



Gopher Tales February 2024

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL: Laura Biesterveld

February is upon us! We will be participating in One School, One Book. All families will receive a copy of a short chapter book to read as a family. We will be having activities in school and at Gopher Gathering on 2/22. We hope you enjoy this activity with your family. We are incredibly proud of our students' hard work and dedication to their studies. As we enter the second half of the school year, please continue to encourage your children to stay focused on their academic goals. Our teachers and I are always available to provide support and guidance, so feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. February is Black History Month. We will be doing door decorating and celebrating the contributions and achievements of African Americans throughout history.

Upcoming Events

Saturday February 3rd

Kindergarten Enrollment Fair

- Enrollment for next year begins

Monday February 5th

NO SCHOOL

Professional Development Day - Honey Creek only

Honey Creek Parents
Extraordinaire 5:30 in Library

Tuesday February 6th

After-School Clubs

Parent Activity Committee
5:30 in HC Library

Tuesday February 13

After-School Clubs

Friday February 16th

NO SCHOOL RECORD DAY

Monday February 19th

NO SCHOOL MID-SEMESTER

BREAK

Tuesday February 20

After-School Clubs

Thursday February 22

Gopher Gatherings 4:00 -6:00

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!



UPSTREAM ARTS

Students in room 110 will be participating in an Upstream Arts residency each morning from January 29th-February 2nd. During this residency, the students will be invited to participate in a multidisciplinary arts curriculum designed to strengthen Social Emotional Learning. Professional artists will lead activities designed to foster the social skills important to expressing oneself, interacting with others and participating in a group. Using dance, music, theater, poetry and painting activities, the residency gives all participants, including educators and support staff, new tools with which to practice every-day social interactions through a creative lens.



Congratulations to our current 100 Point Club leaders as of January 29th: **Markus H** - 425.5 **Rory J** - 178.2 **Lucas N** - 171.3 **Henry M** 146.8 **Alexis S** 137.2 **Sophie M** - 120.2 **Van B** 114.5 **Rain L** 106.5 **Jackson B** 104.1

Kaiden P 103.4 **Ederick R** 102.8 **Eva y** 102.6 **Blaze W** 100.6

The February goal is 75 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.

Each month Ms. Biesterveld sets point goals for Accelerated Reading; the AR goal for February is 75 points. March is 87.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

YTD Attendance: 93.1%

We have 41 Students with 100% Attendance This Year - to date!!!

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.

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK:

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



HONEY CREEK
CLUBS!!!

Our Honey Creek Clubs are in full swing. We have 138 students participating in the different activities! Did you know that Honey Creek is proud to have over 66% of its student body participating in extracurricular activities? Activities such as fall and winter sports, violin, piano, cello, Student

Council, and now the after school clubs. **WAY TO GO HONEY CREEK FAMILIES and STUDENTS!**

GO'PHIER YOUR BEST!

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 February 9, 2024 at 5:30.** Come in by Door 6. We'll have snacks!

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.



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 February, 5:30** in the library. All are welcome. (Yes, we do not have school, but the HC Library *is* available)

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.**

Spring Sports are coming soon! If you are interested in coaching please notify Mr. Kilimann as soon as possible. The earlier we can get teams registered, the better chance we have of playing close by.

Coaches needed for:

- 4th 5th Soccer
- 4th 5th Slow Pitch Softball
- 1st - 3rd T-ball
- 1st-3rd Soccer
- ★ **We can always put multiple teams at any age level on the field representing Honey Creek**