



BJKM Mussio Moments

*Fifth Grade Newspaper Club presents its First Edition.
Please keep in mind, we are learning...each edition will be better than the previous edition!*

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Mrs. Danaher

Let's get to know our Principal:

Mrs. Danaher's favorite color is peach. She is a baseball fan with the Pittsburgh Pirates being her favorite baseball team. Go Bucs!

She started working here 41 years ago as a 7th grade teacher in the present 4B classroom. Mrs. Danaher helped to make the science lab, presently used as the 5B homeroom and science lab.

Her favorite memory goes back just a few years...the day the playground was dedicated. She and Mrs. Nurczyk had a race on the double slides.



Kind words are like honey,
sweet to the soul and healthy
for the body. Proverbs 16:24

The Office Staff:

Ms. LeFever is our school secretary. Ms. LeFever's children went to BJKM. Her favorite color is pink and her favorite sports team is the Pittsburgh Steelers. She has been working as our school secretary for 6 years. And guess what...her favorite part of working here is getting the summers off every year.

Fifth grade Flag Corp



Mrs. McEndree has been the office aide for six years. She likes the color purple. Maddie, her daughter, went to school here. Mrs. McEndree also likes the Pittsburgh Steelers and having the summers off every year. Besides helping out in the office, Mrs. McEndree helps out by supervising the playground during recess and evening bus duty.

Changes around the school

Same school but...

Where is first grade? At the end of last school year, we said 'good-bye' to our sixth graders as they moved across the street to the BJKM Jr. High building. We also said 'good-bye' to the fifth graders because they also went to the BJKM Jr. High building. Because of that move, the first grade classrooms moved into the main building. Not only did first grade move buildings but many of the other grades moved to a new classroom in the main building. Our Computer Lab (Chromebook lab) and Music classroom moved into the Annex. Mrs. Wnek and Mrs. Bacich are happy that they now have rooms to call their own...no more traveling into the classrooms for computers and music. Thank you to the CCHS band for helping the teachers and Mr. Maris move everything.

Library, Art, and Gym are still in their original rooms. But, Mrs. Schmiesing had some changes made to the art room...a new restroom and floor. Our new aide in the art room is Mrs. Hanlin. The Library has a new librarian, Mrs. Camm, and she has added new shelves.

The PreSchool rooms got new doors...making their rooms very safe.



Riddle: What do elves learn in school? 🧝

Mrs. Morelli retired as our vice principal at the end of last school year. But, we are happy that she has brought back the after school Science Club, which was on hold last year because of Covid. She meets with each grade level once a month for some fun science activities.

Did you participate in the Crusader 5K Run/Walk and Little Saints Sprint? It was rainy...but FUN...

Sports

Flag football: On October 18th the Blue Team beat the Gold Team 8-6. Peter Schmiesing ran for a Gold touchdown in the first quarter, but they missed their 2-point conversion. In the third quarter Gold threw an interception to Matthew Jones for a 50 yard touchdown. They got their 2-point conversion. It was an 8-6 win for the Blue.

Girls basketball: Blue team made it to the playoffs. The Blue team lost to Our Lady of Peace knocking them out of the playoffs. The third and fourth basketball season is over. Both teams ended the season with one win each.

Boys basketball: The season got pushed back a couple weeks (Covid). There is a Blue Team and a Gold Team. Hopefully, the first game will be on December 13.

Service Projects

Count Your Blessings: During November, the students at BJKM collected canned goods or non-perishable items. The collection was donated to a local food bank servicing many local families in need.



Winter Homeless Outreach:

“Whoever is generous to the poor, lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.” Proverbs 19:17 Each grade level was assigned items to bring to fill their bags for the Sycamore Center. Items collected were: toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, chapstick, earmuffs, gloves/mittens, hats, deodorant, lotion, soap, and blankets.

Box of Joy:

Cross Catholic Outreach's Box of Joy is a booming Christmas ministry inviting people all over the U.S. to pack hope and happiness for thousands of children in dire poverty around the world. Parishes, schools, churches, groups and families can pack gift boxes with presents like small toys, bar soap, pencils, toothbrush, toothpaste, hard candy, crayons, coloring books or T-shirts. How many boxes did we fill? 40! That's 40 children who will get a Christmas present.



Our Annual Pasta Dinner on Nov. 7 was a big success. We serve the best pasta and raffle off the best gifts. It was the 13th year for the Pasta Dinner.

Music at BJKM

Mrs. Wnek meets with grades Pre3-Fifth grade once a week. Her classes have been preparing for the Christmas program. Last year, because of Covid restrictions and wanting to keep everyone safe, the program was taped during school hours and available for viewing on the Internet. Many family members and friends who live outside the Steubenville area were able to watch and enjoy our program. Because Covid is still a pandemic and we still have Covid restrictions, it was decided to once again tape the program and have it available for viewing on the Internet. Our program will be released to the public on December 15, 2021...prepare for another family evening together watching our program...you will definitely enjoy it!

Mr. Johnston (percussion), Mr. Paulowski (brass), and Mr. Lancia (woodwinds) have been preparing the band students for the Christmas concert. The school concert will be on December 16, 2021.



Art

Mrs. Schmeising had her classes participating in the Inktober art challenge. She gives the class a prompt and all students draw what they envision the prompt to be.

Jake Parker created Inktober in 2009 as a challenge to improve inking skills and develop positive drawing habits. It has since grown into a worldwide endeavor with thousands of artists taking on the challenge every year.

Library

Mrs. Camm is our new librarian. Her daughter is in our kindergarten class. Mrs. Camm plans to implement some new programs and continue with some already implemented...like the Million Word Club and Accelerated Reader.

Computers/STREAM

We have become a 1:1 device school. What does that mean? Every student has access to their own Chromebook in their classroom and lab. Mrs. Bacich is planning to add more STREAM projects during her time with us. Although, she has noticed that when a class comes to the lab and they are not working on a Chromebook, they are asking, "Will we use the Chromebooks today?"

Answer: the elf-abet 🧝

Have a safe and happy holiday...Merry Christmas/Happy New 2022!