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# Bobcat Tales

## October Making A Difference Students



Front Row: Brennan M.  
Julie R. Abby L. Ben M.  
Andrew R. Remi O.  
Mattie C. Jocelyn T.

2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Kaylee B.  
Madelyn H. Teagan M.  
Nickolas R.

3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Rosie F. Brooklyn  
M. Lindsay G. Gabe D.  
Jonathan P. Haylie H.

4<sup>th</sup> Row: Jena B. Sierra F.  
Brayden H. Mumbi W.  
Evan W.

Back Row: Rowan M.  
Brayden M. DJ B.  
Paige W. James S.  
Morgan K. McKenzie K.

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## November Making A Difference Students



Row 1: Paxton H. Hudson  
O. Hayden K. Seth H.  
Will D.

Row 2: Brooke H.  
Angelia M. Kassi G.  
Isabella F. Quinnya R.  
Krista R. Shelly W.

Row 3: Cody K. Jordan K.  
Colin V. Sydney G.  
Emily M. Emerald A.  
Anastasia M.

Back Row: Alex E. Alexis  
L. Logan K. Casey S.  
Abby B. Isaac A.

### Thought

### For the month...

Make a  
Difference

**"Peace, like  
charity, begins at  
home."**

**Franklin D. Roosevelt**

This is a one page glimpse of our newsletter:

Visit our website at: [bittersweet.phmschools.org](http://bittersweet.phmschools.org) to view our  
complete newsletter and a link that features a video

(If you do not have Internet access, we will gladly provide your family a paper copy)

## Principal's Message: Fun "Hanging Out at Bittersweet!"

We sometimes do goofy things to make a point. A Penn High School business class asked me if I would be willing to do a "Stuck For a Buck" fundraiser to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. I was more than willing to do this and our students raised over \$165. It was a fun way to teach students about having a sense of community and giving to others. Thanks to all who participated!



### P.A.W.S

Polite  
Accountable  
Wise Choices  
Safe



## Bobcat Blitz: Top Fundraisers

Congratulations to our top grade level fundraisers for the Bobcat Blitz! The top fundraiser in each class earned a pizza party with Mr. Thompson. Thanks to our Bittersweet families and the PTO for supporting our school+ PAWS Rewards!!





## Honoring Our American Flag

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The local veterans association visited our 5th grade class to teach students about how to properly care for our American flags. As a part of the lesson they retired our old flag and presented us with a new one. We are proud of our veterans and thank them for serving!



## Trunk or Treat

There were a lot of ghouls and goblins at Bittersweet's annual Trunk or Treat evening! Thanks to the student council and Bittersweet staff members who helped to make this fun event a success!





## 1st Grade: Teddy Bear Parade

How do you get a 1st grade student excited about writing?? Have them write about a teddy bear!! Their culminating activity was to hold a parade throughout the school.



## 2nd Grade: Gingerbread Houses

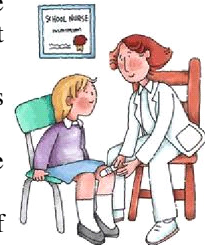
What does building Gingerbread houses have to do with schools? Students use their math (geometry and measurement), reading (learning to read directions), and problem solving skills to complete this challenging activity!!



**SCHOOL NURSE NEWS.....  
P-H-M IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SAINT JOSEPH REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**

As colder weather and flu season approaches, here are some guidelines for when to keep your child home from school until your health care provider can be contacted for his/her opinion:

- A **fever** of 100 degrees or higher before school in the morning- do not have the student return to school until the student has been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.
- A "**heavy cold or hacking cough**" even without a fever (cough that disturbs normal activity)
- Diagnosis from physician of **Whooping Cough/Pertussis**-student should stay home from school until he/she has received 5 full days worth of antibiotic treatment.
- **Vomiting**- student should stay home until he/she can keep food down and is free of symptoms for 24 hours.
- **Diarrhea**-student should remain home until free of symptoms for 24 hours.
- **Pink eye** (conjunctivitis)-there can be many causes for red eyes, not all of which are communicable. Refer to your health care provider for an evaluation. The Academy of Pediatrics advises that children with purulent conjunctivitis (defined as pink or red conjunctiva with white or yellow discharge, often with matted eyelids after sleep and eye pain or redness of the eyelids or skin surrounding the eyes) be excluded until examined by a health care provider and approved for readmission. With bacterial conjunctivitis, health care providers usually recommend exclusion until 24 hours after starting topical antibiotic therapy.
- **Strep throat**-student can return to school after they have been on antibiotics for at least 24 hours and are fever free.
- **Chicken pox**-exclusion from school for one week after the first eruption appears or all lesions are dry and crusted
- **Unexplained rash, blisters, or draining sores**-student should see his/her health care provider for a diagnosis.



Many illnesses are most communicable at the beginning. If your child is kept home, fewer children will be exposed to the illness. Allowing your child to stay home and get well at the beginning of an illness will actually help him/her to be more successful in school and lose less school time in the long run.

Remember- good hygiene and good hand washing techniques can help to prevent many illnesses!

Call your health care provider with any concerns during an illness!

**NOTIFICATION OF ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The requirements of Public Law 99-519 better known as the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) have been met by the Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation.

Following an inspection for asbestos containing material by an accredited inspector, Penn-Harris-Madison had an approved asbestos management plan on July 9 1989. The plan and all records concerning its implementations are available for inspections at the office of the principal during regular business hours.



## Winter Break 2013-2014 Childcare

Join us for Winter Wonderland with Kids Club at Northpoint Elementary School  
There will be winter themes for all activities including sports, arts and crafts.

Sledding

Ice Skating Field Trip (Jan. 3rd, permission slip below)

Gym Activities

### Lots of Fun Winter Art & Crafts

Have fun with Kids Club at Northpoint Elementary School for Winter Break December 26 and 27, 2013 and January 2 and 3, 2014 from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please complete the following form and send it along with your payment to your child's school. If you have questions, please contact Mary Cook at 286-0027 or Vickie Wiltse at 286-1982.

**Registration and payment are due and non-refundable by Friday, December 13.** Bring your own lunch and drink (no soda pop please). Morning and afternoon snacks will be provided.

My child will attend Kids Club on the following day(s):

Thursday, December 26, 2013 \_\_\_\_\_ Friday, December 27, 2013 \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014 \_\_\_\_\_ Friday, Jan. 3, 2014 (skating field trip) \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday, January 3, 2014 is the field trip to Merrifield Ice Skating Rink from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Cost is \$5/student.** Please fill out the permission slip below and include the \$5 with your registration. Please do not send any extra money with your child because the games and concessions will not be accessible.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the field trip to Merrifield Ice Skating Rink Field Trip from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. January 3, 2014. Boot Size \_\_\_\_\_.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Work # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact name \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs: No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (Please explain needs & considerations below)

\$20/ per child/per day if registered before December 13 \$25/per child/per day if registered after December 13

**Please remember to include the \$5 field trip fee along with your registration fee for January 3, 2014**

Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks payable to Penn-Harris-Madison Kids Club & pay separately from other Kids Club fees**

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**PARENTS: PLEASE REMOVE THIS SECTION AND SAVE**

Winter Break Recess Days: Dec. 26, 27, 2013 Jan. 2, 3 (skating field trip), 2014

Northpoint Elementary School, 50800 Cherry Road, Granger, IN 46530 Kids Club cell 261-9974

**Entry Door – E.** Should it be necessary to cancel Kids Club for any reason, we will call each family. If you have any questions call Mary Cook 286-0027 or Vickie Wiltse 286-1982

**Please remember to pack your child a lunch.**



## **FUTURE EVENTS**

### **DECEMBER**

- 12 2nd & 3rd Grade Musical Program, 7:00 pm
- 13 PAWS Reward: Extra Recess
- 19 PAWS Reward: Bowling for Kdg, 2nd, & 3rd Grades  
December / June Birthday Celebration in cafeteria
- 20 PAWS Reward: Bowling for 1st, 4th & 5th Grades  
Spirit Day: Favorite Holiday Sweater/Shirt Day  
Class Winter Celebrations
- 23—Jan 5 Winter Break

### **JANUARY**

- 14 End of 2nd Grading Period
- 17 3rd & 4th Grade Little Caesar's Fundraiser kickoff  
Spirit Day: Career Day
- 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, NO SCHOOL
- 24 Popcorn Day, 50 cents  
PAWS Reward: Extra Recess  
PTO Decade Dance
- 30 PTO Skate Night, 6:00—8:00 pm
- 31 January / July Birthday Celebration in cafeteria

