



PE Family,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a restful, safe, and fun break with your family! We are back to the business of school, and we want to remind everyone about the importance of continued engagement with the school all 5 days of the week. PE teachers and staff are working incredibly hard to give our students the chance to learn every day.

As we return, please remember to follow all of our safety procedures, including: washing hands frequently/effectively, and notifying the school if your child is feeling sick or have been exposed to COVID-19. Our goal is to keep our students, faculty, and staff safe and allow for academic growth.

In January, our students will be participating in mid-year assessments. These assessments help our teachers and me look at our curriculum and focus on student strengths and areas in need of growth. Data will be shared out to families at the end of the month.

We will continue our "Bring your Parents to Lunch" initiative in January by welcoming 4th grade parents/guardians into PE on January 6, 13, 20, 21 and 28.

We would like to encourage parents to contact the teacher with concerns that you may have about your student's success as soon as possible. Regular communication with the school lets our students know that we are all working together for their success. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns as well.

Mr. Fye

IMPORTANT DATES

January 4 – Return to School

January 17 – No School

January 18 – End of 2nd Marking Period

January 26 – Report Cards

January 28 – Reading Buddy Activity

4th Grade Parent Lunches – 6th, 13th, 20th, 21st, and 28th

HOLIDAY SUCCESS!!

The 5th Grade Student Council held a "Toy Drive" during the month of November. The Student Council collected over 120 items that were given away to students and families during the holiday season!



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January Testing

Acadience Testing (K-2) – This assessment is designed to measure students’ basic early literacy skills, such as fluency and phonemic awareness. This is given in the Fall, Mid-Year, and Spring. These assessments allow us to provide support for student reading progress.

EdInsight Assessment (K-6) – This is a computerized adaptive **test** which helps teachers, parents, and administrators improve learning for all students and make informed decisions to promote a child's academic **growth**. Students are assessed in Math and ELA

Holiday Cheer!

Band and Chorus

We would like to congratulate our 4th and 5th Grade Instrumental students and 5th grade Chorus for their amazing Christmas Concert performance! Mrs. George, Mr. Henry, and the students did an outstanding job! We cannot wait until the Spring Concert!



3rd Grade Windy Hill

Covid is not stopping the Third Graders from PE this year from bringing the spirit of giving to the Residents of Windy Hill Village. Students gave gifts to the residents and provided them with caroling and holiday jokes!



PIZZA HUT



PE's Mini-THON raised \$804.84

For PE Mini-THONs first fundraising event this year, and the support of the Philipsburg Pizza Hut, they raised \$804.84. PE Staff members served customers in order to raise money for the cause. Pizza Hut then donated 20 percent of all purchases, accompanied with an event coupon, to the PE Mini-THON. FTK!
More information and activities about PE's Mini-THON will be shared out during January!



Cash and Waylon Hartle showed their holiday spirit during December!

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A group of 5th Grade students will have the opportunity to work with Mr. Good and experience the Lego Education program and curriculum through the use of the Lego Education SPIKE Essential set and the Lego BOOST Creative Toolbox. Students will use the Lego sets alongside an online curriculum provided on Kindle Fire tablets to build robots, vehicles, and interactive creations. Lego provides color sensors, light matrices, and motion detectors along with the motors to move the blocks.

Students will use the online curriculum to build the sets and also have the capability to code their creations to move and perform tasks. The coding done within Lego education will begin as block based coding and lead into more in depth coding languages similar to Python and JavaScript.

The skills learned through the online, interactive curriculum will push your student even further into the 21st century. 21st century technology skills are those abilities that enable students to access, analyze, manage, synthesize, evaluate, create, and share information in a variety of forms and media. The most important aspect of computer science is problem solving, an essential skill for life.

December Students of the Month

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



Kindergarten: Cynphani Watson, Malachi Smith, Frankie Levonick, Emma Waring, and Charlee Deemer.

First Grade: Jack Levonick, Bobby Bratton, Roslyn Cassick, and Bennett Jury

Second Grade: Harper Davis, Kaiden Frank, Carly Blose, and Norah Dinsmore



Third Grade: Leah Bradford, Riley Kennedy, and Amilia Etchison

Fourth Grade: Corbin Long, Callen Shaw, and Isabella Rees

Fifth Grade: Lydia Gonzalez, Briella Bumbarger, and Jacob Dugan

Teacher Spotlight



Name: Mrs. Laura Warner Position: 4th Grade Teacher

Where did you grow up? North Haledon, NJ

Family I live with my husband, Dale and we have three children, Brandon, Peyton and Ashlyn. All of our children currently attend PO! We also have a yellow lab named Nittany!

Education I graduated from Messiah University with a BS in Elementary Education.

What makes you #PEProud? The students and the staff make me PEProud! I love working with my amazing peers and teaching great students!

Who's someone you really admire? I've had very influential people in my life, but two people I really admire are my mom and dad! They have always been very involved in my life, from being my youth group leaders, to attending my sporting events. And now they are involved in my children's lives, attending baseball, softball, volleyball and basketballs games when they can travel here from NJ. They are kind-hearted people who taught me the value of working hard, being respectful to everyone, having integrity, and always putting God first.

What was your favorite subject at school? I loved reading in school (and it's my favorite subject to teach now too)! I always checked out the most books possible in our school library. In a book, you can go anywhere, learn anything, and it can take you places you've never been to before. My favorite Dr. Seuss quote is, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

If you had to eat one meal every day for the rest of your life what would it be? I love eating with my family at Texas Roadhouse, and I order a steak with a baked potato and a side salad with those delicious rolls everytime! I would need to chose Olive Garden's tiramisu for dessert though with a vanilla latte! I love chocolate and coffee!



Name: Mr. Jeremy Weller Position: 4th Grade Teacher

Where did you grow up? Philipsburg

Family Wife – Sandy Nicholas 9 Tyson 6 Cat - Benny

Education – Bachelors Elementary Education from Bucknell University. Masters Degree in K – 12 studies

What makes you #PEProud? The students are staff are the best. All the staff are very kind and helpful and truly care about the students.

You might not know this about me but I have coached wrestling at Philipsburg – Osceola for over 15 years. I have coached at all levels but am currently an assistant Junior High coach and help out with the elementary wrestling program. Coaching is just another way that I am able to teach not only skills but also work ethic and determination.

My favorite subjects in school were math and science. I enjoy teaching all subjects but love teaching science. We will do many interesting and engaging investigations this year.

One of many of our family traditions is making pizza and watching a movie on Friday nights. It is wonderful to take the time with my wife and kids when I am not teaching or coaching.