



Munhall Bulletin

November 30, 2018

Upcoming Events



Monday, December 3

Gr. 5 Choir

7:00 AM, Richmond Intermediate School

Tuesday, December 4

Beginner Orchestra Rehearsal

7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

Student Council Ringing Salvation Army Bell

4:00-6:00 PM, Jewel-Osco, 652 Kirk Road, St. Charles

Wednesday, December 5

Advanced Orchestra Rehearsal

7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

Thursday, December 6

Gr. 5 Band Rehearsal

7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

Monday, December 10

Gr. 5 Choir

7:00 AM, Richmond Intermediate School

CUSD303 Board of Education Meeting

7:00 PM, Administration Building

Tuesday, December 11

Beginner Orchestra Rehearsal

7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

Too Good For Drugs Graduation

2:00 PM, Munhall Community Room

Student Council Winter Party

3:00 PM, Munhall Community Room

Munhall PTO Meeting

7:00 PM, Munhall LRC

Wednesday, December 12

Advanced Orchestra Rehearsal

7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

Thursday, December 13

Gr. 5 Band Rehearsal

7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

Wednesday, December 19

Winter Band Concert

6:30 PM, Norris Cultural Arts Center

Friday, December 21

Winter Classroom Parties

2:00 PM

December 24 – January 4 Winter Break

Monday, January 7 School Resumes

From the Principal

Parent Satisfaction Survey Is Coming December 3

Every year, District 303 conducts a satisfaction survey that gives us meaningful feedback from our students, teachers and parents. For the last decade, we have administered a local survey that has provided us with comparable data.

This year, as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) we will now be participating in the statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school.

You will receive an email communication on December 3 with the link to the 5Essentials Survey. We appreciate your participation in this anonymous tool used to gather information about our schools.

Fostering Resilience

Over the years I have frequently communicated about grit and growth mindset. In a similar line of thinking, I have been learning a lot as of late about building resilience within ourselves and the students we serve. According to the American Psychological Association a combination of factors contributes to resilience. Many studies show that the primary factor in resilience is having caring and supportive relationships within and outside the family. Relationships that create love and trust, provide role models and offer encouragement and reassurance help bolster a person's resilience. According to Irene M. Green, MSE, ten ways to build resilience are:

- Make Connections
- Avoid seeing crises as insurmountable problems
- Accept that change is a part of living
- Move toward your goals
- Take decisive actions
- Look for opportunities for self-discovery
- Nurture a positive view of yourself
- Keep things in perspective
- Maintain a hopeful outlook
- Take care of yourself

Too Good for Drugs Graduation

Tuesday, December 11th will be our 5th grade Too Good for Drugs graduation. The event will begin at 2:00 and will take place in the Community Room. All visitors will need to sign in once they enter the main office.

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

- Ensure that your child exits curbside only—there are numerous cars/buses that use 13th Ave, making it unsafe to proceed any other way
- When entering the carpool lane, follow directions of staff members and 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.

Thank you and have a great weekend!

Jarrold Buxton, Principal

Lost and Found



Please encourage your child to check out the Lost and Found items outside the main office **before December 7**. All unclaimed items will be donated after this date.

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.

MUNHALL STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE



Student Council would like to thank everyone involved with the Pajama Spirit Day on November 16, 2018!! It was a huge success! Munhall clearly cares about veterans because we raised \$500. And even better, the Greer Foundation is matching donations to Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans so we really are contributing a whopping \$1000!!! This amount will be donated to MSHV to help our local Veterans! Again THANK YOU Munhall Community!



Munhall Student Council Bell Ringing Service Project for the Salvation Army

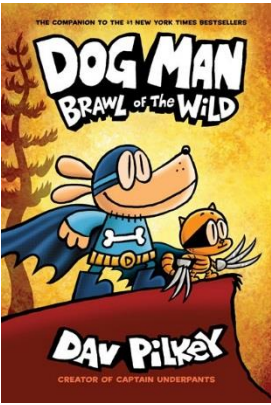
When: Tuesday December 4, 2018 4:00pm-6:00pm

Where: Jewel-Osco on Kirk Road in St. Charles

What: Ring the bells with Munhall Student Council members, Mrs. Brown & Miss O'Hara to raise money for the Salvation Army.

Other Details:

- Wear warm clothes, but you can show your holiday spirit too! Santa hats, elf ears, and antlers welcome!
- We will have some jingle bells available to ring or bring your own!
- Love to sing Christmas carols? Great! We are going to sing & have the lyrics!
- Moms, Dads, brothers, sisters, everyone is welcome to join in the fun too!
- Stay for a short time or the whole 2 hour slot. Do some shopping while your child rings and sings!
- Questions?? Please contact Miss O'Hara at nancy.o'hara@d303.org



Looking for the perfect gift?!?!?

Dog Man: Brawl of the Wild

By

Dav Pilkey

Only \$9.99 plus tax

Your school book fair benefits when you pre-order today, *Dog Man: Brawl of the Wild*. Place your order through Wednesday, December 19th & your book will be ready for pick up at one of the Anderson's bookshops (Naperville, Downers Grove, or LaGrange) on the day the book is released - December 24th! Please indicate which store location you would like for pick up!

Order your copy TODAY by following these instructions:

1. Go to www.abcfairs.com
 2. Click on **DOG MAN: Brawl of the Wild Pre-Order** tab
 - 3 Click **(add to cart)**
 4. Add any additional items!
 5. When you are done shopping, click on **(Checkout)**.
 6. To pick up your order on December 24th or during your winter break, please follow these steps:
 - A. Look for the section that reads **(Pick-Up Options)**; check the box in front of **(I would like to pick this order up at the store)**.
 - B. A new box will open that reads **(Select Location)**, please select which of three Anderson's Bookshop you would like to pick the book(s) up at. (The Warehouse will be closed on 12/24.)
- There is no charge if it is picked up at to one of our bookshops. There will be a delivery charge to deliver to your home after December 24th.
7. Complete the required fields on the Checkout page.
 8. In order to ensure your school earns profit, be sure to enter your **School Name** and **School City** in the delivery information section.
 9. Click on **(Review order)** to finish.

Thank you for your order!

Your school will earn 20% of your purchase!!!

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

One Book, One School

We launched our One Book, One School event 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



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!!!**

Capture Your Memories in This Year's **Munhall Elementary** Yearbook

5% OFF

purchase by
November 30



Purchase by November 30th to get 5% 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

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
Toys for Kids Hotline:
630-377-0016

www.satricity.org

1710 S. 7th Avenue
St. Charles, IL 60174

Phone: 630-377-2769



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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!





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**

