



## Adopt-a-Family



Thanks to all of you, 11 Whipple Heights families were able to celebrate a brighter holiday season due to the generosity of our student's, families, and the community. Our students/families donated \$2 each during our donation day, our staff donated nonperishable/canned goods, community businesses (including: *Buehler's Fresh Food of Massillon*, *Maconachy Stradley Insurance Agency* and *Dr. Brandon Blood at the Neck and Back Center*) contributed monetary donations for food, and the Wellman family provided fresh meat raised on their farm along with other goodies. Additional support came from Scott Praxl and the congregation at *Whipple Heights Alliance Church* and their Adopt-A-Family's mission which adopted four of our 11 families.

Altogether, we were able to raise nearly \$800 with this Adopt-A-Family program. This allowed us to feed five families for several days along with holiday gifts for seven families. Add to that the four families *Whipple Heights Alliance Church* adopted and that is a total of 11 separate families with a total of 21 children.

Thank you again to all of you that participated in our Adopt-A-Family mission. We hope you and your families had a safe and restful holiday break.

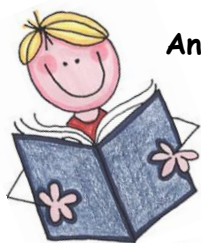
With much gratitude...  
*Whipple Heights Elementary*

### SAVE THE DATE

#### Annual Winter Family Night & School-Wide Art Show

Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017

6:30-7:30pm



LITERACY



ART SHOW

### Winter Weather Reminder

In the event of inclement weather Perry Local Schools will communicate closings and delays through several medias.



WHBC  
WKYC Channel 3  
WEWS Channel 5  
FOX 8 News  
WOIO Channel 19  
WUAB Channel 43  
CantonRep.com

This information will also be posted on the district website and each building's website as well as our Facebook, Twitter and the Whipple REMIND account.

**Additionally, please make sure your students are fully dressed for the weather. Whenever possible we will go out for recess.**



### Upcoming Events

Below is a listing of specific events scheduled for this coming month!

Wednesday	January 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bookmobile (Grades 1/3)
Tuesday	January 10 <sup>th</sup>	WHPTO Meeting in Library (6:00pm) Scouts in Café (6:30pm)
Thursday	January 12 <sup>th</sup>	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks
Friday	January 13 <sup>th</sup>	No School - Professional Development Day for Teachers
Monday	January 16 <sup>th</sup>	No School - MLK Jr. Day
Tuesday	January 17 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts in Café (6:30pm)
Tues.-Thur.	January 24-26 <sup>th</sup>	Variety Show Auditions (More Info. To Come)
Tuesday	January 24 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts in Café (6:30pm)
Wednesday	January 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bookmobile (Grades 1/3)
Tuesday	January 31 <sup>st</sup>	Hot Shots Perform - Canton Charge Half Time Game Begins at 7:00pm

## General Housekeeping...

- Many of you have been receiving form letters regarding attendance. This is part of our policy at Perry Local. You will receive a form letter at strategic points starting with the 3<sup>rd</sup> non-medical absence. Please make every attempt to obtain a medical excuse whenever your child is absent due to illness.
- When sending a note or calling your child off from school, please make sure to include the following information: your name, your child's name, and the classroom teacher's name.
- If visiting your student for lunch, please remember **NO** outside food is permitted in the cafeteria except a home packed lunch.
- All parents have 24hour access to Pinnacle for the purpose of monitoring student grades. If you are not sure how to monitor your student's progress through this system please contact your student's teacher.

As we start the new year, don't forget to clip out and send in your Box Tops, Campbell's, Tyson and Our Family Labels. The February newsletter will contain updated totals and classroom winners. A BIG thanks for taking the time to do this as it is amazing how something so small can make such a difference for our school.



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NO ACT OF  
**KINDNESS,**  
NO MATTER HOW SMALL,  
**IS EVER WASTED.**

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## COUNSELING CONNECTIONS



Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I hope that everyone had a relaxing holiday break. We are very excited to see what the second half of the year has in store for our students.

This month our guidance topic is Tolerance. I will visit all classrooms to present a lesson on accepting individual differences.

**Kindergarten** will read/discuss the book, "*It's Okay to be Different*".  
**First grade** will read/discuss the book, "*Spookley the Square Pumpkin*".  
**Second grade** will view/discuss the video, "*The Unforgettable Pen Pal*".  
**Third grade** will view/discuss the video "*Putting Yourself in Someone Else's Shoes*".  
**Fourth grade** will view/discuss the video, "*Planting the Seeds of Peace*".

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance.  
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# PTO NEWS

## NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had a great winter break! Knowing that December was a busy month for everyone I would like to thank those that attended the book fair. I know quite a few of the staff have new reading material to enjoy with your students.

Also, Thank you to those that purchased t-shirts and hoodies this year. We raised just over \$500 from sales.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the library. Please join us and bring your ideas as we will be discussing the rest of this year's events.

With Perry Pride...  
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