

OCTOBER 18, 2019

MT. PLEASANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you for getting your child(ren) to school on time! It is so important!!!



MPE staff and students had a wonderful time during the Fall Walk-a-Thon on Friday, October 11. All donations will go to *Livingston Neighbors Helping Neighbors*.

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/23 - Stuff the Bus stopping at MPE (see email for details)

10/24 - Chalk Talk with Mrs. Kelner

10/25 - Pajama Day/Halloween Boutique

10/28-10/31 - Red Ribbon Week

10/31 - Halloween Parade - 1:30 p.m. (see email with details)

11/4 - BNL Picture Retake Day

11/4, 11/5, 11/6 - 12:15 dismissal - Parent Teacher Conferences

11/4, 11/5, 11/6 - Half-Day Activities - PTA - 12:15 - 1:30 p.m.

11/7, 11/8 - Schools closed for Teacher's Convention

Stuff the Bus



Stuff the Bus is stopping by MPE on Wednesday, October 23rd. Please send in healthy non-perishables such as oatmeal, shampoo, conditioner, peanut butter, canned tuna/chicken, rice, beans, canned fruit, mac and cheese, etc.



Red Ribbon Week

MPE will be participating in Red Ribbon Week, beginning on Monday October 28, to raise awareness for living a drug-free and healthy lifestyle. See below for Theme Days:

Monday, October 28 - "Peace Out to Drugs" - Wear neon, tie-dye and/or peace sign apparel

Tuesday, October 29 - "Team Up Against Drugs" - Wear your favorite sports team or school spirit apparel

Wednesday, October 30 - "Show You Are Red-dy To Take a Stand Against Drugs" - Wear Red

Thursday, October 31 - "Say Boo to Drugs" - Dress up in your favorite costume



Kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade students were treated to a visit from the Livingston Fire Department on Wednesday, October 2nd. They learned about Fire Prevention and Safety. Thank you to the fire fighters for this very important lesson.

IN THE CLASSROOMS...

Kindergarten

This week, kindergarten began to explore apples. We read both fiction and non-fiction books, featuring apples. Fiction books are stories that are created from someone's imagination, while non-fiction books are books that teach us about something. Ask your child which kind of books they prefer! Next week, we will make a surprise using apples. Kindergarteners also learned how to use a word bank in Interactive Writing, choosing a sight word to best fit into a sentence. During Writing Workshop, writers completed family stories and shared them with classmates. In Math, we moved from counting on a five frame, to a tens frame. Learning how to use these new counting tools keeps us accountable, and makes us very accurate counters. It also helps us to picture "6" as "5+1" or "7" as "5+2".

First Grade

First grade students continued to use decoding strategies to read independently. We learned that if we come to a word that is challenging we can tap out the word on our arms and listen for the sounds as they say each word. During math, students started Chapter 2 Addition and Subtraction within 10. We learned how number bonds and a math balance can help us explore the part-whole concept.

Second Grade

This week second graders continued learning all about maps in social studies! They learned the directions of the compass rose, along with how symbols are represented on a key. In math, students learned more strategies to solve subtraction problems. They used what they know about addition facts to help them with subtraction facts, as well as patterns to notice when subtracting 1, 0, 9, or 10. In reading, students continued focusing on how characters act and feel throughout stories, and what factors can cause change within characters. Using evidence from the text, students were able to stop and notice characters' feelings and traits.

Third Grade

In third grade science, students have been learning about sedimentary rocks, which form from weathering and erosion of our earth, sometimes containing fossils. In math, they practiced 3- and 4-digit addition with regrouping, focusing on the importance of place value in the process. In writing they began a second personal narrative, practicing all of the writing skills and strategies learned in the last month, and they will soon choose which draft to publish.

Fourth Grade

This week fourth graders started their traditional literature unit by exploring Greek myths. In writing, students are adding sensory details and dialogue to their realistic fiction stories. In math, our learners worked on 4-digit subtraction with regrouping. In science, students explored plant and animal cells and the important parts for fourth grade scientists: the nucleus, cytoplasm, cell membrane, cell wall, chloroplast, vacuole and mitochondria. In social studies, students continue to learn about the 13 colonies and colonial jobs.

Fifth Grade

Another fun week of science was had by all in fifth grade! Our scientists worked in pairs to see if a paper airplane would fly further with or without a paperclip attached to its nose. Distances were measured in meters and students learned how to calculate averages! Check in with your child to see if they enjoyed their flights!

Art

This week in the art room, kindergarten through fourth grade classes explored all things fall! We discussed why our leaves change into beautiful warm colors like red, yellow, and orange. Many classes began their second big art project of the year, while fifth grade finished up their beautiful whimsical landscapes inspired by contemporary artist Justin Vining. Keep an eye out in the hallway for some new artwork coming soon, including some insects by the third grade who discussed patterns and symmetry while creating their creepy crawly creatures!

A Friendly Reminder from the School Nurse, Mrs. Cullen...

- Students must be fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medications) prior to returning to school. A temperature of 100.4 or greater is considered a fever.
- Students cannot return to school for 24 hours after any episode of vomiting or diarrhea.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Enjoy the weekend!



Additional Photos From the Walk-A-Thon....



