

GENERAL GAZETTE



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March 8, 2024

Upcoming Dates

March

- 11 Board Meeting @ Board Office (6pm)
- 12 MAPS Meeting – Media Center (7pm – 8pm)
- 13 Dine-to-Donate – Chipotle (4pm – 8pm)
- 19 End of 3rd quarter
- 19 NO SCHOOL – PD Day**
- 21 Food Truck – Chuck Wagon (11am – 7pm)
- 25 – 29 NO SCHOOL – Spring Break**

April

- 1 NO SCHOOL – Spring Break**
- 5 Movie Night – Maumee Indoor (6pm – 8:30pm)
- 8 NO SCHOOL – Solar Eclipse**
- 15 Board Meeting @ Board Office (6pm)
- 15-19 Spring Book Fair
- 17-18 Donuts at Dawn (7:30am – 8:30am)
- 17 MAPS Meeting – Media Center (7pm – 8pm)
- 21 Dance Party @ The Stables (5pm – 8pm)
- 23 Food Truck – Hahny’s Smash (11am – 8pm)
- 23 1st Grade Music Program (7pm)

May

- 3 Family Fun Night (5:30pm – 8:30pm)
- 6 Field Day
- 9 Field Day (Rain Date)
- 11 District Art Show (HS Auditorium) (10am – 5pm)
- 13 Board Meeting @ Board Office (6pm)
- 21 Kindergarten Graduation Night (7pm)
- 22 4th Grade End-of-Year Party
- 23 4th Grade Bridging Ceremony (2pm)
- 24 Last Day Blast
- 24 End of 4th quarter

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. MURRY



Wow, a BIG THANK YOU to all of the Monclova families who took part in donating to the Kids Heart Challenge. It was a huge success raising well over \$18,000. This is the most Monclova has ever raised and will probably put us in the

top 10 in the state of Ohio. Mr. Black used this opportunity to teach students the importance of a healthy heart, ways to improve heart health, giving back to others and how the American Heart Association uses the donations.

We have had so much fun this week celebrating Right to Read Week. The theme this year was “Exploring through Books.” Each day had a focus that we explored through reading various books. On Monday, MAPS brought in



local author Katie Maskey. She has written four books about her cat, Ferdinand, who has extra toes. Be sure to ask your child about Ferdinand. The staff and students enjoyed all of the activities throughout the week. A big thank you to Mrs. Bigelow for her creativity!

Only two weeks to go and spring break will be here! Also, our 3rd quarter closes on March 19. Please make sure you are staying up to date on your child’s progress through teacher communication and Power School.

The next MAPS meeting is Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 pm. Please join MAPS to learn about upcoming events. Childcare is available during the meeting. Mrs. Birkemeier is going to be the guest speaker at the meeting. On Wednesday, March 13, MAPS is having a Dine-to-Donate event at Chipotle on Conant Street. Online and in restaurant orders can earn 33% for MAPS. Then, on March 21, MAPS is hosting the food truck, Toledo Chuck Wagon, for a Dine-to-Donate. The truck will be at Monclova beginning at 11:00 am for the staff and public to enjoy during lunch, and it will be here through the evening. Stop by with your family! March 21 is also the 2nd grade music program.



Enrollment for students who will be in kindergarten next year opened On MARCH 1, 2024. Please share this with anyone you know who will have a child turning 5 by September 30, 2024, and lives in the Anthony Wayne School District, and is ready to start school. [Click Here](#) to visit our website that includes all of the details for kindergarten registration.

PLEASE NOTE: Parents of ESC Preschool students at Monclova Primary who will transition to Anthony Wayne Kindergarten in the fall of 2024 must visit <https://www.anthonywayneschools.org/PreschoolProgram> to complete the online registration form and submit the required documents at our Central Administrative Office. Anthony Wayne Kindergarten is a separate program from the ESC Preschool, and we do not share their files or documents.

Student Profile Forms

All families who have students in kindergarten - third grade are able to complete an optional student profile survey. This is your opportunity to share important information about your child that you would like the staff to consider when developing class lists for next school year. The development of class lists is a very detailed process, and we gather information from classroom teachers, support staff, office staff and parents. **Specific teacher requests are not accepted. This optional student profile form will be open from March 1 - March 22.**

[Student Profile Form](#)

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

All Grades



Our Annual Holiday Food Drive is currently underway, and it will continue through next week. All items collected will be donated to the Anthony Wayne Food



Pantry. The details of the food drive are included in the attached file.

Kindergarten

Last week, I visited each of the kindergarten classrooms to present the third Sources of Strength lesson. This lesson was entitled "We Can Make a Difference," and it focused on the concept of how we can help others in times of need. We discussed how sometimes we can use our strengths to assist others when they are in need of help. The students learned about the concept of Empathy, which is the ability to understand what someone else might be thinking or feeling. We discussed that during a conflict, our emotions can get big and people's feelings can be hurt. The students learned that listening to others can improve a conflict and help us understand what others are thinking or feeling. We reviewed the parts of a Helpful Apology – See the Hurt and Help the Hurt. The students learned that listening is an important part of helping the hurt. We also reviewed the eight "Strengths" from the Sources of Strength Wheel, which include: Family Support, Positive Friends, Mentors, Healthy Activities, Generosity, Spirituality, Physical Health, and Mental Health. These "Strengths" help the students to identify the many positive people, places, and things in their lives that make them to feel happy, connected, and help during difficult times. I hope that these lessons have challenged the students to think about the "Strengths" in their lives and how they can use these to regulate their brains and bodies during times of need and big emotions. As parents, I encourage you to extend our learning to home by identifying the "Strengths" in your lives with your son/daughter and discussing how we all can use our own personal strengths during challenging times and to help us become the best versions of ourselves.

This week, I visited each Kindergarten classroom and presented a lesson on Career Awareness. As part of the lesson, the students and I explored various careers and discussed the nature and responsibilities of several careers, as well as some of the tools that are used in each of these

occupations. It was exciting getting to see the students think about careers that might be a good fit for their skills or interests and something worth learning more about in the future. We concluded the lesson with each student drawing a picture of what they might want to be when they grow up. I hope that the lesson and discussion will be a good starting point for students to begin thinking about how their skills and interests might point them in the direction of additional career exploration in the future.

Mr. Christopher Buehrer
Monclova School Counselor



POP TAB COLLECTION FOR THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE



Reminder that our school is collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. By collecting pop tabs, we benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities and can also help our school! A collection box is located outside of the office. Please help us donate again soon!

ORDER YOUR Yearbook

The 2023-24 Yearbook link is now available to accept online orders! Deadline for ordering is May 24, 2024. Click on the following link to place your order.

<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob>

Yearbook ID Code: 4282924

Questions: Contact Mari Ness at mari.ness1@hotmail.com

Statewide Tornado Drill & School Communications Test: March 20, 2024

Each spring, the [Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness](#) holds a statewide tornado drill. This year, the weather alert sirens will be activated at 9:50 a.m. on Wednesday, March 20. **The District will also use this time to test its school communications system by sending a phone call, text message and email to system users.** [Please report system errors online.](#)



Monclova Primary Annual Holiday Food Drive March 4 – 15, 2024

We are very “lucky” at Monclova Primary! During the month of March, Monclova Primary students are encouraged to share some of their luck by taking part in the annual Holiday Food Drive. The food drive helps to stock up the Anthony Wayne Food Pantry that has been operating in our area for over 30 years. As the school counselor, I know that many families, in times of need, have been provided with bags of groceries by this local food bank.

In order to collect a variety of the needed items, we will be separating the list of needed items by grade level. All donated items need to be brought to your student's classroom by Friday, March 15. We will collect the items along the community room hallway. If you do not have the items listed for your grade level – feel free to donate any of the other listed food items.

Kindergarten – paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, plastic wrap, Ziploc bags, cling wrap, aluminum foil, garbage bags, or napkins

1st Grade – A box of cereal, hot cereals (like oatmeal) in single serving pouches, breakfast bars, granola bars, Nutri-grain bars, or whole grain crackers

2nd Grade – Jello cups, pudding cups, Rice-a-roni, Noodle-roni, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, pouches of dried fruit, shelf-stable fruit cups or jello fruit mixture cups

3rd Grade – main dish soups (like chunky soups), canned main dishes (such as Spaghettios, ravioli, chili, or beef stew), tuna in a can or pouch or canned chicken
no canned vegetables please – the bank has plenty at this time

4th Grade – Peanut butter, jam/jelly, nuts in cans or pouches, trail mix in pouches, small cans of coffee, shampoo, liquid dish soap, or laundry detergent

Thank you for helping us help others!!
Mr. Christopher Buehrer, Monclova School Counselor

MUSIC News

4th Grade

Recorders are Rocking! We are just finishing up our recorder unit. Many of us earned "belts" for our recorders by playing a challenge song for the class. There were 6 colors of belts students could earn

by playing songs, such as Au Clair Da la Lune and Funga Alfa. By turning in practice minutes, students earned a recorder strap and stickers. Piano and Ukulele units have started. We will learn a few simple chords and songs, as well as the history of the Ukulele and piano. Learning about all the families of instruments will lead into choosing band instruments for 5th grade, if students choose this option.

Benefits of Joining Band

Playing together is all about cooperation, teamwork, and learning to follow direction as a group. You get to spend time with people who share your love of music and make new friends in the process. Band is a fun and constructive way to spend your time. I'm still friends with my bandmates.

Lakes of Monclova

These 4th graders generously shared their talents with the residents at the Lakes of Monclova. They are demonstrating our Anthony Wayne General Expectations. Thank you Generals!



3rd Grade

We had a wonderful performance of the Nutcracker. Learning about rich classical music, like the Nutcracker, is always ongoing in music class. Currently, we are enjoying learning about new cultures using stories and playing instruments to the stories. Recently, we wrote 16th note rhythm patterns.

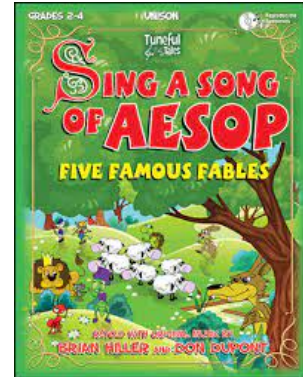
Third Grade will learn about all the instrument families. Students can also look forward to working in their chrome books with our music program; Musicplay. Go to Google Music Classroom to find a link for this program and explore the many resources that are available to the students.

2nd Grade

Our annual performance of
Sing A Song of Aesop

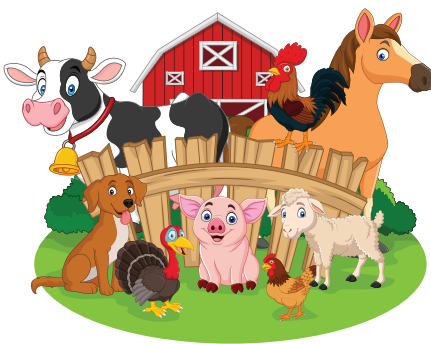
Is right around the corner!

March 21, 2024 at 7:00pm will be the performance for families and friends. Students should arrive by 6:45pm and go immediately to meet with their teacher.



In addition we are learning new rhythms with half notes and pitches D, R, M, S, L. Playing, singing, and dancing are always part of the lesson plans.

1st Grade



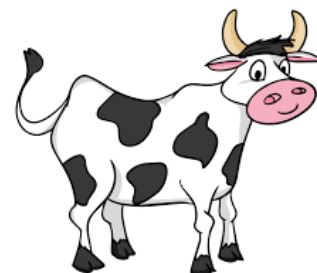
Save the Date!

April 23, 2024 at 7:00pm

First Grade will perform here at Monclova
"Farm-moosical"

Music for the first grade music program is located in your child's Google Music Classroom. Go to Google Music Classroom, select classwork, and then find Farmmoosical music.

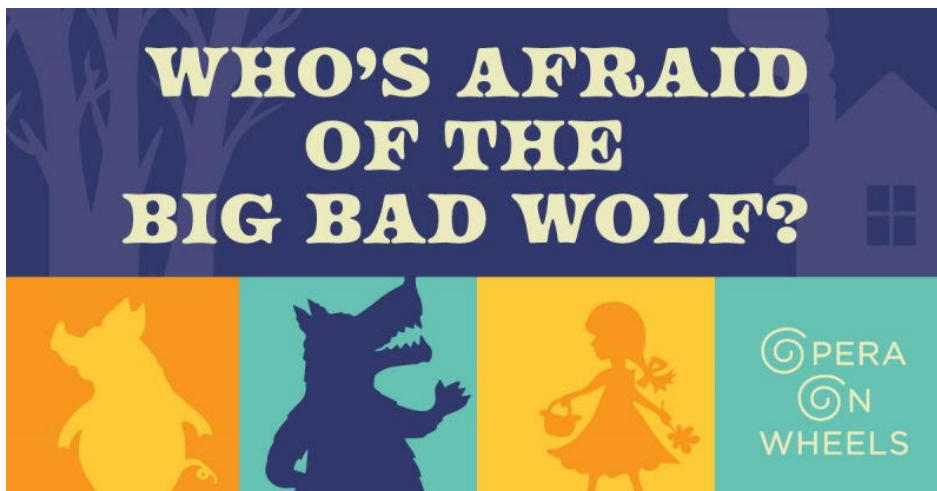
Currently, we are learning to read, write, and perform music pitches d, m, s, l and rhythms using quarter notes, eighth notes, and quarter rests with lots of fun games, songs and instruments. Our favorite song is Farmer Brown Had A Cow.



Kindergarten

We are singing, playing and talking opposites; fast/slow, loud/quiet, short/long, and high/low. We are playing many classroom instruments to the beat and the rhythm and learning the difference. Echo singing is teaching vocal skills, as well as many new songs. Connecting music to the world around us helps us understand other cultures. We are also learning other subjects through music singing like Counting, and alphabet songs. And there is always time for singing games. Our favorite song is Skinnamarink as well as our songs for our upcoming Performance

Save the Date
Kindergarten Graduation
May 21, 2024



Coming Soon
Opera on Wheels

We will have a
performance presented
by
the Toledo Opera

Who's Afraid of The
Big Bad Wolf?

Little Red Riding Hood,
The Three Little Pigs,

and the Boy Who Cried Wolf must all work together to show the Wolf the error of his ways. Using the music of Mozart, children learn the dangers of bullying, the power of friendships, and the ability of music to bring people together.

This will be on April 29, 2024

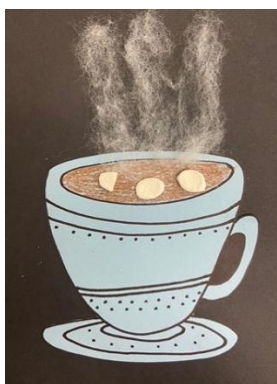
We can't wait to see the professional singers and learn about the Opera!

Musically,
Mrs. Martinez

Art Room Update from Ms. Melissa

Hello everyone! I cannot believe that my time teaching at Monclova Primary has already finished. I would like to share a few projects that I have been teaching your kids. I focus my lessons on giving students lots of choices as that helps build independence and confidence inside and outside of the art room. Lastly, I would like to thank Mrs. Hodge for giving me the amazing opportunity of teaching her wonderful students! If you have any questions, feel free to email me at kunklem@bgsu.edu.

Kindergarten



Our kindergarteners created hot cocoa mugs and learned about subject matter and observation skills in art! They got to think of their favorite mug or cup they have at home to inspire them. They finished by observing all the different types of mugs created by their peers and complimenting each other's artworks.

1st Grade

The 1st graders learned all about collage and perspective with a lovely snowy tree scene! They tore 3 different sheets of paper to make snowy hills and cut out large, medium, and small trees to create depth in our collage. They then got to add details of their choice to the scene.



2nd Grade



This lesson has been especially fun as 2nd graders were inspired to create pets they have at home or would like to have! They learned how to use 2D and 3D shapes to create a mixed-media project using construction paper, model magic, and cotton balls.

3rd Grade

Our 3rd graders were inspired by Vincent van Gogh's *Starry Night* to create their own landscape drawings. They were told to think of their favorite place outside to draw the silhouettes they would see there. They then used crayons and markers to create the night sky!



4th Grade



Last, but not least, the 4th graders learned all about Edvard Munch and *The Scream*. They used analogous colors and lines to create movement in their background. Then they had the opportunity to choose who to make as their person using complimentary colors! They also had the choice to make their person whoever they wanted with any expression. The students got super creative with this and made all different types of people such as cartoon characters to football players!