

# McQuiston Elementary

November 2022

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## Great Things are Happening!

There are lots of exciting activities happening this month in our classrooms. Be sure to ask your child about them.

**Grade K:** We are exploring the parts of a pumpkin and will watch how it decomposes and changes throughout the year. We will read the story *Pumpkin Jack* to go along with this lesson. Be sure to also be on the lookout for your child's Kid Writing Journal. See how they are starting to write full sentences, using their sight words, and sounding out words.



**Grade 1:** All are going to the "Thankful Feast" and making a thankful quilt in first grade.



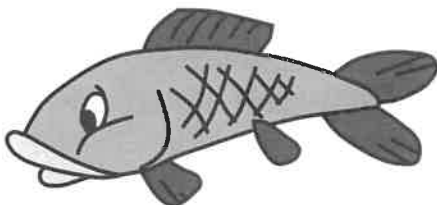
**Grade 2:** 2nd Grade is about to begin growing their adding skills! Watch out for our great addition mathematicians!

**Grade 3:** In science, 3rd graders will be learning about the properties of water. In social studies, they will be comparing three kinds of communities – rural, urban, and suburban.



**Grade 4:** 4th grade is looking forward to the dissection of owl pellets! What cool and gross things will we find?! Indigestible material left in the gizzard such as teeth, skulls, claws, and feathers are too dangerous to pass through the rest of the owl's digestive tract. To safely excrete this material, the owl's gizzard compacts it into a tight pellet that the owl regurgitates. The regurgitated pellets are known as owl pellets.

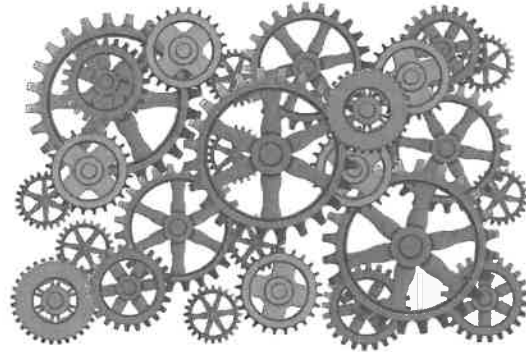
**Grade 5:** 5th grade science is looking forward to watching the aquaponic gardens grow and observing the new fish development through watching the YouTube Channel: BASD Fishcams.



5th grade ELA is looking forward to diving into some text analysis and honing our reading skills such as finding main idea and summarizing a text as well as developing our writing skills. 5th grade math is looking forward learning how to divide whole numbers using long division and starting to add and subtract decimals.

## **School Theme: STEAM And Maker Learning**

Our school is working through the process to become theme based. Our theme will be STEAM and Maker Learning. If you would like to be considered for the parent and community members of this team, please complete the survey: <https://forms.gle/DXEVnvxrV3kvqtKo8>



## **Art to Remember**

Our school is participating in a creative fundraiser with *Art to Remember* that allows you to purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art. There are over 60 products and many are less than \$15. These make great gifts and a percentage of every purchase goes right back to our school. Click on the link below and enter the online order code shown on your child's order form to search for your child's artwork. Forms with each child's code were sent home on Friday, October 28th. **Shipping is free on orders placed by November 11.** Have fun shopping! <https://arttoremember.com/school/EPGX5H>

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## **Dates to Remember:**

- **November 3:** First Energy Assembly – All students receive a light bulb kit compliments of First Energy.
  - **November 11:** Veterans Day – Vacation Day
  - **November 14:** Picture Make-up Day
  - **November 23-28:** Thanksgiving Vacation
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McQuisition PTO

November



Many thanks to the volunteers and participants in October with Courtyard Care, School Spirit, Book Fair, Yearbook Pictures, Fall Fest, and STEAM Fair.

We had a great month of events!

We had a special visit from the Butler Township Fire Department and a fun performance from the High School Choir.

Our 3rd grade students and teachers did a great job reviewing our McQuisition 4 Bees.

Students were, also, featured in the Butler Eagle Soar for their hard work over the summer on the playground!

Truly Grateful for you.



SPIRIT WEAR WILL BE DISTRIBUTED NOVEMBER 3RD



McQuisition School Spirit Day

School Spirit Day will be on the first Friday of each month! Be sure to wear your McQ or Butler Spirit, wear, or blue, white & gold. The next School Spirit Day will be held on Friday, November 9th.



Help Support Our Online Ordering fundraiser

We are fundraising with Spirit, so ride to help support our sale, you can go online to support our fundraiser!

OUR ORGANIZATION'S NAME: Our Group ID#

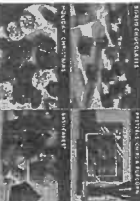
HOW TO ORDER

- 1. Access the site... 2. Add items to your cart... 3. Check out... 4. Payment... 5. Shipping...

FREE SHIPPING

\$5 packaging and handling fee will be applied. Orders ship directly to your home...

POPULAR CATEGORIES



Letter from the Board

November, a month to focus on gratitude and thankfulness.

The McQuisition PTO is grateful for our members and all the help and support they provide. Without you volunteering your time and/or supplies, we would not be able to make all the events and activities happen!

The Butler Area Community, part of our bigger family, is near and dear to our hearts. Over the past few months, we have had multiple organizations help us, especially on the playground project, and we could not be more thankful. This project wouldn't have happened without all the support of the larger community. It is a wonderful feeling to be a part of the Butler community!

As we all spend time giving thanks this month, let us not forget all of those who care for our children on a daily basis. Consider making a card or giving them a small token of your appreciation to let them know you are grateful for all they do. We are extremely grateful for our Teachers, Faculty and Support Staff that do an amazing job taking care of our Kiddos each and every day!

October was a very busy month, with bookfair, STEAM fair, and our first classroom party. All student favorites! We are extremely grateful to have the volunteers needed to make these events happen for our kids.

November will be a bit quieter, but the PTO continues to prepare for upcoming events. Our Lions Mill fundraiser ends on November 5th, so remember to share our flyer when you visit. Our fall raffle will also take place this month and we have some great prizes this year, so be sure to ask all your friends to buy a ticket.

In addition, this month will also include our first dance of the year for grades Kindergarten through 2nd. This will be a fantastic event for both kids and parents so we hope you will join us!

We also have our monthly events: Jump Night at Altitude, our Skate Party, and Ninja Night. Hopefully everyone is able to join us for at least one of these events as they are always a great time for the kids.

Lastly, we end the month with our Thanksgiving Vacation. This will be a time of giving thanks for our family and close friends and remembering to be grateful for all we have in our lives.

Happy Thanksgiving from all of us!!! Melanie Kovach, Chrissy Pollock, Brittany Undercuffler, Sue Dankovich, and Sarah Miller

Thank you

Gifts provided to teachers and school staff this past month included clipboards, reading bags, guidance resources, Scholastic magazine and Clorox wipes for the library from families and the PTO! These items are greatly appreciated!

**FAMILY FUN ON THE FARM**

IRONSBILL FARM & EQUINE CENTER  
222 ORIENTED RD.  
NEW WILMINGTON, PA 15110

SHOW THIS FEELER AT IRONSBILL FARM ANY DAY THIS FALL AND THE OWNER WILL GIVE YOU THE LOWEST PRICE ON THE TICKET SALE TO McQUISTON FARM!



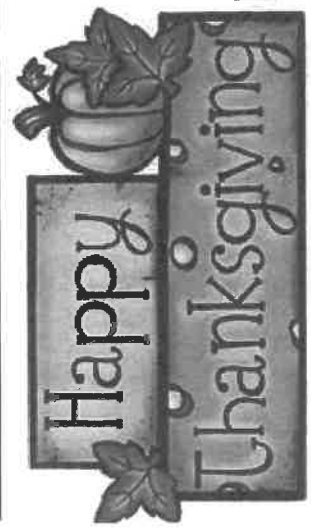
McQUISTON FARM  
FALL FESTIVAL  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2011  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
\$10.00  
\$5.00  
\$2.00

**Now - Nov 5**

**Veterans Day**



**November 11**



**November 23-28**

# Upcoming Events

- Monthly Reminders**
- 11/2 PTO Meeting Cafeteria @ 6PM**
- 11/4 Spirit Day**
- 11/9 Ninja Athletix 7:30-8:30PM**
- 11/9 Altitude 6:00-8:00PM**
- 11/16 Skate Castle 6:30-8:30PM**

**McQuiston Elementary School**  
**Family Fall Raffle**

1st Prize - 4 Tickets to Splash Lagoon  
2nd Prize - 2 Club Seat Penguins Tickets  
3rd Prize - 4 Tickets to Living Treasures  
4th Prize - A Taste of Butler  
Drawing held December 7th  
**Donation \$5.00**

Thanks For Your Support • Winner Need Not Be Present

**November 14-30**



**November 18**

# Ways to Help



**Now - Nov 10**

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

**BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS**

**SCAN YOUR RECEIPT ON THE APP**

**EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL**

**Refresh yourself and make great things happen for our school.**

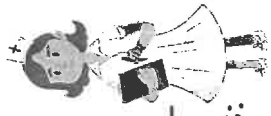
By scanning the Coca-Cola products your family already enjoys, you can help your school receive up to \$100,000 in cash for educational resources. Your first scan will get you \$5.00. The more you scan, the more you can help your school. Scan today!

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**amazon**  
**WishList**  
help our teachers!

Here's the Amazon link for supplies:  
<https://a.co/0gwtJWD>  
Most Needed Items  
Throughout the Building:

- Disinfecting Wipes**
- Hand Sanitizer**
- Tissues**
- Indoor Games**
- Glue Sticks**



## Nurse's Needs:

- We are in the full swing of the school year and unfortunately cold and flu season are among us. In an effort to be proactive I would like to share with you preventative measures to avoid getting the flu and to minimize the spread of the flu in our schools. The CDC recommends the following actions as a line of defense to fight the flu:
- > Get a flu shot
  - > Practice good health habits
  - > Wash hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds
  - > Covering your mouth and nose with a tissue or your elbow when sneezing or coughing
  - > Get plenty of rest
  - > Eat healthy foods and drink lots of healthy liquids (avoid sodas as much as possible)
  - > Clean and disinfect surfaces that could be contaminated
- A few friendly reminders:**  
Please do NOT send your child to school if he/she has or has had:  
> A Fever more than 100 degrees within the last 24 hours. Must be fever free without medication for 24 hours  
> Vomiting or diarrhea within the last 24 hours  
> Continuous coughing, not relieved with cough medicine
- The goal of keeping our schools healthy involves all of us!**