



Stinger News

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Pre-school News

This month has been very busy for preschool. We have been having lots of fun while learning and exploring pumpkins, feelings, shapes, colors, numbers, letters and manners. We are trying to win a new playground and you can help by going to TogetherCounts.com every day and voting for our school. Everyone can vote so encourage your friends and family to do so.

Kindergarten News

Mrs. Fitzwater and Mrs. Naylor
Mrs. Fitzwater and Mrs. Naylor - Kindergarten
October has been a very busy month for our class. We had our first class store where we discussed wants and needs. Students were able to earn IOUs for good behavior and completing homework. On Friday they bought items with their fake money. Students enjoyed learning and discussing what they actually needed and what they wanted.

Mr. McCumbers' and Mrs. Mace's Kindergarten class has been learning their numbers one through ten, using a variety of ways. We have learned how to count, write, an even a "number poem." Last week our class made our very own math book called, "My Number Book." We have been getting ready for Halloween by reading books about the holiday. Some books were, "I Like Pumpkins" by, Jerry Smath, "Scooby-Doo! and the Phantom Cowboy" and "Scooby-Doo! and the Weird Water Park, by Jesse McCann.

Also, Mrs. Fitzwater and Mr. McCumbers made a deal with their class. If they worked hard, listened, and had good behavior they would earn a sticker. When and if they reach the sticker goal of 20 they could dress/decorate their teacher for our Halloween Celebration. They were told that they were good sports and would wear anything they brought in as long as it wasn't permanent. It will be interesting to see what color hair they will have and what make up they will be wearing. We hope to see you at our Halloween Celebration and hope you get a laugh out of the very original costumes.

Nutrition

National School Lunch Week: October 14 - 18, 2013

More than 32 million children eat school lunch everyday across the USA, and to celebrate the healthy lunch choices in Calhoun County. Schools celebrated National School Lunch Week: October 14-18, 2013. The theme, "School Lunch Across the USA" was celebrated at the school by serving menus that celebrate the flavors, ingredients, and culture of various regions of the USA. Students also received a daily reminder of National School Lunch Week through drawings & door prizes throughout the week. The winners of the drawings at AES were Bryant Fulks, Sam Elmore, Andrew Greathouse, Kadence Remele, and Brooklyn Holly. They all get to enjoy a gift card from Walmart.

If you have any old pictures of students and activities from AES, we would love to have them in order to put together a great presentation on opening day for our new school. Any questions, please contact the

Be looking for teacher articles highlighting student activities and projects in future newsletters.



NEW SCHOOL NEWS

We needed pictures to put in the yearbook and so while the Lifetouch photographer was here, we selected a couple of students from each classroom and Ms. Bennett took them on a quick tour stopping at a few places for pictures. We are all looking forward to the day that we can move our "stuff" into the school and enjoy a state of the art school. Remember we will be having a presentation at the open house and need pictures of AES's past students and activities.

FIRST GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Allen's and Mrs. Hupp's classes have been working on tech steps. The students love using the lap tops. The topics are "quick tens" and "classify leaves". They have been on a nature walk picking up leaves and sorting them. They pretended like they were scientist and looked at them with magnifying lens. Bugs and worm holes were a few of the things that were discovered.

Save the Children

The afterschool program is going strong. Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Freed and Miss Sampson are working hard with the students to enhance their learning. In the past month, Heads Up has joined the program and we now also have Debbie Toppings and Sara Moore working with the students. The students enjoy reading and math along with art and a physical activity. Homework is completed with the help of Mrs. Toppings. If you would like your child to attend, the

Reading Tips for Parents of Second Graders

- ❖ **Tell Family Tales:** Children love to hear stories about their family. Talk about a funny thing that happened when you were young.
- ❖ **Create a Writing Toolbox:** Fill a box with drawing and writing materials. Find opportunities for your child to write, such as the shopping list, thank you notes, or birthday cards.
- ❖ **Be Your Child's #1 Fan:** Ask your child to read aloud what he or she has written for school. Be an enthusiastic listener.
- ❖ **Create a Book Together:** Fold pieces of paper in half and staple them to make a book. Ask your child to write sentences on each page and add their own illustrations.
- ❖ **Do Storytelling on the Go:** Take turns adding to a story the two (or more) of you make up while taking a trip. Try making the story funny.

* Look for Third Grade tips in the next newsletter!

Dominion has provided the school with free materials and access to a website to help students and teachers with science. There are suggested science experiments and references to activities that help students master our standards. There is something for K-2, 3-4 and 5-6. Here is the website:

<https://www.dom.com/about/safety/kids-electricity-and-natural-gas.jsp>

Health

Stop Germs! Stay Healthy! Wash Your Hands

WHEN?

- Before, during, and after preparing food
- Before eating food
- Before and after caring for someone who is sick
- Before and after treating a cut or wound
- After using the toilet
- After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching an animal or animal waste
- After touching garbage

HOW?

- Wet hands with clean, running water and apply soap.
 - Rub hands together to make a lather. Scrub the backs of hands, between fingers, and under nails.
 - Continue scrubbing for at least 20 seconds.
- Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.
- Rinse hands well under running water.
 - Dry hands using a clean towel or air dry

Second Grade News

Mrs. Summers and Mrs. Webb
Second Grade

The second grade classes have been very busy learning about how to be good citizens in our community, state and at school. We have studied about being responsible and trustworthy. While studying about our community and country, we also learned about our government and the rights we have as citizens. The Mayor of Grantsville, Curtis Garretson, spoke to the students about his job and responsibilities as Mayor. They even held a mock Town Council meeting. The students really enjoyed this!

If you ordered something from the scholastic book club and did not receive your items, please contact the school. We have the items but do not know who they belong to. There was no name on the order form. Thank You!



The Next PTO meeting is November 4, 2013, at 8:30. Please plan to attend and support the children!



Third Grade News

The third grade class continues to work very hard. In math, most students have mastered the multiplication facts through 5's. Once a week, we will review ten of those facts at random. The students will chart their individual progress as well as the entire classroom results. The school science fair will be held on November 5. Students have submitted their entry forms and are busy collecting data to test their hypothesis.

In reading, we are continuing to work on learning to answer text dependent and open ended questions. We are also working on contractions, prefixes, and suffixes. Soon, we will be working on reading different types of articles as preparation for kinds of texts they will see on the Westest. In social studies, we are learning about the different groups of Native Americans.

**BOOK FAIR
NOVEMBER 5-8
WISH LISTS DONE ON THE 4TH**



Thank You for attending the parent teacher conference on October 29th. Mrs. Benson and Miss Gordon will be staying for parent teacher conferences on November the 19th from 4 to 6.



Upcoming Events !!! November dates

- 1 – First Grade Parent Social
- 4-8 – Book Fair
- 4 - PTO Meeting 8:30
- 5 - Food Drive Kick Off
- 6 - 2 Hour school delay
- 7 – 1st Nine Weeks Award Assembly
- 8 – Kindergarten Parent Social
- 11 - NO SCHOOL – Veterans Day
- 12 - Pre-K Parent Social
BOE meeting
- 13 - Pre-K Parent Meeting 2:00 pm
- 14 – SAT Meetings
- 15 – Science Fair
- 19 - Movie Day
- 25 – 29 NO SCHOOL

If you have any question about any of the activities please contact the school.

Fourth Grade News

4th grade students are preparing for the science fair that is scheduled to be judged at the school level on November 15th. Students are learning the steps to the scientific method by doing examples of each step to ensure understanding. Students are responsible for researching a testable question, forming a hypothesis, conducting the experiment and documenting results, and finally generalizing the results based on the observations from the data. These projects will teach students about the scientific method and experiments don't always turn out the way they think they will. They are learning that hypothesis are not always accurate and can be disproven. Students are excited to get started on their experiments and decorate their display board.