



Young Scholars Newsletter

Young Scholars of McKeesport Charter School

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Holidays & Awareness Dates

New Years Day (1)	Dr. MLK Jr. Day (15)
Nat'l Drug & Alcohol Facts Week (22-28)	
Chinese New Year (16)	Holocaust Remembrance Day (27)
No Name Calling Week (14-20)	Mental Wellness Month

Food Pantries and Resources

Crawford Village Food Bank Call for info: 412-673-0330

Produce to People (Duquesne): 1/11/18 5:30pm
Greater Pgh Community Food Bank, 1 N. Linden Street

Mobile Food Pantry - Beulah Park 1/18/18 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM @ Beulah Park United Methodist Church

Mobile Food Pantry - Christy Park 1/18/18 1pm-2pm @ Christy Park United Methodist Church

Produce to People (McKeesport): 1/20/18 10am
Founders' Hall Middle School, 3600 Oneil Blvd.
Produce to People hotline: (412) 460-3663 x727

Need ANY help? (Utility service payment, rent payment assistance, housing, shelters, furniture, food stamps, clothing, etc.) From finding health and human services- for everyday needs and in crisis situations.

Dial 2-1-1 on your cellphone!

"Snow" with 1A!

In December it snowed in 1A! The students had no idea how it was going to snow in the classroom, they each had their own prediction of how it could possibly snow in the classroom. One of my favorite predictions was that we would just open the windows and the snow would come in. We actually used hair conditioner and baking soda. The students played in the snow with each other. They made snowballs, snowmen, and snowy hills. The students couldn't believe that it actually snowed in the classroom, how cold it felt when they touched the snow, and the nice smell it left in our room. Here is the recipe if it is too cold to enjoy the snow inside!

1/2 cup hair conditioner

3 cups baking soda

January Birthdays

Ta'lon L.	Kiree E.	Sincere E.
Oronde S.	Zhaimere H.	Ronald F.
Reh'anna F.	Christian G.	Kristina H.
Niyelle M.	Brielle S.	Serenity T.
Nyaira S.	Genevieve H.	Mrs. Luft
Ms. Woods	Ms. Dogru	Mr. B



Kindergarten A Spotlight

Happy New Year!

We hope everyone had a fantastic and relaxing holiday! We would also like to say a big "thank you" for all the thoughtful holiday cards and gifts. What an amazing Kindergarten community we have!

We had a brilliant first term; our scholars have come along really well in their learning and have been even more enthusiastic about school after the break. 2017 will be as great as our kinders transition into first grade!! ☺

KA will be reading a lot more in January while continuing to work on letter sounds, blending sounds to make words, rhyming words and so on... You'll also see improvement in their writing, as they are beginning to form sentences.

In Math, we are finishing off our unit on subtraction, and will begin to learn about teen numbers. Our Science experiments get only better when we make it rain & snow inside! We'll be learning about the three states of matter and conduct fun experiments with solids, liquids and gases to enhance our learning.

Now, KA is off to learning -> hoping you stay warm throughout the winter!

Smiles,
Miss Ceylan & Miss Stewart

Hello Parents of YSMCS!

My name is Mrs. Paulicin and I have just joined the YSMCS community as the Math & ELA Intervention Teacher for Grades 3-6. I am new to the Greater Pittsburgh area and I am excited to be here. I look forward to working with you and with your awesome children!



Don't Forget!

**Parent-Teacher Conferences
on January 17th!**

1B Class News

Ms. Woods and Mrs. Conn

January, 2018

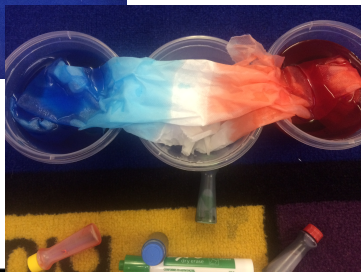


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WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

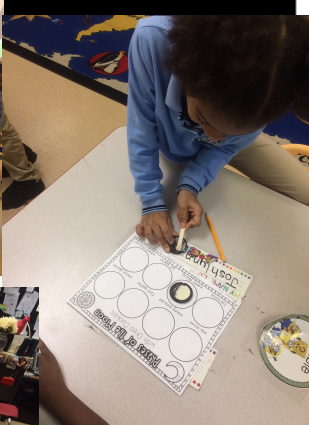
* Here are some pictures of some of the learning and fun that is happening in 1B!



HOMEWORK



- Please make sure your student is completing their homework packet by Friday every week!
- Please make sure your student is practicing their spelling words for their test every Friday!
- Parent-teacher conference forms have gone home, please make sure to sign those and return them as soon as possible! I look forward to meeting with you!



IMPORTANT DATES

- * 1/12– End of Quarter 2
- * 1/15– No School for MLK Day
- * 1/17– half day for students
- * 1/19– Honor Roll Breakfast
- * 1/26– half day for students
- * 1/27– Science Fair for grades 3-6



Our Classroom Newsletter

What is happening in 2nd Grade
in January!

Reading:

2nd Grade will be working in Unit 3 in our Wonders program. Our focus of study will be how the world surprises us.

Math:



MATHEMATICIANS will be learning how to SUBTRACT and PROBLEM SOLVE.

Language Arts:

Lights! Camera! Action!!
We are learning about VERBS!!

Social Studies:

We are going to focus more on reading maps and studying the world around us using our Geography skills.

Science:

Our MAD SCIENTISTS will be learning All About Earth and its Natural Resources!!



Other News: Please encourage your child to read each night in order to increase their reading skills. Don't forget to join Class Dojo which is a fun and easy way to communicate with the teacher and see how your child is doing in the class.

Success Time – Dr. Conner

Every day, students have the opportunity to focus on being successful at school! For students in K-2, there are two teachers in each room. During “Success Time”, the teachers work with small groups of students to focus on areas of need in reading and math. In addition, the teachers utilize a variety of programs including Zearn and Moby Max to provide additional practice based on individual student levels.

For grades 3-6, “Success Time” looks a little different. After lunch, students break into small groups with a variety of teachers. Most groups average 5-6 students. The groups focus on helping students with areas of struggle in reading or math, but also pushing students ahead who have mastered topics. Moby Max is also utilized to provide additional practice based on individual student levels.

I have been helping with groups for the past few weeks. This is a photo of my group being focused on word work! We were practicing with affixes.



I am so proud of all the hard work that our students and staff! We have a dedicated group of teachers who are focused on ensuring our students find success in school!!!

Welcome to New Staff!!!

We have had several staff members join our team over the past few months.

- **Ms. Mickey** – Joined the KB as a teacher assistant! She is working closely with Ms. Siegfried to ensure KB gets an exceptional education.
- **Mr. Samed** – Joined our team a Turkish teacher assistant! He helps to work with small groups of students based on their level of need.
- **Ms. A** – Ms. A has already been with us! However, she switched over to the Spanish Teacher Assistant! She has been working with Ms. Foote to plan learning centers and small groups.
- **Ms. Gibson** – Joined the Special Education team as an aide! Ms. Gibson provides one-on-one support.
- **Mr. Aaron** – Mr. Aaron has returned to YSMCS! Mr. Aaron keeps our building clean and running smoothly. We are happy to have him back!
- **Mrs. Paulicin** – Just joined YSMCS as our newest member! Mrs. Paulicin taught for several years in NYC and just moved to Pittsburgh earlier this year. She has a background in special education and will be serving as our Intervention Teacher for grades 3-6.

Each new staff member brings a skill set that I know will help YSMCS students to thrive!! We are excited to have them join the YSMCS family!!

New Small Groups with Mrs. Shatten!

If you get a permission form – DO NOT BE AFRAID! Small groups do not mean your child is in trouble! The new small groups are starting soon, and we need students with leadership abilities to help other students form better friendships in school! We have lunch together once a week and play games (Candyland, Uno, Max the Cat, and other social-related games!) This is a chance for kids to have a break and socialize in a structured way!