



Gopher Tales January 2024

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL: Laura Biesterveld

As we step into the new year, I wanted to take a moment to extend my warmest wishes to each and every one of you. I hope your holiday season was filled with joy, laughter, and cherished moments spent with loved ones. January brings a fresh start and new opportunities for growth and learning. Here at Honey Creek, we are excited to embark on this journey with your children. As we resume our academic activities, rest assured that our focus remains firmly on providing a safe, nurturing, and inspiring environment for your young learners.

We have some very exciting ventures planned full of engaging lessons, fun activities, and opportunities for your children to explore their interests and expand their knowledge. We encourage you to stay connected and involved in your child's education journey by attending school events, staying updated with our newsletters, and reaching out to our teachers and staff whenever needed. Remember, your involvement plays a crucial role in your child's success, and we are here to support you every step of the way.

Let's make this year a fantastic one together! Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. Here's to a wonderful January filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences.

Upcoming Events

Week of January 8th

Free Dental Screens and Sealants

Monday January 8th

Honey Creek Parents Extraordinaire 5:30 in Library

Tuesday January 9th

Parent Activity Committee 5:30 in HC Library

Monday January 15th

NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE MLK Jr. Day

Tuesday January 16th

After-School Clubs begin

Tuesday January 23rd

After-School Clubs

Tuesday January 30th

After-School Clubs

Saturday February 3rd

Kindergarten Enrollment Fair

- **Enrollment for next year begins**



Congratulations

to our current 100 Point Club leaders: As of December 31st:

- Markus H - 365.8 Rory J - 163.9**
- Lucas N - 154.5 Alexis S- 128.5**
- Rain L - 126.7 Van B - 111.5**
- Sophie M - 109.3 Henry M- 106.4**
- Jackson B-100.6 Ederick R100.1**

The January goal is 62 points.

Keep reading. A book is your best friend.

Our Accelerated Reading Program combines technology, reader incentives, computerized measurement, and quality books to enhance our children's enthusiasm for reading. We have access to over 185,000 book titles. There is an Accelerated Reader Quiz available for most popular children's literature. If you wish to find out whether a quiz exists for a particular book, go to the website: www.arbookfind.com.

AR ROOT BEER FLOAT PARTY

Pass 8 AR Reading Tests between January 2nd and February 16th and join us on Feb. 20th for Root beer Floats and door prizes!

Each month Ms. Biesterveld sets point goals for Accelerated Reading; the AR goal for December was 50 pts, January is 62 points.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

YTD Attendance: 93.7%

School starts at 7:20 and ends at 2:10. When your child is sick, please make sure you call the attendance line voicemail @ 414-604-7900 and leave the following:

1. Your Child's name
2. Classroom number
3. The reason they are not coming.

Tardies and early pickups **do count** as negative minutes which turn into negative days if it is regularly occurring.



Our Honey Creek Clubs are starting their six week run this month. Please look for the flyers coming home. This is a great chance for your child to explore some different, fun activities and learning opportunities! Space is limited so turn in your forms early.

Parent Activity Committee

We are still looking for people to bring the FUN! Come join us and help bring our social family atmosphere into the 2020's! Our next meeting will be **Tuesday January 9, 2024 at 5:30.** Come in by Door 6. We'll have snacks!



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Please remember to send hats, mittens, boots and other necessary outside gear ALL with their names or initials on them. We will go outside as much as safely possible until 10° F.

Volunteers @ Honey Creek

Honey Creek has AWESOME Volunteers! Year to date, we have had over 60 volunteers help us out where they can and they have logged over 560 hours! There are always opportunities available - either on a regular weekly basis or for special events and happenings; whatever fits your schedule. Please contact Andy Kilimann for more information.



HONEY CREEK PARENTS

EXTRAORDINAIRE

...is Honey Creek's family group for those who have children with extra needs, who would like to get together to find out what works with other families who might be going through some of the same things. Next meeting: **Monday January 8th, 5:30** in the library. All are welcome.

Reminder: Please pull all the way forward as cars need to line up



behind you. Continuing east to 66th Street will get you back to Morgan Avenue so you do not need to make a u-turn in the parking lot or in the middle of the street. **Thank you for keeping your children and other drivers safe.**

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Honey Creek PAC **AND/OR**
Honey Creek Continuous Progress School

