

The MORE that  
you READ,  
the more THINGS  
you will KNOW.

The more you  
LEARN,

the more PLACES  
you'll GO!!

~Dr. Seuss



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# Fairview Panther Pride

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## Principal's Spotlight



One of the most important components of an exemplar school is the partnership between the school and parents, who work together for the best interest of children. There is no denying that Fairview has a strong tradition of supportive, hard-working parents, who we all appreciate so much! Throughout the year parents have the opportunity to develop that home/school partnership in many ways: parents can join the PTO, volunteer in the classroom, help at Fairview events, attend assemblies, assist with homework, read to their child daily, to name a few. It is important to your child that you are involved in some way with their school; and what better way to let your child know you think his or her school is important!

As the new school year is underway, I find our teachers at Fairview establishing high expectations and rules for all children. In all of our classrooms, teachers have established specific routines and procedures for the children to follow. These clearly defined routines, blended with each teacher's consistent implementation of high expectations, has created a positive learning environment for all children. The children know, and show, that they are one of many, very important pieces to the larger puzzle of academic excellence at Fairview Elementary.

Commitment to EXCELLENCE for our children on the part of parents, students, and staff is the key to our success with the children we teach. It is my hope, that parents continue to help us fulfill this commitment to EXCELLENCE on behalf of all children at Fairview Elementary. When both SCHOOL and HOME, work together to build skills and knowledge, reinforce values, and develop a strong sense of self worth, there will be no stopping FAIRVIEW'S PANTHER PRIDE!!

*Stephanie Eldridge*  
*Principal, Fairview*

## *Welcoming Our Newest Staff Members*



Beth Harman– 4th Grade

Casey Lucas– Learning Support at Fairview

Tara Fleisher– 3rd Grade, returning to Fairview

Aislinn Cunningham– Counselor

Jennifer Patrick– Speech

Abby Scanlon– Kindergarten Substitute

Melissa St Cyr– Librarian, returning to Fairview

Susan Kell– Librarian

Susan Spaseff, Eileen Landers, and Coreen Brubaker– Nurses

## *Counselor's Corner*



### **Panther of the Month**

We are excited to announce a special assembly each month recognizing a “Fairview Panther of the Month” in each classroom, K-5. Each classroom teacher will select one student a month to represent her class as the Panther of the Month according to the Hurt Free Schools monthly character traits. The students selected will have demonstrated certain criteria in the previous month and will have gone above and beyond the trait. Once students are selected, they will be honored at an assembly at 9:00 in the gym/cafeteria on the first Monday of each month. Parents of the “Panthers” will be invited to attend. A bulletin board will feature a picture of each student recognized for the month. Each student selected will receive a certificate as well as a small prize. Names of selected students for each month will also be posted on Fairview’s webpage.

## *Music Spotlight*

The beginning of the year is always exciting as 4th graders are signing up to play an instrument for the first time in their lives. Their energy is infectious and I am really looking forward to working with them this year. Any beginner will begin their lessons on October 2nd (Band) or October 3rd (Orchestra). Both of the advanced groups have started rehearsing their songs for the winter program and we are thrilled to be making music again this year.

## Nurse Information

**There are 3 new faces in the Health Room at Fairview this year!!**

- **Susan Spaseff**, R.N. C.S.N. has been an R.N for 22 years. This is her first year working for the West Shore School District, although she has 13 years' experience working as a Certified School Nurse in other districts at the elementary, middle school and high school levels. She also has worked in the hospital setting taking care of patients with cardiac, pulmonary, renal and orthopedic health issues. Mrs. Spaseff is at Fairview on Days 3 and 5.
- **Eileen Landers**, R.N. , has over 30 years' experience working for Pinnacle Health. She has worked in hospital, rehab and physician's offices. Mrs. Lander started full time last year for West Shore School District and substituted for the school district for 2 years. She has worked at the elementary and middle school levels. Mrs. Landers is at Fairview on Days 2, 4 and 6.
- **Coreen Brubaker**, R.N. has 25 years' experience working as an R.N. She has worked full time for W.S.S.D. for 4 years and substituted for the school district for 2 ½ years. She has worked at the elementary, middle school and high school levels. Mrs. Brubaker has hospital and long term care experience working with cardiac and pulmonary patients in the hospital setting. She is at Fairview on Day 1.



## Speech at Fairview

Hello! My name is Jennifer Patrick and I am the new Speech and Language Clinician at Fairview Elementary. During the month of September, I have been getting to know your children at Fairview, their current speech-language objectives, and their progress toward achieving their goals.

What is the role of a Speech-Language Clinician? A Speech-Language Clinician (sometimes called an Speech-Language Pathologist) assess, diagnose, treat and help prevent speech, language, cognitive-communication, voice, swallowing, fluency and other related disorders.

We are working on a variety of goals in speech, such as following directions, answering questions, using correct grammar (verb+ing, plurals, possessives, negatives, is/are verbs), and articulation (speech sounds).

Remember! Speech practice should not only happen in the speech room. Parent/guardian involvement is the key to greater success. There are opportunities to sharpen your child's skills at home. Here are a few fall activities that can help develop good language skills: Go for a walk outside (label 5 different items and discuss them), cook a special meal your child (talk about each step, set the table and talk about what is needed), play on the playground while reviewing prepositions (up, down, on, under, behind, next to), play 'I Spy' with your speech sound.



## Kindergarten— Mrs. Scanlon

Dear Parents,

My name is Mrs. Scanlon and I am so excited to start my journey as your child's new Kindergarten teacher! Kindergarteners are so honest and curious about learning and these are just a few things I love about them! Kindergarten is an important milestone in your child's life and I am looking forward to working with you and your child.

For the last four years, I was the Director of the day care at the West Shore Administration building. As a graduate of West Shore, I recognize that it is a highly respectable district in the central Pennsylvania area. The District is highly dedicated to students' needs, in addition to having exceptional values and ethics.

I look forward to meeting all of you!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Scanlon



*An Apple a Day,*



*Keeps the Doctor  
Away!*

## 1st Grade— Mrs. Erwood and Mrs. Pantalone

In celebration of Johnny Appleseed's birthday, the 1st graders enjoyed biographical texts on John Chapman (a.k.a. "Johnny Appleseed"), sequenced his major life events, and learned the life cycle of an apple. They demonstrated good collaboration skills by helping to make applesauce on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. The students observed the process of a whole apple being peeled, sliced, and cored. Students all worked to follow directions and bubbled with excitement, as the scent of warm apples wafted through our school. After our apples spent several hours cooking in the crockpot, we took turns milling the apples into applesauce. We all had a fun time...especially when it was time to eat it!

## 2nd Grade— Mrs. Bergenstock & Mrs. Plever

For the third school year, Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade students will have access to iPads in their classrooms! Each grade level is lucky enough to share seven iPads to use for daily workstation practice, special projects, and curriculum integration. In Second Grade, the students are using iPads as part of a Technology Workstation daily. Additionally, Mrs. Bergenstock and Mrs. Plever look forward to incorporating the iPads into Zoom group instruction beginning in October. Many students have shared that they have iPads or tablets at home to use! Here are some fantastic, educational, FREE apps you can try at home as a family:

**Language Arts:** Jumbled Sentences, Spelling City, Story Buddy, Magnetic ABC

**Math:** Bills & Coins, Sushi Monster, Shopping Cart, Telling Time



### 3rd Grade— Mrs. Stupka and Ms. Fleisher



#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Are off to a Great Start!

Miss Fleisher and Mrs. Stupka are so proud of their new crew! So much, that we agreed to keep them for the rest of the year. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, we appreciate your active listening, rule following, and consistent direction following. How you work together as a team is commendable! Parents, we thank you for signing planners, checking websites, and cleaning out book bags. Your support is appreciated. If you have not signed up for Remind 101, please do so. We can help you, if you need it. With such a group of hardworking young ladies and gentlemen, it is going to be very difficult to pick just one Panther of the Month for each of our Hurtfree School words. Wonder who it will be this month...

### 4th Grade—



### Mrs. Lund & Ms. Harman

Fourth grade is at it again! We are teaming up with first grade for buddy time. This is a special way for us to interact and encourage the younger students at Fairview. During our time together, we cooperate, read, make connections, and so much more. We are also learning patience and how important it is to follow directions from our young friends. A fourth grade student said, "I think it's really fun and I like spending time with the first graders!" Our goal, for 4<sup>th</sup> grade, is to be upstanding role models for our 1<sup>st</sup> grade buddies. We look forward to a rewarding year together!!!

## Physical Education

### Fairview Physical Education Rocks!

Ask your students in grades K-2 about the different locomotor skills, levels, and pathways. They are learning about self space, general space, dodging, and working together to stay safe!

Students in grades 3-5 are finishing up their fall fitness testing. They have completed sit-ups, push ups, flexed arm hang/pull ups, and a 10 minute jog. They still need to complete their flexibility test and shuttle run. Students will be re-tested in the spring. The students will be looking for improvement. This could be a great family activity to work on this year! We have also started a football unit.



**Take care of your body! It's the only place you have to live.**



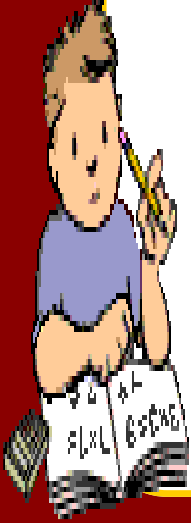
## 5th Grade— Mrs. Estep & Mrs. Chmiola

### The Importance of Homework

Homework not only helps a child learn and master skills and concepts, but it is one of the first ways that they begin to develop responsibility. Homework also helps children learn how to effectively manage their time. Parents play an important role in making the completion of homework a positive experience.

### How to Establish Good Homework Habits

1. Designate a regular place for homework that is free from distractions.
2. Be consistent about when homework is to be done. It's not about the time, the key is consistency.
3. Let your child play a role in setting the homework rules. They are more likely to follow rules that they took part in establishing.
4. Don't do your child's homework for him/her, but be available to clarify or assist if necessary.
5. Give positive feedback. Sit down with your child and review the work they have completed. Don't be afraid to offer suggestions for improvement.
6. Keep in touch with your child's teacher. Completing homework is a team effort!



## Library— Mrs. St Cyr, Mrs. Kiehn, & Mrs. Kell

### *Some Helpful Resources that you can use at home:*

**World Book Online** – Almost all encyclopedias have moved to an online only version, and these online versions contain video clips and other digital features that makes them much more than just a printed encyclopedia. Most are updated daily or weekly, which helps students locate the most current information on topics in the news. West Shore subscribes to World Book Online so students can use it at home as well as at school. The user name for at home use is westshore and the password is 17339. Go to [www.worldbookonline.com](http://www.worldbookonline.com) to log on.

**Ask Here Today** – Every citizen of Pennsylvania has access to a virtual reference service that is available online 24/7/365. Accessed through web chat, anyone can go to [www.askherepa.org](http://www.askherepa.org) and begin a chat session with a reference librarian. The librarian will chat with any Pennsylvania citizen and help them find information that they need on any topic.

*(see Fairview website for additional resources)*



## **Reading Department— Ms. Handwerk & Mrs. Naugle**

As your child works at home with the weekly spelling list, be sure to draw his/her attention to the similarity of the features of the words. Spelling focuses on word study, recognition of patterns, and applications of the patterns in daily writing.

Here are a few ways to help your child develop effective spelling strategies that reflect success and confidence not just on the weekly tests, but more importantly in daily application of effective spelling skills.

1. **WORD SORTS**– Have your child sort their spelling words by first noticing the features that are similar in the words. Identify the pattern. Then have him/her write each pattern and the words that follow each pattern.
2. **PATTERN BREAKERS**– Help your child notice words that follow the pattern of the week as well as words that might be “pattern breakers”. Highlight these “pattern breakers” in their spelling list.
3. **INDEPENDENCE**– If your child asks you to spell a word, ask your child to write it first so you can see how close he/she comes to spelling the word either correctly or if the letter/sound association in each syllable is making sense. It is beneficial for your child to see how close they come to the correct dictionary spelling. In addition you, as the parent, have the opportunity to observe how effectively your child is using the spelling patterns.
4. **WRITING/READING CONNECTION**– Help your child notice patterns in words they read at home. Make connections between words on the spelling list and words in daily reading. This will move the patterns into long-term memory.
5. **ENVIRONMENTAL PRINT**– Use print around the home to reinforce word patterns. Food boxes, newspapers, mailings, fliers, ads, and magazines can provide many opportunities to connect learning at school with real life at home.
6. **GAMES**– Engaging in word searches, hangman, crossword puzzles, and playing word games like Boggle and Scrabble, reinforce spelling skills in a fun way.

## **Special Interest Classes— Mrs. Miller**

The special interest students are writing essays for the Colonial Park Mall "Buddy Bench" initiative. "The Buddy Bench movement was started in 2013, by a Pennsylvania first grader named Christian as a way to eliminate loneliness and foster friendship on the playground. Any child who feels lonely or needs someone to play with can sit on the bench, and a classmate will invite him or her to play. It is a simple idea that has already spread to school playgrounds around the country, and Colonial Park Mall is thrilled to award Buddy Benches to Harrisburg-area schools." The students are hopeful that they will win a bench for Fairview Elementary!

## PTO News



The PTO held our first meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 2. We closed out some items from last year and got ready for this year, approving the budget for the year and discussing all the upcoming events and needs we have. We had a great turnout and hope that parents and guardians continue to show up to support our school! We hold meetings the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the library, it's a great way to hear about what we do for the school and find out how you can help out.

The Back to School Picnic on September 12 was well-attended, we had approximately 260 people in attendance, along with many of our teachers and our new principal. The weather cooperated and the hot dogs were plentiful.

Our next event is the Fall Festival, which is scheduled for October 17 from 5-7pm. We will need volunteers to help run the games and assist with setup and teardown. This is a great way to get involved early. You can volunteer for as much time as you can give. Feel free to bring your children along to help. We are still in need of ideas for activities and games. If you have any ideas, questions, or would like to help in any way please contact Amber Updegraff at [amber.m.updegraff@gmail.com](mailto:amber.m.updegraff@gmail.com).

We are just wrapping up two of our fundraisers: KidStuff Books and Mums. We make 50% profit on these two fundraisers. The Fall Walk-a-Thon is scheduled for October 17 (rain date of October 23). We are looking for two volunteers per class to assist during the walk and for a case of water to be donated per class. If you are interested in working on walk logistics contact Queena Baumbach at [qsb@comcast.net](mailto:qsb@comcast.net). The Walk-a-Thon is the PTO's biggest fundraiser of the year so please encourage people to donate, this fundraiser profits around 90%!

We would also like to encourage everyone to support Fairview Elementary by designating the school to receive support through your Giant A+ Rewards Card and Target REDcard. Both can be easily completed online. We also would like parents to make sure they clip and send in BoxTops. These are also great ways to get family involved; ask relatives and family friends to help support Fairview! This is basically free money for our school.

We are still looking for someone to chair Mayfair, scheduled for May 15, 2015. You will have plenty of help in this position (planning, setting up vendors, etc.) so don't feel you can't do it just because you've never been involved before.

## Cafeteria News

**October 6-- Brunch for Lunch**

**October 8-- Guest Chef at Cedar Cliff High School.** The menu will feature a Ramen Noodle Bowl Special.

**October 9-- Guest Chef at Red Land High School.** The menu will feature a Ramen Noodle Bowl Special.

**October 14-17-- National School Lunch Week**

**October 17-- Try a New Food Day.** This month's feature is Sun Butter. Students will be given the chance to sample healthy foods that they may have never tried. This program helps to promote healthy choices for students and encourages them to try something new.

**\*\*Please make sure that you keep your lunch payment current.\*\***





## Panthers of the Month for September— Respect

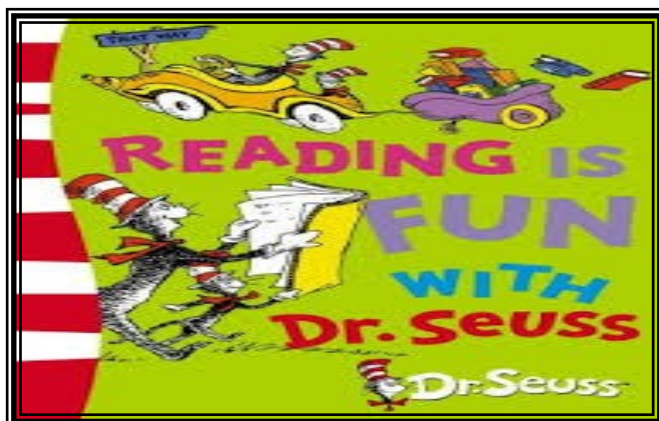
Grade	Teacher	Student
Kindergarten	Mrs. Scanlon	AM– Tyler Jones PM– Livia Schurtz
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Mrs. Erwood	Kaleb Knisely
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Mrs. Pantalone	Lillian Short
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Mrs. Bergenstock	Rory Achey
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Mrs. Plever	Caleb Dellinger
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Ms. Fleisher	Gavin Bloom
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Mrs. Stupka	Haylee Wishard
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Mrs. Lund	AJ Dietz
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Ms. Harman	Ava Farmery
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Mrs. Estep	Olivia Minahan
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Mrs. Chmiola	Amia Glynn



## “Fizz Boom Read at the Cumberland County Library

This summer the Cumberland County Library System offered an 8-week reading program to children of all ages. These students listed below attended from Fairview and completed the whole program. Congratulations to all of you!!

Colin Bloom  
Gavin Bloom  
Erika Eshleman  
Michael Eshleman  
Piper Henning



## Important Reminders in October



- No shorts after October 22nd
- School begins at 8:45 and dismisses at 3:30; please contact the school if your child is going to be absent
- Students must arrive prior to 10:15 in order to be considered present for the full morning session; if students arrive after 10:15 he/she will be considered absent for 1/2 day
- If you would like to be a parent volunteer at Fairview you must complete all of the necessary paperwork.
- Early dismissal on October 3rd at 11:15 AM Kindergarten and 1:45 for grades K (PM) to 5th
- Panther of the Month recognition assembly on October 6th
- Student assembly with Mr. Courtney on October 7th
- Completion of CDT testing in Reading, Mathematics, and Science– October 7th
- PTO Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Fairview Library on October 7th
- Fire Prevention Drill and Program on October 8th
- NO SCHOOL on October 10th and October 13th for students
- Fall Fun Walk on October 17th with a rain date of October 23rd
- Fall Festival on October 17th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Marking Period 1 ends on October 29th
- Heidi the Hippo coming to lunch on October 30th

## A Special Thank You!!

**As the new principal of Fairview, I would like to extend a big thank you to all of the students, staff, and parents of Fairview Elementary. It has been a very smooth transition because of the support that I have received from all of you. I would also like to extend a special recognition to Kathy Evans and Angie Brenneman for answering the many questions I have, and leading me in the right direction to continuing in EXCELLENCE at Fairview. Thank you all again! I am hopeful that the BEST IS YET TO COME!!!**

**Sincerely,**  
*Stephanie Eldridge*

