



Valley News



November, 2019

Dear Parents,

The weather is changing and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Family time at Thanksgiving is one of my favorite times of the year. I hope you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,
Casey Travis

Reminder – Late Start on Wednesday, November 20th

We have a 2-hour late start on Wednesday, November 20th for staff meeting time. Please make sure you mark your calendars.

Thanksgiving Break

Thanksgiving Break begins with a 2 hour early dismissal on Wednesday, November 27st. Students will return to school on Tuesday, December 3rd. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Share-A-Christmas

East Holmes Schools will be participating in Share-A-Christmas again this year. You can donate canned food or make a cash donation for families in need in Holmes County. Please send the items or money to school **the week of November 18 – 22. Please do not send any glass bottles or jars.** There will be boxes at both buildings for donations of canned food. Any monetary donations will be collected in classrooms and sent to the Wise office.

Share-A-Christmas helps many families in Holmes County during the holidays. They are very grateful for our support of canned food and monetary donations.

Charm Days

I would once again like to thank everyone that helped in the food stand during Charm Days. After all of the bills were paid, we had a profit of \$13,329. It was a very successful weekend. These funds help with a variety of school events and projects.

Character Word

We have been focusing on empathy over the past few weeks. Our next character word will be sportsmanship. Please continue talking about what these words mean to you. This is a great way to continue discussions that are taking place at school.

Spelling Bee at Wise

We will be having a spelling bee at Wise for any 5th – 8th grade student that is interested. The school spelling bee will be held on Friday, November 22nd. The winner and a runner-up will be invited to attend the Holmes County Spelling Bee on Tuesday, January 14th at Hiland High School.

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Flat Ridge Reading Reward

Flat Ridge students in grades 1 – 4 that met their reading goal for the month of October will be attending the Whiz Bang Science Show on Friday, November 8th. Thank you for encouraging students to keep reading.

7th and 8th Grade Girls

The poster and bedroom contest for the 7th and 8th grade girls was held on Thursday, October 24th at Chestnut Ridge. This was a fun contest that includes girls from Wise, Chestnut Ridge and Mt. Hope. The winners for Wise were:

Bedrooms:

Nadine Coblentz – 1st
Kara Miller – 2nd
Maribeth Miller – 3rd
Hannah Mast – Honorable Mention

Quilts:

Sharon Yoder – 1st

Posters:

Katie Yoder – 1st at Wise and 2nd Overall
Alayna Miller – 2nd
Lanita Raber – 3rd
Cheryl Raber – Honorable Mention

Christmas Program

The Christmas Program this year will be held on Thursday, December 19th at the Perry Reese Community Center. It will begin at 12:15. Please mark your calendars.

Lunch Balance Letters

If a child's lunch balance is below \$2.75, a letter is sent home to remind you that the balance on the account is low. If you see a minus sign (-) in front of the number, that is showing a negative balance. If there is no negative sign, that is the current positive balance on the account.

Sending Money to School

When you send lunch money or school fees, please remember to put payment in an envelope with the name, grade and purpose (lunch money, school fees, etc.). You can list more than one student on an envelope. Please make sure to keep school fees separate from lunch money as these are two different accounts.

Student Workbook Fees

Thank you to everyone that has paid school 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 at this time. Fees were due by the end of October. Thank you.