



Munhall Bulletin

February 15, 2019

Upcoming Events

Monday, February 18	Presidents' Day Holiday – No School
Tuesday, February 19	Wear Purple! Beginner Orchestra Rehearsal 7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room Student Council Meeting 3:00 PM, Munhall Room 104
Wednesday, February 20	Advanced Orchestra Rehearsal 7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room
Thursday, February 21	Gr. 5 Band Rehearsal 7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room
Friday, February 22	Gr. 5 Human Growth & Development Presentation Chess Club 3:15 PM, Munhall LRC Munhall Lip Sync 7:00 PM, Norris Cultural Arts Center
Monday, February 25	Gr. 5 Choir 7:00 AM, Richmond Elementary School
Tuesday, February 26	Beginner Orchestra Rehearsal 7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room
Wednesday, February 27	Advanced Orchestra Rehearsal 7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room
Thursday, February 28	End of 2nd Trimester Gr. 5 Band Rehearsal 7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room Gr. 1 Music Performance 6:30 PM, Munhall Gym Gr. 3 Music Performance 7:30 PM, Munhall Gym
Friday, March 1	Teacher Work Day – No School

D303 Fiddle Fest

7:00 PM, St. Charles North High School Gym

From the Principal

Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be a Problem Solver

Next week our students and staff will take the first step in rolling out a new positive incentive plan centering around our three core behaviors: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be a Problem Solver. On Tuesday, February 19th, all students will be introduced to a behavior matrix that defines what these three behaviors look like in our hallways, as well as during arrival and dismissal procedures. When staff members identify students, groups of students, or entire classrooms exhibiting these positive behaviors in the hallway, or during arrival/dismissal procedures, the staff member will hand out a “Mustang Horseshoe”. Students who collect a horseshoe for their expected behaviors will turn it in to their classroom teacher. Once our students have collected our initial goal (1,000 horseshoes), we will have a school-wide celebration. If a child receives a Mustang Horseshoe during the dismissal process, students are encouraged to bring it back to school the next day and submit to their classroom 10-Frame.

One Book, One School

Tonight will be our final event for our One Book, One School family reading initiative. This PTO event begins at 6:00 this evening. Attendees are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner for their family (This is not a potluck event, so families are responsible for their own food). Prior to eating, I will read the final two chapters of *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*. In addition, I will also conduct a drawing in which students can have me come to their home for a “Principal Read Aloud”. These visits occur after school hours, and winners are encouraged to invite their friends, family, etc. If you are interested, be sure to come to the One Book, One School family picnic, which begins at 6:00 tonight. Mades-Johnston Center, the building directly adjacent to Munhall, is also hosting a family event this evening, so please do not park in their lot. Parking may be more crowded than normal this evening, so I ask you to be a good neighbor and only park in the Munhall lot or within the appropriate street parking areas.

Chess Club

Munhall is starting a Chess Club, which will begin meeting next Friday, February 22nd in the LRC. Information regarding the Chess Club has gone out through the PTO website. The Chess Club will be run by Munhall parents, and Munhall staff will be on hand as well. For more information, please visit the PTO website.

Random Acts of Kindness Week

This week our school has recognized Random Acts of Kindness week, where simple acts to uplift each other's day are emphasized and encouraged. I have been extremely grateful, as numerous students have left kind notes in my mailbox throughout the week. I have also heard of many other acts that our parents, staff, and students have done for our greater Munhall community, and it has led to an awesome week!

Presidents' Day

We will have no school on Monday in observance of Presidents' Day. Enjoy the three-day weekend!

Jarrold Buxton, Principal

D303 Academically Talented Program

Dear Parents of Students in 3rd-5th grade:

In the winter of every school year, we start the process of determining the placement of students in our Academically Talented Math (AT) Program, Academically Talented Literacy (AT) Program, and Middle School Infinity Program for the following school year. The timeline for this school year is as follows:

- Parents will be notified the week of February 25 if their child qualifies for placement testing based on Performance Series and CogAT assessment data
- For students who qualify for placement testing, the tests will be administered the week of March 11
- Families will be notified of AT and Infinity placement decisions the week after spring break
- Families must submit appeals forms no later than April 19
- Appeals prompts and interviews will occur April 22-May 3
- Parents will receive appeals decisions the week of May 10

If you have any questions about the placement timeline or programming, please contact Dr. Cindy Ruesch, Director of Staff, Family and Student Services at cindy.ruesch@d303.org or 331-228-6738.

Middle School Transfer Requests

Families who wish to submit Middle School Transfer requests may do so beginning February 4. The request form will be available on the District 303 website starting February 4 through February 28. Families must complete a separate form for each student they want transferred. Requests are granted based on space available so siblings are not guaranteed placement.

Once the request is approved, a student may remain at that middle school throughout his or her middle school career, as long as the student resides in District 303.

Families of students granted permission to attend a school outside of their assigned attendance are responsible for their own transportation.

Students will return to their assigned attendance area high school regardless of the middle school attended.

From the Secretary

- ❖ THANK YOU to the PTO for the delicious and inviting Teacher Appreciation Luncheon! I would like to personally thank Thea Jankowski and Liz Foulkes for all their hard work to transform the Teacher's Lounge into something wonderful, and for preparing all the heart-shaped food for the staff.
- ❖ If your child will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2019, then it is time to register for Kindergarten. A birth certificate and two proofs of residency are required at the time of registration. Click [here](#) for a link to the required Kindergarten registration forms that need to be completed.
- ❖ Believe it or not, but we are already preparing for next year's registration. Please notify the office if you are moving or have moved. Two proofs of residency must be provided before we can update our records. It is imperative we have accurate addresses for our school mailings.

LRC News

Today is the final day of our One Book, One School initiative. We hope it has been a positive experience that you will continue, as you discover more amazing books to read with your children.

Don't forget to participate in tonight's final activities from 6-7 PM in the cafeteria and gym. Bring a picnic blanket and dinner and join us as Mr. Buxton reads the final chapters. Students will be able to nominate a new OBOS book for next year and participate in a few other fun activities.

Save the Date: Munhall's first ever Follett book fair is coming March 11-15! Stay tuned for more information.

FIDDLE FEST 2019



Calling all fiddlers and lovers of folk music! It's time for the 14th annual Fiddle Fest. All advanced orchestra students, elementary through high school and beyond, can participate! Parents, teachers, older siblings, grandparents and community members who play guitar, banjo, mandolin or a string instrument are welcome! We guarantee you will have a great time! If you are interested in playing and need music, please contact your child's orchestra director, or Mrs. Rita Borkowski. Rita.Borkowski@d303.org

Registration for performers is online. Click [Fiddle Fest 2019 Online Registration](#) to sign up. Deadline to register is Thurs. Feb 21st.

Fiddle Fest is Friday, March 1st. Performance is at 7:00 pm.

Place: North High School Gym 255 Redgate Rd, St. Charles, 60175

Dress Rehearsal: 5:00 – 6:00 pm All performers participating must attend!

Pizza Dinner: available for participants / volunteers for \$5.00 following rehearsal.

From the PTO

After School Enrichment

After School Enrichment concluded yesterday. A HUGE thank you to Amy Scialo and Sarah Schrandt for countless hours of work to make the 2 weeks a success. We also could not have done it without our wonderful volunteers: Michael Asimor, Sarah Barthel, Joyce Catozza, Sue DellaFranco, Amanda Eakins, Erika Englehart, Jennifer Gaertner, Amy Gooding, Jamie Hudock, Thea Jankowski, Mara Little, Alicia Malnati, Jill McTeague, Megan Neitzel, Jean Petricca, Steve Schrandt, Angelica Reyes, Nicla Stall, Lindsay Ward, Mrs. Jontz, Mrs. Hammons, Mr. Bearrick, Mrs. Mkrtshjan, Jaime Sjogren, Mr. Buxton, Clark Barthel, and to Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Townsend for helping us coordinate the kiddos.

Staff Appreciation

Thank you to Thea Jankowski and Liz Foulkes for planning an amazing luncheon for our staff. Thank you also to the volunteers that donated items: Sasha Bigda, Joyce Catozza, Stephanie Cirillo, Derrick Englehart, Erika Englehart, Carla Foreman, Greg Gaertner, Jennifer Gaertner, Amy Gooding, Bradley Gooding, Ronda Green, Megan Hatheway, Chrissy Hollmann, Stefanie Jahnke, Milupa King, Katie Likar, Shana Margewich, Megan Neitzel, Adam Newell, Jayna Newell, Heidi Nichols, Michelle Poelsterl, Amy Schmidt, Amy Schuiling, Lindsay Ward, Erica Warrington, Tracy Wilks, Julie Zimmermann, and Tom Zimmermann.

Lip Sync

The 21st Annual Lip Sync is Friday, February 22nd at the Norris Cultural Arts Center. Go to our PTO website at <https://munhallpto.membershiptoolkit.com/lipsync> to see all the details!

Tickets will be go on sale starting **Sunday, February 17th at 8 AM until Tuesday, February 19th at 8 PM** on a first-come-first-serve basis on the PTO website. There is a limit of 6 tickets per family at the cost of \$5 per ticket. Performers will have a designated seat for the performance at no charge. **Payment is due by Wednesday, February 20th or your tickets will be released.** Hope to see you there!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! If you are not running an act but would like to volunteer at this great event, please sign up for a shift here: <https://munhallpto.membershiptoolkit.com/volunteer/29259>. This wonderful night comes together with the help of amazing Munhall Mustang support. Thank you for considering it!

One School, One Book

Thank you so much for embarking on our first ever One School, One Book voyage. Edward's story certainly touched many hearts this month. Please thank our awesome Munhall Staff for a wonderful month of literacy. Special thanks go out to Christine Lumsden, Munhall Library, for all the extra hours she put in helping organize this event, Patti Townsend and Allyson Taylor for all their help and PTO staff members Julie Zimmerman, Alie Johnson, Sarah Barthel and Megan Neitzel for all their hard work in getting this off the ground.

We hope to see everyone tonight at the picnic! We will be accepting nominees for next year's book. If you cannot make it tonight, but would like to nominate a title, please e-mail us the title and author at MunhallReads@gmail.com.

Yearbook

Please submit your Valentine's classroom party photos and photos from any school activity to Munhallyearbook@gmail.com. Be sure to label your photo by event and/or grade.

Remember to order your 2018-2019 yearbook. Order information can be found on our PTO website and orders can only be taken through the TreeRing website. Email any questions you have to: Munhallyearbook@gmail.com.

We are looking for first day of school pictures of 5th graders to feature in the yearbook. See the attached flyer for more details.

Chess Club

Chess Club registrations are still being accepted. There is currently a wait list for 2nd and 5th grades. The Club begins February 22nd

Eat & Earn

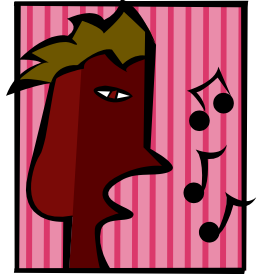
After a break for the holidays, we are again hosting a restaurant fundraiser. This month's will be at Nothing Bundt Cakes. See the attached flyer for details.

Next PTO Meeting

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 12th in the Munhall LRC at 7 PM.

The PTO is now offering FREE BABYSITTING during our PTO meetings. Pre-registration is **required** on the PTO website no later than the Friday at 6 PM before the meeting (3/8 for March).

Musical News



Munhall Elementary

January 25, 2019

February 28: One night, Two Performances 6:30 p.m.- 1st Grade, 7:30 p.m.- 3rd Grade

Hello Munhall families! I am very excited to share with you information about the upcoming 1st and 3rd grade music performances to be held at Munhall on Thursday, February 28, 2019. All 1st grade students will perform at 6:30 p.m. and all 3rd grade students will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Munhall gymnasium.

1st grade students

What to expect? All 1st grade students will be performing “February Festivities,” a collection of songs about February’s weather, holidays, and celebrations. 1st grade students are asked to meet in their classroom at 6:15 p.m. for attendance and to line up for the concert. The 1st grade performance will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be less than 30 minutes long. Immediately following the 1st grade performance, 1st graders and their families will be asked to exit the school and clear the parking lot for the 3rd grade families.

3rd grade students

What to expect? All 3rd grade students will prove that “3rd Grade Rocks”, as they sing songs relating to the rock cycle and help solve the mystery of missing geology professor, Professor Rock. All 3rd grade students are asked to meet in their classroom at 7:15 p.m. for attendance and to line up for the concert. 3rd grade families, please do not arrive too early, as the school gymnasium and parking lot will still be filled with 1st grade students and their families. The 3rd grade concert will begin at

What to Wear?

All 1st and 3rd grade students are being asked to dress up nicely for the performance.

Girls may wear dresses, skirts, or pants with a nice shirt. Boys may wear nice pants and a nice shirt.

The children will be working very hard in the coming weeks to learn the music and prepare for the concert and would love to have you present to watch them that evening. The performance is part of their participation grade for music. If you have any questions, you may contact me at erika.hammons@d303.org or leave a message at the Munhall School office at 331-228-2600.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday, February 28!

-Mrs. Hammons





It's Time to Get Your Tickets for the ***21st Annual Munhall PTO Lip Sync***



Friday, February 22nd, at 7:00 PM

Norris Cultural Arts Center

Reserve your tickets early. This event SELLS OUT!

\$5.00 per RESERVED, assigned seat

Performers: FREE

*Purchase up to 6 tickets per family. Any extra tickets will be sold at rehearsal on Wednesday, February 20th.

****Tickets sold ONLINE from Sunday, Feb 17@8am–Tuesday, Feb 19th@8pm****

Payment is due to school by Wednesday February 20th

- Seats will be assigned on a first come, first served basis in the order the ONLINE reservations are received.
- A ticket confirmation will be emailed by Thursday, February 21st.
- Payment is due by Wednesday, February 20th – Pay online or cash or check (made out to Munhall PTO) sent to school labeled with your student's name.
- Individual tickets will not be distributed – your confirmation email is your “ticket.” Print the confirmation email or pull it up on a mobile device at the door.
- Advance ticket sales end on Tuesday, February 19th. If the show does not sell out by then, tickets will be sold at rehearsal.
- All performers must sit in assigned seats with their group for the entire performance. Students in more than one act will be assigned to sit with one group.

Here is the link to reserve your tickets:

<https://munhallpto.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/64538>

Ticket questions? Contact MunhallLipSync@gmail.com

Attention 5th Graders

What: The yearbook committee wants pictures of you from your first day of Kindergarten or First Grade and your first day of Fifth Grade

Why: The 2018-2019 yearbook will feature a special “Time to Remember” section for all 5th graders

When: Please send in your photos by:
Friday, March 1st

Where: Email your pictures to:
Munhallyearbook@gmail.com

Please be sure to include your name and class.

Thank you!



Munhall Chess Club



Come join the NEW Munhall Chess Club! Chess is a great game that challenges the mind and helps people think logically. Plus you will make new friends!

Fridays after school in the LRC

Starts Feb 22!

You do not have to know how to play. We will teach you!
Boards and pieces will be provided for use.

Coaches

Clark Barthel – USCF rated Class B player, coach and tournament official
Ken Lewandowski – 30+ yrs high school coach and tournament director
Chad Siemens – Munhall parent, chess player, and instructor



Since this is the first year, there is a \$30 fee and a parent is expected to help as a volunteer for one week.

Sign up at the Munhall PTO website!





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