

February  
2018



## **Save the Date**

**February 5<sup>th</sup>**

**No School**

*Teacher exchange day*

**February 6<sup>th</sup>**

**PTO Meeting**

6pm

Community Room

*Please come and support our school!*

**February 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Conference Night**

**4:30-7:30pm**

**February 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Castle Closet**

**5-7pm**

**Library**

*Parents are invited to shop for free children's clothing*

**February 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Easing the Tension**

**Parent Workshop**

**6-7:30pm**

**Art Room**

*Join us for a special workshop for parents on helping their child learn more effectively*

**February 19<sup>th</sup>**

**No School**

*Presidents Day*

**March 14**

**Kindergarten**

**Roundup**

**2:30-7pm**

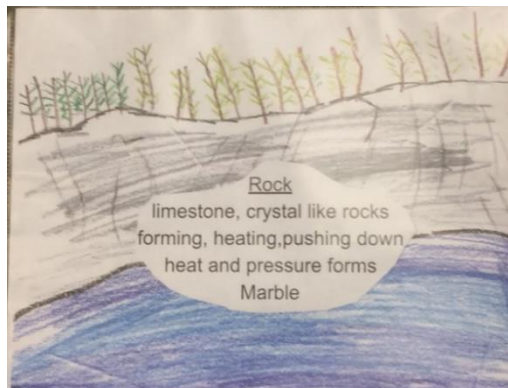
*Drop by and learn why Mt. Washington School is an excellent choice for kindergarten!*

## **Mt. Washington School Choir**

The Mt. Washington School Choir performed at the Mt. Washington Community Council meeting on January 17. The choir performed five pieces including one where the children were playing recorders. The performance ended with an interactive version of the song "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" that had the entire community council members singing along. The students did a great job and the community council board made it clear, they would love our choir to come back and sing again at another meeting. They said our choir really livened things up and left everyone with a smile on their faces. Many thanks to our music teacher and choir director, Elena Ivanova for all of her hard work in preparing our students for this performance.



## **Congratulations to 4<sup>th</sup> Grader Kaizaya Ray!**



As a part of National Chemistry Week that was held in October, the local section of the **American Chemistry Society** sponsors an illustrated poem contest for local students to express their creativity and artistic ability while focusing on a chemistry theme. This year's theme was "Chemistry Rocks". One winner was selected for each grade category and Kaizaya was the winner of the 3-5 grade category for the Cincinnati

section. She along with her parents and her teacher, Ms. Lewis-Jackson will be honored guests at the local American Chemistry Society Awards Banquet in April at Northern Kentucky University. Congratulations to Kaizaya for a job well done!!!

## **Easing the Tension Parent Workshop**

Does your child get easily frustrated or impatient at home or school causing tears or meltdowns? Are you concerned about your child's ability to cope with challenging situations? Do you spend more time trying to get your child to complete a task than it actually takes to complete it? Your child's behavior may be due to stress and anxiety. Join us for a special workshop "**Easing the Tension- Helping Children Learn More Effectively**" on **Tuesday, February 13 at 6pm in our school art room.** This workshop will help parents determine the causes of these behaviors and learn practical coping strategies for getting their child past these emotional blocks related to school, social relationships and extra-

curricular activities. Thanks to our partners, Beechacres Parenting Center and Springer School for providing this free workshop for our families and staff. The workshop is also open to the public, so please spread the word! To sign up, call 314-0310 or email lsumner@beechacres.org

### **New Mentoring Program in the Works!!**

Mt. Washington School is starting a special mentoring program for students in kindergarten and first grade. The program will connect caring individuals with students who would benefit from having another adult in their lives. At this time, we have 32 students in need of mentors. Volunteer mentors will be connected with a student and will be encouraged to visit them during the school day and develop a supportive relationship. The hope is for the mentors to establish a long term connection with the students that goes beyond the classroom. We are partnering with CYC, who will provide free training and background checks for the mentors. If you are interested being a mentor, please contact Ilene Hayes at 363-3835 or hayesil@cps-k12.org.

### **Mt Washington Early Childhood Network PJ party**



On January 18<sup>th</sup> 17 families wearing their favorite pajamas came to our **Friendship First PJ Party**. Families from Mt. Washington School and 6 local early childhood programs came to Mt. Washington School for an evening of fun and friendship. Dinner was a hit as families munched on pizza, a special story was read by Ms. Mary the children's librarian at Mt. Washington Branch Library. After the story time, families were split into small groups where a story was read to them about friendship and the children played a game that helped them to get to know one another. The best part was towards the end of the party when all the families came back to the cafeteria for milk and cookies. All the children decided on their own to sit at our preschool tables together to enjoy their milk and cookies-leaving their parents behind. It was obvious, they all made new friends and had a great time.

Many thanks to our network members for planning this successful event!

### **Kindergarten Roundup!!!!**

Interested in learning why Mt. Washington School is an Excellent Choice for kindergarten? Wonder why we have students from outside the district who attend our kindergarten through open enrollment? Then drop by our **Kindergarten Roundup on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:30pm-7pm** to find out. Families will be able to tour the school, see a kindergarten classroom and meet some of our partners. Enrollment packets will be available so families can enroll at that time. Families who enroll will be eligible to sign up for our **Ready, Set Kindergarten- parent workshop** and sign their child up for one of our free Kindergarten Readiness summer programs. *Also, the first 10 families to enroll that day will get a backpack of free school supplies on the first day of school.*

Not able to come to the Roundup? No worries, private tours are available, just call Ilene at 363-3835 to set one up.



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