

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



KINDER FIELD TRIP



Through a grant sponsored by the Little Buckeye Children's Museum and the Richland County Foundation, our kindergarten students were able to go visit for a day filled with hands-on learning experiences. Did you know that Madison High School's National Honor Society volunteered to help construct the museum? After visiting, our students were also treated to a free ride on the carousel!

KERSHNER'S KIDS SHOW THEIR THANKS

2nd graders in Mrs. Kershner's room put on a performance showing the first Thanksgiving to parents, grandparents, and other spectators shortly before Thanksgiving Break. These outstanding leaders played the roles of pilgrims and Indians, showing how even with differences, there is always something to learning from one another in thinking win-win. Way to demonstrate Habit #6: Synergize in putting on a wonderful show!

NURSE'S NOOK

The cold weather is approaching, so please be sure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for recess. Students go outside for recess unless it is raining or the temperature is below 25 degrees with the wind chill. Be sure they have a warm jacket, hat, gloves, and weather appropriate shoes.

Thank you!
Nurse Bridget

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

As we approach this time of the year where we are able to focus on Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw and rest with our loved ones, the new year brings about a renewed sense of focus and determination for students and staff alike. The third quarter will bring about new developments with The Leader in Me, a new behavior goal for the leadership party, and state testing. Please have your child read every night, and ask him or her questions about the text. Together, I am confident that we continue making Mifflin a place of excellence in honoring the greatness of your child.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays to you all. I can't wait to see everyone again as we face 2019 with confidence. Lead, learn, love!

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MUSICAL NOTES

The annual 3rd grade performance of Flakes was a smashing success! Students did a wonderful job synergizing to create a musical program that taught us the importance of every flake, no matter what size. And who could forget the meaning of SNIRT? Way to go, 3rd graders!



@LIVESCHOOL

Congratulations to all of our students who achieved their second quarter behavior goal of surpassing the 35,000 points needed for a leadership party! Students will take part in a directed paint that will produce something extra special for a loved one at home.

At the time of writing this newsletter, the following shows the progress of each house:

- 1st Place: Tamaa with 11,310 points
- 2nd Place: Tharros with 10,913 points
- 3rd Place: Sabedoria with 10,671 points
- 4th Place: Fidélité with 8,977 points

PLTW



There is lots going on since the last newsletter learning about forces, seeds, how nature gives scientists ideas about new inventions, and animal adaptations. You can see how our kindergarten students are experimenting with dominoes to learn about forces. Merry Christmas to all! – Ms. Hursh

LEADERSHIP TIP

Organization is a skill learned over time. By teaching organization at home, your child will learn this very important skill.

Habit 1: Be Proactive is about initiative and responsibility. Help your child determine what he or she will need for the next day. To start, writing a list may be helpful. Next, have your child gather the non-perishable items and put them in his or her school bag.

Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind is about visualizing how you would like something to turn out before it happens. If a smooth morning is the goal, brainstorm with your child how that will look and feel like.

Habit 3: Put First Things First means focusing on the task when there's something else you would rather be doing — the hardest part of all! If they stick to it, fun things will come!

HABIT #5

Seek First To Understand, Then To Be Understood

Communication is the most important skill in life. You spend years learning how to read and write, and years learning how to speak. But what about listening? If you're like most people, you probably seek first to be understood; you want to get your point across. And in doing so, you may ignore the other person completely, pretend that you're listening, selectively hear only certain parts of the conversation or attentively focus on only the words being said, but miss the meaning entirely. Most people listen with the intent to reply, not to understand. But when we first seek to understand the unique perspectives and traits of another, a new level of comprehension is achieved that achieves an empathic listening that is simply invaluable.