

Patriot Pride NEWSLETTER

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Dear Reader,

This issue of the *Patriot Pride Elementary Newsletter* is a monthly communication piece from school to home. These electronic editions will be posted on the district webpage under the Patrick Henry Elementary section at the beginning of each month.

Yours in education,

Bryan M. Hieber



October Students of the Month DETERMINATION



Not Pictured: Gihanna Wagenhauser, Cody Rosebrook

** IMPORTANT DATES **

November 6th --- 2 hour Delay (teacher inservice)

November 11th --- Veteran's Day Assembly (grades 2-4)

November 14th --- PTO meeting @ 5 pm

November 25th --- Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:15 - 7:45

November 26th --- Parent/Teacher Conferences 8 am - 12:30 pm

November 26th --- NO SCHOOL for students

November 27th - 29th --- THANKSGIVING BREAK

PTO NEWS: Our fall Scholastic Book Fair just finished and judging by the amount of students/families and staff buying books, I would say that a large amount of personal libraries were expanded!! Thank you to Keisha Shawber for organizing and the parent volunteers that donated their time to help! Also, COSI on WHEELS was a success! There was a lot of inquiry-based learning going on about ecology. I want to give a special thanks to Andrea Meyer for organizing and our parent volunteers for supporting this wonderful learning experience. A few pictures from the day are below!



COSI on WHEELS

Powerschool - Parent Portal

This is how you (the parent) can stay in touch with your students grades, assignments, lunch balances, and other pertinent information. You will need an email address and your child's web access ID and password (NOTE: this is different than your child's actual login information). Contact the tech department (techdept@phpatriots.org) for more information and please include your name and the name of your children.

This info is also located on our school website!

[PayForIt.net](https://www.payforit.net) | [PaySchools](https://www.payschools.com)

PH can receive payments for Lunch and Student fees online. You can view transaction history and balances and you are not required to make a payment online. PayForIt.net (now known as PaySchools) is an online way for you to pay for your child's fees and view or add money to your child's lunch account. You are NOT required to pay fees or add lunch money using this service and you can just create an account to view the information (account creation still requires a credit card, but you never have to charge anything to it if you do NOT want to). In order to link children to your account, you will need the Student ID (which is located in the Parent Portal).

Christmas Cheer

Information will be sent home with your child and posted on social media. If you need more info, please contact the Elementary Office

Outside Recess

Dress warm! Recess rights might be taken away for your child's safety if they don't.

If your child is in need of warm clothes, contact the school. We will help!

Drop-Off (mornings)

Students are not allowed in the building before 7:45 am.

If you arrive before this time, please wait in the parking lot until 7:45 am.

Pickup/Bus

Please send a note to school if there is a change to your pickup/bus arrangements.

If you forget a note, please call before 1 pm to ensure proper communication.

Birthdays

Birthday snacks are welcome at school but we ask that you coordinate that with your child's teacher

Birthday invitations are NOT ALLOWED at school

Second and 7 Reading Program

The program was designed to promote reading by providing free books and positive role models to kids in need while encouraging young athletes of the community to pay it forward. There's 3 main components:

- 2nd grade literacy
- Character development information
- Mentoring program for HS student-athletes

How this works is 6 HS student-athletes come down to our Elementary four times a year to read from selected grade level books to the 2nd grade students. The books that the student mentors read from focus on certain character traits (such as teamwork or kindness). Once the mentors are done reading to the class, they have discussions with the 2nd graders about strategies to improve upon the character development mentioned in the stories. At the end of the day, every 2nd grader gets a copy of each book to keep.

This program is locally sponsored by United Way of Henry County. Adam Wagner (our HS principal) and myself have been working with Tom Mack since the beginning of the school year and he makes sure the student mentors have the books they are reading ahead of time and there are plenty of copies for all of our 2nd graders to take home. We truly appreciate their support!!



P.A.L.S **(Patriots Achieving Learning Success)**

If you or your business organization would like to know more about our after-school program OR are interested in becoming a community partner, please contact Kathy Sonnenberg at 419-274-3015 ext. 4843 or ksonnenberg@phpatriots.org

REMIND ALERTS

*Would you like to be informed of a school delay or closing via text message? If so, simply text **@phkthru4** to the number **81010**.*

Remind is a one-way text messaging system that is safe. All personal information remains completely confidential. Nobody will ever see your phone number, nor will you ever see ours.

FIRE SAFETY Month

Our elementary had a fire prevention field trip on October 8th at the Hamler Fire Department.

The fire departments from Hamler, Deshler, Malinta and McClure all united to provide informational presentations to grades PK - 4. There was also a "show and tell" portion to this where the students were able to go outside and look at the various vehicles/tools that firemen use on a regular basis. There was a local firefighter at each station to present information to the students. Below are some pictures from our trip!



Parent-Teacher Conferences: *The dates and times for P/T conferences are 3:15 - 7:45 pm on November 25th and 8:00 am - 12:30 pm on Tuesday November 26th (reminder that there is NO SCHOOL for students on 11/26/19).*

Grades PreK - 2 will be in their classrooms and grades 3-4 will be in the Multipurpose Room (across from the Elementary Office).

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