



MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HONEY CREEK CONTINUOUS PROGRESS SCHOOL

Gopher Tales – January 2019



Gitanjali Chawla, Principal
From the Desk of the Principal...

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year - I wish you good health, happiness, peace, and prosperity today and for many years to come!

Welcome back from the Winter Break. January gives us a "refresh and reset" to the momentum and gains made thus far for 2018-2019 school year. We are in the business of preparing our students for higher education, careers, and responsible citizenship. Please remember that your child is truly a gift and gifted in what they bring to the world and our daily lives. There has been no greater joy for me each year than in watching Honey Creek students grow and thrive. Thank you for trusting us with the greatest of all responsibilities – educating your children at Honey Creek CP Charter School.

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

- Thursday, January 3
 - Classes resume after winter break
- Monday, January 7
 - Star testing begins
- Tuesday, January 8
 - PAC Meeting – 5:30
- Friday, January 11
 - SGB/SEC Meeting–7:05 am
- Saturday, January 12
 - Basketball Game
- Saturday, January 19
 - Basketball Game
- Monday, January 21
 - NO SCHOOL for students**
Martin Luther King Day
- Friday, January 25
 - NO SCHOOL for students**
Alternate Calendar
- Saturday, January 26
 - Basketball Game
- Monday, January 28
 - Interim Report Card goes home



HONEY CREEK BASKETBALL

Are you looking for some sports excitement on a Saturday morning? Well, we have just the thing, our Honey Creek Gopher Basketball Team will be playing Saturdays at Wedgewood Middle School. See Upcoming Events or our website calendar for game times.



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Jane Shatto for being chosen as Volunteer of the Month. Jane is part of the Interfaith Older Adults Program. She is giving back to our community by sharing her talents and skills with our students. She specializes in tutoring our second graders, but willingly volunteers for other tasks whenever asked. 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.

HONEY CREEK'S STATE REPORT CARD

Check out Honey Creek 2017-18 State Report Card at <https://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards>
Thank you to staff, students and parents for their commitment towards high student achievement.



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.



REPORT CARDS TO GO HOME

Your child's 2nd Interim report card will be sent home on January 28, 2019. Check your child's red folder for it.



CLOTHES NEEDED

Occasionally our students need clothing, our shelves could use the following: Boys pants and underwear sizes 5,6,7, and 8. Please drop off only these items in the school office. Thank you.



NATURAL TIPS TO HELP PREVENT COLDS & FLU

There are no known cures for colds and flu so cold and flu prevention should be your goal. Wash your hands regularly. Don't cover your sneezes and coughs with your hands. When you feel a sneeze or cough coming, use a tissue then throw it away immediately. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into the inside of your elbow. Don't touch your face. Cold and flu viruses enter your body through the eyes, nose or mouth. Touching their faces is the major way children catch colds and a key way they pass colds on to others. Get plenty of exercise. Exercise helps to increase the body's natural virus-killing cells. Eat plenty of green, red, and yellow vegetables and fruits. Get plenty of sleep each night.



2019/2020 ENROLLMENT PROCESS/TOUR TIME

The Fall School Selection sign-up period for the 2019/2020 school begins January 28, 2019 and continues through August 30, 2019. Parents who wish to change their child's school can do so by completing the application online during this window. Please pass the word to anyone who might be interested. Tours of our school will be offered daily between 8:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Please call the school office to schedule one.



Each month Ms. Biesterveld sets point goals for Accelerated Reading; the AR goal for January is 62 points. Currently we have taken over 5500 tests! Our current promotion begins January 3rd...any student passing 8 Accelerated Reading tests between January 3rd and February 22nd will be invited to a Root Beer Float Party on February 26th. Happy Reading!

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Honey Creek's overall attendance rate was 94.61% for the month of December. The district goal is 95% or higher. Our attendance challenge continues. Our December leaders were: Kdg Level-Ms. Cherry-94.3% Primary-Ms. Bredeson-97% Intermediate-Ms. Milani-99.2% Most improved- Ms. Kolehmainen-92.4%. Thank you to our Honey Creek parents for making sure their children make it to school every day. A reminder for parents/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.



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

The MTEA and the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel sponsor a Martin Luther King Writing Contest. Congratulations to Brooklynn from Rm 112, she won the MPS 2018 Martin Luther King Writing Contest. The winning contest entries are published in a special section of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel in January, as well as on the MTEA website. Ms. Hagenow's class read about Martin Luther King Jr. and then they wrote about how they are like him. Below are a few writing samples. Brooklynn wrote:



Dr. Martin Luther King cared about people all over the world because he wanted everyone to be equal. He said don't fight just keep walking and don't listen to the people that don't believe in you. When Dr. King was a kid he saw a sign that said whites only. When he saw that he felt ashamed and he wanted to change that. He wanted everybody to be able to ride on any part of the bus and eat at the same place or go to the same bathroom. He won the Nobel Peace Prize for being kind and helpful. I am glad that we can celebrate the great things that he has done for us.

I love that he inspired me not to care what people think about you. I am confident like Dr. King because when he did the march he was confident that it would work and it did. I am glad that we had someone to change the world. I love that Dr. King was brave enough to do this.

I want to change the world when I am older. Dr. King wanted people to get along so do I. I want to give stuff to the homeless and work to change that

people have to sleep on the floor or sleep outside. All people need to be treated right. God made people to be nice and kind. Dr. King has done a great thing. I want to make money when I am older so that I can give money to a hospital for the medical stuff they need. Caleb wrote:

Martin Luther King Jr. was kind and he was brave. He helped segregation stop. He was a Christian. He won the Nobel Peace Prize. He fought to change the rules but some people still hated him. He made his most famous I Have a Dream Speech in Washington, DC.

I love peace. Martin Luther King Jr. liked peace too. I read from the bible and Martin Luther King Jr. did too.

When I grow up I want to be a military soldier to protect the world. I will protect everyone in the country. I want to be a hero just like Martin Luther King Jr. I want to be just like Martin Luther King Jr. because if he was great I can be great too.

Jazlynn wrote:

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wanted to become a minister like his father to make equal rights. He won the Nobel Peace Prize because he was kind. Martin Luther King Jr. said that one day segregation will stop. Martin Luther King Jr. was confident to speak his own words to say what he wanted to be right. He was strong and calm, he knew if something would bring him down he would come right back up to the top.

I am like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. because I'm not afraid to stick up for myself. I like how he made people come together and tried to stop people from hating one another. I'm like him because I am respectful to people like he was. I like how he was fair to people and treated them equally. He walked around with garbage people. Martin Luther King Jr. was helpful by making segregation stop and walking with people and talking and praying with people. Martin Luther King Jr. was always calm no matter what. He went to church and he prayed every day for segregation to stop. Martin Luther King Jr. inspired me that I can do anything.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave me lots of ideas of what I want to do. I want to be an actress. I want to raise money for churches and hospitals because they don't have a lot of medical supplies. People need to stand up for equal rights. We need equal rights to be fair for everyone. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stopped segregation and I was inspired by it. People need to know that violence is not the key to solving anything. Your heart and family will make you happy. People love you for who you truly are, you don't need to act like something you're not.