

Kerr Elementary School Newsletter

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A Monthly Newsletter

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School Resource Officer (SRO) Scott Bailey



Officer Scott E. Bailey is a veteran Police Officer with over 32 years of experience in public safety. He also is a Police Academy Instructor educating Police Cadets. Officer Bailey has teamed up with the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office with Project Lifesaver, and is one of 5 Police Officers in the county that can certify Police Officers to be on the Special Response Team. He also is involved with educating First Responders and Schools on Autism and Intellectual Disabilities with his program. Officer Bailey is married and has two sons. He is very excited to be the Kerr's School Resource Officer.

Interview of Officer Scott Bailey

by

Hayden Young, Grade 2

Guess who I met today? I met Officer Bailey. He is the new resource officer at Kerr.

First, Officer Bailey helps to keep kids safe. He learned how to be a police officer. He wants all the kids at Kerr to learn their home address and phone number.

Second, Officer Bailey likes to eat! He likes thin crust pizza with lots of toppings. He enjoys Hershey's chocolate. His dog is even named Hershey Coco Bean.

Finally, Officer Bailey is nice. His nickname is Officer Friendly. His goal this year is to learn the names of all the kids at Kerr!!!

I am glad that I got to talk to Officer Bailey. I hope that you get to meet him soon!

REMINDER!

One of our make-up days this month is:

November 26th

We will be running our normal schedule that day.

Give A Gift Fundraiser

One of the goals of the Kerr Student Council is to assist community organizations by participating in school-wide service learning projects. In November, we will be fundraising and collecting gifts for the Give a Gift program. The Network of Hope sponsors this yearly event. The goal is to help local parents provide presents for their family during the holidays. The Sharpsburg Family Worship Center will serve as our local collection site. Their goal is to collect 1200 presents. With help from the Kerr community, the student council plans to do their best to try and help them reach this goal.

We will be organizing two events to help with the drive. There will be a grade level and a classroom competition. Since the drive is in November, our theme is based around toys and turkeys.

During the week of November 12th - 16th, students will get the chance to decorate a turkey. Six turkey posters will be hung in the hallway (one for each grade level). Students can buy feathers to place on their grades' turkey. Feathers cost 25 cents each. Students can write their names on the feather(s) they purchase. The grade level whose turkey has the most feathers will win a movie party. Feathers can be purchased before school and during lunch. We will also be selling feathers during Open House. Look for us in the front hallway.

A toy drive will occur during the week of November 19th - 21st. The collection will take place in the Multi-Purpose Room before school (8:30-9:00 am). Students can bring in new gifts for kids of all ages (infants through teens). Gifts can range in price from \$5 to \$15. Gift cards and monetary donations are always welcome. Presents should not be wrapped. No stuffed animals or clothes please.

Recommended gifts include: board games, dolls, blocks, brand name character items, fleece blankets, puzzles, trucks, electronic accessories, Pittsburgh Sports gear.

Donations will be tracked for each homeroom. The homeroom that collects the most presents will win a special party that will take place on **November 26th**.

Please help brighten the holidays for families in need.

Thanks,
The Kerr Student Council



Tentative Dates for Kerr Student Council Drives

November 12th to the 16th - Turkey Feather Sales

November 19th to the 21st - Give a Gift Drive

November 26th - Give a Gift Special Celebration

November 30th - Movie Party (grade level that buys the most turkey feathers)

Battle of the Books!

I want to personally thank all of the students who participated in Battle of the Books this year. I was very proud of their hard work and commitment to reading all of the books and studying in-depth, the characters, setting, plot, key details, main ideas, etc.

These Kerr BoB Teams Represented Kerr proudly:

The Adidas Brand

The Businessmen

The Thin Mint Thinkers Are Back For S'more!

The Tye-Dye Tigers

Revenge of the Blue Dragons

Raging Readers

The Rainbow Readers

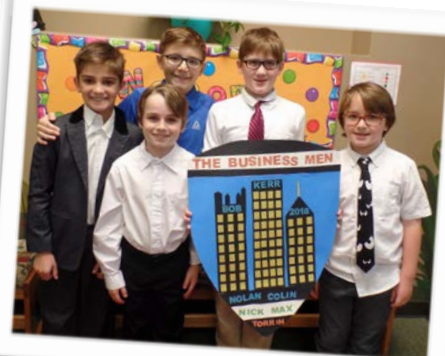
The Page Turners



I also want to thank all of the Team Managers for their work in supporting these students. A special thanks to Ms. Orsega and Ms. Marciniak for all of their work in supporting such a great event for our students.

November Conferences

Please sign up through PTCFast to choose a Fall Conference day and select a time. If you prefer a phone conference, please contact your child's teacher directly.



Down Syndrome Month

The children in Mrs. Thompson's classroom learned about Down Syndrome in celebration of Down Syndrome month and in conjunction with the district's focus on Respect. The class met Sienna, who has Down Syndrome, along with her mother. They read Mrs. Thompson's class the book, 47 Strings: Tessa's Special Code. They discussed how everyone has a different "code" that makes us all unique and special. The students then made tie-dye socks in celebration of differences that they can wear on March 21, 2019, which is National Down Syndrome Day.



Friday, November 16th

Early Dismissal

**Lunch will be served on our
1:30 Dismissal Day**

Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair is just around the corner! It will take place the week of November 12th. Most classes will shop on their Library class day. There will be an evening shopping time during the night of Open House. More details to follow in a Scholastic flyer and letter from the Library, so be on the lookout! Hope to see you there!



November Dates to Remember

November 2 - Report Cards Available

November 5 - Early Dismissal (Noon) - Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 6 - NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 7 - Kerr PTO Mtg. Sharpsburg Community Library - 6:15 P.M.

November 9th - Movie Night @ Kerr - 6-8 p.m.

November 12th - Kerr Elem. Book Fair 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

November 13th - Kerr Elem. Book Fair 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

November 14th - Kerr Elem. Book Fair 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

November 15th - Kerr Elem. Book Fair 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

November 15th - Kerr Elem. Open House- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

November 15th - Kerr Elem. Book Fair Family Night-

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

November 15th - Kerr Elem. PTO Bake Sale - MPR - 6-8 p.m.

November 15th - Title I Parent Meeting -MPR - 9:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

November 16th - Kerr Elem. Book Fair - 8:30-9:30 a.m.

November 16th - Early Dismissal - 1:30 p.m.

November 21 - Early Dismissal (Noon)

November 22-23 - Thanksgiving Break

November 26 - Kerr Elementary School Make-Up Day - School in session

FYI: CALENDAR CHANGE: Due to the late primary elections in May of 2019, the 5th grade program has been rescheduled from **May 21st to May 16th.**

**PLEASE MARK YOUR
CALENDARS**

Thank you for your understanding!

Christy Ehman
Kerr Elementary School
Music Teacher





Kerrtoberfest 2018



Kerr students and their families enjoyed another fun filled evening at the 6th annual Kerrtoberfest held on Friday, October 26th. Despite a last-minute change in venue to Kerr Elementary School, Kerrtoberfest was as popular an event as ever bringing over 200 students and their siblings to enjoy crafts, snacks, face painting, games, and inflatables. DJ Larry Weist provided music for kids to move and groove to prior to a live performance by Josh and Gab (aka Gab Bonesso's Gab Squad) who spoke and sang about their experiences with bullying and encouraging kids to accept and include others. Kerrtoberfest is an event coordinated by Kerr's PBIS Committee to recognize National Bullying Prevention Month and the core values of Respect, Responsibility and Integrity that our students practice every day.

