

MT. PLEASANT ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL NEWS

MPE to Celebrate Red Ribbon Week

October 28 - 31



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

Friday, 11.1 - "Team Up Against Drugs #2" - Wear your school colors and show your MPE pride against drugs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/28-10/31 - Red Ribbon Week

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

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

11/4, 11/5, 11/6 - $\frac{1}{2}$ Day Activities - PTA - 12:15 - 1:30 p.m.

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

11/12 - 3rd grade field trip to Sterling Hill Mine

Earth Balloon Assembly - grades 4 and 5

11/15 - Pajama Day!

11/19 - 11/21 - Book Fair

11/19 - Author Visit - all grades

Book Fair Evening Event - "Book Blast"- 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

11/20 - Book Fair Evening Event - "Milk and Bookies"- 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

11/21 - Book Fair "Books and Bagels" - 7:30 - 8:00 a.m.

11/26 - BNL Picture Retakes *This is a date change

MPE Practices Kindness ❤️

This week MPE students participated in a number of activities to show kindness. Students donated food to CHOW, Livingston's local food pantry. Student council helped load the bus with the school's donations and we almost filled the bus! Thank you to all those who donated!

Students participated in their first "Chalk Talk"! Throughout the week, All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold and Suzanne Kaufman was read to MPE students. This book focuses on acceptance, kindness, respect, and differences among us here at school. Students then shared the theme of the book, kind words, ideas of how to help others, and what makes them different by drawing or writing their thoughts out on the back blacktop. It was fun and we learned a lot by reading each other's comments!

A Livingston Community Police Officer came to speak with our 4th and 5th graders this week in honor of School Violence Awareness Week. Students learned about school safety, internet safety, and bullying. Thank you to Officer Klapal for visiting MPE!



Stuffing the Bus



IN THE CLASSROOMS...

Kindergarten

Apples, Apples, Everywhere! This week the kindergarten children were very busy learning all about apples. Our poems, nonfiction books and read-alouds all centered around apples. We also learned about the life cycle of an apple tree. In Math, we did a taste testing activity and created a graph showing our favorite apples. We ended our apple unit by making homemade applesauce and enjoying it for snack! During shared reading, students started reading nursery rhymes. The children were very excited when they spotted a sight word in their poems. In Writing Workshop, the children have been exploring the colors around them. They are writing color stories and making sure that their pictures are matching their text.

First Grade

This week the first grade learned all about science tools! We learned about telescopes, microscopes, magnifying glasses and more! Students were able to explore how and when to use these tools to observe all different objects around us. Then we put our engineering skills to the test during a STEM design activity! In math, we learned about counting on! Students worked with partners to create number stories and turn them into addition sentences!

Second Grade

This week in 2nd grade, students are finishing up their narrative writing pieces. They have chosen a final piece to revise and publish and are currently working on their final drafts. In math, we are continuing our subtraction strategies with numbers 1-20. The strategies we practiced this week are "10 between" and "renaming numbers". In reading, students are continuing to advance their reading goals and reflect on their goals from the previous week. In addition, we are learning about characters by comparing and contrasting characters in a novel, thinking about lessons that the characters are learning, and paying attention to what the author is trying to teach us about a character. We are also continuing to practice our "stop and jots"! In social studies we are learning map skills. Specifically, we are studying the differences between maps and globes as well as how to use coordinate map grids. We also finished our last vowel in our word study and will be moving on to spelling words in the coming weeks!

Third Grade

This week in 3rd grade we have been reviewing strategies learned in our addition unit to get us ready for our assessment on Friday! In reading, we are continuing to study how our character actions affect the stories we read. In social studies, we are learning about the 7 continents and 5 oceans and where each is located on a map. Students have been taught songs to help them remember the continents and oceans. Ask them to share their tune with you! In science, we are busy learning all about fossils (the remains of living things that died a long time ago). Permission slips for our field trip are due Monday Nov. 4th and pumpkins were due today.

Fourth Grade

The fourth graders have been working on strategies to help them solve word problems this week. We learned how to use the 4 step method to help us work through a math word problem. In science, we are loving our cells! We created wanted posters for missing organelles as well as began to think about and plan our cell project. In social studies, we are learning all about Colonial Life. We are going to compare the life of colonial children to our own lives. We are working towards figuring out what caused the colonists to get angry enough to start the American Revolution! In reading and writing we are immersed in realistic fiction! We are studying the elements of fiction stories by reading different types of fiction. We are focusing on inferring theme in our strategy work. In writing, our realistic fiction drafts are coming along! We have learned how to peer conference and are also working on putting "said to bed!" We can't wait to share our stories!

Fifth Grade

Fifth grade Reading Workshop students have begun to use the literary Signposts in order to deepen their ability to read closely and raise the level of their thinking about what they're reading. In Writing Workshop, fifth graders are working to revise and edit their narrative pieces for publication.

Music

In General Music, students have been exploring the exciting world of sound through singing, group movement exercises, playing instruments, and ear training. We have been using the online resource, "The Rhythm Trainer," to practice hearing and identifying different rhythms including quarter notes, eighth notes, sixteenth notes, and quarter rests. We continue to actively listen and identify musical concepts such as tempo and dynamics in music from various genres and cultures. By critiquing and sharing our opinions on various genres of music, students are beginning to identify how music can affect one's mood and disposition. This week, we have paid particular attention to what makes Halloween music "spooky" by learning about the difference between major and minor scales.

