



# the MUSTANGER

## The Three Little Critters...



### A Look Ahead

Dec. 23: End of 2nd Quarter

Dec. 24-Jan. 3: NO School

Jan. 4: Classes resume

Jan. 18: NO School

Jan. 19: Parent's Night @ Bball game.

Jan. 19 & 21: DFS pie auction at Boys' Bball 1/2 time



The great thing in this world is not so much where you stand, as in what direction you are moving.

~ Oliver Wendell Holmes

### CHARACTER COUNTS!

This month's assembly was about "responsibility". Responsibility covers a broad range of ideas: do what you're supposed to do; plan ahead; persevere; keep on trying; always do your best; use self-control; think before you act; consider the consequences; and be accountable for your words, actions, and



attitudes. Our students were entertained by a puppet show based on the story of the "Three Little Pigs" performed by Colten Martz, Zack St. Aubin, Janice Overby, Kathryn Schneider, James Schumacher, and Damian Clements. The primary moral lesson learned from "The Three Little Pigs" is that hard work and



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## CHARACTER COUNTS...CONTINUED.

dedication pay off. While the first two pigs quickly built homes and had more free time to play, the third pig labored in the construction of his house of bricks. Compared to the other two pigs, the third pig's extra effort paid off in that his home lasted.

You are more than welcome to watch our activities or assemblies. The tentative schedule is as follows:

January 27 - Fairness

March 24 - Caring

April 29 - Citizenship



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## PARENTING WITH LOVE & LOGIC

Is there anyone in your life that seems to fly off the handle at the slightest perceived insult? Do you know anyone who throws verbal barbs and biting accusations your way any time you try to engage in conversation?

If you have vital signs, the odds are very high that you do.

Success with occasionally angry people...as well as the chronically ticked-off variety...involves remembering three essential truths:

- *He who angers me controls me.*
- *The person who does the least talking has the most power.*
- *Questions create thinking...but statements create resistance.*

The first truth reminds us that we maintain our personal power only when we choose to separate ourselves from the other's anger. Empathy provides a powerful tool for accomplishing this. That's right! When we perceive the other person as hurting...

rather than obnoxious...we are far less likely to find ourselves being triggered by their ire.

The second truth reminds us that the ears are mightier than the mouth. Some people remain angry and confrontational regardless of how well we attempt to understand their point of view. Most, however, calm significantly when they see that we care enough to listen.

The third truth reminds us that thoughtful, sincere questions cause others to think. Examples include:

*How long have you felt this way?*

*What do you wish would happen here?*

*Can you tell me more?*



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## FISHING FOR STUDENTS' SUCCESS



I hope everyone has a great holiday season. Merry Christmas to all!!!! I have my first semester of being superintendent under my belt. Becoming superintendent has been a great decision for my family and me. I enjoy my job and the people I work with. I would like to thank everyone for making my transition smooth. We are heading toward 2016, how the time flies. The second quarter is over, so seniors your high school career is coming to an end. Make the most out of your last semester; keep working hard and finish strong. Continue to be strong leaders because the younger students look up to all of you. It is also a time for you seniors to plan what you should do after graduation. Financial aid forms, registration forms, and scholarships all need to be completed as early as possible. Make sure seniors you are starting to get all your scholarship information together. There are a lot of good scholarships out there, apply for them. Mrs. Martz is a great resource for scholarships. You never know what you can get until you apply!!!! Seniors if you need help choosing a career path or

completing any paperwork, please come in and we will help you. We will do whatever we can to make the transition from high school to adulthood as smooth as possible.

I would like to thank all the students and staff for a great first semester. Keep working hard to be the best you can be. Let's have a great second semester and remember everyone; learn something new... I would like to also thank Mr. Ingerson and the elementary staff for a wonderful Christmas Concert. All students did a wonderful job also. It is awesome to be around such talented students.

I believe I put something in the newsletter about this last year, but would like to mention it again. I read a recent article in a leadership magazine that talked about reading to elementary aged children and particularly those in K-3. The study said that even if you do no more than read to your child on a regular basis and talk about the contents of stories, your children will automatically be more successful in the classroom. When it comes to parents discussing school with their children, the article spoke about having children give you specific feedback about their day. When you ask your child, "What did you do in school today?" DON'T settle for this answer "nothing". I know I hear that a lot from my kids when I ask what they did in school "nothing". My response is that I was by your classroom today and you were doing something, what did you do?? Have them show you what they did and have them describe the day. If your children can show you what they learned, they will likely have a good concept of the material. This can be done for all age levels. Again we can work together to make all of our children succeed in school. Hold them responsible for their education.

There is something I would like all parents to help with. When your child is sick and you know they are truly sick please keep them home from school. When a sick student comes to school, all of a sudden we have 10 sick kids. We are in that season of viruses all over the place. Please help the school keep the viruses out as much as possible. If your child is sick please call the school or send a note and let the teacher and office know.

Have a great month of January and a happy and prosperous new year!!!!



Mr. Schmidt





# Grade 6



Did you know that Ancient Egyptians once kept crocodiles as pets decorating them with jewels, that they played a game like field hockey using palm branches as hockey sticks, that their wigs were made of sheep's wool and helped to prevent the spread of lice, or that the Egyptians had a symbol for infinity but not for zero? If you had been in the 6th grade classroom on Egyptian Day you would have learned those facts and more. The class held Egyptian Day in early December to conclude its study of Ancient Egypt. The students were videotaped as they gave oral presentations of their research reports on a variety of topics. Their video also included commercials for products such as Papyro Clock and Tut's Instant Mummification Kit which would have made life as an Ancient Egyptian easier. The students made step pyramids of sugar cubes, learned to write their name in hieroglyphics, and ate an Egyptian-style meal of wheat bread, honey, cucumbers, dates, and grapes.



What do you want for Christmas? If you were The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe you might ask Santa for a new house with 100 bedrooms and 100 bathrooms for all of those children! As a creative writing assignment, the sixth grade students wrote letters to Santa Claus from nursery rhyme characters. Some requests for Santa included a gondola chair lift for Jack and Jill, a fire extinguisher for Jack Be Nimble, Super Glue for Humpty Dumpty, a robot sheep dog for Little Boy Blue so he can nap in peace and not worry about losing his sheep and cows, and Super Fantastic Death Bug Spray for Little Miss Muffet. The Third Little Pig requested common sense for his brothers so they would build sturdier houses and The Old Man who Snored asked for airbags for his bed to prevent him from bumping his head. The sixth-graders wish everyone a Merry Christmas and hope that all of your Christmas wishes come true!



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# Student of the Month



Bryce, son of Terry and Sue Goettle, has been selected Ashley High School's Student of the Month. Bryce embodies a number of valuable student characteristics i.e. he is focused, he pays attention to detail, he is a self-starter, and regardless of time and effort he strives for a job well done. This unrelenting effort to reach a positive outcome on a project, test, or assignment; will go a long way in creating a pathway to success in the future. Congratulations Bryce.

CONGRATULATIONS

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## FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Ashley Public School has been the recipient for a grant to give our students fresh fruits & vegetables for the last several years. The FFVP (fresh fruits & vegetables program) can be an important tool in our efforts to combat childhood obesity. The Program has been successful in introducing school children to a variety of produce that they otherwise might not have the opportunity to sample.



The various partnerships that the Department of Agriculture and state agencies have developed in the public and private sectors, have contributed to the overall success and acceptance of the program. FFVP is consistent with and supports the Institute of Medicine's recommendations to provide healthier snack choices in schools.

Each Tuesday and Thursday, our PK-8 students are able to enjoy wonderfully delicious fruit and/or vegetable snacks to give them that burst of energy needed to get through the rest of the day!





## Third Grade News

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the third graders! This month the third graders finished our Native American unit in social studies. They are working on their opinion papers about the Cheyenne, Kwakiutl, and Navajo tribes. Macy said if she



could go back in time she would want to be with the Navajo because they raised sheep. Kyrie would like to live with the Kwakiutl because they went fishing for salmon. Shane, Nathan, Aidan, Eva, Tyler, Isabell, Jorja, and Brody all said they would want to live with the Cheyenne because they would be able to ride horses, live in tipis, and hunt buffalo.

The third graders have been learning about our natural resources during science. We had a mining experiment one day.

The third graders had a chocolate chip cookie and toothpicks. They were supposed to “mine” for the chocolate chips without destroying too much “land” and keeping the chocolate chips as big as possible. The third graders were very intent on their mining. Afterwards we discussed how difficult it was to mine without destroying the cookie. Then they all enjoyed eating the cookies!



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## FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA



### Other News –

FBLA held their fourth Professional Dress day – we achieved 97% participation! FBLA also sold candy cane Holiday-Grams for a quarter each! We hope you enjoyed your treats!

FBLA held their annual Santa Day celebration on November 28th in the school gym. Children enjoyed carnival-style games, face painting, tattoos, coloring and won treats & prizes! Santa Claus came to visit, took pictures and handed out treat bags!

The FBLA students put in a lot of work Wednesday night leading up to the event. Students set up the gym and decorated. The students created a festive and inviting environment. Special thanks to the following for providing games, props, finances and other assistance:

Ashley Chamber of Commerce

Ashley Public School Teachers & Staff – The best around!

McIntosh County Bank

Jason & Kelly Dockter

Denny Hoffman

Andy & Melissa Meyer

Don Paulsrud

Kirk & Terri Rueb/Ashley SuperValu

Jason & Jessica Schmidt

The Kempf Family

Parents who helped bake for the Treat Walk

Thank you to everyone who came out for the fun event, for always showing your support, and all the kind words and feedback we received. We appreciate each of you!







The Christmas spirit is definitely in the air in First Grade! We turned our desks into “presents” by wrapping them with paper and making our very own designs. They look fantastic (with lots of tape holding it together) We also made a “tree skirt” that we turned into an autograph inspiration pad for all who visit our room to sign and make a picture or write anything inspiring. We were very impressed with Mr. Hauth’s Christmas tree he drew in just a few seconds, he is quite the artist! We have been artists ourselves by making tons of holiday things we love. Our favorite thing lately is decorating with pastels! They are so pretty, kind of messy but worth it!

We have a Santa Countdown, where we fill in the days until Christmas – it seems like it is taking forever!

Mrs. Dockter had us make antlers and at first we were not sure what we were doing, but she soon told us she was creating the most adorable herd of reindeer!



## 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE

### Happy Holidays from Grade 4!

We are busy, busy, busy with projects galore! But we continue to learn right here in Grade 4!

A question was posed to the 4th graders for their creative writing...“What does Santa do on December 26?”

Here are their responses:

**Karter:** He gets in his comfies, drinks a Coke, and watched TV.

**Andy:** He makes more presents and keeps working until next year.

**Trevor:** He sleeps for three days!

**Brylee:** He has a party with the elves.

**Cheyenne:** He goes swimming at the North Pole YMCA!

**Kaden:** He takes a big long nap!

**Jace:** He tells his elves to get to work and then watches TV.

**Allie:** He sits on the couch and watches "How to Make Toys" on the Disney Channel!

**Colin:** He tells his elves Thank You for the hard work they did!

**Josh:** He tells his elves to take a break, and then they all go sledding!

**Daniel:** Santa tells Mrs. Claus and the elves they are going to have their own Christmas.

**Cora:** Mr. and Mrs. Claus make more cookies!

**Dalton:** Santa collects coal from the miners for all the naughty kids next year!

**Hailey:** Santa and his elves relax!

**Mrs. Paulsrud:** He spends a weekend at the North Pole Spa!

Merry Christmas to all...and to all a Happy New Year!!!







The 4th graders enjoyed an afternoon of decorating gingerbread houses! The only rule was to have more candy and frosting ON the houses than IN their tummies! Come check out their awesome creations outside the classroom!!!





features. The holiday season has filled the library with the sounds of boxes, packaging paper, and the cracking of a new book spine. Yes! The grant was received, and the purchasing has begun! The next step is to catalog each book, and prepare it for check out from the shelf. Exciting!

### Pre-Kindergarten

We are strengthening our fingers and developing hand eye coordination as we make decorations for Christmas. Our Christmas stockings, we had to cut, draw, sew, and make dots of glue with our glue bottles for the glitter. We had fun!

### Library

Thank you for the book donations. Those books have been cataloged and are on the shelf for check out. Our students have been enjoying the good reads. Two of our faculty donated their Scholastic book points to our library to purchase more new Fiction books. Thank you!

### Elementary Computers

Grade K continues to strengthen hand eye coordination while using a mouse to read a computer screen.

Grades 1, 2, 3 created a Winter/Christmas counting book in MS Word by inserting and copying clip art and keyed a sentence appropriate for their grade level

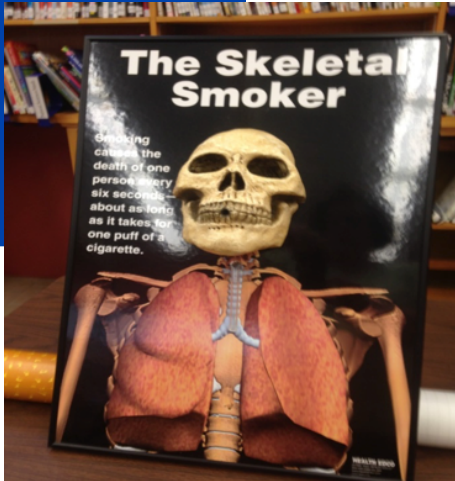
Grade 4 created a Christmas card in MS Word, and word processed a fantasy story on how they would travel to see Santa

Grade 5 and 6 created a Christmas Santa List using MS Excel and estimated the cost. After estimating the cost, they needed to go online shopping to find the actual cost and calculate the sales tax. In MS Word, they keyed The Twelve Days on Christmas In The Computer Lab, and enhanced the poem on the page using various program

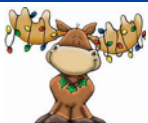
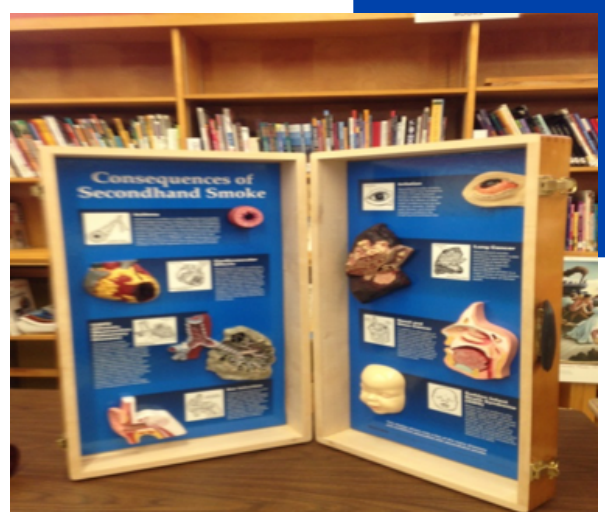




**SMOKING SUCKED THE LIFE OUT OF ME!**



The students in grades 1 - 6 learned about the consequences of using tobacco. The display information was provided by the McIntosh Public Health Department. Our students looked at the display and divided up into groups to discuss the consequences of chew, tobacco, and secondhand smoke. Did you know that someone dies every 6 seconds from the complications of tobacco???





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**“It’s all about the Pie, about the Pie!!!”**  
**Silent Night? Not at our Annual Pie Auction and Silent Auctions!**



The Annual DOLLAR FOR SCHOLARS Pie Auction and Silent Auction is scheduled for January 19 and January 21, 2016. The silent auction items will be on display on January 19 (boys basketball game) with the final bids accepted at half-time on January 21, 2016 (girls basketball game).

The Ashley Dollars for Scholars Chapter has granted \$18,500 in scholarships over the past 7 years. This is a wonderful opportunity to help raise money for our local graduates to help pay for their college education. Come on out and enjoy the girls and boys basketball games and leave with dessert or a gift for a loved one!!!



Please contact Kari Lindgren, Michelle Kempf, or Denise Martz if you are interested in making a donation, creating a scholarship, or volunteering with the Ashley Dollars for Scholars Chapter.



We have been working hard learning new words and reading new books. The caterpillar of words is getting very long. We like spelling with Pack Rat. We are adding in Math and writing the numbers to 30. We practice counting each morning with the hundred's chart and counting how many days until we reach 100. It is getting close.

The snow has made recess even more fun. We are looking forward to Christmas and spending time with our families.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!





# January 2016

	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3				1 WR tour @ Ipswich BBB Jamboree @ Jamestown	2 WR tour @ Ipswich BBB Jamboree @ Jamestown
4	Classes resume			8 WR tour @ Cent Cass BBB @ Stutsman Co tour	9 GBB @ Oakes-2pm WR tour @ Cent Cass BBB @ Stutsman Co Tour
5	BBB @ Napoleon-6pm JHBBB @ Napoleon-4pm Report Cards	6	7 GBB-Napoleon@Wishek-6 WR-Lisbon @ Ashley (parents night) BBB @ Stutsman Co tour	15 WR tour @ Gettysburg BBB-Kidder Co @ Wishek-6pm	16 GBB @ Lisbon-1pm WR tour @ Gettysburg BBB @ Kulm=6pm
10		13 School Board Meeting-7pm	14 JHBBB-Kidder Co @ Wishek-4:30		
11				22 GBB @ Strasburg-6pm WR tour @ Lisbon JHBBB @ Strasburg-4:30	23 WR tour @ Lisbon
17	18 Inservice Day-No School JHBBB-Ellendale @ Ashley 4:30	20 Holly Hoffman Lyceum 9-10:15 (K-6) 10:30-12:00 (7-12))	21 GBB-Herried @ Ashley-6		
18				29 WR tour @ New Salem BBB @ Medina-6pm	30 GBB/BBB @ Leola WR tour @ New Salem
24	25 GBB @ Eureka-6:30 BBB-Napoleon @ Wishek-6pm	27 VCSU Emerging Leader Competition FBLA-Gr 9-10	28 JHBBB @ Linton-4:30 WR triangular @ Napoleon		
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# January 2016 Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Pizza Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal Omelet Fruit Juice/Milk	5 Chicken Strips Cheesy Noodles Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal Breakfast taco Fruit/Juice/Milk	6 Taco Salad Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal French Toast Fruit Juice/Milk	7 Pork Rib Sandwich Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal Breakfast Burrito Fruit Juice/Milk	8 Burritos Spanish Rice Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal Yogurt Fruit/Juice/Milk	9
10	11 Corn dog Chef Salad Fruit ----- Cereal Scrambled eggs Fruit Juice/Milk	12 Hamburger French Fries Fruit ----- Cereal Toast Fruit Juice/Milk	13 Tacos Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal Pancakes Fruit Juice/Milk	14 Chicken/Rice Casserole Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal PB&J Rounds Fruit/Juice/Milk	15 Crispitos Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal Sausage links Fruit Juice/Milk	16
17	18 NO SCHOOL	19 Chicken Nuggets Seasoned noodles Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal Mini Bagels Fruit/Juice/Milk	20 Pork Patty Cheesy Potatoes Fruit ----- Cereal Pumpkin Bread Fruit Juice/Milk	21 Tator Tot Hotdish Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal Ham Patty Fruit Juice/Milk	22 Chili Soup Breadstick Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal Waffles Fruit/Juice/Milk	23
24	25 Popcorn Chicken Noodle Soup Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal Breakfast pizza Fruit/Juice/Milk	26 Hotdogs Mashed Potatoes Sauerkraut Fruit ----- Cereal Donuts Fruit/Juice/Milk	27 Calzones Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal Bacon Fruit Juice/Milk	28 Creamed Chicken Over Rice Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal Belvita Wafers Fruit/Juice/Milk	29 Pulled Pork Sandwich Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal Toast Fruit/Juice/Milk	30
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