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# the CHESHIRE GAZETTE

Happy New Year from Mr. Syroka!

Dear Cheshire Parents:

Burr! It's cold outside. It has been a wonderful January. Students returned to school after the winter break rejuvenated to continue their exciting learning journey!

Grade cards were posted on your family portal this past Tuesday. I am so proud of the hard work and dedication our students put forth in achieving their personal best. Please review your child's progress and discuss their strengths and specific areas for improvement. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher. Our teachers are dedicated to maximizing the learning of each child. Interims for the third quarter will be posted onto portals on Tuesday, February 14.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on February 23 and 28. Please call the office at 740-657-5750 to set up a time to meet with your child's teacher(s).

Congratulations to our second graders and music teacher, Mrs. Miracle. On Thursday, January 24, they performed their musical titled, "Where the Wild Things Are." Students celebrated this classic story by Maurice Sendak, through singing, dancing and the playing of instruments. Our third graders will present "The Missing Piece and other Tales" by Shel Silverstein on Thursday, February 16 at 2:30 p.m. for the student body and at 7:00 p.m. for our Cheshire Community.

The Snowflake Scamper hosted by the Cheshire Mileage Club will take place on

Thursday, January 26 from 3:45 p.m. - 5 :00 p.m. We will have many students, staff members, parents, and siblings walk around the school earning miles as we walk, run and jog across the nifty fifty. Students will be recognized with a snowflake charm for their chain and a full color certificate for participating in the Snowflake Scamper. The February fun run, the Kite Flight, will take place on Wednesday, February 29, from 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Cheshire Elementary will host the Madcap Puppets on Thursday, January 27 at 2:15 p.m. for all Cheshire students compliments of our fantastic PTO!!! Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten students are welcome to attend the program with a parent. Our incredible PTO will also host our Winter Book Fair from February 22 through March 1.

Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Classroom parties will take place on Friday, February 10, from 2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. The classroom parties for Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten students will take place on Thursday, February 9, from 2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. We welcome you as we celebrate this "SWEET" time of year!!!

Thank you for sharing your child with us!!!

Your partner in education,

Justin J. Syroka  
Principal





**For: Cheshire Students in Grades 2-5**

**Date: Thursday, January 26, 2012**

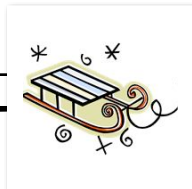
**Time: 3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Where: Cheshire Playground**

**Deadline: January 20, 2012**

**Get out into the cold - get some snowflakes on your nose and eyelashes and join the Snowflake Scamper.**

**Don't get snowed under or just drift along. Instead, come fly like a snowflake in the wind as you run, walk, or jog as many laps as you can and receive a special reward.**



## Music News



The students at Cheshire Elementary have gotten back into the swing of things in music class! I was very proud of the second grade students, who did a wonderful job performing "Where the Wild Things Are"! I have also been very excited to add more students to the Cheshire Elementary Choir!

Here is a list of upcoming musical events:

- ✓ The Third Grade Musical, "The Missing Piece and Other Stories by Shel Silverstein," will be on Thursday, February 16, at 2:30 and 7:00 p.m.
- ✓ Mark your calendar for the First Grade Musical, "My Many Colored Days," which will take place on Thursday, April 19, at 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. More information will come home as the date nears.
- ✓ Students in grades 1-5 will soon have a student teacher in the music classroom! Her name is Ms. Mira, and she is from Capital University. She will start March 12.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions, and keep singing with your kids!

Mrs. Miracle

## **S.O.A.R. News**

Here is another website to visit for articles, games, and parent information about your high achieving child:

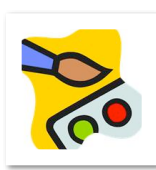
### **Hoagies' Gifted Education Page**

The "all things gifted" page

Parents will often ask for a booklist for their strong reader. The concern is that the content in the books that meet the reading level is too mature for the age of the student. Hoagies' has a booklist and book recommendations that are published by young readers! So, check it out today! [www.Hoagiesgifted.org](http://www.Hoagiesgifted.org)

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## Yearbook Artwork Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of our Yearbook Artwork Contest!

Thank you to everyone who submitted artwork to be included in the yearbook! We have so many talented students in our Cheshire Community!

Way to go!



## ART ROOM NEWS

We have finished up our CLAY weeks for all grades. Kindergarten completed their Kandinsky cups to bring home. First graders learned how to make coil pots and learned how to make them look shiny by adding Mod Podge. Second graders had a great time making robots. Students drew a sketch and then created the robots using the sketch as their idea board. Third grade completed their vases to bring home as holiday gifts for parents. Fourth grade made DAWGS for Mr. Long's DAWG house. The DAWGS will be displayed in the art show this year. Fifth graders made a cityscape with their huge city buildings for the art show. Art students are now moving on to Pablo Picasso. Students are learning new artists every month and practicing new art terms every day during our basketball tournament that will go until the end of the school year.

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### A Friendly Reminder:

We will go outside and play on the playground when the windchill is above 15 degrees. Please dress your child appropriately for these temperatures.

The lost and found is full of winter goodies! Please take a look in the closet in the commons the next time you're at school. Thanks!

### Parent / Teacher Conferences



Thursday, February 23rd  
and  
Tuesday, February 28th  
5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

office at 740-657-5750 to sign up.

Thank you!

## Raising Children Who Love to Read

If you're wondering why some children grow up to become successful readers and possess a love for reading, the answer is simple. Their parents have made a commitment to their reading development.

Children can begin a journey to reading success and enjoyment when parents commit to:

- reading to children as young as six months old. Begin reading when they are barely sitting up and their eyes are beginning to focus. Select simple, colorful board books and read them aloud with expression. Point to pictures, identify characters or animals and talk about the story.
- a schedule for reading aloud until children are independent readers and beyond. Modeling good reading allows children to hear reading that is fluid and full of expression. Parents should allow children to select books as well as select books themselves. When parents introduce new books, this helps children develop a sense of the kinds of books they like. Be sure to talk about the book too.
- making visits to the library until children are old enough to go there on their own. Show children visiting the library will become a part of their lives. Help them choose books to read or have read aloud. If children are older talk about the books they've chosen. Parents should select books themselves and talk about what they're reading as well.
- taking their children to books stores in their strollers, through the elementary, middle and high school years. Buy them a drink or snack, and browse the colorful displays and shelves full of books. Both parents and children should leave with a book.
- reading themselves. Children naturally emulate their parent's behavior. When parents possess a love for reading their children usually do as well. Parent should always have a novel they're reading and set aside time for "read ins" with their children.

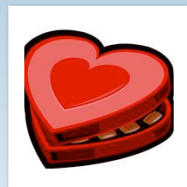
When parents commit to their children's reading education, this nurtures reading development and an enjoyment of books. And, all the while those parents have had a great time enjoying great books themselves.

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## February 2012 Calendar

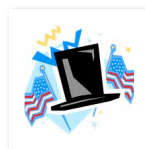
- 7th - CESPTO Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
9th - Valentine's Parties - 2:45 p.m.  
Tuesday/Thursday  
Kindergarten Only  
10th - Valentine's Parties - 2:45 p.m.  
14th - Interims Available  
on the Portal  
16th - 3rd Grade Musical  
2:30 & 7:00 p.m.  
20th - President's Day - NO SCHOOL  
22nd - March 1st - Book Fair  
23rd & 28th -  
Parent/Teacher Conferences  
5:00 - 8:30 p.m.



### President's Day Theme

### Lunch Menu

February 21, 2012



- Macaroni and Cheese  
Presidential Green Beans  
Washington's Fruited Gelatin  
Smart Cookies ( Presidents )  
Choice of Milk