



Munhall E-News

October 6, 2016

Important Dates

Friday, October 7

School Improvement Day – NO SCHOOL

Monday, October 10

Columbus Day Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday, October 11

Beginner Orchestra

7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

Kindergarten Field Trip

Norton Farm

Student Council Meeting

3:00-4:05 PM, Room 201

CUSD Board of Education Meeting

7:00 PM, Administration Building

Munhall PTO Meeting

7:00 PM, Munhall LRC

Wednesday, October 12

Gr. 5 Advanced Orchestra

7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

Thursday, October 13

Gr. 4 Advanced Orchestra

7:30 AM, Fox Ridge Elementary School

Band Rehearsal

7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

Friday, October 14

Gr. K-2 Fire Prevention Assembly

Tuesday, October 18

Beginner Orchestra

7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

Wednesday, October 19

Gr. 5 Advanced Orchestra

7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

Color Portraits Picture Retakes

Scoopie Night at *Culver's*

5:00-8:00 PM

Thursday, October 20

Gr. 4 Advanced Orchestra

7:30 AM, Fox Ridge Elementary School



Band Rehearsal

7:30 AM, Munhall Community Room

D303 Proposes Middle School Building Improvements

7:00 PM, Haines Middle School

From the Principal

Dear Munhall Parents,

D303 Proposes Middle School Building Improvements

District 303 Administration is proposing a plan to the Board of Education that will improve the District’s middle school facilities by upgrading Thompson and Wredling Middle Schools. If approved by the Board, the plan would modernize and expand Thompson and Wredling Middle Schools. When the improvements are completed in Fall 2019, District Administration estimates the closing of Haines Middle School will result in an operational savings of \$2.4 million per year.

The estimated cost of the middle school improvements is \$50 million and would be paid for through a combination of existing funds and the issue of bonds that do not require a referendum. Details of the District Administration plan will be presented to the public at the following meetings:

- Thursday, October 20 @ Haines Middle School 7 p.m.
- Monday, October 24 @ Wredling Middle School 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 25 @ Thompson Middle School 7 p.m.

The three meetings will contain the same content and can be attended by anyone in the community who wishes to attend at their convenience.

The Board of Education will consider the middle school plan at the following meetings:

- Tuesday, October 11 BOE Regular Meeting 7 p.m.
- Thursday, November 3 BOE Special Meeting TBA
- Monday, November 14 BOE Regular Meeting 7 p.m. at North H.S.

All meetings to be held in the Board Room of the District 303 Administration Building, 201 South 7th St., St. Charles IL 60174 unless otherwise noted.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Monday, November 21st from 8:00-8:00 and Tuesday, November 22nd from 8:00-12:00 will be Parent-Teacher conferences. Consistent with last year, parents can sign up for times through “Pick-A-Time”. In next week’s newsletter, user information will be shared, including step-by-step directions for signing up for conferences. Pick-A-Time doesn’t open until October 24th at 7:00 and closes at midnight on November 16th.

After School Supervision

There has been an increase in recent weeks of incidents taking place on the playground outside of school hours. The Munhall staff does not provide playground supervision after school. Therefore, for student safety purposes, students who do not have parent/guardian supervision

after school must proceed home and refrain from playing on the playground. If a parent/guardian is present, students and family members are welcome to stay. Thank you for your cooperation in reinforcing this expectation with your child.

Have a great weekend!

Jarrold Buxton, Principal

Pre-Arranged Absence Forms

Absences (other than sick days) during the school year are considered UNEXCUSED unless a pre-arranged absence form is completed. This form allows students to make-up homework missed during the absence. Forms must be received at least two school days prior to the absence. Prearranged (Excused) absences shall be limited to five per year.

Prearranged absence forms are available in the main lobby in the magazine rack and on the Munhall School website. Thank you for your cooperation.

From the Office



- Last week you should have received your child's school picture packages. Color Portraits will be here the morning of Wednesday, October 19th, for picture retakes. Please e-mail Mrs. Taylor at allyson.taylor@d303.org if you would like your child's photo retaken.



- THANK YOU Munhall PTO for the delicious luncheon that was provided on Thursday! It was such a nice treat, and very appreciated.
- As a reminder, the supervision of students begins at 8:25am. Please refrain from dropping off your student at school prior to 8:25am unless he/she has a scheduled commitment prior to 8:25am.
- If you have any questions about your child's Aramark lunch account, please call Aramark at (331) 228-5242.

Volunteers Needed

Book Fair – October 24 thru October 28

The Book Fair will run the week of October 24 and conclude with the Fall Celebration on October 28. This is a great opportunity to support the LRC through your patronage as the LRC earns money on your purchases that Mrs. Kaye and Ms. Lumsden use to purchase additional books for the LRC. Students will preview books with their classes on Monday, October 24 and Tuesday, October 25. Sales will begin on Wednesday, October 26. Grandparent's Day is Thursday, October 27, but anyone is able to make a purchase on this day. Please note, the LRC will not have copies of students' wish lists. Please bring in the wish list your child creates during the preview day and send a copy to Grandparents.

Book Fair Sales Hours:

Wednesday, October 26 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm

Thursday, October 27 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm

Friday, October 28 9am-12pm and 6:30pm-8:30pm (please note the special hours on Friday)

If you would like to volunteer, please click on the link:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044eaaa82baaf85-book1>

From the PTO

Munhall Spirit Wear

For those who have ordered Munhall Spirit Wear, items will be delivered to the classrooms sometime next week.

Munhall PTO Directory

Munhall PTO is excited to announce that our School Directory, using the Directory Spot app & website for the 2016-2017 year is NOW LIVE. You will now be able to access the Munhall directory right from your smartphone and it will always be updated with the latest information!

The app will contain parent names, home phone, home address, parent email addresses, parent cell phones, and student names, grade levels and teachers. The app is very secure and only parents and staff of Munhall School will be granted access. Each user will login with each email address on file and will set their password. As a first time user, download the DirectorySpot app, enter your email and click on "reset password". You will then receive an email to set your password.

CHECK YOUR INFORMATION

You do have the ability to update/change/edit your family contact info. This can only be done on the website. PLEASE check for accuracy for your information as soon as possible. You may need to add your child's teacher name if it is not listed. Email our PTO at stcmunhallpto@gmail.com if you need assistance with making changes.

This year, the PTO will periodically send reminder notifications about school info & events. Please make sure you have updated your app to the current version, login, and select "Allow DirectorySpot to send you notifications".

For iOS - Go to Settings > Notifications, scroll down to DirectorySpot, and make sure that Notifications are turned on.

For Android - Go to Settings > Apps, scroll down to DirectorySpot, and make sure that "Show notifications" is checked.

The app uses iPhone and Android technology, so you can call, text, or email other parents or teachers with one click, right from the app. Make sure to check out all the features, such as the auto dial when you click on a phone number, or the auto launching of maps when you click on an address. If you hold down the cell phone number, you will get an option to send a text or call the number (iPhone only). DirectorySpot will even create an email if you click on someone's email address.

If you would like more information on the security features, please click on this link:
<http://www.directoryspot.net/security.php>.

We hope you will love this Directory "On the Go." Wish you had a paper copy of the directory? Don't worry- you can have that, too. Log on to [directoryspot.net](http://www.directoryspot.net) and select download PDFs on the menu on the left or click on the download csv button above the directory and print it at home.

HOW TO BE ADDED TO THE DIRECTORY

Are you not in the directory and want to be? Send an email to the PTO at stcmunhallpto@gmail.com and you can be added.

If you have any questions, please contact stcmunhallpto@gmail.com or Gina Panek at gb823@comcast.net.

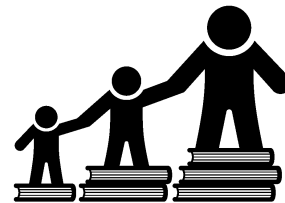
Scoopie Night - Wednesday, October 19th

Join the Munhall PTO for dinner at Culver's from 5pm until 8pm and Culver's will give us 10% of the sales. Be sure to bring your flyer or mention Munhall when ordering in order to have your sale count toward Munhall's total. Hope to see everyone there!

Munhall Elementary School

Community Unit School District 303

1400 13th Avenue
St. Charles, Illinois 60174
Phone: (331) 228-2600
Fax: (331) 228-2601



It's Recorder Time . . .

Dear Fourth Grade Parents,

All fourth grade students will begin learning how to play the soprano recorder, beginning in October, during music class. The recorder is an ancient woodwind instrument with a beautiful, delicate sound when played correctly.

Each 4th grade student will need:

- 1 – Soprano Recorder – preferred Item #: **YRS24B – Yamaha Recorder** (ordering information follows)
- 1 – Music folder and pencil (most students already have these in their classroom)

The discounted price to purchase a recorder is \$10.00 including delivery to school!

Students with older siblings may use their recorder, instead of purchasing a new one.

It is recommended that you order your child's recorder through Quinlan & Fabish Music Company. Recorders will then be delivered by the sales representative to Munhall. To order your child's recorder:

- 1. Please call 1-630-654-4111**, for the Burr Ridge location of Quinlan & Fabish, to pay by credit or debit card (store hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 am- 7:30 pm, Friday 8:00 am- 4:30 pm, and Saturday 9:00 am- 3:30 pm, closed on Sundays)
- 2. Please include your child's class section when placing your order** ("4C"- Carter, "4H"- Henning, or "4T"- Tieche)
- 3. Please instruct customer service to have Paul Ramsaier deliver the recorder to Munhall.** (Paul Ramsaier is the representative that services our District 303 schools.)

****Please place your order by Friday, October 7**, to ensure your child's recorder arrives in time for your child to begin playing with the rest of the class!**

Mrs. Hammons will then distribute the recorders during music class.

*****Please DO NOT send your child to school with a check! ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED VIA PHONE THROUGH QUINLAN & FABISH DIRECTLY!!!*****

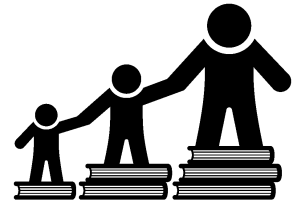
Students will have homework with this instrument. Written and playing assignments will be coming home weekly. Please encourage your child to practice. This may be the first step in developing a young musician!

I look forward working with your child!

Sincerely,
Erika Hammons- General Music Teacher, Munhall School
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Es la época de las flautas dulces (*recorders*). . .

Estimados padres de los estudiantes de cuarto grado,

A partir de octubre, todos los estudiantes de cuarto grado van a aprender a tocar la flauta dulce soprano en la clase de música. La flauta dulce es un antiguo instrumento de viento de madera con un sonido hermoso y delicado cuando se lo toca correctamente.

Cada estudiante de cuarto grado necesitará:

- 1 artículo número – **YRS24B** – **Yamaha Recorder** (la información para ordenar aparece a continuación)
- 1 carpeta de música y un lápiz (casi todos los estudiantes ya tienen esto en sus salones)

¡El precio con descuento para comprar la flauta es \$10.00 que incluye la entrega en la Escuela Munhall! Los estudiantes con hermanos mayores pueden usar sus flautas en vez de comprar una nueva.

Se recomienda que ordenen la flauta dulce de su hijo/a a través de Quinlan & Fabish Music Company. En ese caso un representante de ventas entregará las flautas a la escuela de su hijo/a. Para ordenar la flauta de su hijo/a:

- 1. Por favor llame al 1-630-654-4111**, que es la tienda de Quinlan & Fabish en Burr Ridge, para pagar con tarjeta de crédito o débito (el horario de apertura de la tienda es de lunes a jueves, 8:00 am a 7:30 pm, viernes de 8:00 am a 4:30 pm, y sábado de 9:00 am a 3:30 pm. Se cierra el domingo.)
- 2. Por favor incluya el grado y sección de su hijo/a cuando haga su pedido.** (“4C”- Carter, “4H”- Henning, or “4T”- Tieche)
- 3. Por favor pídale al departamento de servicio al cliente que Paul Ramsaier entregue la flauta a la Munhall.** (Paul Ramsaier es el representante que trabaja con las escuelas del Distrito 303.)

****Por favor ordene a más tardar el** viernes, de octubre 7, para asegurar que la flauta dulce llegue a tiempo para que su hijo/a puede empezar a tocar con toda la clase. La Sra. Hammons repartirá las flautas durante la clase de música.

*****Por favor NO mande un cheque a la escuela con su hijo/a. ¡¡¡TODOS LOS PEDIDOS TIENEN QUE HACERSE POR TELÉFONO A QUINLAN & FABISH DIRECTAMENTE!!!*****

Los estudiantes van a tener tarea con su instrumento. Cada semana llevarán a casa tareas de escribir y tocar. Por favor anime a su hijo/a a practicar. Quizás sea este el primer paso en el desarrollo de un joven músico.

¡Me dará gusto trabajar con su hijo/a!
Atentamente,
Erika Hammons - Maestra de Música
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Join us for
Culver's Night
Wednesday
October 19thth
from 5-8pm

Be sure to bring in your
flyer or mention Munhall
when ordering and we will
receive 10% of the sales
attributed to your order.