

# **Hamilton Maineville School**

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## **Panther News**



### **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

#### **November**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Papa John's Fundraiser Night**
- 1<sup>st</sup> - PTO Meeting @ 7 PM**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Fundraiser Pick Up at Maineville**
- 7<sup>th</sup> - No School - Teacher In-Service**
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Election Day**
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Interims Go Home**
- 9<sup>th</sup> - COSI Assembly at school**
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Day Breakfast and Ceremony**
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Skate Night**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - No School**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - No School**
- 24<sup>th</sup> - No School**
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Mitten/Hat/Coat Tree Collection Begins**
- 28<sup>th</sup> - BMX Reward Assembly**
- 28<sup>th</sup> - School Board Meeting @ HS Library @ 7 PM**

#### **December**

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Holiday Shop Opens**
- 5<sup>th</sup> - PTO Meeting @ 7 PM**
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Second Grade Holiday Concerts (6:30 and 7:30)**
- 12<sup>th</sup> - School Board Meeting @ HS Library @ 7 PM**
- 14<sup>th</sup> - End of Second Quarter**
- 15<sup>th</sup> thru January 1 - No School for Winter Break**

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that November is already here! Thank you all for having your children well prepared for their school day. Many of you were able to attend our Curriculum Nights in September and heard about your child's classroom curriculum and procedures. If you were not able to attend, please contact your child's teacher to get that information.

Please remember that you can access your child's progress through Progress Book. If you do not have your login, please contact your child's teacher or the office to get this information. The home-school partnership helps to ensure your child's success. I encourage you to communicate with our teachers so that we can provide the best educational experience possible.

Your children are an inspiration to us each day and a reminder to us of why we chose to be educators. Thank you for sharing them with us.

Teresa Reynolds  
Principal



### School Hours

Maineville Primary  
8:45 Car Rider Drop Off  
9:00 School Begins  
3:30 Car Riders are dismissed  
3:40 Bus Riders are dismissed



### Lunch Information

Lunch accounts can be paid online through EZPay at  
[www.spseipay.com/LittleMiami](http://www.spseipay.com/LittleMiami)

Breakfast	\$1.35
Lunch	\$2.40
Milk	\$0.55

## 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"  
reads **20 minutes**  
each day

3600 minutes in  
a school year

**1,800,000 words**



*90<sup>th</sup> percentile*

Student "B"  
reads **5 minutes**  
each day

900 minutes in  
a school year

**282,000 words**



*50<sup>th</sup> percentile*

Student "C"  
reads **1 minute**  
each day

180 minutes in  
a school year

**8,000 words**



*10<sup>th</sup> percentile*

By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

# Mrs. Carmack's Library News



Happy Fall from the Library/Media Center!

A big aspect of my job is teaching keyboarding. I use a program called Type to Learn Cloud.

Students can log in to this program at home so they can further advance their skills at home, as well as at school. **Below you will find the home letter with our district's account code. Each student's username and password is their school lunch code.** If your student does not remember what their lunch code is, you can e-mail me, [tcarmack@littlemiamischools.com](mailto:tcarmack@littlemiamischools.com) or call me (513) 899-5200 x35410 and I will get that information to you.

Although I have posted this information on my Schoology page, I am concerned that many of you are unaware of how to join my group and what my access code is. Just for your information, my Schoology group is: Mrs. Carmack - library/Media HMP, access code 8PQ87-N9DHP.

Why teach keyboarding? Computing is a way of life today. Not only in school or in the workforce, but also as a means for communicating with others, sharing ideas, and expressing thoughts. The keyboard is the primary means of interfacing with a computer. Keyboarding is therefore an essential, 21st Century skill that students must develop in order to use computers effectively and efficiently. Even very young children are actively involved with using technology and computers on a regular basis. Research shows that keyboarding is and should be taught to students at an earlier age, before bad habits form. This early introduction reduces bad habit development and provides additional benefits that include improvements in spelling, writing, and reading comprehension. Student writing develops faster through word processing because it facilitates the review and revision process. Efficient keyboarding skills allow students to emphasize concept development instead of focusing on key location. Students who become efficient keyboarders “compose better, are prouder of their work, produce documents with a neater appearance, and have better motivation,” (Nieman, 1996). Language arts skills are further developed by the lessons and activities in Type to Learn, which reinforce phonics, grammar, vocabulary, proper usage of punctuation, sight words, frequently misspelled words, and other elements of written language. Crosscurricular activity payoffs provide grade-appropriate incidental learning in science, literature, social studies, and other general knowledge topics. Mastering keyboarding involves learning technique (physical positioning and movement), ergonomics (safe and comfortable keyboard interaction), and key location. With Type to Learn, using the keyboard will become as natural to your students as writing with pen and paper. Its research-based, interactive learning environment will engage all K-12 keyboarding learners.

Thanks for partnering with me to instill a lifelong love of reading and promoting keyboarding skills for success in the future!



*Mrs. Carmack*



Dear Parents,

We will be using Type to Learn for your child's keyboarding instruction. Type to Learn wraps keyboarding lessons into an intriguing world of adventure and information, with instructional modules and exciting typing activities and games to reinforce keyboarding skills. Type to Learn is in the cloud and allows students to practice from anywhere they have a current web browser and an internet connection.

To Launch the Type to Learn Adventure, please follow these easy steps:

1. Go to [www.typtolearn.com/login/index.php](http://www.typtolearn.com/login/index.php)

A screenshot of a 'Sign in' form. The form has a white background and a black border. At the top center, the text 'Sign in' is displayed. Below this, there are three input fields: 'Account Code', 'Username', and 'Password'. Each field is a simple rectangular box. At the bottom center of the form, there is a 'Log in' button with a grey background and white text.

2. Enter your account information

Account Code: 2T5NUG

Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Password: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Select **Launch Type to Learn**

A screenshot of the Type to Learn web interface. At the top, there is a header with the 'SUNBURST digital' logo and the tagline 'Powering 21st Century Learning'. Below the header, the page title is 'East Elementary School' with a breadcrumb trail 'Home &gt; East Elementary School'. On the left side, there is a 'NAVIGATION' menu with icons for 'Buildings' and 'Certificates'. In the center, there is a large orange button labeled 'Launch Type to Learn' with a red border. Below the button is the 'TYPE TO LEARN' logo. To the right of the logo, there is a short description of the program and a list of statistics for a user named 'Ben Jones': 'Current Accuracy: 94%', 'Current WPM: 30', 'Accuracy Goal: 90%', and 'WPM Goal: 22'.



# Accelerated Reader™

## **Accelerated Reader**

Accelerated Reader is a computer program that helps teachers and librarians manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child picks a book at his own level and reads it at his own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer.

Students at Maineville are earning charms for every 5 points they earn. Students earn points by reading books at their level and taking a computerized test about that book. At the end of each week, students who have earned 5 points are recognized for their reading success. Their names are announced over the intercom each week. Charms are in 5 point increments up to 100. After 100, charms are in 25 point increments.

In addition, classrooms earn points for rewards too. We have a school-wide contest each quarter. The class that earns the most points each quarter will get a pizza party! The next time you are at school, check out the Lego Board. Classes are putting up Legos as they earn points. We are truly building better readers!

The student's are very excited about this reading program! Ask your student about Accelerated Reader!



# The Counselor's Corner

November 2017

## Classroom Guidance Topic

For the month of November, I will be visiting your child's classroom to talk with them about our character trait of service. We will talk about what it means to help others, and what an impact they can have on their world with one small act of service to another person.

## Character trait of the Month:

# Service

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact  
Brittany Stultz, School Counselor

Phone: 899-4760 ext. 45427 Email:  
[bstultz@littlemiamischools.com](mailto:bstultz@littlemiamischools.com)

For the last week of October (23- 27) we celebrated R.E.D. Week with a focus on making Really Excellent Decisions. Each classroom spent time talking about the importance of good decisions and ways to keep our mind and body healthy. Please join us in continuing to talk with your child about healthy

## NEWS FROM THE NURSE



Fall is upon us! With Fall comes colds and flus.

It is important to stay healthy by eating healthy foods, drinking plenty of water, and getting a good night's sleep. Be sure to **WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN!**

Those who suffer from a suppressed immune system, asthma, or other chronic illnesses should consider getting a flu shot this season. Peak flu times are typically October through February. Flu shots are available at doctors' offices; CVS, Walgreens, etc; or your local health department.



VISION & HEARING screenings for our 1<sup>st</sup> grade students were done on Wednesday, 10/25/17.

\*Did you know that 80% of all learning comes through vision, so vision is critical to the learning process. Another interesting fact, according to the Ohio Optometric Association, is that 60% of students identified as problem learners have undetected vision problems. Thus, it is very important that students be screened and follow-up care received if necessary.

As always, I enjoy taking care of all of our Maineville students!

Your School Nurse,

Amy McReynolds, RN,BSN  
513-899-4760 EXT. 40428





## **Physical Education – Mrs. Faucett**

Our students are working hard with stretches and exercises this year. The 1<sup>st</sup> graders are constantly practicing loco-motor skills with an emphasis on personal space and different pathways. In both grades, we just finished our throwing unit. Emphasis was put on stepping with the opposite foot of the arm they throw with and stepping toward the target. We ended the unit with 8 stations that they rotated through. We will continue to throw throughout the year. At this age, they need to be moving 60 minutes every day.

We are getting ready to start working on ball handling skills and dribbling in basketball. We will also be starting a bowling unit. The students are beginning to demonstrate good sportsmanship without being told at the end of the activities and games. PLEASE make sure your child wears gym shoes (gym class is always the day after music class). Other shoes are unsafe and mark up the gym floor. They are welcome to bring their gym shoes to change into just for class.

Thank you for sharing your child with me! They make me proud every day and I love what I do!

## **Art Education – Mrs. Allen**

First grade art students are just finishing their lesson on TEXTURE. We watched some fun videos about texture, went on a "feel trip" around the art room, and had a great discussion about the difference between actual texture and implied texture. We then made our own implied texture pictures by doing some crayon rubbings. We used those papers to make a collage of fall colored trees in the style of artist Eloise Renouf.

Second grade art students are currently working on a WARM/COOL COLOR project. We also watched some fun videos about warm and cool colors. We had a discussion about how warm and cool colors can represent actual temperatures as well as emotions. We discussed and looked at examples like Picasso's "Blue Period" and "Rose Period", as well how the animators at Disney/Pixar use color to show both actual temperature and emotions in movies like Frozen, Moana, and Inside Out.

## **Music Education – Mrs. Southwick**

Our first grade music classes have been focusing on rhythms and rhythm patterns. They work toward becoming "Rhythm Masters" by the end of the month of October. Most of the classes have met this goal! As a special treat, we played the Conga drums along with a Star Wars play along. They had a lot of fun with this activity. We have also learned about echo's and call and responses within music.

The second grade music students have been very busy learning their music for the December concert. We incorporate all sorts of music terminology and techniques while learning this music. They have learned how to sing with their singing voices and not their speaking voices. They have learned about singing as one voice...this is called vocal blend. We are excited to show off our songs to you on Wednesday, December 6th. A letter will be coming home the beginning of November with details about this concert.



## **Science Education – Mrs. Hoffman**

In science lab we are focusing on Forces and Motion.

The first graders are investigating push, pull, force, motion, gravity, solids, and liquids. They will be testing toy cars, catapults and roller coasters. We will be doing an investigation with popsicles and pancakes, and butter for solids and liquids. If your child has any severe allergies, please send me an email. I will also check with the school nurse before we do these labs.

The second grade is exploring with gravity, static electricity, magnets, and different kinds of forces. We will be using magnets, balloons, ramps, toy cars, and kites to explore forces and how things move. We will also be doing a lab making butter and pancakes. Please send me an email if your child has any severe allergies. The second grade is also learning a song to the tune of Frosty and Jingle bells to reinforce the concepts we are covering on forces and motion. It has been a very exciting year so far!



All of the PTO events last month were possible thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers! PTO is so thankful to everyone who helped out with conference dinners, family fun night, book fair, box tops, and charm committees. Together, we are doing great things for Hamilton Maineville Primary and we are so thankful for you! Enjoy your Thanksgiving break with your loved ones!

Your PTO Board,  
Jenny, Susan, Jen, Elizabeth, Beverly and Liz

## Cookie Dough/Order Pick Up Information

The orders from the Great American fall fundraiser will be available for pickup on Thursday, November 2 from 4:00 to 7:00. Prizes will be delivered at this time and will need to be picked up as well. Please plan on picking up your orders during this time as we have no space to store orders. Please email us if you have any questions.

We will have the final fundraiser amount next month. We want to say a huge thank you for participating in our fundraiser. The whole school will get to attend the Matt Wilhem BMX assembly on the 28th!

## Decorated Book Character Winners!

1st Grade– Paisley Cohen  
2nd Grade- Carter Eschenburg  
Family– Emmalyn Osborne and her family & Jackson Harding and his family  
Teacher/Staff– Mrs. Taylor



### Box Tops Update

Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Taylor were silly stringed by their class. Look for pictures on our Facebook page! Thank you to everyone who submitted Box Tops. We have collected \$535 of our annual goal! Keep clipping and sending in!



## November Events

- NOV. 1**– PTO Meeting, 7pm, Mrs. P. Jordan's room
- NOV. 2**- Order pick up day from GA Fundraiser, 4-7pm
- NOV. 7**–ELECTION DAY! NO SCHOOL
- NOV. 9**– Student Assembly, COSI , "The Incredible Human Machine"
- NOV. 10**-Veteran's Day Breakfast
- NOV. 21**- Skate Night
- NOV. 28**-Student Assembly BMX Show

October was another great month full of student activities and family events! The students enjoyed viewing and voting on the decorated pumpkins at school and Family Fun Night was a success! PTO also had a great book fair week and introduced teacher wish bins to the book fair, where parents had the opportunity to purchase a book for their student's teacher out of their wish bins. Finally, PTO delivered the Charm Grams to the students on Friday. We will continue to sell the custom charm at PTO meetings for \$1 if you would like to purchase one.



Go to our website to sign up for one of these events!

<http://www.hmpto.com/volunteer/>

Veteran's Day Breakfast  
Coming Soon— Holiday Shop!

## Contact Info

We have a website!

[www.hmpto.com](http://www.hmpto.com)

Email: [info@hmpto.com](mailto:info@hmpto.com)

Facebook: @HMEParents

## Check it out!

Have you seen the latest playground improvements? PTO added a shade canopy and outdoor tables to the playground area. Teachers and students are able to use the new space during recess and also as an outdoor classroom area.

PTO was also able to provide new balls and playground accessories to play with during recess. Check out our Facebook page for pictures!



Wednesday,  
November 1st is  
Papa Johns Night!

\$2 of every Maineville pizza deal sold on this day goes to the PTO.

Large 1 Topping \$10 Code  
MIAMI10 Any Large Pizza \$13

## Skate Night

11/21, 6:30-8:30

Admission is \$3

Skate rental is \$2.

\*Cash Only\*



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