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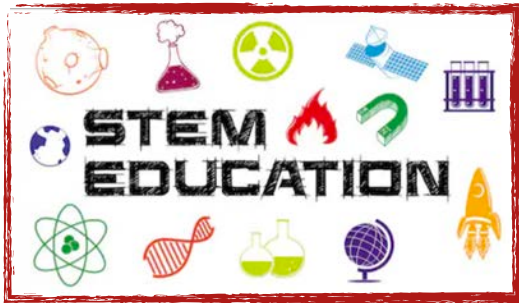
# Kerr Elementary School Newsletter



A Monthly Newsletter

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**Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/fccollaboratory>

**Instagram**

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## The D.A.R.E. Dog visits Kerr Elementary School

On Monday, December 16, 2019, Officer Husser and the K-9 dog, Jango came to visit the fifth graders. This visit was a culminating activity that took place with the help of Officer Harajda of the O'Hara Police Department and his 6 week DARE program. The program was held in the fifth grade classrooms. He taught the kids healthy ways to avoid drugs and alcohol in their future.





## Kerr Elementary School Construction News

Here is the final Kerr construction update for 2019.

The binder course, or base course, of the upper parking lot has been completed, and it can be driven on. Staff members and members of the general public are now able to park there. Final asphalt work on the upper parking lot will be completed in the spring.

Work on the playground and the moving of dirt has ceased until the spring because of cold weather and snow. Both projects will resume after the winter weather breaks.

Paul S. Noro, Principal



## Student Change Fundraiser News!

We collected over **70 presents** and raised **\$1156.95** for Sharpsburg Family Worship Give A Gift Drive.





## **KIDS OF STEEL - DON'T DELAY... REGISTER TODAY!**

We are excited to share that Kerr Elementary is participating in the Kids of STEEL Program from P3R, a nonprofit organization that is passionate about promoting the love of running and enhancing community access to health & fitness education and activities.

Don't miss your spot at the start line! Registration for the Chick-fil-A Pittsburgh Kids Marathon is open and filling quickly! The race on Saturday May 2, 2020 is open to children in grades K - 6th.

To sign up visit the Pittsburgh Marathon's website, click on the "Register Today" and select Chick-fil-A Pittsburgh Kids Marathon. One adult can run for free with each child on race day. There is a field on the form where you can enter the name of the adult participating.

To sign up please visit ...

<https://www.thepittsburghmarathon.com/kidsmarathon>

(Look for the Chick-fil-A Pittsburgh Kids Marathon)

If your child does not want to race but would like to train at Kerr on Tuesdays and Thursdays mornings, please sign up at...<http://bit.ly/noraceKOS>

Starting on February 4th, we will be holding training sessions for participants from 8:30am to 9:00am. Training sessions will be every Tuesday and Thursday. Upon arrival to school, participants should report to the gym after they check in with their homeroom teacher.

Thanks,

Ms. Roman & Mr. Strzempek



## Creative Dramatics was a Success!

Fourth and fifth grade students from Kerr Elementary School partnered with Miller African Centric Elementary School students to perform, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, at the O'Reilly Theater on Saturday, December 7th. The students performance was well-received and we are very proud of all of the students who participated in this unique artistic opportunity. A special thanks to our fourth and fifth grade students who participated in Creative Dramatics, Mrs. Hackett, Mrs. Hess, and Mrs. Yeager who organized the entire experience for our students, and our parents, for supporting their



We value our positive collaborative relationship with Pittsburgh Public Theater and look forward to working with Miller African Centric Elementary School in the future.

# Snowman Decorating Contest

We held our second annual Snowman Decorating Contest this year as part of the FCASD telethon to benefit the Sharpsburg Community Library. Any student from or pre-Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade could participate. We had over 200 entries!

The top three winners received Amazon gift cards: 1<sup>st</sup> place \$50, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$25, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$10. We also had an Honorable Mention for each grade level.

Students voted for their favorite designs!

## January Dates:

### January 2019 Dates to Remember

- January - 2 - School is back in session - normal hours
- January - 9 - Pre-Kindergarten Parent Night @ Kerr - 5-6 PM
- January - 15 - Districtwide Beginning Strings Concert - HS Aud.  
7:00 PM
- January - 9 - 16 - PTO Used Book Collection (8:30-9:00 AM)
- January - 16 - End of Second Grading Period
- January - 17 - NO SCHOOL
- January - 20 - Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observed - NO SCHOOL
- January - 21 - 24 - PTO Used Book Sale
- January - 24 - Report Cards Available - K- 12
- January - 31 - Kerr Elem. Math Pentathlon Practice Begins



### Our Snowman Decorating Contest Winners:

1st Place:

Lucas A.



2nd Place:

MiKaela C.



3rd Place:

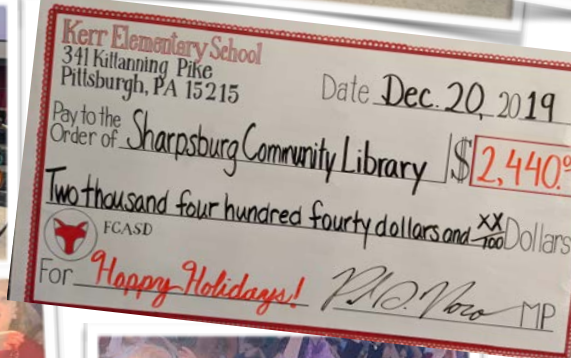
Lily N.





## Holiday Sing-A-Long at Kerr Elementary School.

Kerr Elementary School held its annual Holiday Sing-A-Long this past Thursday. We had several songs performed by the entire school, along with special performances by our Kerr Chorus, Kerr Orchestra, and our Kerr Band. In addition, each grade level, from pre-k to grade 5 had a special song that they performed for the entire student body. I have attached some pictures for your enjoyment!



Students and Staff raised

**\$2,440**

for the  
Sharpsburg  
Community  
Library





### **Kerr Makerspace Consumable Drive**

The Kerr Makerspace is in need of supplies. Below is a list of items we are collecting. Many items are recyclable materials that we tend to throw away. Please consider donating items. If your child does bring an item to school, please have them drop the item off in the Kerr Makerspace.

Thanks for your support,  
Mr. Strzempek



**Flat Empty Cereal Boxes**



**Yarn, String, Thread and Rubber Bands**



**Gift, Paper Towel and Toilet Paper Tubes**



**Felt of Fabric Scraps**



**Plastic Bottles, Bottle Caps and Corks**



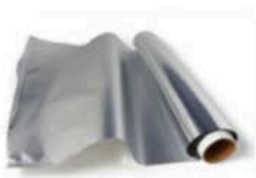
**Unwanted Art and Craft Supplies**



**Small Plastic Toys You No Longer Want Or Need**



**Duct, Masking or Scotch Tape**



**Aluminum Foil, Pans and Trays**



**Popsicle Sticks, Straws and Pipe Cleaners**



**CDs and Old Computer/Electronic Parts**



**Wood Blocks and Legos**

...and pretty much anything else you think would help make an awesome creation!