



PE Families,

There are many things to be thankful for this past year. As we approach the holiday season and the beginning of 2022, I can honestly say that our school year has been filled with so many blessings and continued levels of support from our community. I want to specifically thank our students, staff members, and parents who continue to be resilient in the face of adversity.

In this month's newsletter, please find out information on what is happening within PE, upcoming events, November Students of the Month, and our teacher spotlights.

I hope that you will get to spend valuable time with your families and friends during this time of year. On behalf of our entire Philipsburg Elementary Faculty/Staff, we want to wish you a holiday season full of health and joy!

As always, if you need anything, please contact me at jfye@pomounties.org or via phone at (814) 342-2870 Ext. 5001.

Thank you,

Mr. Fye

IMPORTANT DATES

December 3 – 5th Grade Parent Lunch

December 6 – 5th Grade Parent Lunch

December 10 – 5th Grade Parent Lunch

December 13 – 5th Grade Parent Lunch

December 15 – Hot Cocoa and Decorations w/Santa

December 17 – 5th Grade Parent Lunch

December 21 – Band/Chorus Concert 1:30 (Zoom)

December 22 – PBIS Reward (Hot Cocoa and Cookies)

Hot Cocoa and Decorations with Santa!



Families are invited to PE on Wednesday, December 15 to enjoy hot cocoa, make Christmas decorations, and visit with Santa Claus. Please make sure to RSVP by Tuesday, December 7.

There will be two sessions: Session 1 is 5:00-6:00 and Session 2 is 6:00-7:00.

5th Grade Student Council's Toy Drive

The 5th Grade Student Council is having a Toy Drive to help kids during the upcoming holiday. The Drive will be from December 3 through Wednesday, December 15. Items donated must be unopened. They can be wrapped. The Student Council will wrap any items that are needed. The goal is to collect 200 items. All items will be distributed December 18 and 19. If the school collects 200 or more items, there will be a guest Mrs. Claus appearance at school!



PE

Patience Respect Integrity Determination Excellence

November Students of the Month

Congratulations goes out to the following students on being selected as the Students of the Month for November for their academic excellence and for being Safe, Responsible, and Respectful!



Kindergarten: Waylon Davis, Damian Richards, Waylon Hartle, Avery Rabuck, and Gerrit Wood.

First Grade: Bo Willis, Madalyn Carlin, Riley Dixon, and Briley Lancaster

Second Grade: Calvin Swanson, Jenna Wriglesworth, Lee Clark, and Isabella Phillippi



Third Grade: Nick Weller, Jameson Stover, and Camdon Meixel

Fourth Grade: Ryan Steward, Joseph Hawkins, and Veronica Lansberry

Fifth Grade: Ambryn Vaughn, Jordana Wilson, and Trenton Twoey

Nurse's Message about COVID-19 and Protocols

Hello Parents/Guardians,

If someone in your household is ill, being tested for COVID-19, or experiencing any symptoms related to COVID-19, please keep your child home until test results are known.

Please communicate with the school nurse immediately if someone in your family is ill and being tested, if your child is ill, or if your child has been exposed to a person with known COVID-19.

Our District has a COVID-19 informational page on the school's website, <https://www.pomounties.org/Content2/covid19>. Please visit this page to report positive cases, learn about symptom monitoring, and to get the latest COVID-19 information from POASD and the PA DOH.

We are doing our best to keep the students and staff healthy and safe so that we may remain in person for as long as possible. We can't do this without you! Please do your part to keep our school family healthy!

Thank you,

Mrs. Price

Pizza Hut Team's Up with PE!



From December 6-9, PE teachers will be serving as wait staff at our local Pizza Hut from 5-8! Pizza Hut will donate 20% from total sales back to PE's Mini-Thon!

Philipsburg Elementary

We Are...Safe, Responsible, and Respectful!



The cold weather is here and snow is always a possibility! Please be sure that your children have coats, hats, mittens, ski pants and boots ready for the bus stop and to have at school. Our teachers do their best to try and get students outside for recess when possible. We do not want students to become sick or miss out on time to get exercise and enjoy recess with their friends and classmates.

Another piece to the winter arrival is the chance for Flexible Instructional Days and snow days. As much as the kids (and maybe a few teachers) pray for them, Mother Nature is the one in control. If the forecast calls for bad weather, please be sure to tune in to our district webpage (pomounties.org), Facebook, twitter, local radio or television stations in the morning so that you will be aware of any delays, early closings, Flexible Instructional Days or cancellations that may be made.

Notices are issued as early as possible by the Superintendent after consultation with the highway department, school districts in our consortium, and the bus company. The district's phone messenger system will be used to send a phone message, but with all of the calls, it may not be the timeliest method of contact. This is one of the trickiest decisions that our Superintendent has to make. It is difficult to make the call that is the safest for our students and staff while trying not to cancel school unnecessarily. Please know that it is made with safety as the primary concern.

If we know impending weather is coming, we will send computers and/or packets home with the students. If we would have to utilize a FID (Flexible Instructional Day), all students will be required to complete all work and connect with their teachers through Google Classroom, Zoom, Google Meets throughout the day. On FIDs, our instructional day for students will begin at 8:30 am and conclude at 2:25 pm. Students will still have specials, time for lunch, recess, and any other supplemental classes throughout the day in order to make it as normal as possible. If your child fails to connect with their teacher throughout the day and complete their work, they will be marked absent for the day. We have been approved for up to five (5) Flexible Instructional Days during the 2021-2022 school year. The goal is to utilize these days in order to prevent from making up days around our Spring/Easter Vacation and at the end of the school year.

Teachers will send further instructions and information home throughout December and January in order to inform parents/guardians of what is expected during FIDs.

Philipsburg Elementary Family!

Teacher Spotlight



Name: Mr. Donald Henry
Position: Music Teacher

I grew up in: Osceola Mills, PA

My Family: Holly (Wife), Grace (Daughter), and Sallie, Rosie, and Daisy (Dogs).

Education: Graduate of POASD, B.S. in Music Education from Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

What makes me PE Proud? The students

You might not know this about me....I enjoy learning about World War II and the Civil War

The song that gets stuck in my head most of the time is "The Oscar Mayer Bologna" commercial jingle!

My favorite television shows are "The Curse of Oak Island," "NCIS," and "The Big Bang Theory."

The most inspirational person I who is...My wife! She is always willing to help anyone and never expects anything in return. Whether it is providing food for band students, snack for the students at dance team competitions, or giving her time to volunteer for various groups, she inspires me each day!

The songs from my teenage years I still rock out to when no one is listing are "Bohemian Rhapsody" by Queen, "Come Sail Away" by Styx, and "We Built This City" by Starship.



Name: Mrs. Vicki Sweitzer
Position: 1st Grade Instructor

I grew up on a farm in Aaronsburg, PA (Penns Valley School District)

My Family: Rich (Husband of 28 years), Kelsey (Daughter, 23), Colby (Son, 18), and two dogs (Mia and Miley). My family means the world to me!

Education: I graduated from Penn State with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. I have a Master's Degree from Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina.

A few things you might not know about me...

- I was born cross-eyed and had my eyes fixed when I was 5.
- I taught Kindergarten in North Carolina for 7 years and was named the Teacher of the Year.
- I love the outdoors.
- Winter is my favorite season.
- I just turned 50 in April!
- I grew up raising cows and pigs. I participated in 4-H. My senior year of High School, I won Grand Champion with my steer, Ricardo, and won \$6,000 that I used for college.

What make me PE Proud? I LOVE teaching! I knew when I was in sixth grade that I wanted to be a teacher. This is m 27th year teaching!! I have taught both Kindergarten and 1st Grade. I love my kids, the people I work with, their families, and the community! I am PE Proud all the time!