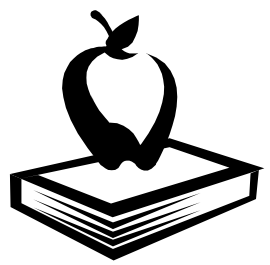


Alexander Middle School Winter Newsletter



Mrs. Wingett, Principal

It's hard to believe that one-half of the school year has passed. As you will see throughout this newsletter, we have many exciting things happening in our building. Many of these happen in the classroom, and many happen as a result of extracurricular offerings. None of it would happen without the hard work of our students, staff, and many community members. Please take the time to read the newsletter and to acknowledge the work of the students.

Congratulations Teacher & Students of the Month!

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| Congratulations to these students and teacher chosen as for their outstanding work: 6th Grade: Irene Hancock Frank Bail 7th Grade: Macy Brickles Jacob Ziegler 8th Grade: Courtne Stage Keifer Friel Teacher: Mrs. Tracy Chapman, 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher Congratulations! |
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In an article that follows, honor roll recipients are listed. I would like to congratulate those students and parents of those students for their efforts. Honor roll grades are a result of a lot of hard work and a supportive environment. Honor roll students received an honor card good for discounts at participating locations, and high school students were invited to an honors breakfast. Middle school students enjoyed an honors assembly. Those who make the honor roll three out of four times will be invited to a special end-of-the-year honors breakfast.

In addition to the honor roll cards, we have a new incentive program here at the middle school. The program is designed to acknowledge those students with good attendance, behavior, and grades. Students may use their cards to redeem them for various rewards. The levels are as follows:

Gold: All A's, two or fewer excused absences, no discipline referrals.
 Silver: All A's and B's, three or fewer excused absences, no discipline referrals.
 Bronze: All A's and B's and one C, three or fewer excused absences, no more than one discipline referral.
 Red: Improvement in one class by two grades or two classes by one grade, fewer discipline referrals and fewer absences than previous nine weeks.

I realize the New Year is well underway; however, I would like to take this opportunity to wish AMS parents and students a very happy 2008!

**Parent
Teacher
Conferences:**

**Thursday,
February 14
5—8 p.m.**

**Friday,
February 15
8:05—11:05 a.m.**

**Call the
office for
appointment—
698-8831
Opt. 2**

Model United Nations

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| Alexander Middle School was well represented at this year's Southeastern Ohio Model United Nations which was held at Ohio University's Baker Center on November 29 and 30, 2007. Five teams of 6th, 7th and 8th graders participated and won many awards! Our team representing Indonesia won 1st place in Cultural Presentation by performing the authentic Indonesian "Saman Dance". Our team representing Jamaica won 2 nd place in Cultural Display for their | "Montego Bay Grill". Our team representing Wales won 3rd place in Cultural Display by explaining "St. David's Day". Jessie Kirk and Tim Faulkner both received Outstanding Delegate individual awards. Sierra Cell and Jessie Kirk were elected as officers to help run the Middle School competition next year as ninth graders. Sierra Cell and Leah Keiter re- | ceived a plaque for writing the outstanding Infectious Diseases Resolution. All the Alexander teams scored and debated well and represented their school with distinction. Well done! It was an outstanding year for Alexander Middle School at Model U.N. Congratulations to our teams! |
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Physical Education

Sixth Grade

The sixth grade students completed units on Fitness, Soccer, Speedball, Ultimate Frisbee, and Archery. Students who won three or more Spartan Prides which was based on accuracy during the Archery Unit were: Frank Bail, Josiah Beha, Bryce Jeffers, Blake Lindner, Katelyn Smith, and Tyler Wilkinson. The class champ with four Spartan Prides was Evan Chase.

Our Fitness Unit consisted of push ups, sit ups, and the 10-minute run. Students scoring high in these activities are as follows:

Push Ups:

Paige Coy-51,
Donnie Stutler-40

Sit Ups:

Blake Lindner-48,
Kristen Allen-46

10-Minute Run:

Blake Lindner-36,
Christopher Wingett-36,
Leah Barnes-35
Sidney Arnold-34,
Jordan Remy-34
Colt Taylor-34

Seventh Grade

Due to the weather and other things out of our control, the seventh grade class had a short six weeks. We were able to complete units on Fitness, Soccer, Volleyball, and Floor Games. Archery and Basketball will be added to their six weeks in the spring.

7th Grade Social Studies—Ms. Kosmo

In social studies, students will begin learning about ancient Rome. Students will discuss the Roman republic and compare it to ancient Greece's democracy as well as to the democracy of the United States today.

Current event articles are due every other Friday.

Please check with your student on their supply of pencils and

binders for classes.

You can check out my class page on the district website each week for more information.

Science—Mr. Chapman

In science we will be learning about the many ways in which living things interact with each other and their environment. Students will be able to distinguish between the biotic and abiotic parts of the environment and explain how the abiotic parts affect the ecosystem.

8th Grade Updates

The 8th Grade Trip Raffle, our third and final fundraising opportunity, ended January 9th. Winners will be announced January 14th at the middle school boys' home basketball game. All winners will be contacted by phone. Thanks to all students and parents for participating in the sale. Our top Raffle ticket seller was Samantha Cremeans! Our top seller for the last fundraiser was Danielle Bailey! Way to go ladies!

I will send home students' in-

dividual account balances between January 21 and 25, 2008. This amount will be calculated by subtracting the deposit and any **profits** from the students' fundraising activities from the total trip cost of \$390. The remaining amount will be the balance owed towards the student's trip cost. These balances will be due by Monday, March 17, 2008 or earlier. Checks, cash or money orders are accepted and should be

made out to Alexander Middle School. Please understand the importance of getting these balances in on time. Students will not be allowed to go on the trip if their balance is not paid by March 17, 2008.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the payment of these balances, please call Ms. McElligott at 698-8831. We want **all** registered students to go on their 8th grade trip!

6th Grade Field Trip

February 13 Chinese Acrobats

6th Grade Science—Mrs. Kearns

I would like to start by saying thank you so much for all of the wonderful gifts. I truly appreciate all of them. The start of the New Year will also be the start of some new and exciting things in science.

Our new focus will be on cells- why are they important, what is the difference between an animal and plant cell, and how do they function are all questions that your student should be able to answer soon. There will be several small quizzes this month so please ask your student when they have a quiz so that you can help them study.

Sixth Grade students have the opportunity to attend the rescheduled performance of the Golden Dragon Acrobats during the school day on Wednesday, February 13 at 10:00 a.m. in Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium at Ohio University.

The Golden Dragon Acrobats represent the best of a time honored tradition that began more than 25 centuries ago. They are recognized throughout the United States as the premiere Chinese acrobatic touring company of today. World renowned impresario Danny Chang and choreographer Angela Chang combine award-winning acrobatics, traditional dance, spectacular costumes, ancient and contemporary music and theatrical techniques to present the show. An evening performance will be the night before. For tickets or information please visit www.ohio.edu/performingarts.

7th Grade Language Arts—Mrs. Payton

Hi! My name is Christina Stabile and I am student teaching this quarter in Mrs. Payton's seventh grade Language Arts class. Student teaching is something that I have been looking forward to and I am so excited that it is finally here! I am a senior at Ohio University and will be graduating in June. The end of my college career is in sight and I can not think of a better way than to end it with student teaching.

I am from Cincinnati but I

have fallen in love with Athens. I am so excited to get to know and work with the kids this quarter. My hope is to create an environment where the students are excited to learn new things and be able to apply it to their lives. Specifically, the students and I will be reading the novel *The Giver* throughout this quarter. This is one of my favorite books that I read when I was in seventh grade, so I am excited to be teaching this

novel.

I look forward to meeting you at the upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences.

If you have any questions or concerns and would like to talk to me please contact the Middle School office.

Physical Education, con't

Students doing well in the Fitness Unit are as follows:

Push Ups:

Braden Jones-60

Jared Jeffers-58

George Black-55

Chris Meadows-51

Justin Shumate-51

Jacob Henry-50

Dustin Mullins-50

Sit Ups:

Braden Jones-58,

Alex Smith-57,
Brooklyn Howes-49
10-Minute Run:

Jared Jeffers-39,

Shelby Ervin-38

Chase Gould-37

Braden Jones-37

Jonah Hensley-36

Justin Shumate-36

Alex Smith-36

Hannah Thomas-36

Chris Grant-34

Tyler Smith-34

Math

Ms. Hendrickson

Math and pre-algebra classes will continue working toward mastery of 7th and 8th grade indicators. In January the focus will be on ratio, proportion, and percent as well as continuing to review major topics such as equations and graphing.

Look for several projects coming up, including a scale model project and data analysis project (using mean, median, and mode).

**After School
Program**

**Tuesday &
Wednesday
2:45- 4:30 pm**

**Contact
Mrs. Dodrill**

Technology Mr. Bach

We continue this six weeks' class with keyboarding, M.S. Office applications, file management, media, browsing, and various other applications. The kids continue to work hard and have fun computing. Be sure to visit us on the web at www.alexanderschools.org.

Honor Roll

6th Grade

All A Honor Roll

Sidney Arnold, Leah Barnes, Josiah Beha, Breanna Boudinot, Irene Hancock, Samantha Haning, Hanna Hixson, Ariel Smith, Gavin Stallard, Tyler Wilkinson, Christopher Wingett

A/B Honor Roll

Frank Bail, Max Baumgartel, Erin Black, Emily Bolin, Brianne Booth, Troy Bradbury, Erin Bright, Kayla Brown-Decker, Evan Chase, Tiffany Cooper, Paige Coy, Austin Crabtree, Elizabeth Dille, Joshua Dotson, Ryan Esparza, Jasmine Graber, Tiana Harness, John Harris, Stephanie Hartman, Jeffrey "Bryce" Jeffers, Alicia King, Blake Lindner, Patrick Llewellyn, Cailyn McCathren, Savannah Miller, Tiniah Mitchell, Caitlyn Mullins, Carrie Nostrant, Natalee Peters, Jordan Remy, Jessica Ryder, MacKenzie Sams, Phillip Simms, Dana Smith, Katlynn Stanley, Donnie Stutler, Saige Taggart, Michael Tope, Katherine Weaver, Marah Williams, Emily Workman, Zachery Zimmerman

7th Grade

All A Honor Roll

Macy Brickles, Emily Coen, Shelby Ervin, Kendra Green, Joshua Greenlee, Jonah Hensley, Brooklyn Howes, Leah Keiter, Kaylee Koker, Mi-

chael Mansfield, Heaven McCune, Mary Pennington, Jonnalyn Shimko, Hannah Thomas, Jacob Ziegler

A/B Honor Roll

Jed Anderson, Lucinda Boggs, Benjamin Carsey, Kayla Coffee, Jessica Cremeans, Jessica DePeel, Stanley DiBenedetto, Halley Flournoy, Kayla Forehand, Jonathan Hayes, Kara Hayes, Jacob Henry, Selena Howell, Jared Jeffers, Braden Jones, Samuel Jones, Benjamin Levine, Samuel Lewis, Christopher Meadows, Chase Meeks, Reana Putnam, Justice Riley, Kelvin Santiago, Justin Shumate, Alexander Smith, Krista Smith, Ashley Taylor, Adam Turner, Abigail Yazdani-Isfehiani

8th Grade

All A Honor Roll

Nicole Brooks, Shelby Carlson, Amber Goble, Samantha Goble, Jacqueline Graham, Rowan Grebeck, Jessie Kirk, Donald "Theo"

Lawrence, Kendra Lee, Grace Morgan, Kristen Powell, Jacob Smith, Alisha Swiney, Mackenzie Thomas, Shayla Wright

A/B Honor Roll

Kayla Bartlett, Adam Calhoun, Keifer Friel, Jeffery Gogel, Jacob Gray, Rachelle Hart, Brooke McVey, Elisabeth Meeks, Paul Nostrant, Sara Osborne, Austin Perry, Emily Pierce, Jody Pratt-Harrington, Sarah Sigman, Mariah Simms, Timothy Smith, Courtnie Stage, Katie Talkington, Sara Thomas, Zachary Weffler, Kyle Young