



# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



## Note from the Principal:

As we begin Quarter 3 and the second semester of school, it is amazing how fast the school year is flying. We look forward to you joining us for Family Fun Night on Thursday, February 23rd from 6-7:30 PM at Park Elementary. That evening will be filled with fun and activities for you and your child.

Progress is taking place at both Crestwood and Park as the additions have begun. Below you will see photos from the groundbreaking that took place on Wednesday, January 25th. We will continue to keep you updated on progress throughout the school year.

Please continue to dress your child in layers as this winter continues to be very interesting with temperatures. We want to take the students outside and we hope they are dressed accordingly.

Important information regarding kindergarten registration was sent home recently with your child. Please contact the Crestwood office if you have any questions 419/826-8991.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**2/10 LATE START**

**2/17 & 2/20 NO SCHOOL**

**2/22 SPRING PICS - PARK**

**2/23 SPRING PICS - CRESTWOOD**

**2/23 FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT PARK 6 - 7:30 PM**

**3/7 LATE START**

**3/24 QUARTER 3 ENDS**

### CONTACTS

Crestwood Phone Number: 419-826-8991

Park Phone Number: 419-826-3766

Bus Garage Phone Number: 419-826-8891

*Doors Open at 8:30 a.m.*

*School Starts at 8:45 a.m.*

*Dismissal starts at 3:10 p.m.*

**Door Buzzer:** All Swanton School Buildings have a door buzzer. Those wanting to enter the building should press the buzzer, wait for someone to answer and then state your name and reason for entrance.

**Visitors:** All visitors are required by law to stop in the office first. If you wish to take your child out of school, you must come to the office and sign him or her out. If someone other than the custodial parent is picking up your child, please notify the school in advance. Anyone wishing to go beyond the office will need to present a current background check card. These are good for one year from date of issue. You can obtain a background check card at the Board of Education.

*Handbook and Lunch Menus are available online at [www.swantonschools.org](http://www.swantonschools.org). Paper copies are available in the office if needed.*



**DRESS FOR THE WEATHER:** As the weather changes students need the proper clothing for outside recess times. Please make sure your child wears a coat, hat, and mittens or gloves during the winter months. The playground aides check weather conditions before students go outside for recess since the temperatures can change quickly from morning to afternoon. The wind chill, in addition to temperature is used to determine whether we have inside or outside recess. Our goal is always to have outside recess, but we know this is often impossible due to weather conditions.



## Literacy Night

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT:** Park and Crestwood Elementary Schools will be having Family Fun Night on Thursday, February 23. It will be held at Crestwood beginning at 6:00 p.m. The theme this year is Movie Night. The event is open to students in grades Pre-K through 5. More information will be coming home soon. We hope to see lots of you at this fun event!



Just a reminder: In order to ensure the safety of our students, the Swanton Local School District would like to remind all parents and guardians of our transportation guidelines. Specifically, students will not be permitted to ride unassigned buses for any reason other than an emergency. In such a case, your child's respective school office will REQUIRE a signed note from the parent/ guardian in order to accommodate the request. Phone calls will not be accepted as a means of changing transportation and

no changes in student dismissal routine will be accepted after 11:00am.

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: DECEMBER

During the Month of December our PBIS committee focused on teaching students Self-Control. The students of the month for Park were Matthew Chovan, Hannah Thebeau, and Anna Osentoski. All three students have demonstrated great self-control and are a pleasure to have in class. Great job and congratulations to our Park PAWS students of the month!!!



The Crestwood staff also spent the month of December focusing on Self-Control. The following students were chosen as the December Students of the Month: Landon Webb, Makai Brown, Lucy Weigel, Nathan Voelkel, Autumn Silcox, Samantha Brandt, Gavin Voight, Taylor Fagerman, Christopher Foster Jr., Alyssa Keith, Nathan Thebeau, Stella Tyburski, and Cale Miller. Congratulations and thanks for being such wonderful students!!!



## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: JANUARY

During the Month of January our PBIS committee returned to the concept of PRIDE. Through various lessons and activities they focused on instilling a sense of PRIDE in our students. The students of the month for Park were Keagan Young, Beau Kessler, and Payton DeTray. All three students have shown great PRIDE and are a pleasure to have in class. Great job and congratulations to our Park PAWS students of the month!!!



The Crestwood staff also spent the month of January teaching students PRIDE. The following students were chosen as the January Students of the Month: Sofia Aguirre, Lily Foster, Luke Mendenhall, Layla Carver, Dylan Purdy, Wyatt Rhodes, Cara Ludlow, Conner McLafferty, Lexie Yeager, Gabriel Aguirre, Audrey Masney, Garrett Secory and Joey Burke. Congratulations and thanks for being such wonderful students!!!



- \*Count to 100 by one and ten
- \*Compare two groups of objects (greater, less, equal)



We are looking forward to celebrating the 100th day of school as Super Hero's by wearing capes with 100 objects on them!



Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a restful winter break. Here is an overview of the major topics that will be or were covered in the months of January & February.

#### Reading

\*We will continue to focus on concepts of print during reading (follow words from left to right, top to bottom and return sweep). We will also focus on phonemic awareness (identify words beginning with the same sound, blending sounds together, identifying and making rhyming words).

\*Comprehension: Respond to questions using illustrations from the text, describe the roles of authors and illustrators and understand that illustrations/pictures support text.

#### Writing

\*Write sentences independently (using approximate spelling) describing activities. Add details to sentences to convey additional meaning. Express a thought using drawings and words with a beginning, middle and end. Spell sight words correctly.

\*Listening and Writing: We will continue to practice this assessment skill with the teacher dictating a sentence and the students independently writing the sentence. The focus is on matching sounds heard to letters written.

\* Names: Students should write their names with first letter capital and the rest lowercase.

#### Math

- \*Add and subtract numbers 1-10 fluently
- \*Addition and subtraction word problems

In first grade we were all glad to come back after winter break. We have been learning about arctic animals with a focus on penguins. We are also learning about the states of matter in science. We will be starting our unit on the President's. Each student will get to write an interesting fact report about one of our 45 presidents. In math, we are working on solving story problems. In reading we are working on making connections between ourselves and the characters in the story.



The second grade classes have been very busy! We have been learning about forces and motion in Science. Mrs. Podach, a wildlife specialist, came to teach us about Ohio wildlife adaptations. We are preparing to take the IOWA and CoGat tests. The students are being very accommodating to the construction noise and are looking forward to the new wing to be completed in the summer months. The

students are looking forward to celebrating the 100th day of school by dressing up as if they were 100 years old. This year has been filled with many amazing learning experiences, and second grade is looking forward to the remaining months.



All of the third grade classes have finished up the multiplication and division unit and are now working on fractions. Be sure to keep practicing the multiplication and division facts at home. Classes will be having a reward party soon for those students who completed the multiplication calendars at home.

A reminder that the third quarter book projects are due on **February 22**. These projects can be turned in anytime before that. Be sure to practice the presentation at home.

Many students have already turned in pledge forms for Hoops for Hearts and are very excited about this fundraising event!



Fourth graders has been very busy with special programs! Mrs. Podach from Fulton County Soil & Water visited and led a wildlife CSI program in January. Mrs. Hybart has started the Too Good For Drugs program in all of the fourth grade classrooms. She will lead 10 lessons about goal setting and dealing with peer pressure throughout the winter and into the spring. We also have the OSU Healthy Food Program for three visits coming this month and also will have the Dental Health Program from Dental Health Associates.

Congratulations to Jordan Bailey for being selected as the fourth grade spelling bee representative for Park and Drake Harris is the alternate!

The state AIR testing is quickly approaching. The fourth grade testing dates are as follows: English Language Arts on March 21 & 23, Mathematics on April 25 & 27, and Social Studies on May 2 & 4.



Have you been to the 5th Grade website? On our site you can find a homework calendar, a calendar for 5th grade (showing events happening in 5th grade, in Park School, & in the district), as well as information about each subject. Check us out at:

<https://sites.google.com/a/swantonschools.org/park-elementary-5th-grade/>

You can also access the website through the Swanton Local Schools website ([www.swantonschools.org](http://www.swantonschools.org)), just go to the Staff Directory and look for one of the 5th grade teachers' names. There is a link next to each of our names.

Papers go home on Pass Back Wednesday. Look for your child to bring home papers every Wednesday!

Congratulations to the following students for the following Quarter 2 awards:

**Purple List (students earned all A's in all subjects):**

Luke Arnold, Addy Eyre, Mika Levin & Sophia Stasiak-Irons

**White List (students earned all A's & B's in all subjects):**

Brady Arnold, Kirsten Bates, Mason Black, Alan Blair, Krystina Bryant, Emma Crow, Taylor Forrest, Dawson Garn, Mason Hutchinson, Phoenix Kazmierczak, Devin Nijakowski, Sydney Ruiz, Nataley Smith, Lila Walborn, Riley Wilson

**Perfect Attendance (students had no absences and no tardies):**

Faith Banks, Alan Blair, Jalen Carrizales, Isiah Dooley, Addy Eyre, Taylor Forrest, Jaiden Hardaway, Malysa Howard, Phoenix Kazmierczak, Beau Kesler, Tiffany Luo, Chase Miller, RJ Mulherin, Samantha

Nelson, Curtis Never, Rebecca Newman, Anna Osentoski, Drayton Rieger, Zac Robinson, Kyleigh Shinaver, Paige Shiple, Riley Wilson & Chris Zolciak

The fifth grade teachers are having a pancake breakfast for all students who are on the Purple List or White List for the 1st and/or 2nd quarter.

## *Nurse* *Notes*

\*We are in the middle of Cold and Flu season. It is important to stress getting enough rest, water, and eat healthy. If your child is ill, temp 100 or greater please Keep them HOME.

\*Remember good handwashing and personal hygiene are also important to keeping healthy.

\*Make sure your son or daughter is dressed appropriately for the weather.

\*Students are not allowed to bring prescription or over the counter medication to school, except cough drops.

\*If your family situation has changed since the beginning of school and you are in need of food assistance please request a food backpack for your student(s) from the BackPack Buddies weekend food program. This program services all 4 schools.

## Welcome to the School Counselor's Corner



### **School Counselors Celebrate During National School Counseling Week, Feb. 6–10, 2017**

National School Counseling Week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), will be celebrated from Feb. 6–10, 2017, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of professional school counselors within U.S. school systems and how students are different as a result of what school counselors do. National School Counseling Week highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success.

As part of its celebration for National School Counseling Week, Swanton Local Schools will be sharing daily morning announcements that will focus on empowering students to realize their full potential along with Photo Challenges

throughout the week that help celebrate and show appreciation for School Counselors.



In PE students are finishing their basketball unit, as they continue to improve on not only basketball skills, but their endurance, strength, and teamwork. This unit has tied in with the students raising money for Hoops for Heart, as they shot their 20 free throws for donations in class.



Kindergarten students have been working on long and short sounds. They have been moving to songs, and singing songs with long/short sounds. They also did an experiment to identify which of our classroom instruments make long and short sounds.

First grade students have been learning about the rest. They have been reading, composing and moving to the rest. They have also been learning about the job of a composer and a musician. This year they have also started to learn how to play a steady beat on the xylophone to accompany songs that we have been learning.

Second graders are getting ready for their 2nd grade program, which will be Thursday, April 6th at 6:30p.m. at the High School Auditorium. Students will be working on songs about all the fun and exciting things we can do on summer vacation! They will continue learning about other elements of music, such as composing, reading notation and singing!

Third grade students have been learning about the different instruments of the orchestra this year. They learned about strings (which they were able to actually hold and play the violin, cello and double bass), brass instruments (they were also allowed to see the trumpet, baritone and french horn up close) and they will be learning about the woodwinds soon. They also have been singing songs that have 16th notes.

Fourth grade students have been continuing working on the recorder. They have now learned 5 notes, C, A, D, G and now B. They have been learning how to play songs that they learned to sing back in 1st and 2nd grade on the recorder. They also have been working on having the xylophone accompany the recorders.

Fifth grade students are continuing to work on the recorder. They have now learned how to play 10 notes, and can play some challenging songs on the recorder. They will be learning about different musical

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careers, and composers shortly, as well as composing their own recorder song.