



# CLARA BARTON NEWS

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## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Written by: Dr. Hanna



I observed a Leprechaun playing on a small fiddle and singing softly to himself while working in my office at CB. With reflexes so quick that they surprised even me, and catching the leprechaun off guard with more luck than skill, I caught the leprechaun and I immediately asked for my three wishes as a condition of his release. He suggested that whatever I wished for would be granted not only to myself but also to the parents of the children of Clara Barton. You'll be happy to know that I requested the same wishes many of you would wish for unlimited happiness, all the riches of the world and life eternal. Without hesitation the Leprechaun granted us our wish! The Leprechaun told me that if I let him go I would find a package in my top drawer desk, which contained all three wishes. "Leprechaun honor" he said. True to his words he left a small package in my top desk drawer. Written upon the package was a reminder to share the great wealth with you. So... In the package was a simple piece of paper upon which was written the following words: "Go home and hug your children and show your love everyday. The love you will receive in turn will bring you unlimited happiness, exceed all the riches of the world, and will live on beyond the limits of your mortality." I hope you make the most of the three wishes you were granted!

# FEBRUARY



Way to go, students of the month!

Iceburgh visited Clara Barton to celebrate the completion of the Reading Champions program, which was sponsored by the Pittsburgh Penguin Foundation and US Steel. Each third grade student received 2 Penguin game tickets, a penguin bookbag, penguin hat, penguin book and a mini hockey stick and puck. Way to go, Reading Champions!



# Steel Cup Winners – Ms. Terzich’s Class!



Congratulations to Ms. Terzich’s third grade class for reading over 68,000 minutes and earning the title of Reading Champions! Ms. Terzich’s class read the most minutes of any class participating, including classes from other school districts. Her and her class will be recognized at the Penguin’s game on Tuesday, March 5th and will receive the Steel Cup trophy! They will also receive upgraded seating to be in a party suite at the game.

Way to go, Reading Champions!



A "blizzard of kindness" hit Clara Barton! The kindness club decorated the hallway with snowflakes, winter posters and a snowball craft saying what they could do to be kind. Little snowflakes were put on every students' and staff's desk with a positive affirmation, too! Then for a winter surprise we had indoor snowball fights! From kindergarten to third grade everyone go in on the winter fun. A special thanks to our CB families who donated to help fund our donors choose. It helped melt away the winter blues!



The Kindness Club played Kindness Bingo, created cards and a banner for the cardiac unit at Jefferson Hospital, and enjoyed Mrs. Whalen as the keynote speaker about spreading kindness.



Students who have shown the most significant growth in reading and math from the beginning to middle of the year were recognized and given a medal.

Congratulations and keep up the great work!



**GREAT JOB!**



# WEST MIFFLIN FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NIGHT

## BUNNY HOP

WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 20TH  
6:00-7:00 PM

WM MIDDLE SCHOOL  
CAFETERIA

FREE PICTURES WITH  
THE EASTER BUNNY  
AN EGG HUNT  
& MORE FUN!



PICTURES TAKEN BY  
VAN DYKE PHOTOGRAPHY





# BE · OUR GUEST


THE WMMS CAST OF  
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR. PRESENTS :

## Breakfast with Belle & Friends!

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

10:30-12:00

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA



Kids \$5  
Adults \$10



Food provided by WMAHS  
Family and Consumer  
Science Club and  
Titan Thyme Catering!

To purchase tickets, visit:  
[WMMSmusical.weebly.com](http://WMMSmusical.weebly.com)



## When your kid's a Champ Camper, they get to solve the biggest mystery there is: Why does summer always feel too short?

Between our weekly themes and daily variety, no two weeks are the same!



### **INNOVATION WEEK: LET'S DISCOVER STEM!**

Learn by doing. Through hands-on activities, we'll plan, design, and create using STEM mindsets!



### **MOVEMENT WEEK: LET'S GO PLAY!**

Learn through the magic of healthy competition, then high-five your teammates and get your game on.



### **CREATIVITY WEEK: LET'S MAKE ART!**

Craft something inspiring and new. Maybe reveal a new skill or play a new character in a skit.



### **FRIENDSHIP WEEK: LET'S BUDDY UP!**

Explore teamwork and partnership while making new friends.



### **OUTDOOR WEEK: LET'S EXPLORE NATURE!**

Become BFFs with plants, animals, and nearly everything outside!

### **BONUS! FIELD TRIPS:**

We are still in the planning stages for field trips. More to come!

Whether we're visiting a local zoo or bringing an exciting vendor to us, who doesn't love a good adventure?

**DATES:** May 30th, 2024 - August 16th, 2024

**AGES:** Kindergarten - 6th Grade

**PRICING:**

\$42/day - Customized schedules possible

\$50 Enrollment fee - **WAIVED** if enrolled by Feb 9

One Time \$50 Activity Fee for Summer

Site Director: William Rose

**HOURS:**

7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

**LOCATION:**

West Mifflin Middle School Cafeteria

81 Commonwealth Ave, West Mifflin, PA 15122

[Address 3]

Phone Number: 412-980-3893



**SCAN FOR A SNEAK PEEK AT CAMP**  
(THROUGH THE EYES OF OUR CAMPERS)!

# Spring Math Champions



Spring Math



Congratulations to Mrs. Fry's Third Grade Class on their Math Achievements! Students in grades 3-5 are participating in the Spring Math Program for mathematics. Spring Math is a math intervention that is utilized for 20 minutes daily. Student scores are entered weekly, and the class-wide intervention is determined. Mrs. Fry's class is making fantastic progress! Her class has 90% intervention consistency. The class is progressing at 1.7 skills per week.

Way to go, room 204!





# Counselor's Corner



Terry Whalen, School Counselor  
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## Spring Homework Tips:

Create a positive learning environment at home.

Make a regular time for homework and reading.

Help your child prioritize assignments.

Provide a quiet, well-lit place to work. Limit TV and screens.

Minimize distractions.

Set up a school bulletin board.

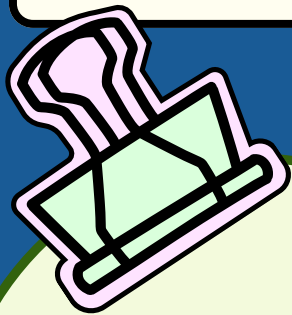
Display the school calendar and flyers.

This helps spark interest and involvement in school activities.

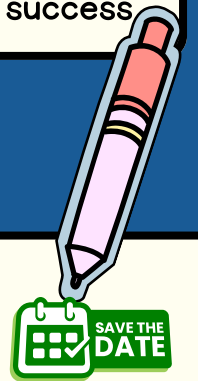
Have a "launch pad" where backpacks, and lunch boxes are stored.

Decide on an outfit the night before. This helps minimize chaos in the morning.

Please contact Mrs. Whalen with any concerns regarding student success.



# MARCH



HELLO  
Spring

3/18 - End of 3rd nine weeks

3/19 - Spring Photos

3/20 - Family Engagement Event (see above flyer for details)

3/21 - Report Cards

3/22 - Free Book Distribution

3/22 - Queen of Hearts visit Kindergarten

3/27 - Movie Festival

3/28 - Early Dismissal 12:40

3/29-4/1 - Spring Break

\*STEM night is rescheduled for Thursday, May 9th

# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY

Ms. Baroffio (101) Rocco Baguet  
Mrs. Wilson (102) Memphis Toth  
Mrs. Scott (106) Adrian Priftanj

Ms. McCracken (104) Bennett Struzynski,  
Brayden Struzynski  
Ms. Zitelli (107) Michaela Fedorka  
Mrs. Reynolds (103) Jae'ar Perez

Mrs. Jakub (207) Blessing Tamling  
Mr. Simone (200)  
Mr. Fenwick (202) River Soltrick

Mrs. Buchleitner (208) Harlow Stoecker,  
Ruby Stoecker  
Ms. Terzich (206) Zion Palko  
Mrs. Fry (204) Brandon Dishong  
Mrs. Miller (201) Kallie Parker



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# Teacher Feature



Second Grade Team:

Mr. Simone, Mrs. Jakub & Mr. Fenwick

# Mr. Simone - Second Grade



Alumni of: Slippery Rock

Birthday: January

## Favorites

Subject: Math

Book: Green Eggs and Ham

Movie: Marvel Movies

Color: Blue

Restaurant: Mad Mex

## This or That

Coffee or Tea: Coffee

Dunkin or Starbucks: Starbucks

Salty or Sweet: Salty

Beach or Lake: Beach

Cats or Dogs: Dogs

# Mrs. Jakub - Second Grade



Alumni of: University of Pittsburgh

Birthday: January

## Favorites

Subject: Reading

Book: Flat Stanley Series

Movie: Steel Magnolias

Color: All shades of blue

Restaurant: Armstrongs

## This or That

Coffee or Tea: Coffee

Dunkin or Starbucks: Starbucks

Salty or Sweet: Sweet

Beach or Lake: Lake

Cats or Dogs: Dogs



# Mr. Fenwick - Second Grade



Alumni of: University of Pittsburgh, IUP

Birthday: December

## Favorites

Subject: Grammar

Book: Green Eggs and Ham

Movie: Back to the Future

Color: Blue

Restaurant: Golden Corral

## This or That

Coffee or Tea: Tea

Dunkin or Starbucks: Dunkin

Salty or Sweet: Sweet

Beach or Lake: Beach

Cats or Dogs: Dogs