



## *Munhall News*

*May 19, 2017*

### *Important Dates*

**Monday, May 22**

**Gr. 2 Butterfly Field Trip**  
Peck Farm Park

**Gr. 1 Field Trip**  
Leroy Oaks

**PTO Chess Club**  
3:00-4:05 PM, Community Room



**Tuesday, May 23**

**Matthies' Field Trip**  
Peck Farm

**KDG Field Trip**  
Primrose Farm

**Band Instrument Rental Night**  
5:00-7:00 PM, Munhall Gym

**Friday, May 26**

**Mills' Field Trip**  
Pottawatomie Park

**Monday, May 29**

**Memorial Day Holiday – School Closed**

**Tuesday, May 30**

**Advanced Orchestra Recital**  
6:30 PM, Community Room



**Wednesday, May 31**

**Mills' Field Trip**  
Cosley Zoo

**Gr. 4-5 Author Visit**  
Chris Grabenstein

**Friday, June 2**

**Field Day**

**Monday, June 5**

**Kindergarten End-of-Year Party**  
1:45 PM

**Tuesday, June 6**

**Last Day of School!**

**Report Cards on Home Access Center**

## *From the Principal*

Dear Munhall Parents,

### **Kindergarten Kickoff**

Tuesday was an exciting day for our staff, as we had the opportunity to meet all of our future Munhall Mustangs. I saw many familiar faces along with several new families. The future Kindergarten students were eager to meet teachers and participate in activities in the kindergarten classrooms. For those in attendance, if you have any lingering questions, please feel free to contact me at [Jarrod.Buxton@d303.org](mailto:Jarrod.Buxton@d303.org). Questions regarding registration, school supplies, electronic offerings, etc. can be directed to Patti Townsend at [Patricia.Townsend@d303.org](mailto:Patricia.Townsend@d303.org) or Allyson Taylor at [Allyson.Taylor@d303.org](mailto:Allyson.Taylor@d303.org).

### **Returning Books to the LRC**

Please return all books checked out from the Munhall LRC by Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance, as this will allow us to keep our inventory current and ready for our students next fall.

### **Munhall Field Day**

On Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> we have scheduled an awesome day of fun and celebration! All students will be participating in a Field Day event as a way to bring our school year to close. We have had numerous parents volunteer to assist with stations, which will allow us to have a successful day.

### **Grades 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Author's Visit**

On May 31<sup>st</sup> our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will have the opportunity to participate in an author's visit from renowned children's author, Chris Grabenstein. Mr. Grabenstein is well known for his Mr. Lemoncello series, which has spent time on the New York Times bestselling list.

Have a great weekend!

Jarrod Buxton, Principal

## *From the Office*



- ❖ Lost and Found items will be on display near the main entrance next week. Please check it out! All items left behind will be donated.
- ❖ Take advantage of the Early Bird Discount, and pay your registration fee ON or BEFORE May 20<sup>th</sup>! District 303 encourages you to pay your registration fees online using PushCoin. Payments by check/cash should be mailed/delivered to the Administration Building at 201 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Charles, IL 60174.
- ❖ If you haven't already done so, print and submit the [Annual Student Registration Forms](#) to the main office for next school year. The [Health Survey](#) is only required for New, Kindergarten, and Third Grade students.

## *From the School Nurse*

According to the Regional Office of Education (ROE), all unused medication must be disposed of at the close of the school year. **Please have a parent or responsible adult stop by the Nurses' Office on or before the last day of school to pick up any medication(s). The last day to pick up medication is Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.** Office hours are from 8:25am to 3:10pm. Any remaining medications, including inhalers, auto-injectors, Glucagon, and insulin will be discarded at the end of the day.

## Field Day

Munhall First Annual Field Day will be held on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017! Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes will participate in an ALL Day long Field Day. Each grade level will still have their normal scheduled lunch time. If the weather doesn't cooperate, our Field Day will be CANCELLED and unfortunately field day will NOT be reschedule. Let's hope for great weather!!



To ensure the success of Field Day we rely on the outstanding support from our parent/guardian volunteers. This year we will be utilizing the website VolunteerSpot to organize our volunteers. Please note that our volunteer opportunities are limited and are on a first come basis. **The activities on VolunteerSpot are listed by grade levels and time. For the purpose of this sign-up, grade 0 represents Kindergarten.**

Since Field Day is a special day for Munhall students, please make childcare arrangements for younger siblings.

### **If you would like to volunteer, here's how it works in 3 easy steps:**

1. Use this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot:  
<http://signup.com/go/xZJZDOI>
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!  
\*\*Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. \*\*
4. The sign-up has same stations but list for either an AM and PM sign-up slot.  
If you're available to do both AM and PM, make sure to register for BOTH time slots.

Thank you,  
Ms. Kathryn Ryan, [Kathryn.Ryan@d303.org](mailto:Kathryn.Ryan@d303.org)

## From the PTO

We would like to thank all of our Volunteers and participants in our PTO sponsored activities this year. Hopefully you had as much fun as we did! This school year has gone by so fast and our calendar was filled with many successful events! Our big PTO events have all been checked off the calendar, except for the Grand Finale, the Year Book (Thank you Barb Lund and Team!!), and at our last meeting, we just started to peek into our next year.

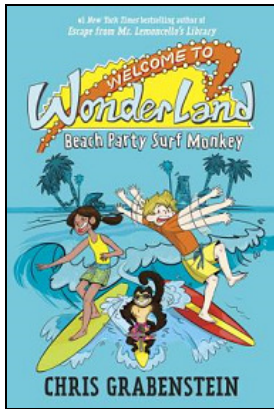
There are two subtle changes we are looking to initiate. One, some community members have already discovered, is our \$15 PTO Dues Contribution. Please know that we are not in any financial pinch at all, and are just looking to ensure that our funds in the future are fully capable to facilitate all of the activities that we already enjoy, and we are the LAST elementary school in the district to implement this process. This process is completely voluntary! To make this contribution, please visit the [PushCoin link here](#) through the District website and choose the link below your child's picture for **PushCoin**. This will allow you to navigate to the Munhall PTO contribution option. If you want to contribute, and find the navigation too arduous, you can write a check for \$15 payable to **Munhall PTO** and send it to the school office. Thank you in advance for your contributions!

**Chris Grabenstein**



Munhall Elementary is delighted to welcome Chris Grabenstein, award-winning author of the best-selling Mr. Lemoncello's Library series, on Wednesday, May 31st. Mr. Grabenstein will talk with students about his career and his new illustrated series Welcome to Wonderland.

To purchase a *personalized* autographed book, please return this form along with cash or a check (payable to Munhall Elementary) by Wednesday, May 31st. If you miss that date, there will be a limited supply of autographed books available for purchase through Friday, June 2nd on a first-come, first-served basis.



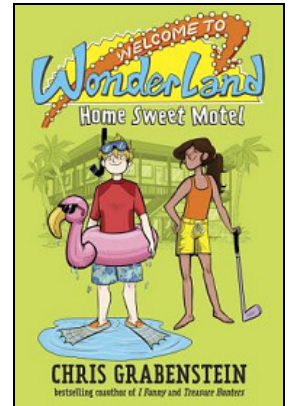
**Welcome to Wonderland #2: Beach Party Surf Monkey**  
New -5/23/17 - Hardcover \$13.99

There's always something wacky happening when you live in a motel, and P.T. (named after P. T. Barnum, of course) has grown up at the world's wackiest. When word gets out that the hottest teen idols in Hollywood (plus current YouTube sensation Kevin the Monkey) will be filming their next movie--*Beach Party Surf Monkey*--right in St. Pete's Beach, Florida, P.T. and his friend Gloria know that the Wonderland would be the *perfect* location. Now they just have to convince the producers. But when things start to go wrong (crazed fans? missing stars?), it will take all of Gloria's business genius and P.T.'s wild stories to save the movie before both it *and* the Wonderland are all washed up.

**Welcome to Wonderland #1: Home Sweet Motel**  
Hardcover \$13.99

Eleven-year-old P. T. Wilkie may be the greatest storyteller alive. But he knows one thing for a fact: the Wonderland Motel is the best place a kid could ever live All-you-can-eat poolside ice cream A snack machine in the living room A frog slide A giant rampaging alligator (Okay, that last one may or may not be made up.) There's only one thing the Wonderland doesn't have, though--customers. And if the Wonderland doesn't get them soon, P.T. and his friend Gloria may have to say goodbye to their beloved motel forever.

They need to think BIG. They need to think BOLD. They need an OUTRAGEOUS plan. Luckily for them, Gloria is a business GENIUS, and OUTRAGEOUS is practically P.T.'s middle name. With Gloria's smarts and P.T.'s world-famous stories and schemes, there's got to be a way to save the Wonderland!



Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Cash \_\_\_ or Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Name for personalization \_\_\_\_\_