



# *Munhall Bulletin*

*March 1, 2018*

## *Important Dates*

**Friday, March 2**

**Teacher Work Day – NO SCHOOL**

**Fiddle Fest**

7:00 PM, St. Charles East High School

**Tuesday, March 6**

**Beginning Orchestra Rehearsal**

7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

**Student Council**

3:00 PM, Room 104

**Wednesday, March 7**

**Advanced Orchestra Rehearsal**

7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

**Thursday, March 8**

**Band Rehearsal**

7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

**Friday, March 9**

**Gr. Choir Practice**

7:25 AM, Fox Ridge School

**Sunday, March 11**

**Daylight Savings Time**

(Move clocks forward)

**Monday, March 12**

**CUSD303 Board of Education Meeting**

7:00 PM, St. Charles East High School

**Tuesday, March 13**

**Beginning Orchestra Rehearsal**

7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

**Wednesday, March 14**

**Report Cards on HAC**

**Advanced Orchestra Rehearsal**

7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

**Thursday, March 15**

**Band Rehearsal**

7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

**Friday, March 16**

**Gr. Choir Practice**

7:25 AM, Fox Ridge School

**March 26 – 30**

**Spring Break**

**Monday, April 2**

**School Resumes**



## *From the Secretary*

- ❖ If your child will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2018, then it is time to register for Kindergarten. Two proofs of residency and proof of child's age are required at the time of registration. Click [here](#) for a link to the required Kindergarten registration forms that need to be completed. You may print them out, and return them to the main office.
- ❖ 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.

## *Ben's 1st Annual Bowl-A-Thon supporting Ben Smiles Memorial Foundation*



Bring your family and enjoy a Sunday afternoon of bowling at *Ben's 1st Annual Bowl-A-Thon* at St Charles Bowl on March 11, from noon - 3pm.

There will be bowling, pizza bar, prizes, face painting for the kids (or adults!), raffles, bake sale and a silent auction. All proceeds will benefit the Ben Smiles Memorial Foundation, a local fund dedicated to purchasing switch-adapted toys, communication switches and other small devices for children with fine/gross motor deficits. Ben Smiles was formed in memory of Benjamin Gerlach, who was a preschooler at Norton Creek Elementary. Triplet brother of Colin & Ava Gerlach (now Kindergarteners at Munhall), Ben had cerebral palsy and epilepsy and used many of the devices/toys the Gerlachs are hoping to gift to kids like Ben. These items are expensive and many times not covered by insurance.

Bowl-A-Thon tickets are \$25 a person and include all the fun listed above, in addition to an official Bowl-A-Thon event t-shirt. Get your tickets here: <http://cffrv.gives/bowlathon>.

## *2018-2019 CUSD 303 Community Preschool Program Lottery*

For the 2018-2019 school year, District 303 will offer a five-day-a-week, half-day, morning or afternoon preschool program.

The program will be open to 3-5 year old children who reside within the D303 school boundaries and who are 3 years old by September 1, 2018. Children who are 5 years old by September 1, 2018 will not be eligible for enrollment.

The tuition cost for the program is \$285 per month. A \$100 annual non-refundable registration and materials fee will also be required.\*Tuition and registration and materials fee pending board approval.

The school board is currently reviewing a proposal from District Administration to close and repurpose an elementary school to an Early Childhood Center. A decision from the School Board to move forward will impact elementary school attendance boundaries and the locations for D303 Community Preschool. With a yes vote for an EC Center, Norton Creek preschool students would attend preschool at the Fox Ridge/EC Center location.

We anticipate the Board will be voting on the proposal at their March 12, 2018 regular meeting. For detailed information regarding the proposal and School Board discussion, please visit the District 303 website at [www.d303.org](http://www.d303.org)

## *Orchestra News*

### **Fiddle Fest 2018 is Friday, March 2**

Calling all fiddlers and lovers of folk music! It is time for the 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Rita.Borkowski@d303.org)

Registration for performers is available online this year. Click this link to sign up **Fiddle Fest 2018 Online Registration**. Please register no later than Thursday, Feb. 22 so we can adequately plan for this popular event!

## *From the PTO*

### **Munhall Elementary School's fundraiser for Cal's Angels – March 3**

Please see the attached information sheet, and click on this link [Munhall Elementary School's fundraiser for Cal's Angels](#) for the Munhall School fundraising website. Whitney Kannaka is our school contact. You may reach her at [whitkannaka@gmail.com](mailto:whitkannaka@gmail.com).

### **Yearbook News**

Group Photo Day is Friday, March 9th at 9am. Please come to school with your uniform vest, group t-shirt etc.

Below is a list of groups that were included in the yearbook last year. If your group is not listed but you would like to participate OR if your group is not able to participate on this date please contact a the front office or Barbara Lund of the Yearbook committee at [opiesgirl93@gmail.com](mailto:opiesgirl93@gmail.com).

We Need Your Photos! Please submit photos as soon as possible for the 2017-2018 Yearbook. We need photos of classroom parties, special events, assemblies and more. For more information, email Barbara Lund of the Yearbook Committee at [opiesgirl93@gmail.com](mailto:opiesgirl93@gmail.com)

### **Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser**

The PTO Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser is going on now through next Friday, March 9th. These pizza kits are fun for kids to make and great to have on hand for busy nights, playdates and sleepovers. Don't forget to ask your friends and family if they would like to purchase pizza kits, too! The PTO earns \$5 for every kit sold, and this money goes right back into our school for PTO-sponsored programs and events. The pizza kits will be available for pick-up from 3:00-4:00 on Wednesday, March 21st, just in time for Spring Break! Order forms were sent home with students last week. Additional order forms are located in the main office. Questions? Contact Erika Englehart, [djeeme@sbcglobal.net](mailto:djeeme@sbcglobal.net), [630-373-0763](tel:630-373-0763).

February 7, 2018



**Dear Munhall Parents and Students,**

In April, all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students, orchestra students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and band and orchestra students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be going on a field trip to hear a live performance by the Elgin Symphony. This educational and entertaining program gives students a glimpse into the sound world of a professional orchestra, and is an enjoyable and inspiring experience for all.

Parents of **Band or Orchestra students** are invited to come along as chaperones. We will take as many as we have room for. This is a very popular event and tickets have been reserved. Please return the permission slip below with payment **no later than Friday March 9<sup>th</sup>, so we can hold our place!**

**FIELD TRIP DATE: Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**TIME: Leave at 8:50 am from Munhall School  
Return to school by 11:15 am.**

**WHERE: Hemmens Cultural Arts Center in Elgin. Concert is at 9:45 am.**

**COST: \$10.00 per child. \$10.00 per chaperone to cover bus and concert ticket.**

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**MUNHALL ELGIN SYMPHONY FIELD TRIP PERMISSION SLIP**

Please return to Mrs. Borkowski, Mrs. Lydigsen or your classroom teacher no later than Friday March 9<sup>th</sup>!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Yes! I give my child permission to participate in the field trip to the Elgin Symphony on Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be leaving school around 8:50 am and returning by 11:15 am.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to Munhall School.**

\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is \$10.00 for the ESO field trip for my child.

\_\_\_\_ Yes. I would like to chaperone. Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is \$10.00 for a chaperone ticket. Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Chaperones: Email \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely,

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