



MUNSON ELEMENTARY

MUNSON MESSENGER

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Munson Families,

I am very happy to share that U.S. News recently ranked Munson Elementary as 17th among 1,898 Ohio elementary schools. This places Munson in the top 1% of elementary schools in the state. At Munson, 98% of students scored at or above the proficient level for math, and 92% scored at or above that level for reading. This translates to Munson ranking 3rd in the state for math proficiency and 30th in reading proficiency. This success shows the commitment and dedication to excellence of our families, teachers and students! Go Hilltoppers!

Thank you,

Mathew Prezioso



Important Reminders:

- Tomorrow is a regularly scheduled school day.
- If you completed the emailed survey to pick up your child at 12:15 tomorrow, please line up in the back of the building just like regular end of the day dismissal. If you did NOT complete the survey but wish to pick up at 12:15, you must send a dismissal note with your child tomorrow morning.
- Please remember to send your child with weather appropriate clothing for recess. Students go outside as long as the windchill temperature is above 15 degrees.

TOPPER TICKETS

T - Take Responsibility

O - Open Your Mind

P - Participate

P - Persevere

E - Encourage Others

R - Respect Everyone

S - Strive for Excellence

Topper Ticket Winners this week are...

1st grade: Jack Elson, Charlie Lestock, Jay Ice, Quorra Martin, Addy Kovacs, Nolan Lolli, Tyler Jacobson, Charlie Smith, Ben Clark, Cash McNish, Vivian Paterson, Presley Chenoweth, Jackson Paster, Brayden Cooper, Quorra Martin, Meadow Frankenberg, Marshall Udovic, King Watkins, Franklin Boyle

2nd grade: Owen Rischar, Danny Fay, Eli Leslie, Allison Wolfe, Bristol Landies, David Johnson, Colin Cline, Neil Smith, Jacob Filla, Jordan Ramos, Vincent Marotta, AJ Phelps, Bella Chiporo, Lillian Daubert, Zarryonn Samir, Michael Boose, Mijo Kucinic, Jacob Traffis, Ethan Cline, Jacob Yaney, Nico Labondano, Juliet Malainy, Kat Burns- Tenney

3rd grade: Hannah Wang-Hitchcock, Megan Majetich, Shaelyn Emerson, Mikenna Laznik, Naomi Fetheroff, Elena Huntley, Arabella McGreevy, Casey Schultz, Kaleb Rickel, Robin Baker, James Cline, Oliver Dean, Nathan Germovsek, Mason Johnston, Evie Micali, Logan Harris, SJ Moore, Emma Vodicka, Andrew Leagan

MUNSON HAPPENINGS



Good luck and best wishes to Miss Leake!



Miss Leake has been student teaching with Mrs. Stickley as she works toward her Masters in Art Education from Mount Vernon Nazarene University. It has been a pleasure having her at Munson. We wish her luck in finding a job as a fantastic art teacher!



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- ▶ **December 7 - 8: Munson PTO Candy Cane Shop**
- ▶ **December 9: 2nd and 3rd grade music concert at Park Auditorium**
- ▶ **December 21: End of second quarter**
- ▶ **December 22 - January 3: Winter break**
- ▶ **January 14: No school**
- ▶ **January 17: No school- MLK Day**

LUNCH NEXT WEEK - DECEMBER 6 - 10

- ▶ **Monday: Sloppy joes, tater tots, seasoned corn, pear cup, rice krispy treat, milk**
- ▶ **Tuesday: Nachos with taco meat, cheddar sauce, salsa and sour cream, fiesta beans, fresh sliced apple, cinnamon churro loop, milk**
- ▶ **Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese, popcorn chicken, cucumber slices, muffin, applesauce, milk**
- ▶ **Thursday: Baked mozzarella sticks, marinara sauce, romaine mixed salad with cherry tomatoes, pineapple fruit cup, milk**
- ▶ **Friday: Pizza Hut pizza, steamed green beans, cherry juice, slushies' cup, milk**
- ▶ **Daily option: PB & J**



DECEMBER 2021

Munson Elementary School

LUNCH

School Information:

ASSORTED FAT FREE OR LOWFAT MILK
OPTIONS ARE OFFERED WITH EACH MEAL.
** MENU ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Daily additional Entrees: Daily additional Entrees Whole

Grain PBJ

Or Breakfast for Lunch



MONDAY



6
Sloppy Joes
Tater Tots
Seasoned Corn
Pear Cup
Rice Krispy Treat
Milk

13
Mini Corn Dogs
Baked Beans
100% Juice Variety
Potato Coins
Assorted Fruit
Milk

20
Popcorn Chicken
Mashed Potatoes / Gravy
Seasoned Corn
Strawberry Applesauce
Milk

27

TUESDAY



7
NACHOS GRANDE™ Beef
Taco Meat
(Cheddar Sauce Salsa, Sour Cream),
Fiesta Beans
Fresh Sliced Apple
Cinnamon Churro Loop
Milk

14
Soft Pretzels with Cheese
Tater Tots
Sliced Carrots
Fresh Grapes
Elf Chocolate Grahams
Milk

21
Cheeseburger
or Hamburger on Bun
Potato Smiles
Asst. Fruit
Milk

28



WEDNESDAY

1
Grilled Hot Dog
Crinkle cut Fries
Cucumber Slices
Assorted Fruit
Milk

8
MACARONI AND CHEESE/
Popcorn Chicken
Fresh Cucumber Slices
Muffin
Asst. Applesauce
Milk

15
Breakfast for Lunch*
French Toast Sticks
Sausage links
Seasoned Diced Potatoes
Assorted Fruit Choices
Milk



29

THURSDAY

2
Chicken Patty Sandwich
Lettuce/ Condiments
Steamed Peas
Mixed Fruit
Chocolate Pudding Cup
Milk

9
Baked Mozzarella Sticks
Marinara Sauce
Romaine Mixed Salad with
Cherry Tomatoes
Pineapple Cup
Milk

16
CHICKEN AND WAFFLES
Breaded Chicken Tenders,
(Waffle, Hash Brown Triangle, Syrup)
Seasoned Carrots
Chilled Pears
Milk



30



FRIDAY

3
Pizza Pizza
Steamed Vegetable
Apple Juice
Sliced Peaches
Milk

10
Pizza Hut Pizza
Steamed Green Beans
100% Cherry Juice
Slushies' Cup
Milk

17
Pizza Pizza
Steamed Vegetable
Pineapple Tidbit
Homemade Cookie
Milk



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Save the Date!

Thursday, December 9, 2021

2nd Grade Music Concert
at Park Auditorium

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Performance at 6:15-6:45pm

Please wear festive holiday or winter attire!



Save the Date!

Thursday, December 9, 2021

3rd Grade Music Concert
at Park Auditorium

Doors open at 7:00 pm

Performance at 7:15-7:45pm

Please wear festive holiday or winter attire



MUNSON PTO PRESENTS ...

COOKIES WITH SANTA

at Munson Township Hall

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10
6-9PM**

PHOTOS WITH SANTA, COOKIE DECORATING,
COCOA, & GAMES TO PLAY
\$5/CHILD

RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Return bottom section & payment to school in order to RSVP

Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Phone Number: _____

of total attendees: ____ # of kids (cookie kits): ____

Payment method: _____



Payment via
Venmo (@Munson-Treasurer) or
check (Munson PTO)

BUILDING READERS®

How Families Can Help Children Become Better Readers

Chardon Local School District

Fill the shortest day of the year with seasonal fun and learning

December 21 is the winter solstice—the day with the fewest daylight hours of the year. Learning about this astronomical phenomenon together can strengthen your child's:

- **Reading skills.** Help your child research online why there is so little daylight on this day.
- **Vocabulary.** List words like *orbit*, *equator*, *hemisphere*, *celestial*, etc. Challenge your child to put them in alphabetical order, then find and write their definitions.
- **Observation skills.** Have your child go online to research the sunrise and sunset times in different parts of the country. Ask him if he notices any patterns.
- **Oral language skills.** Since it gets dark so early, share stories around a flashlight "campfire" after dinner. You can read a family favorite aloud, or let family members take turns telling spooky stories.



Have a consonant scavenger hunt

Consonant blends—the sounds that two consonants make when combined, such as *st* and *br*—can be tricky for young readers to grasp. To help your child practice these blends, send her on a scavenger hunt.

1. **Write a variety of blends** on index cards. Each blend should go on its own card. Here are a few suggestions: *bl*, *br*, *cl*, *cr*, *dr*, *fl*, *gr*, *pl*, *sc*, *sl*, *sm*, *sn*, *sp*, *st*, *sw* and *tr*.
2. **Hand your child a card** and have her practice saying the blend. Brainstorm a few words that begin with that sound.
3. **Ask your child to find** as many things in your home as she can that start with that blend. (If she has the *bl* card, she could find a *blanket*, a *block* and a *blender*.)
4. **Repeat these steps** with a new letter blend!

Boost your child's reading skills with news articles

Here's a fun way to help your child stay informed and practice the skill of summarizing:

- Cut the headline off a news article before giving it to your child to read. After he reads the article, ask him to create a headline for it. Is the headline he wrote similar to the actual one? Compare and find out!



Pay attention to textbook pictures

Textbook pictures can give students a clearer idea of what a chapter is about by adding to the information in the text. Before your child reads a chapter, have her look at the pictures and ask herself:

- **What does the picture show?**
- **What details are there?**
- **Why do you think** the authors and editors included this picture?



Have your child try graphic novels

Graphic novels—books that use pictures and words to convey their stories—offer more than just entertainment. Many address relevant and complex social issues. They cover and encourage interest in many types of literature, like mystery, fantasy and historical fiction.

- Help your child find a graphic novel he'd like to read. For suggestions, talk to the librarian or check out www.ala.org/rt/gncrt/awards/best-graphic-novels-children-reading-list.



Five strategies to support struggling readers

If your child is having trouble with reading, it can create challenges in all of his classes. Your child's confidence is a key element in his reading success.

To inspire a positive outlook:

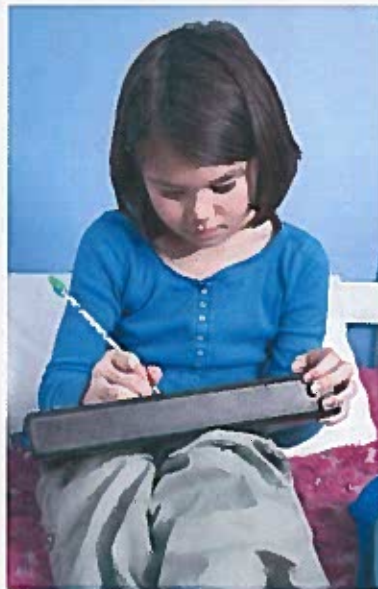
1. **Plan small steps** to overcome struggles. Make targets realistic. Match goals to your child's age and ability so he can experience success.
2. **Create a reading routine** that your child will enjoy.
3. **Keep up-to-date** with what's happening in school. Address problems before they grow.
4. **Ask your child's teacher** for to suggest ways you can help out with reading at home.
5. **Recognize your child's strengths.** Avoid comparing him to others.



A strong vocabulary helps in all subjects

Teachers assign vocabulary words in almost every subject because they help students understand what they read, learn more and succeed on tests. To study vocabulary words, suggest that your child:

- **Make crossword puzzles** with the words to practice their spellings and definitions.
- **Make flash cards** and use them to quiz herself throughout the week.
- **Draw a sketch** that connects the word to something that is personally meaningful to her.
- **Play charades** with words. One player acts out the definition while others guess the word.
- **Challenge herself** to use as many vocabulary words as she can in conversations throughout the day.



Ways to promote writing

When your child writes regularly, she'll be building her reading skills, too. To encourage the writing habit:

- **Suggest that your child** keep a journal.
- **Display her best writing.** Hang it up or post it on the refrigerator.
- **Give her a box** of writing supplies with pens and special paper in her favorite colors.



For lower elementary readers:

- **Rosie Revere, Engineer** by Andrea Beaty. This rhyming story is about a young inventor named Rosie. Inspired by her aunt, who built planes in WWII, Rosie sets her sights on the skies.



- **Henry's Heart** by Charise Mericle Harper. Learn how a heart works, including its important role as a muscle and what makes it beat extra quickly.

For upper elementary readers:

- **Love, Amalia** by Alma Flor Ada and Gabriel M. Zubizarreta. Amalia has a special relationship with her Abuelita. Abuelita always knows the right thing to say and do.
- **Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters from Obedience School** by Mark Teague. When Mrs. LaRue sends her dog Ike to obedience school, he is not happy. He writes her letters to convince her to let him come home.



Q: My child doesn't *dislike* reading. He simply prefers to watch television instead. What can I do?

A: Sometimes parents unwittingly encourage watching TV over reading. Where is the most comfortable place in your house? It may be the room where the TV is. Encourage your child to read by giving him a

few essentials: interesting things to read, good lighting and a quiet, comfortable place to read, like an inviting pile of pillows.

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CUB SCOUT PACK 91 SOCKBALL PARTY!

Munson Township Hall 6:15pm Dec 8th
Boys and Girls K- 5th are invited to join us for an indoor
"snowball" fight!

Bring new Socks that will be donated to the homeless
after our event. Socks are the least donated and most
requested item from homeless shelters.



Geauga Federation Soccer Club is currently looking for athletes to join us for Winter Indoor Soccer this January — March 2022!

This is also an excellent time of the year to have your player assessed for the regular Spring and Fall season. Federation has group practices and tryouts all year round.

Please text us today at 440-294-8761 (or email info@geaugasoccer.com) for specific details regarding tryouts for your athlete. We are filling spots for boys and girls with birth years of 2008 through 2013.

Federation is the official OHTSL Travel soccer organization for the Geauga County communities of Chardon, Newbury, Burton, and Middlefield.

Federation is affiliated with US Club Soccer. Learn more at www.geaugasoccer.com

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HOLIDAY FAMILY NIGHT

Managing Grief During the Holidays

Join Chardon Schools and Hospice of the Western Reserve for helpful tips on managing grief during the holidays. We will be creating an ornament in honor of your loved one.

TUES. DECEMBER 7, 2021 • 6:30 PM
CHARDON MIDDLE SCHOOL - MEDIA CENTER
EVENT OPEN TO ALL DISTRICT FAMILIES
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JOAN.BLACKBURN@CHARDONSCHOOLS.ORG
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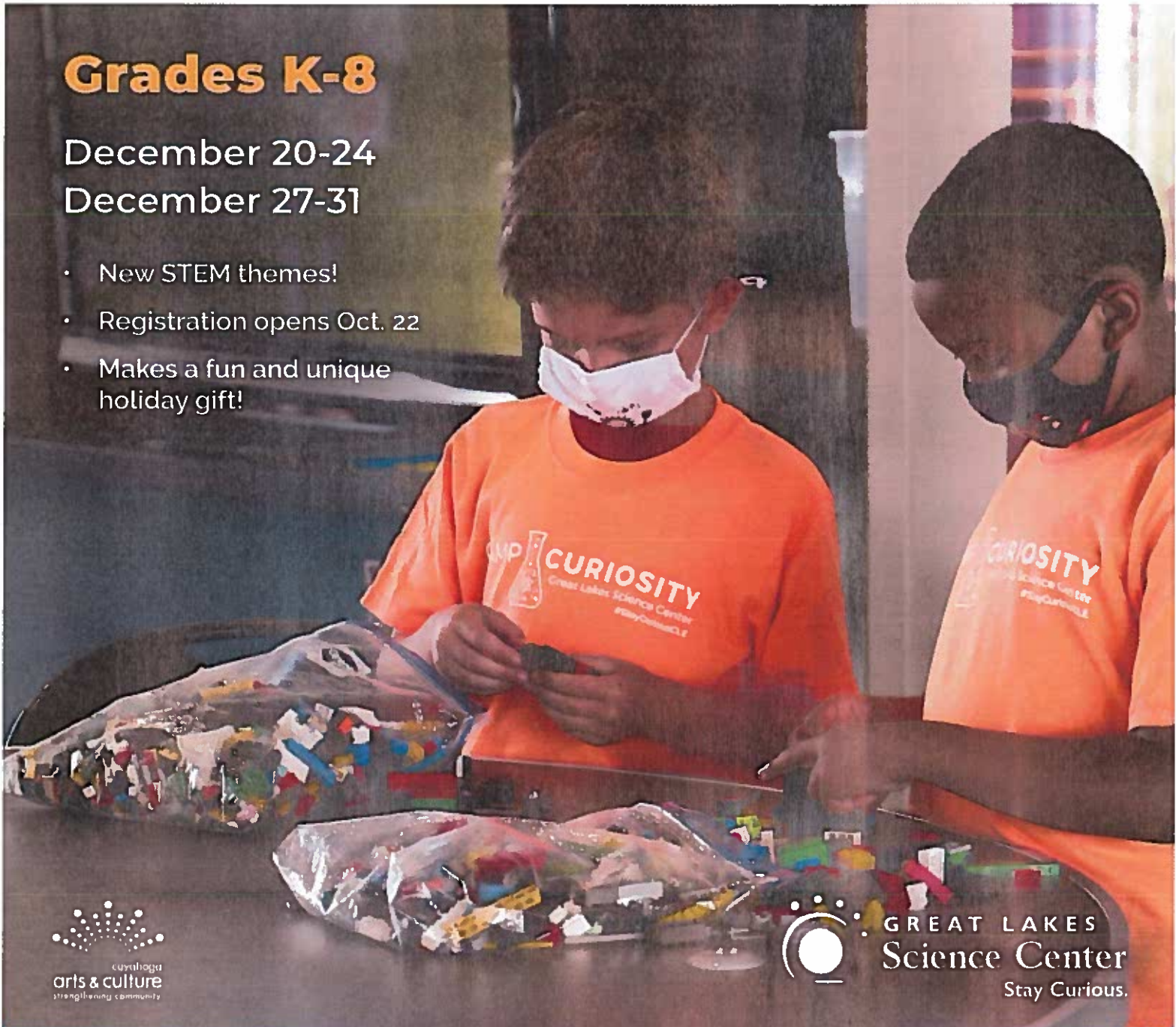
CAMP CURIOSITY

WINTER BREAK CAMPS 2021

Grades K-8

December 20-24
December 27-31

- New STEM themes!
- Registration opens Oct. 22
- Makes a fun and unique holiday gift!



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Junior Cavs Winter 2022

Geauga Family YMCA



LEAGUE INFORMATION

- 8 Game season
- 2 Free Cavs Tickets per child registered
- 3-4 year old will have a combined practice/game
- Commemorative All Star Patch

Important Dates

First week of practice:
January 18th, 2022

Games start:
January 29th

Registration Rates:

Plus Member \$45.00

Member: \$65.00

Non-Member: \$130.00

Ages/Practice & Game Info

Tuesday-Thursday Practices dependent on coaches' schedules.

Games:

Saturday: 3-4 practice/game, 5-6 game, 7-8 year old game day, 9-12 year old game day, 13-17 year old game day

Questions? Email tstenuelson@clevelandymca.org or call 440-285-7543

REGISTRATION OPENS NOV 15TH