

# Patriot News

## January 2017

What a wonderful month December has been! We enjoyed the Winter Music program written by Miss Jeske and performed by our 2nd and 3rd grade students.

We had several events this past month. The Grand Event was a wonderful evening comprised of the Book Fair, pictures, a craft and our Orff Ensemble presenting a short concert. The PTO sponsored "Santa Shop" happened during the school day and the students loved to shop for family and friends! We are truly blessed to have an active parent group that supports the school and the students with many great activities!

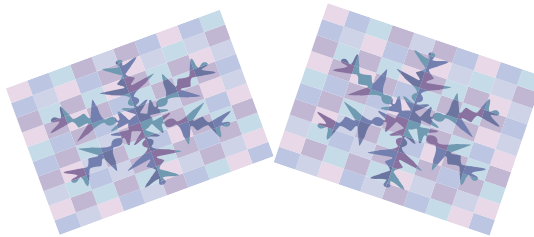
We will end the month of December with holiday parties and our annual Carol Sing with all the students and staff participating in this fun sing-along. Again, we thank the many parents that have volunteered in our building so far this year!

When we return to school on January 2nd, we will jump right back in to our curriculum. In December all students took their Middle of the Year NWEA test in math and reading and the results from this diagnostic test will help teachers to plan for each child's academic needs. We continue to monitor our students academic growth to assure that they are on track with grade level standards. Testing in grades 3-5 will begin at the end of February. Our State Academic Standards are based on preparing students to be ready to attend college or to go directly into the workforce after they graduate from high school. Parents, educators and students all need to work together to help build a great educational foundation at the elementary level! Thank you for working at home with your children on reading and math!

Bonus Bus begins the first week back to school. Our Montgomery County Choir (formally Circle the State with Song Choir) will begin to practice in January along with continued practices for our Orff Ensemble!

Looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year! May you have a safe and blessed Holiday Break!

**Mrs. Gephart**



## Other News:

- Please notify the School Office if there are any changes at home such as phone numbers and address.
- If you are changing after school arrangements for your child, please try to contact the School Office no later than 1:30 p.m.
- Attendance at school every day is important, if your child is out of school please be sure to contact the school to let them know the reason.
- If you have medical concerns for your student please contact Carla Rice at 362-3979 ext. 223.
- School lunches can be paid online.
- As our weather begins to change, make sure students are wearing appropriate clothing.

## Patriot Pass Recipients

Katelyn Woolwine  
Brie Stuffel  
Samantha Fisher  
Jason Jones  
Zach Craig  
Anna-Belle Horton  
Eva Spencer (2)  
Mariah Jensen  
Emerson Godbey  
Korbin Jones  
Ethan Dulin  
Savannah Farris  
Kale Galloway  
Jolee Musgrave  
Isaac Thornton

## Upcoming Events:

- 1-2-17 Back To School
- 1-3-17 PTO Meeting in cafeteria  
6:30 p.m.
- 1-16-17 No School/Snow Make-up  
Day
- 1-23-17 School Board Meeting 6:00  
CO
- 1-30-17 PTO "Culvers" night
- 1-30-17 "In View" Testing in 2nd  
grade and 5th grade, CogAt-  
Kindergarten
- 2-17-17 End of Trimester 2
- 2-17-17 Popcorn Friday
- 2-20-17 Teacher Record Day-Snow  
Make-up Day/No Students
- 2-22 to 2-24 Parent/Teacher Confer-  
ences Students Dismiss at 1:10 p.m.
- 2-23-17 Math Bowl Competition 5:00  
p.m.
- 2-27 to 3-10-16 ISTEP Applied Skills  
for grades 3,4,5
- 3-11-17 Montgomery County Choir  
Program Crawfordsville High School  
Auditorium
- 3-13 to 3-17-17 IRead3 3rd Grade