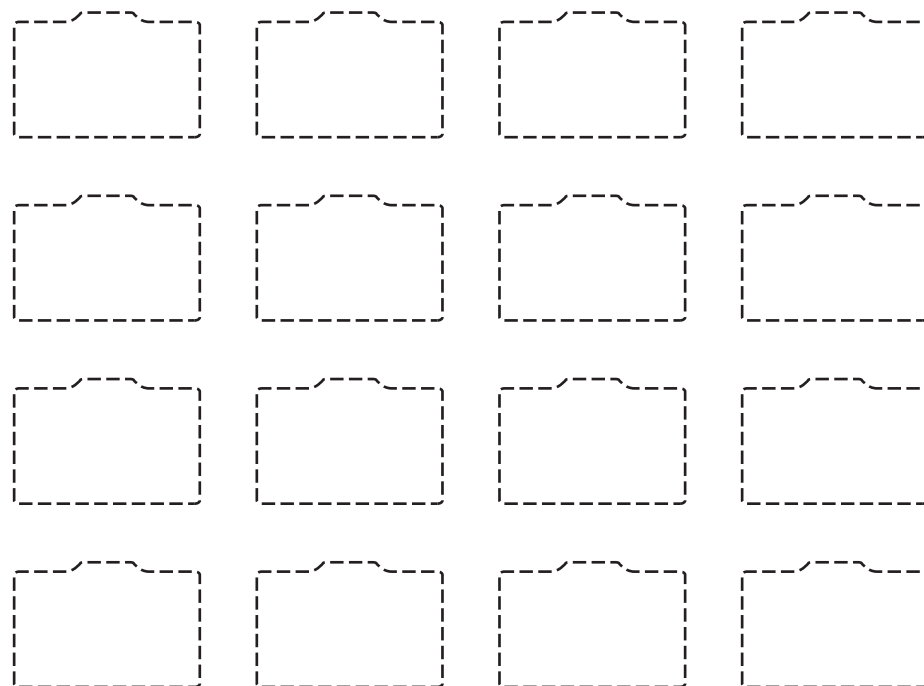
50 BOX TOPS = \$5 FOR YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL



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





STC CARES

CHEER EXHIBITION

Benefitting



December 6, 2018

7PM @ Wredling Middle School



ADMISSION IS FREE



Suggested donation \$2 per person

**Come support the Annual STC CARES event and
enjoy the cheer, dance and drill teams from**

