

# Homeville Elementary

December 2022 Newsletter

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## Save the Date

- Dec. 1 Reflection Celebration
- Dec.2 Science Center STEM assembly
- Dec. 5-9 Santa Shop
- Dec. 8 Holiday Family Night 6-8 pm
- Dec. 13 Make-up Pictures
- Dec. 15 Santa Cop Toy Distribution
- Dec. 16 Early Release 1:30 pm
- Dec. 19 Visit from Santa & Grinch
- Dec. 19 Birthday with the Principal
- Dec. 20 Christmas Concerts  
10:00 am First Grade, 2:00 pm Kindergarten
- Dec. 21 Christmas Concerts  
10:00 am 3rd Grade, 2:00 pm 2nd Grade
- Dec. 22 Polar Express/Classroom parties
- Dec.23 Early Release @ 12:40 pm
- Dec.24-Jan. 1 Winter Break

School resumes on Jan. 2nd

## A Note from the Principal

### December "A Christmas Visit"

'Twas a week before Christmas and throughout Homeville School, students and staff were busy teaching for that's the golden rule.

All Skills were being taught with process and flare, not forgetting that Homeville's children should be "Handled with Care."

Ms. Mary Beth was cheerful, happy, and working away.

We'd be lost without her is all that I'll say! When out in Homeville I heard a soft chatter I jumped from my chair to see what was the matter. Away to the hall I went real quick! Standing there was Santa, this was not a trick! He had visions dancing in his head with children such as Homeville's, they are the BEST he said!

Such support from parents, teachers and community, Santa saw the Homeville Unity! Santa declared, "It's time to go." He waved good-bye as he climbed on his sleigh. With no hesitation he was up, up and away! But I heard him exclaim as he wasn't near, "Thanks for all that you have done at Homeville this year!"

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
Mrs. Baker



## Counselor's Corner

### Reducing Holiday Stress for Children

1. Stick to Routines.
2. Give a heads up about busy schedule.
3. Schedule in downtime.
4. Let your child vent.
5. Maintain exercise.
6. Don't feel obligated to attend every event.
7. Enjoy time with family and friends.

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Happy Holidays!

## Students of the Month for November

### Kindergarten

Deegan Dawes  
Andrea Trivuncevi  
Matthew Belles  
Luna Velez  
Grayson Luptak

### First Grade

Zoey Lefebvre  
Samuel Anselmo  
Lily Wages  
Luca DiMarco  
Hunter Coffman



### Second Grade

Deilynn Jackson  
Mollie Johns  
Harper Tyree  
Brantley Butler  
Ben Schrader

### Third Grade

Gianna Owens  
Logan Forstoffer  
Albert Meyers  
Milez Fort  
Sophia Sil

# Reading Champions Program

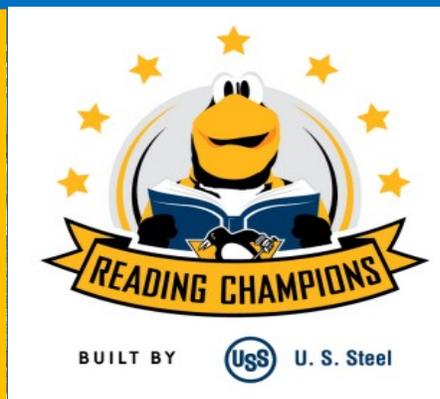
Written by: Dina Fouser, Literacy Coach



Congratulations to the 3rd grade students and staff for once again being chosen to participate in the Reading Champions Program, created by U.S. Steel in partnership with the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation.

This 8-week reading Incentive program was created with the intention of encouraging children to spend more time reading both in school and at home. The 3rd grade students will aim to read for 20 minutes a day (the amount of time in a period of hockey). Students will have the opportunity to work as a class to earn amazing prizes, including the chance to earn two Pittsburgh Penguins tickets!

The third-grade classrooms were gifted a Reading Champions library surrounded by important themes such as teamwork, kindness, anti-bullying, hockey, penguins and more! The books even include motivational and inspiring messages handwritten by the Pittsburgh Penguins staff.



Our third graders read to the Kindergarten students. Way to go, Reading Champions!

## Homeville students learn the meaning of Veteran's Day



The Queen of Hearts visited Homeville Kindergarten students on November 17th

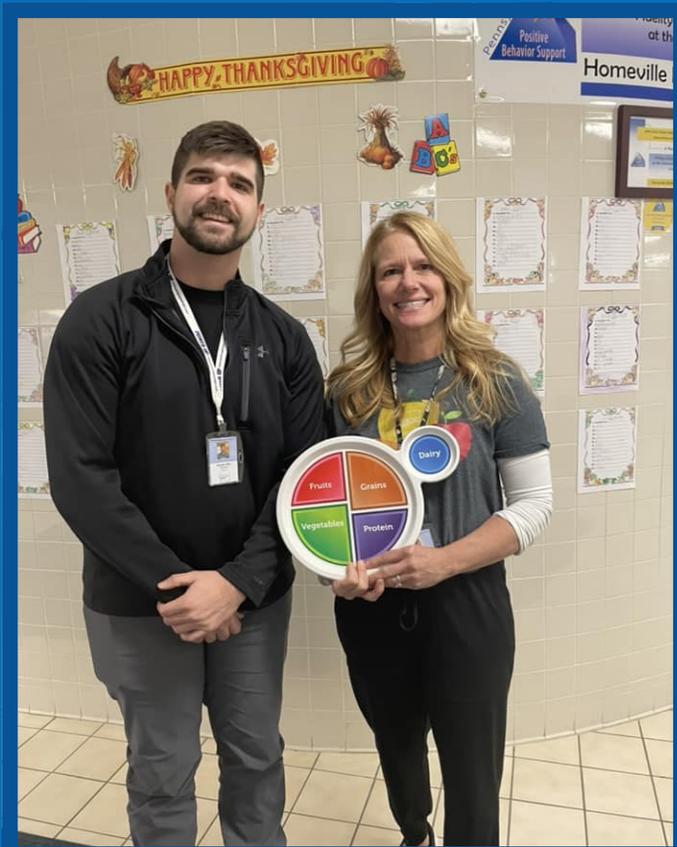
# Thanksgiving Fun!

Mrs. Bandik's Stem Classes had their version of a Thanksgiving Day parade



Students made turkey obstacle courses in Mrs. Bandik's Stem Classes

Homeville has **Power Up** classes that teach our students about nutrition & the my plate model



Students enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with a special carving station. Thank you to Mr. Piel and Nutrition Food Service

## Pie the Teacher



Mrs.Krek, Mrs.Crosby, and Ms.Green had the most donations for the food drive. The students enjoyed seeing them get pied in the face!





### Third Grade Kindness Club

The Kind Kids shared ways to 'sprinkle' kindness. They completed painting their rocks to add to our Kindness Rocks Garden!



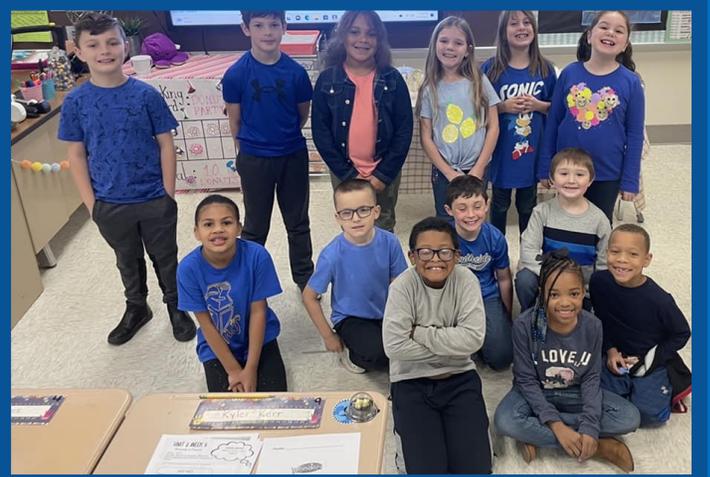
### Turkey Bowl

Homeville participated in the Turkey Bowl during gym. Thank you to Mr.Kosko, Mr.Smith, and all the teachers that helped to make this a wonderful experience for our children!

# World Diabetes Day



Homeville wore blue on November 14th for World Diabetes Day



# Student Dance Off



We all got in the dancing spirit!



## WM Borough Holiday Card Winners



**Kindergarten: McKenzie Goode and Ava Joyner**

**First Grade: Peyton Fowler and Camiah Poole**

**Second Grade: Mollie Johns and Devon Mitrik**

**Third Grade: Selena Nichols and Aaliyah Hall**

These students are invited to light up night where they will receive a prize. All the cards then go to Locust Grove for our senior citizens to enjoy!

# Teacher of the Month

Mrs. Truax, First Grade



## Feature Teacher: Mrs. Truax

Alumni of: University of Pittsburgh, Cal U of PA

Birthday Month: May

### Favorites



Subject: Reading

Book: Green Eggs and Ham

Movie: Harry Potter

Color: Pink

Restaurant: Ciccanti's

### This or That



Coffee or Tea

Starbucks or Dunkin'

Salty Snacks or Sweet Treats

Beach or Lake

Cats or Dogs

