

Cumru Kidbits

A Newsletter of the Cumru Elementary School PTO

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PTO Meetings

All Cumru PTO meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Cumru faculty room. We always welcome new people and new ideas. The PTO is your connection between home and school. Please join us at the upcoming meetings listed below!

January 20, 2021

February 17, 2021

Kidbits Online

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www.governormifflinsd.org

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Community Partnerships Bring a Beautiful Pavilion to the Cumru Playground

Despite the unusual year with pandemic restrictions, on Friday, December 11, Cumru students and staff celebrated and welcomed a brand new, outside learning area. During the ribbon cutting ceremony, each class paraded past the new area, and they brought cheers, poems, cards, and a song to thank the local business representatives who worked collaboratively to make this project possible. The project began to take shape thanks to the initiative of Dawn Madava, the manager of the Morgantown Lowes Store. Each year, every Lowes store receives a grant to use for a project to “give back” to the community. Cumru’s project was such a large undertaking that several local Lowe’s stores combined their Heros project grant money along with support from Solution Concrete, a local business owned by Mr. Justin Radwanski, to provide the beautiful pavilion that now sits next to the playground on the western side of Cumru. The structure was built using volunteer labor from both Lowes and Solution Concrete as well as the Governor Mifflin maintenance staff. Cumru’s students really enjoyed watching the construction through its different phases over the course of about 6 weeks. *(Pictures Below)* Now that the project is completed, Cumru staff and students would like to once more say, “Thank You,” to Lowes and Solution Concrete for providing a learning area that will benefit the whole Governor Mifflin Community for many years to come.



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Celebrate Good Times, Come On!

From the Desk of the Principal: Mr. Chad Curry

Wow! Although a very different year, I'm extremely proud of our students and staff for the work and dedication put into the first trimester. We have a lot to celebrate for the first third of the school year!

A) Birthdays – This month, we brought back our Elementary Student Birthday Celebration! Students who had a birthday in September, October, and November joined Mr. Curry for a special outdoor lunch with their peers. Each child received a small treat bag as well. We believe it's important to build our superheroes up and celebrate them often! Throughout the next few months, we will ensure that all kids are celebrated (even if their birthday falls on a summer month)!

B) Pavilion – A special shout out to Lowe's for thinking of Cumru Elementary and donating time, people, materials, and more as a part of their "Hero's Project." This amazing opportunity has been a conversation for many of our PTO meetings the past few years and it has finally become a reality. It couldn't have come at a better time to provide an outdoor learning space during a pandemic! Additionally, thank you to Mr. Radwanski and his crew from Solution Concrete for taking care of the structural and paving needs of this project!

C) Traditions – Although we have been experiencing different times, I'm really proud of the additional time our staff dedicates to ensure that we are keeping our traditions alive. Our staff continues to think outside the box to embed traditions unique to Cumru in a socially distanced way. Thank you to our staff for continuing to provide events such as the Halloween Parade, Veteran's Day, the Hour of Code and the Thanksgiving Feast for our Kindergarten students as well as our Autistic Support and Life Skills students! It is a pleasure working with you and your children, and we want to thank you for sharing your kiddos with us. They have made tremendous growth academically in this short period of time, and we couldn't help but celebrate that growth with you. Your partnership and teamwork is an essential part of their success, and we would like to celebrate you for THAT!

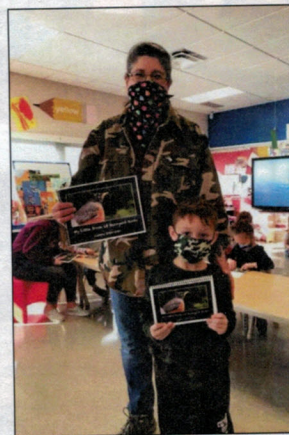
Have a great holiday season!

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Curry and the Cumru Team

Pre-K Students Use Project-Based Learning to Bring Birds to Cumru.

As part of their innovation lessons with Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Gerhard's Pre-K students set out to answer the question, "How can we get birds to come to the Cumru playground?" After collecting information about birds, they explored the bird watching area in the Cumru Courtyard. Then they realized that they could use the help of an expert. They ask a Governor Mifflin employee, Marjorie Remlinger, to serve as their bird expert. Mrs. Remlinger created bird identification guides for all 20 pre-K students using her very own photographs. The students loved receiving their new bird tool. They are looking forward to using them to help identify the birds that visit the newly-installed bird feeders on the Pre-K playground.



Marjorie Remlinger helps Pre-K students in their quest to learn about birds by creating unique bird identification guides with her own pictures.