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Another Successful McTeacher Night!

WALK NOW FOR AUTISM SPEAKS

Kerr staff, parents, and community members were able to raise close to \$500 for Autism Speaks. Autism Speaks is dedicated to promoting solutions, across the spectrum and throughout the life span, for the needs of individuals with autism and their families through advocacy and support; increasing understanding and acceptance of people with autism spectrum disorder; and advancing research into causes and better interventions for autism spectrum disorder and related conditions. A special thanks to McDonalds in the Waterworks Shopping Plaza for allowing us to hold our nights at their location, and also to Mrs. Abriatis, who organized this event for Kerr Elementary School.



New Kerr Logo

All Kerr Elementary School students were given the opportunity to design a new Kerr logo for the 2019-2020 school year. This new logo will usher in a new era as we move into our new school building. Kerr staff voted on the final designs, which included two logos submitted from each classroom, then the Kerr Site-Based Team made the final decision from the four designs with the most votes. Owen Nguyen's design was the winner, followed by three runner-up designs by Annie Lynch, Megan Bell, and Akiyah Waters. I want to thank all the students of Kerr for their hard work, as well as Ms. Meyers for her assistance with guiding and supporting student creativity.





Salamander Park

This past April, the second grade students took a field trip to Salamander Park as part of their Environment and Ecology Science unit. Led by Gabi Hughes of Beechwood Farms, the second graders searched for existing life cycles in a nearby stream, vernal pond, and in the woods, while using field guides to correctly identify the types of species. The students enjoyed searching for and then learning about the different animals of Salamander Park—right in their natural habitat!



5th Grade Program

An American Celebration

The 5th grade will present their program "An American Celebration" on Thursday, May 16th in the MPR at 7:00 p.m. Some of the Founding Fathers will be there to give us a history lesson about the American Revolution while the chorus sings various patriotic songs to celebrate the American Victory. Some of the songs they will be singing include "You're a Grand Old Flag", "Goin' to Boston" and "My Shot" from Hamilton!!

Christy Ehman
Elementary Music Department Chair
Fox Chapel Area School District



Combined Band
Concert - 4th and
5th grade Bands
from Kerr and
Fairview

May 23rd @ 7:00 p.m.
Fairview Gym

Pre- Kindergarten Family Fun Night!

On the evening of April 11, the kindergarten teachers welcomed the 2019-2020 Kindergartners and parents to our annual Family Fun night. The families were welcomed in the MPR for some light refreshments and socialization. Parents and children then rotated through the three kindergarten classrooms where they experienced STEAM, Math and Literacy- based activities. The children eagerly participated in all the activities planned and prepared by the kindergarten team. This evening allowed children and their family the opportunity to become familiar with kindergarten, their teachers and each other as they prepare for their transition into school.



CAMP ALLEGHENY 2019

WHO: Parents/Guardians of current 4th grade students (upcoming 5th grade students in 2019-2020)

WHAT: 5th Grade Camp Allegheny and Curriculum Meeting

WHEN: Tuesday, May 7th @ 5:30 - 7:30 PM (5:30-6:30 PM Curriculum Talk, 6:30-7:30 PM Camp Allegheny Presentation)

WHY: Camp Allegheny is the third week of school for Kerr, from Sept. 16-19, 2019. This is earlier than usual and we want to provide ample time for parents to complete the paperwork and gather supplies. **NOTE:** One form requires a doctor signature that you would be able to take care of over the summer when your child is already home. This will also be the only night for 5th grade teachers to review curriculum.



May 2019 Dates to Remember

- May 6-10 - Grade 1 CoGAT Testing
- May 6-10 - Kerr Elem. PTO Traveling Art Gallery (TAG Program)
- May 9 - Kerr Elem. & Hartwood Elem. Orchestra Concert - O'Hara Elem. School Aud. - 7:00 p.m.
- May 15 - Kerr Elem. PTO Mtg. Conference Room 6:15 p.m.
- May 16 - Kerr Elem. Grade 5 Music Program - Multipurpose Room - 7:00 p.m. **(This is a change from the original May 21, date)**
- May 16 - Kerr Elem. Art Show - 5-7 p.m. **(This is a change from the original May 21, date)**
- May 22 - Elementary/DMS Move Up Day - DMS Aud. - 9:00 a.m.
- May 23 - Kerr Elem. & Fairviw Elem. Band and Chorus Concert - Fairview Elem. Gym. - 7:00 p.m.
- May 27 - NO SCHOOL Memorial Day
- May 29 - Kennywood Day - Noon Dismissal
- May 31 - Kindergarten ONLY Early Dismissal - 11:00 a.m.
- May 31 - Discover Kindergarten - Classrooms - 1:00-3:00 p.m.