

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year

2018 ended with some exiting academic success. Taylor Blazek captured our school spelling bee crown. The 6th grade team of Kristen Campbell, Ryen Romigh, Vincent Fay, Jase Greco and Drew Sloan won their quiz bowl crown. The 5th grade team of Aiden Aandewiel, Jaden Bass, Anthony Chance, Cash Leonard and Elijah Handrych went undefeated to win their tournament.

Our Junior Varsity Squad took 2nd Place at the CTA cheerleading competition

while our varsity squad took 5th place.

Our student council members shared their talents and time with residents of the Antoine Village.

Students in 1st and 2nd grade as well as our 5th and 6th grade students celebrated the holiday season with evening concerts.

Our PTA kicked off the exciting Santa's workshop which was very well received by our students.

Everywhere you turned it

seemed our Blue Jays were celebrating and excelling. Leading into 2019 I hope to see the same success and energy. Our hallways and building are energized with the excitement of being a Blue Jay. My hope for all of our Blue Jay families this year is continued health. I hope our students reach all of their academic, athletic and personal success. Most importantly, I hope for continued Blue Jay Pride. 2019 will be a great year to be a Blue Jay!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to the following Blue Jays for some wonderful achievements last month!

- Taylor Blazek wins our 2018 Spelling Bee—Shannen Lanham is our runner-up.
- Our 6th Grade quiz bowl winners—Golden Age
- Our 5th Grade quiz bowl winners—Geometrics

COUNSELOR CORNER

It finally happened 2019 is here. This month, the word of the month is self-control. Many people set New Year's Resolutions as a way of bettering themselves. Reaching these goals takes commitment and perseverance. And at times, things may get difficult, but that is what makes it worth it in the end. Commit to bettering yourself, your family and your community. Utilize self control in sticking to your 2019 goals.

The next student council meeting will be on Thursday, the 31st of this month. Pick up time is at 4:30. This month we celebrate Martin Luther King day and we acknowledge this man's dream and life's work, but it is also a day to reflect how we interact with one another. He fought for civil rights a half a century ago and his impact is still being felt today.

Finally a reminder that January 25th is the end of the second quarter. It's hard to believe that

we are nearly half way done with the school year. Please continue to instill good study and work habits in your student. This is vital to their school success. All grade 5 students will be administered testing in the area of Superior Cognitive on January 28th, 29th. This testing is to determine gifted eligibility in this area. I Ready is used to determine giftedness in both Reading and Math. Reports will only be sent home if your child qualifies in one of the areas.

Happy New Year!!

JANUARY DATES

<i>Waiver Day</i>	2
<i>Students Return</i>	3
<i>Coder Club</i>	8
<i>Math Club</i>	9
<i>Science Club</i>	15
<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day—No School</i>	21
<i>Student Council</i>	31

STATE ASSESSMENTS

**WE'RE ON
FACEBOOK
KIMBERLY FISK
PRINCIPAL**

It is hardly to believe that we are already scheduling our Spring State Assessment dates. This year students in Third through Sixth grade will all take the Math and English Arts Assessments. Students in Fifth grade will also be taking the Science Assessment.

Ohio sets testing windows and also has limitations as to when the assessments can be given. Once a district (not building) begins the assessments, you must be finished within 15 consecutive school days.

With this in mind, we wanted to give you advance notice as to when we will be taking the test to ensure that you can plan your schedules accordingly.

The window does fall around our spring break. Our students will be taking their English Language arts assessments between April 1st and April 18th. Our Math and Science assessments will be between April 8th and May 6th. This window is broken up by our spring break so those days will not count in the 15 day

window.

We know that your family schedules might differ, but it is important that you try to have your children in school leading up to break. We are limited on the days that we can do make-ups or for your child's assessments to count. Additional information about state assessments can be found on the Ohio Department of Education website or you can call Mrs. Fisk at (330) 538-2257 extension 1402 with any questions.

PTA

Happy New Year everyone! Santa's Workshop was a huge success this year. The kids loved shopping for their loved ones and we had a great time helping them do so. Hopefully you all enjoyed the thoughtful gifts your child picked for you.

With the holidays behind us, we want to look forward to all of the fun things the PTA has planned for the rest of the

school year. Please mark your calendars for these important event dates:

- February 25th:** COSI on Wheels Day
- March 8th:** Mother/Son Dance
- March 23rd:** Prize Bingo adult night @ the American Legion
- May 22nd :** Raptor Hallow Sanctuary Day
- May 31st:** Earth Day
- June 2nd:** Blue Jay 5K & Family Fun Day event

Information about these events will come home with your child around the event date and will be posted on the PTA Facebook page. Volunteers are needed at some of these so please let us know if you would like to help out with any of these events.

Thanks Abbey Fish-torn

