



# Valley News

*September, 2019*

Dear Parents,

The school year is well under way. We are already about half way through the first grading period. Students and teachers are back in the school routine.

German at Wise started again this week. I would like to welcome Paul and Mary Ann Shetler back for another school year. I appreciate their willingness to teach German on Tuesday mornings.

Sincerely,  
Casey Travis

## **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 before the absence. Mrs. Tonya Hershberger is required to notify parents by 9:00 each morning when a student is absent.

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.

## **Immunization Records**

In the past two weeks, some families received a letter requesting updated immunization records for students. We need to have those turned in as soon as possible. We need to have the updated records or a waiver form on file for all students. Thank you for your help getting this completed.

## **Reminder – Late Start on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

We have our first 2 hour late start on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Staff will be meeting at Wise during this time. Please make sure you mark your calendars.

## **Charm Days**

Charm Days is October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer forms were sent home earlier this week asking for help on Friday and Saturday of Charm Days. Please get those turned back in as quickly as possible. The Charm Days committee will use these to make a schedule. Thank you very much for your continued support of our schools during Charm Days.

## **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 by the end of October. Thank you.

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## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Farm Tour**

The 5<sup>th</sup> graders will attend the annual 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Farm Tour on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Harold's Equipment. Thank you to the Holmes Soil and Water Conservation District for giving the 5<sup>th</sup> graders this opportunity. A hot dog lunch will be provided for students.

## **Character Word**

This character word for September is Kindness. Teachers have been talking with students about what it means to be kind. Please continue talking with students at home on ways that they can be kind to others at school and at home.

I would like to thank Lacie Troyer and Megan Weaver for the time they spent over the summer adding some colorful messages to the entry way at Flat Ridge. It looks great and shares a positive message. One side says, "Choose kind over cool" and the other side says, "Spread kindness like confetti."

## **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 keep school fees separate from lunch money as they go into different accounts. Thank you.

## **Ballgame Days**

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders have their first softball games on Friday. They will be traveling to Mt. Hope on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Chestnut Ridge will be coming to Wise on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. For the home game vs. Chestnut Ridge, 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be playing at Flat Ridge while the 8<sup>th</sup> graders play at Wise.

## **Wise Magazine Sale**

The magazine sale has concluded at Wise. Thank you very much for the support of this fundraiser. We had some amazing sellers!! The Wise students sold a total of \$17,934 worth of magazine subscriptions. We make a profit of 40%. This is over \$4,000 more than we sold last year. Thank you to everyone for helping. Students that sold 7 items will receive rolled ice cream sometime in the next few weeks. Mr. Travis will be dressing up as a cow and head out to pasture because we met our goal of \$12,000.

The top selling class was 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Way to go 5<sup>th</sup> grade! Since the sale went so well, 5<sup>th</sup> grade was able to choose a special reward for all four classes. They chose pizza, so we will also have a small pizza party in the near future.

This year the profit for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will go toward the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington D.C.

## **Magazine Sale Top Sellers – These are students that sold 12 items or more.**

|                                       | Items sold: |                                   |    |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|----|
| Andrew Miller – 5 <sup>th</sup>       | 21          | David Yoder – 7 <sup>th</sup>     | 15 |
| Wanda Miller – 6 <sup>th</sup>        | 20          | Martha Yoder – 5 <sup>th</sup>    | 14 |
| Kyle Yoder – 5 <sup>th</sup>          | 19          | Maribeth Miller – 8 <sup>th</sup> | 14 |
| Kyle Miller – 5 <sup>th</sup>         | 18          | Alex Raber – 8 <sup>th</sup>      | 14 |
| Sheila Burkholder – 6 <sup>th</sup>   | 18          | Kayleen Yoder – 6 <sup>th</sup>   | 13 |
| Wesley Schlabach – 7 <sup>th</sup>    | 18          | Kendra Yoder – 6 <sup>th</sup>    | 13 |
| Wilma Miller – 7 <sup>th</sup>        | 17          | Leah Raber – 8 <sup>th</sup>      | 13 |
| Katie Yoder – 7 <sup>th</sup>         | 17          | Sharon Yoder – 8 <sup>th</sup>    | 13 |
| Suetta Yoder – 5 <sup>th</sup>        | 15          | Melissa Miller – 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 12 |
| Lori Miller – 6 <sup>th</sup>         | 15          | Emilene Yoder – 5 <sup>th</sup>   | 12 |
| Maynard Hershberger – 7 <sup>th</sup> | 15          | Alayna Miller – 7 <sup>th</sup>   | 12 |