



MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HONEY CREEK CONTINUOUS PROGRESS SCHOOL

Gopher Tales – November 2018

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From the Desk of the Principal...



"Reading aloud with children is known to be the single most important activity for building the knowledge and skills they will eventually require for "reading to learn." — Marilyn Jager Adams

Reading is the basis of all learning...learning new things, expanding the mind and boosting imagination.

Here Are Some Tips to Consider: Read to your kids.

Use Picture Books. Have your children read to you. Read more yourself. Talk with and listen to your children.

Talk about books. Praise your children often.

For more details about these tips check the entire Principal's Message under the "Staff" tab on the Honey Creek Website: (<http://www5.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/school/honeycreek/>)



Honey Creek's Gopher Tales is only available in electronic form on our website.

We are trying to do our part on reducing paper waste.

Remember to check it out under the Parent tab then click on Newsletter.



Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 3

- Soccer-9:30am HC-White vs HC-Red
- Soccer-11:00am - HC Gophers vs LaCausa Blue

Tuesday, November 6

- Record Day **NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

Friday, November 9

- SEC Meeting – 7:05 am

Tuesday, November 13

- School Picture Retake Day
- AR Shopping Day
- PAC Meeting – 5:30

Wednesday-Friday, November 21-23

- Thanksgiving Holiday Recess **NO SCHOOL FOR STAFF OR STUDENTS**

Tuesday, November 27

- Trimester Report Card goes home



OUR HOLIDAY PROGRAM IS COMING...

Our Holiday Program will be held in Wedgewood Park Auditorium 6506 W Warnimont Ave (adjacent to Honey Creek) on Thursday, December 20th at 9:30. No tickets are necessary. Flyers will be coming home soon. We hope to see all of you there.



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Irene Chacon for being chosen

as Volunteer of the Month. Irene is a devoted volunteer working endlessly to make Honey Creek the great school it is. She is always willing to volunteer whatever the task. Irene has a daughter, Kelei in CP1. We want to take this opportunity to recognize her outstanding contribution to our school. Without the assistance of volunteers, our efforts to serve the students would not be as effective. Thank you to all who take time to volunteer. Anyone interested in volunteering, please call Josie Lopez, our Parent Coordinator at 604-7921.

OUR SCHOOL DAY

7:35am – 2:20pm

Education is happening nearly every minute of every day, so please make sure your child arrives at school on time and is not picked up early unless absolutely necessary. Our school year is packed with rigorous learning.



REPORT CARDS TO GO HOME

Your child's trimester report cards will be sent home on November 27, 2018. Look in your child's red folder for it.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE HONEY CREEK WEBSITE



If you are not receiving automatic updates when news is posted on the Honey Creek website, please go to the school website home page (<http://www5.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/school/honeycreek/>) go to the bottom right corner and enter your email address and click on "Subscribe". You should then receive a confirmation email. If you do not see an email be sure to check your spam folder. It is important that everyone utilizes this form of communication. Remember to check out the monthly "Recipes for Success" and "Reading & Math Connections" (under the Parent>Newsletter Tab on our website). These are excellent tools for parents. They contain practical activities to help your child succeed in school.



ADAPTIVE ATHLETICS/SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The boys and girls from Room 110 participated in an educational and fun "Soccer Skills Camp" at South Stadium last month. Once again, our athletes were recognized for their good sportsmanship, teamwork, and exceptional manners. Way to go, Gophers!

Accelerated Reader

Each month Ms. Biesterveld sets point goals for Accelerated Reading; the AR goal for October was 25 points, November is 37 points and December is 50 points. Talk to your child about trying to achieve this goal. If you would like to view your child's progress in the AR program log in to the Home Connect Website: <https://global-zone08.renaissance-go.com/studentprogress/homeconnect?t=149430>

User name and password are your child's Student ID (no "s") and birth date (mm/dd/yy). Parents can request an email be sent each time their child takes an Accelerated Reading test. After you login using the above information, select "Get Email Updates" in the top right area of the page, then enter your name and email address. If you have any problems, use this support link:

<http://support.renlearn.com/techkb/techkb/10624292e.asp>.

On October 23rd 168 students enjoyed an AR Sundae Party. They earned the privilege of attending the party by passing six AR tests in a 7-week period. We are celebrating our 26th year of using the Accelerated Reading Program at Honey Creek...lets beat our previous schoolwide record of 11,818 tests. We started off the year strong with over 3,000 tests taken so far...let's keep up the pace!

PARENT PORTAL

The Parent Portal is alive and well at Honey Creek. The portal gives parents the opportunity to view their child's demographic, contact, transportation and immunization information. To gain access to the Parent Portal and your child's information, contact the school office at (414) 604-7900.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all who supported Honey Creek's Book Fair. It was a great success. Sales were over \$3,900. We will use Scholastic Dollars to purchase books for Honey Creek School. Thank you to the PAC for running this event.

GREAT ATTENDANCE

School wide our attendance is 95.1%.

October winners of our attendance challenges were:

Kdg Level - Ms. Cherry – 95.6%,
Primary – Ms. Trudeau – 97%,
Intermediate – Ms. Milani – 96.7%.
Ms. Kolehmainen class won Most Improved Attendance. Thank you to our Honey Creek parents for making sure their children make it to school every day. A reminder for parents and guardians; when your child is sick, please make sure you call the attendance voicemail at 604-7900. The information you leave on the voicemail should include your child's name, room number and the reason they are not coming.

THE HONEY CREEK SCHOOL MURAL PROJECT

This school year, the children in Room 110 are working on a very ambitious year-long project. Along with the Honey Creek "Young Athletes," the children in Mrs. Kolehmainen and Ms. Milani's Class are designing a ceramic mural to eventually be displayed at the entrance to Honey Creek School. Our beautiful, large mural will illustrate events, themes, and representations of what makes our school such a tremendous school community. Representative elements for the mural will include scouting, community service, academic achievement, parental involvement, musical talent, and so on. With the leadership of Milwaukee Public Schools Adaptive Arts Specialist Sue Loesl, and her Mount Mary College Intern Natasha Kalafatis, we are working cooperatively to create beautiful pieces of artwork which will be combined into a mural - grand enough for public display. In our journey thus far, the boys and girls have been learning about art elements, experimenting with different types of clay, using templates, slabs, clay tools, and various textures to design representations of just what makes Honey Creek School such a special and wonderful place to be. The children are learning so much during these special sessions.



HONEY CREEK'S "YOUNG ATHLETES" HAVE SOME FUN

The "Young Athletes" of Honey Creek School enjoyed an afternoon of fun and excitement, recently, at a Marquette University Volleyball Game. The boys and girls cheered on the Golden Eagles to victory against Xavier. The Young Athletes are children who have been recognized and selected by staff members as individuals who represent caring attitudes, good behavior, compassion towards others, and a commitment to inclusive activity for all friends. The Young Athletes for the 2018-19 school year come from Rooms 124, 115, and 110. The Young Athletes are: Antonio, Iyad, Isabella, Angela, Velia, Sophia, Jonathan, Ali, Stephen, Alyssa, Nora, Tatianna, Marissa, Kiara, Isaac, Chloe, Hadassah, Alicia, Jaden, Deondre, Davion, Helania and Taura.



WE CAN'T TEACH EMPTY DESKS.....

IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO SEND YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY!

Please note the following: Parents must submit an excuse in writing or via electronic format (i.e. voicemail, electronic mail, or fax) for each absence. An absence is considered unexcused until we receive a phone call on the attendance voice mail or a written excuse from the parents/guardians. The following reasons are considered by the school, to be legally excused absences. All other unexcused absences are regarded as truanancies.

- A. Personal Illness
- B. Funerals
- C. Required Legal Appearances
- D. Designated Religious Holidays
- E. Medical/Dental Appointments (If possible, please bring your child back to school after appts.)

Please help us meet the MPS district attendance goal--send your child every day!

PICTURE RETAKE DAY



Picture Make up Day will be Tuesday November 13, 2018. If you wish to have your child's picture retaken, they must bring the old pictures with them.