

Parent/Teacher Conferences Forms Attached!!

James A. Garfield
Middle School
February Newsletter

FEBRUARY 1, 2010

PARENT -TEACHER
CONFERENCES
FEBRUARY 10

CONGRATULATIONS

January Students of the Month are 7th graders Ryan Everett and Leah Maxey and 8th graders Brittany Thornton and Nate Pratt. Good Work!

COMING UP...

- Jan. 30 Free Throw Contest
- Feb. 1-5 State Student Count Week
- Feb. 1 Girls' Basketball Home
Boys' Basketball Away
- Feb. 6 Family Week Recognition Program
- Feb. 9 County Spelling Bee
- Feb. 10 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Feb. 12 No School
- Feb. 15 No School
- Feb. 20 Power of the Pen Regionals

Power Of The Pen

Congratulations to the following 7th and 8th grade writers, they competed at the District Power of the Pen Competition on Jan. 16 at GMS and will now move on to write at the Regional tournament at Kent State University on Feb. 20.

Seventh grade writers include:

Lindsey Jones who placed 6th
Evelyn West who placed 9th
Julia Roubic and
Sara Petrie

8th grade writers include:

Tessa Flattum who placed 10th and
Becca Kern.

A BIG thanks to all the parents and volunteers who helped with the District Tournament.

SPELLING BEE WINNERS

Congratulations to Carlyn Laughlin and Kyle Angermeier, GMS Spelling Bee Champs. Carlyn and Kyle now qualify to compete in the Portage County District Spelling Bee on February 9, 2010 at the Maplewood Career Center at 7:00 p.m.

The top five spellers will progress to the Regional Spelling Bee on March 13, 2010 at the Akron-Summit County Public Library at 2:00 p.m.

FREE THROW CHAMPS

Moving up in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship are winners Kien Denzler from the 12 year-old division, Noah Reider and Nick Kaiser from the 13 year-old boys' division, Isabella Scarl and Emma Harvey from the 13 year-old girls' division, and Whitney Miller from the 14 year-old girls' division. The next round will be held at the Intermediate School on Saturday, January 30. Good Luck Shooters!!

Thank You MVPs!!

The MVPs have been hard at work organizing events and fundraisers to benefit the students of Garfield Middle School. Special thanks to Kerstin Maxey and Mary

Gruszewski for taking charge of the concession stand during home sporting events and to Barb Petrie for organizing the Middle School dance.



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February 12—No School

February 15—No School

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*Congratulations Carlyn
Laughlin and Kyle Angermeier
Spelling Bee Winners!!*



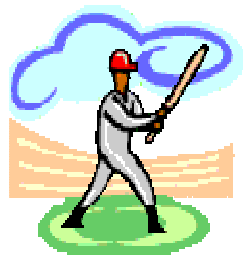
AKRON AEROS

Baseball season is right around the corner and the seventh grade team is planning its annual field trip to the Akron Aeros for Education Day. The trip is planned for Thursday, May 27, 2010 and it is an all day event. We will leave at 8:00 a.m. and return by 2:15 p.m. Lunch is included in the ticket price. (Lunch is a hot dog, chips and a drink). Students may bring extra money for snacks or souvenirs.

This trip is open to

all 7th grade students. We hope you can join us for the game; The Akron Aeros vs. The Altoona Curve. **Students planning to attend will have their money, (\$5.00) turned in on time and it is NON-REFUNDABLE.**

If you are interested in chaperoning this event, please return the form your child brings home.



Homework Help

Mrs. Fatica and Mrs. Scirocco will be starting educational groups to address study skills, note taking strategies, test taking tips, organization, test anxiety, and time management. The groups are open to all Middle School students who need assistance with these skills. The groups will be held once a week and each group will have no more than 6 participants. Mrs. Fatica and Mrs. Scirocco are currently relying on teacher referrals but if you believe your child would benefit from this type of group, please contact Mrs. Scirocco at 330-527-2151.

Family and Community, Inc. is offering Homework Help Nights at the Dietrich Youth Center in Ravenna from 3:30-7:00 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The free after-school tutoring program is for all ages, grades K-12, and all areas of study. For more information, call April Bleakney at 330-297-7027x343.

NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

Several students from Mrs. Gilmer's art classes will be participating in the 8th annual Rotary Club Family Art Contest. They created scenes of positive family interaction to the theme of "Putting Families First". Artworks will be judged and awards will be presented at the Rotary Family Week Recognition Program on Saturday February 6, 2010 at Garfield Elementary School. Good luck to those who participated and entered work.

STUDENTS SHOW SUPPORT

The Art classes of James A Garfield and Girl Scout Troop #857 have teamed to support our military troops. Through Adopt a Platoon, a national organization that provides supplies and assistance to our service men and woman, we have been assigned to an Army unit of 25 men and women currently serving in Iraq. We will be sending them a care package each month through August when at which point they are scheduled to return home to their family and friends. Supporting a soldier is an honor since they are serving on our behalf. We support them asking nothing in return except for the good feeling of knowing we are doing something to help someone else. It is with that in mind that we ask for your help. We realize that times are tough for everyone, but it is important for us to let our soldiers know that we care and support them while they are far from home. If you would like to assist us in our efforts you can drop any donations off to the Middle School in care of Mrs. Gilmer. Here are a few items they have suggested: beef jerky, protein/granola bars, trail mix, peanuts, cheese crackers, gum, hard candy, disposable razors, shampoo/conditioner, baby wipes, hand sanitizer wipes, lip balm, baby powder, foot powder, blank greeting cards, playing cards, current magazines, AA and AAA batteries, board games and sporting items like footballs, frisbees, etc.. These items are just suggestions; for a complete list of approved items log on to www.adoptaplatoon.org for more information. Lets work together as a community to show that we care and to help boost morale for those who risk their lives to improve the quality of ours.