

The Aston Communicator



February 2012



Students of the Month For: December "Caring"

Nathan Rhoads – 116 a.m.
Chris DiPoalo – 116 p.m.
Matthew Dill – 118
Camille Milnes – 105
Ashley Burkett – 110
Luke Stefanisko -103
Riley Wanser – 106
Hailee Robinson – 102
Shae McGurl – 104
Jacklyn Bradley – 109
Justine Starr – 108
Brian Cannon – 205
Kendra Long – 206
James Mack – 203
Alyssa Timmes – 201
Moises Lara – 204
Hannah Schleifer – 208
Kimberly Enzman – 202
Jessica Pace – 210



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



It was a great turnout for our first Aston Activity Night on Tuesday, January 24, 2012. Over 300 students and parents took advantage of the informative and fun evening from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The theme was good health through exercise and good food. There was a karate station and a Zumba station for exercise. The presenters at each station did a great job getting each group to participate. There was also an opportunity to view and sample healthy foods in the cafeteria by each of the 3 groups. Each group was rotated through for an 18 minute session at each station. For the finale, there was a dance-a-thon in the gym for the last 20 minutes hosted by DJ Reaume. Kudos goes out to our physical education teacher, Mrs. Johnston, for organizing and coordinating the event. Also thank you to Mrs. Birtwell for her assistance in working with Mrs. Johnston, along with a number of our staff who volunteered to help during the evening.

Parent conferences are coming the second full week in February. They are, or have been scheduled on an as needed basis between the teacher and parents. Please note the schedule changes on our calendar for February.

Mr. Bender



REMINDER

**SPRING RECESS
NO SCHOOL
April 2nd – 6th, 2012**



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**School Calendar
February 2012
Aston Elementary School**



WORD OF THE MONTH - RESPECT

2nd 1:15 PM Early Dismissal for Full Day Kindergarten & 1st – 5th grades
Morning Kindergarten – 8:50 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.
Afternoon Kindergarten – 11:40 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.



3rd Jump for Heart – During Phys. Ed. periods

7th School Store
3:40 p.m. – Science Explorers, Kitchen Chemistry



8th 8:15 a.m. – Breakfast with the Principal
6:00 p.m. – Aston Math Night, Aston Elementary School

9th Anne Pasquale – Liberty Bells Assembly

13th – 17th -- Kindness Week

13th 7:00 p.m. – Aston P.T.L. Meeting, A.E.S. Library
AM & PM Kindergarten Classes in session



14th *No AM or PM Kindergarten Classes* (Ms. Kuhn's kindergarten has full day class)
3:40 p.m. – Science Explorers, Kitchen Chemistry

15th *No AM Kindergarten Class*
PM Kindergarten Classes in session
7:30 p.m. – School Board Study Session, Service Center Conference Room



16th **11:15 a.m. Early Dismissal**
12:45 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. - Parent/Teacher Conferences
5:00 p.m. – 7:35 p.m. - Parent/Teacher Conferences
AM Kindergarten Classes in session
No PM Kindergarten Classes



17th **11:15 a.m. Early Dismissal**
AM Kindergarten Classes in session
No PM Kindergarten Classes

20th & 21st NO SCHOOL – PRESIDENTS' DAY



22nd 7:30 p.m. – School Board Meeting, Service Center Conference Room
Fifth Grade Variety Show Dress Rehearsal

23rd 6:30 p.m. - Fifth Grade Variety Show at S.V.H.S.

February 27th – March 2nd Writing Sample, Fifth Grade

27th 7:00 P.M. – Market Day Pick Up



28th 3:40 p.m. – Science Explorers, Kitchen Chemistry



ATTENTION

Mrs. Krause's

KINDERGARTEN PARENTS!!



The schedule during Parent/Teacher Conference week for "Half Day" kindergarten students is a bit confusing. Below is a breakdown by session to help make it a little easier to follow.

Morning Kindergarten Schedule during Parent/Teacher Conferences

Monday, February 13 th	<i>AM Kindergarten Class in session</i>
Tuesday, February 14 th	<u>No AM Kindergarten Class</u>
Wednesday, February 15 th	<u>No AM Kindergarten Class</u>
Thursday, February 16 th	<i>AM Kindergarten Class in session</i>
Friday, February 17 th	<i>AM Kindergarten Class in session</i>

Afternoon Kindergarten Schedule during Parent/Teacher Conferences

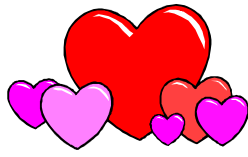
Monday, February 13 th	<i>PM Kindergarten Class in session</i>
Tuesday, February 14 th	<u>No PM Kindergarten Class</u>
Wednesday, February 15 th	<i>PM Kindergarten Class in session</i>
Thursday, February 16 th	<u>No PM Kindergarten Class</u>
Friday, February 17 th	<u>No PM Kindergarten Class</u>

**Please note: Miss Kuhn's kindergarten class, and 1st – 5th grades have regular schedules on Monday – Wednesday, February 13th – 15th.

First – Fifth grades have an **11:15 a.m. early dismissal on Thursday and Friday, February 16th & 17th.**

Miss Kuhn's class has an **11:00 a.m. dismissal on Thursday and Friday, February 16th & 17th.**

If you have any question, please feel free to call the school office at 610-497-6300 ext. 4500 or 4501.



S.M.E. High Achievers For January

Math – **Dominic Mozzoni and Andrew Burrell** – tie for math

Reading – **Maggie Linn**

Reading Counts

Congratulations to our latest MILLIONAIRE READERS



One Million Words
David Crowell
Patrick O'Donnell

Two Million Words
Neeli Thakkar
Joseph Shapiro
Avi Dhruva



Five Million Words
Tommy Christaldi



Congratulation to this years
Song Fest Participants

Amanda Neubauer
LeeAnne Robinson
David Crowell

REMINDER

Please make sure your children are in school for the following PSSA Testing Dates:

March 12th – 23rd, 2012
April 16th – 19th, 2012
April 23rd – 27th, 2012

PSSA Reading/Math, Grades 3, 4 & 5
PSSA Writing, Grade 5
PSSA Science, Grade 4



By: Betsy King, School Nurse

Guidelines For Returning to School From an Illness

Please keep your child home if they are sick with vomiting, diarrhea, or fever, the night before school to prevent the spread of viruses. A good rule is to make sure your child is *without symptoms for 24 hours* before they return to school.

Immunization Deadline – May 1, 2012

There are parents *who have been notified* that their child is still in need of proof of a second varicella immunization. The need for the second varicella immunization is a state law. Students who have not returned proof of a second varicella vaccination before the May 1st deadline will be excluded from school. Please submit your proof as soon as possible to avoid the May 1st deadline for exclusion.





Spotlight on...

Curriculum

By ~ Fran Im, Jen McCarty, Bill Reaume, Nicole Small

Elementary Guidance Counselors

Rosemary Fowler, Supervisor of Elementary Curriculum and Instruction

The elementary guidance program is a proactive, comprehensive, and developmental approach to addressing the wide variety of needs that our students present. One key component to this balanced approach is the use of classroom guidance lessons. Our curriculum is designed to provide our students with the foundational skills and knowledge needed to find success in both their educational and interpersonal endeavors.

Understanding and coping with our emotions is essential to finding success and happiness in life. A significant challenge for children is learning to both accept and manage feelings of anger. In each grade level, this topic is explored in guidance class. Our first grade curriculum begins the discussion with lessons on recognizing body language and using one's words to express feelings. In second grade, we teach a variety of coping skills such as counting to ten, taking deep breaths, and talking it out. In third grade, we reinforce many of the previously taught coping skills and explore the connections between triggers to anger, chosen actions, and consequences. In fourth and fifth grades, the topic is addressed as part of our unit on conflict resolution. Students learn a structured approach to the resolution of conflicts. As part of this approach, the use of the "I statements" is employed to express their feelings and to help them in the successful resolution of conflicts.

Home/School Connection ~ Discussing difficult emotions with your children is critical in the process of helping them develop a self-image and ultimately finding success in handling these feelings. Encourage your child to use the coping skills above by role-playing practice sessions of imaginary conflicts together. Establish mutually agree upon timeout areas and other options for your child to de-escalate when feeling angry.

It's wise to direct your thoughts towards problems – not people, to focus your energies on answers – not excuses. (William Arthur Ward)

Sports with the Principal



BASKETBALL



4th Grade Basketball:

Team #1 won 4-3 over #2 with **Johnny Eskridge** scoring 4 points. **Bradly Weist** scored 2 & **Logan Roland** 1 for #2. Team #3 won 4-0 over #4 with **Brandon Hinderhofer** & **Owen Day** each scoring 2 points. Team #1 won 2-0 over #3 with **Johnny Eskridge** scoring the lone bucket.

5th Grade Basketball:

Team #1 won 9-7 in OT over Team #2 with **Michael Schmucker** scoring 4 points, **Shane Thomas** & **Jamie DiBona** and **Charlie Hong** each scoring 1. **Stanley Rogers** scored 3 points & **Patrick O'Donnell** and **Callum Grealy** scored 2 each for Team #2. Team #4 won 7-2 over #3 with **Mike Poissant** scoring 4 points and **Sephora Ferguson** scoring 3 points. **Ornel Profi** scored 2 for #3. Team #1 won 10-2 over #5 with **Mike Schmucker** scoring 4 points & **Jamie DiBona, Shane Thomas** and **Shawn Burton** scoring 2 each. **Mike Shay** scored for Team #5.

FOOTBALL – Team #3 won the 4th grade championship 14-7 in OT over Team #1.

Team #2 won the 5th grade championship 14-7 over #4.



FLOOR HOCKEY



4th Grade Floor Hockey:

Team #1 won 1-0 over #2 with **Logan Roland** scoring the only goal. Team #3 won 1-0 over #4 with **Johnny Eskridge** scoring the only goal. Team #1 won 2-0 over #5 with **Logan Roland** & **Owen Day** scoring 1 goal each.

5th Grade Floor Hockey:

Team #2 won 2-1 over #1 with **Katelyn Turunc** & **Jack Youhouse** each scoring a goal. **Eric Ward** scored for #1. Team #3 won 4-0 over #4 with **Gianna Daley** scoring 2 goals & **Andrew Cerami** and **Shane Thomas** scoring 1 each. Team #5 won 8-2 over #1 with **Mike Poissant** scoring a hat trick with 3 goals and **Patrick O'Donnell, Daniel Etling, Aidan Holefelder, Mike Shay** & **Shawn Burton** scoring 1 each. **Joey Denney** scored 2 goals for #1.

SOCCER – Team #3 won the 4th grade championship 4-3 in OT over #4.

Team #3 won the 5th grade championship 5-4 in OT over #1.

