



Munhall News

December 9, 2016

Important Dates

- Friday, December 9** **Too Good For Drugs Graduation**
2:00 PM, Community Room
- Monday, December 12** **Beginner Orchestra**
7:30 AM, Community Room
- Board of Education Meeting**
7:00 PM, Administration Building
- Tuesday, December 13** **Gr. 4 & 5 Advanced Orchestra**
7:30 AM, Community Room
- Student Council Winter Party**
3:00 PM, Community Room
- Wednesday, December 14** **Holiday Band Concert**
7:00 PM, Munhall Gym
- Thursday, December 15** **Band Rehearsal**
7:30 AM, Community Room
- Friday, December 16** **Winter Celebration Parties**
1:45 PM
- December 17 – January 2** **Winter Break – NO School for Students**
- Sunday, January 1** **Happy New Year!**
- Tuesday, January 3** **School resumes**
- Beginner Orchestra**
7:30 AM, Community Room
- Wednesday, January 4** **Gr. 5 Advanced Orchestra**
7:30 AM, Community Room
- Thursday, January 5** **Gr. 4 Advanced Orchestra**
7:30 AM, Fox Ridge Elementary
- Band Rehearsal**
7:30 AM, Community Room
- Gr. 4 Willowbrook Nature Center Field Trip**



HAPPY NEW YEAR!
2017

From the Principal

Dear Munhall Parents,

D303 Parent Survey is Open

The 2016 St. Charles Community Unit School District 303 Parent Satisfaction Survey is live and accessible now through midnight on December 14th. Parents of all District 303 students are strongly encouraged to participate. Specifically, here at Munhall, I am eager to learn about your thoughts on the 2016-2017 school. I truly value all feedback our families provide, as it will affirm what we are doing well and give us insights into areas of greater discussion and focus.

This anonymous survey takes 10-15 minutes to complete and will be available at www.d303.org by selecting “Take the Elementary, Middle, or High School Survey!” beginning on Monday, December 5th. Parents should complete one survey for each of their children who attend a District 303 school. The survey is available in English and Spanish.

A direct link to the Elementary Survey is provided below:

[Elementary Parent Satisfaction Survey](#)

2nd and 3rd Grade Music Performance

All parents and grandparents who attended last evening’s music performance were treated to an extremely entertaining evening! I want to thank Mrs. Hammons for planning and coordinating the performance, our classroom teachers for their flexibility and support throughout the preparation phase, and our students for bring such a positive energy and commitment to their performance. From my vantage point it was easy to see that our students had a blast, while learning something about weather and rocks along the way.

In addition, I want to thank our parents for filling our gymnasium and having such a presence throughout the evening. It is always heartwarming to see the amount of students who feverishly search for their parents and soon as they hit the stage, and when they finally lock eyes, an enormous smile engulfs their faces. The support from our parent community is felt throughout our building and it certainly doesn’t go unnoticed by our students.

Preparing for Winter Weather

Based on yesterday’s temperatures, I think we can confirm that winter weather is arriving. We did choose to keep students indoors for recess yesterday as a result of wind chill or “Real Feel” temperatures being at zero or below. With that said, if wind chill temperatures are above zero, we will typically send our students out for recess. Please be sure to send your child to school with proper winter attire.

Jim Wheeler Toys for Kids Program

Just outside the main office visitors will find a display that features Jim Wheeler’s Toys for Kids program. If you’d like to participate, please bring an unwrapped toy by the end of the day today. Thank you to the numerous Munhall families who have already donated so generously.

Attendance and Tardies

CUSD 303 believes that regular attendance at school results in greater academic success. To meet our mutual goal for student success, we participate in a partnership and shared expectation among school, parent and student that students will be present and on time throughout each day school is in session. Please consider the following:

Excused Absence--An excused absence in one that is excused by a parent for a valid reason. The following are examples of school-recognized valid reasons to excuse a student:

- Illness
- Medical or Dental Appointment
- Extraordinary Emergencies
- Death in Immediate Family
- Observance of a Religious Holiday

A physician's note may be required to excuse a student and/or for admission to school at any time the administration deems it necessary. Failure to comply with such a request will result in an "unexcused" absence.

In addition, students who are not in the building when the 8:40am bell rings is considered and marked tardy. Having your child to school on time truly sets their day up for success. I appreciate your partnership to ensure maximum attendance for our Munhall students.

Jarrold Buxton, Principal

From the Office

- Remember to send a written note to school in the morning with any change to dismissal for your child. Please refrain from last minute changes to your child's regular dismissal procedures (except in emergencies). The office can be extremely busy, and voicemail messages left may not be heard before dismissal. Teachers may not have time to check their emails during the school day.
- Adult black glasses were found at Munhall School. They are in the main office.

Student Council

Bell Ringing Service Project for the Salvation Army

When: Saturday December 10, 10:00am-11:00am

Where: Charlestown Mall-Von Maur mall entrance

What: Come do your Christmas shopping at the mall or just come out to support the Munhall Student Council in action as they ring bells to raise money for the Salvation Army. If your family would like to sign up for a shift in the Tri-Cities area please visit the website at registertoring.com.



Giving Tree

Just a reminder...if you took a star tag from the Giving Tree, please bring your wrapped gift(s) back to the main office before **December 12th** with the star attached to the gift.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Schrandt at (630)549-0787. Thank you for your continued support of this program and have a happy holiday season!



Prearranged Absences

Absences (**other than doctor appointments and 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 PTO

Munhall After School Enrichment 2017

The PTO sponsored After School Enrichment program will be held from January 30 - February 10, 2017. Registration will open the week of January 9.

We will be using Community Pass again this year for registration (www.communitypass.net). You will be responsible for registering each eligible child, selecting classes, and paying online via credit card or by check. You will have an opportunity to preview classes a few days before registration opens.

We will have more specific instructions once the kids return to school on January 2.

Please contact Amy Scialo (scialo@sbcglobal.net) or Sarah Schrandt (sarahschrandt@yahoo.com) with any questions.

Yearbook Committee needs your help!

Do you have great photos from class parties, the Fall Celebration, Science Night or field trips? We would love to see them. We have several options for submitting photos for the yearbook. Photos may be emailed directly to a committee member, delivered to the school main office on a flash drive, or shared via DropBox.

IMPORTANT: When submitting photos please make sure to change the photo's file name to include the grade and teacher of each photo, especially if you are hoping the photo will be used for the collage pages for that grade. If the picture is from a special school event, please change the file name accordingly. We do not need the name of students in the photo.

Please email questions and/or photos to barbaralund93@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for your help

Yearbook Orders

Did you know two free personal pages come with each yearbook order? See the attached flyer for more information on ordering a yearbook today and customizing your student's yearbook. Or you can visit [TreeRing Yearbooks](http://TreeRingYearbooks) for more information.

Buffalo Wild Wings Home Team Advantage

Munhall is participating in the Buffalo Wild Wings Home Team Advantage Program now through June 4, 2017. Each time you go to Buffalo Wild Wings in the Geneva Commons, tell them you are with Team G or show them the TEAMMATE CARD (attached to this bulletin) , and they will donate 10% of your sales to the Munhall PTO. Let's show our team spirit and eat to earn!

Create Your Free Personalized Yearbook Pages For Munhall Elementary

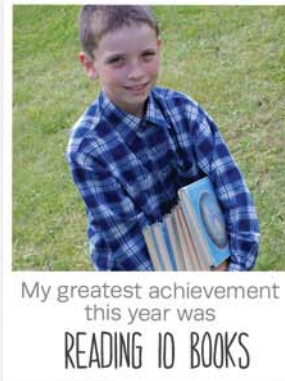
1 Add Photos

Add your favorite photos of your child from your phone, computer or Facebook account, and have them printed in your copy of the yearbook.



2 Add Memories

Answer questions with your child about their year and capture their very best moments. You can even include a photo with all of their memories.



3 Send Bling

Send Bling to your child's friends. Clever, full-color badges that contain expressions of friendship and humor.



4 Sign Books

Make your child's friends smile by sending digital signatures that include a personal photograph.



5 Personalize Your Yearbook

Add all of their memories to two free personal pages that will be printed in your family's unique copy of the yearbook. Need more room for all those memories? You can add more pages!

To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook*:

*Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

Yearbook Price: **\$18.50**

1 Go to www.TreeRing.com/validate

2 Enter your school's passcode:
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