



# Valley News



September, 2021

Dear Parents, Students, Teachers and Staff,

The Valley Schools Fundraiser Auction on Friday, September 10th was a very successful evening. Thank you to everyone that attended, donated items and bid generously. We appreciate your support.

We had no expenses because the rent for the Oasis Center was paid by an anonymous donor. At the end of the evening, we had a father ask if the auctioneers donated their time. I told him that they did volunteer, but we gave them each \$100 for their help. He decided to pay that cost. So again, we had no expenses. The Oasis Center had a good night with the food as well.

**We brought in a total of \$31,800!!** Thank you again.

Thank you to the committee, parents for helping with clean up, staff that attended and offered assistance, 8th graders that helped all evening with the auction, and Leon from the Oasis Center for his help as well.

As we move forward, I will be asking staff for ideas of ways to use the money raised. We will look at things that will benefit students, classrooms, the building and grounds, etc. I will then take this list to the next advisory board meeting to get their ideas. Together, we will come up with a priority list.

Sincerely,  
Casey Travis

## Calendar Reminders

We have a 2 hour early dismissal on Wednesday, September 22nd. Staff will be meeting during this time. Please make sure you mark your calendars.

Looking ahead to October, we have an early dismissal on Thursday, October 14th. There is no school for students on Friday, October 15th as we have a district in-service for teachers.

## Charm Days

Flat Ridge students will be participating in the Woolly Worm Race again this year at Charm Days. We will be traveling by bus to Charm on Friday, October 8th. We will be leaving Flat Ridge at 11:45 to go to the Charm Days tent for the race. At the conclusion of the race, we will be taking students back to Flat Ridge for the regular bus routes home. We will be sending another note home with Flat Ridge students for any parents that wish to take your child home with you after the race. This will be sent about a week before Charm Days.

## 5th and 6th Grade Farm Tour

The Holmes Soil and Water Conservation District is having the 5th Grade Farm Tour again this year. 6th graders will be attending as well, since they were not able to have the farm tour last year. A permission slip was sent home with students. This is a reminder for 5th and 6th graders to pack a sack lunch on Tuesday, September 28.

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### **Ballgame Days**

Our first softball game of the year is Friday, September 17th. The 7th and 8th graders will be traveling to Mt. Hope. Games should begin about 11:30 at Mt. Hope.

On Friday, September 24th, Chestnut Ridge will be coming to the Valley. The 7th and 8th grade boys will be playing at Wise, and the girls will travel to Flat Ridge.

Parents are welcome to attend the games. If there is a question about weather, please feel free to call the office to check on game day.

### **Wise Magazine Sale**

The Wise magazine sale started on Tuesday, September 14th. Information was sent home with students. There are some new incentives to sell, but this will be a family decision if you would like to have your child sell magazines. We have not set a building goal this year. We do make a profit of 40% of all subscriptions that are sold. The sale ends on September 28th.

### **Pre-School Story Time**

Information is coming home with the oldest child in the family for our first Pre-School Story Time of the year. It will be held in the large conference room at Keim on Friday, October 1st. There will be two sessions that morning, so please watch for the information coming home.

### **Attendance calls and notes**

If your child is absent from school, please call the school to notify the office unless you have sent a note for the absence. Mrs. Tonya Hershberger is required to call parents by 9:00 each morning when a student is absent, if we haven't received a note or a phone message.

If your child is absent, please call before 8:30 to let the office know. You can call Wise at 330-893-2505, option 2 for the call off mailbox. You can also call Flat Ridge at 330-893-3156, option 2 for the call off mailbox. Mrs. Hershberger is able to check both phone voicemails at Wise, so if you have students from both buildings, you can leave them on either Wise or Flat Ridge's call off box.

### **Student Workbook Fees**

Student fees are being collected for consumable materials such as math workbooks used throughout the year by the students. The fee remains at \$35.00 per child in grades 1 through 8 and \$20.00 for Kindergarten students. Fees are waived for students qualifying for free lunch. If you have not already paid your fees, please send a check made payable to East Holmes by the end of October. Thank you.