



The Center Grange Gazette

Accelerated Reader Program Incentives

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AR Star Performers

Students will be recognized for their Accelerated Reader accomplishments on the Center Grange Star Performers display, which will be posted in the main entrance of the school. Students will earn stars, which will be labeled with their names, based on the total number of AR points earned for a given school year. Students must maintain an AR test result average of 80% or higher to be eligible to earn AR Stars.

- 10 points = White Star
- 25 points = Yellow Star
- 50 points = Silver Star
- 100 points = Gold Star



Any student that earns a Silver or Gold Star will be invited to join the principal for a special treat at the end of the school year.



Game On!

Each nine week grading period, the top 3 point earners from each 1st and 2nd grade classroom will earn game time in the gym with the principal. The winners will be selected based on the AR points earned for the nine week term, not the total points earned for the school year.

AR Store

At the end of the each nine week grading period, students will have the chance to spend their accumulated Accelerated Reader points at the AR Store. Dates and times for student shopping at the AR Store will be posted towards the end of each nine week grading period.

- A majority of the books a student reads should be within that student's AR reading level.
- Students are asked to read at least 6 books each nine week grading period.
- Students must spend all of their points that have been earned for a given nine week grading period. Students will not be able to "bank" or "carry over" points between nine week grading periods.



Popcorn and a Movie

In each grade level, the top point earning classroom for the school year will earn a year end popcorn and movie celebration. The winning classrooms will get to munch on their snack while watching an appropriate video on the big screen in the gym!



Nine Week and School Year Point Champs

Each nine week grading period, the top point earner for each grade level will win a gift card to a local bookstore. In each grade level, the top AR point earner for the school year will receive a special grand prize at the end of the year. Students must maintain an AR test result average of 80% or higher to be eligible.

- 2/2—Officer Phil program
- 2/2—PTA meeting @CG
- 2/12—PTA Valentine's Day party
- 2/12—100th Day of school
- 2/15—Snow Make Up Day—No School
- 2/17—AR Store
- 2/19—2nd grade Dental program
- 2/22-26—Jump Rope for the Heart
- 2/24—Jungle Terry program
- 3/2—Read Across America
- 3/2—Dr. Seuss's birthday
- 3/6—Under the Sea story walk

The AR Store is coming!

On **February 17, 2010**, students will be able to shop at the AR Store using points they accumulated in the Accelerated Reader program. Below are the guidelines for students to be able to shop at the AR Store.

- A majority of the books a student reads should be within that student's AR reading level.
- Students are expected to read at least 6 books each nine week grading period.

Students must spend all of their points that have been earned for a given nine week grading period. Students will not be able to "bank" or "carry over" points between nine week grading periods.



2nd Nine Week AR winners

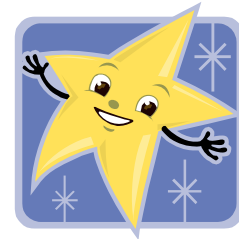
Congratulations to the students listed below who earned the following AR incentives for the 2nd Nine Week grading period!



Nine Week AR Champ

1st Grade—Danika Sudar

2nd Grade—Sara Almasy



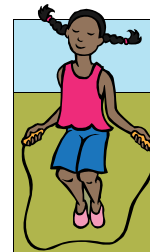
Game On!

1st Grade

Rachel Pasterik, Abigail Hudson, Brionna DiBacco, Nathaniel West, Nicholas Marvin, Sydney Pranskey, Stephanie Milovich, Gabrielle Martin, Grace Kolich, Carolyn Grimm, Jessica Bobeck, Maura Thomas-Wright, Mitchell McDermott, Alexis Hiltz, Zoe Rowland, Brandon Graham, Alexis Kitsko, Amanda Kerr, Brenna Manuel, Danika Sudar, Ava Kovach, Elyse Talerico

2nd Grade

Reed Stablow, Celeste Gabauer, Abigail Bernard, Kenza Benazzouz, Emma Sudak, Mathew Galzerano, Margo McClure, Keeley Tecza, Gina Seese, Tanner Golletti, Brooke Burhenn, Samantha Coulter, Katherine Kunselman, Dominic Marchionda, Alexis Zurynski, Rachel Davis, Alexa Guadagnoli, Brent Belgio, Sara Almasy, Martino Saville, Alexander Stultz, Gianna Verrico, Jaedyn Frasinelli, Shelby Higgs



Simple Gifts program highlights

On Wednesday, January 27, 2010, *Simple Gifts*, performed for the students and staff at Center Grange. The program, An Introduction to Traditional Folk Music, exposed our students to a variety of instruments and multicultural songs. The program included a wide range of ethnic music. The program was interactive and some students were invited to participate on-stage with the group.

The students found this to be a wonderful musical experience as they learned about multicultural music and instruments during this program. A special thanks the Central Valley Education Foundation and the Central Valley PTA for their financial support of this program.



Valentine's Day Parties



This year's PTA Valentine's Day parties will be held on **Friday, February 12**. The afternoon parties will start between 1:45—2:00 PM. The morning Kindergarten parties will start at 10:30 AM. ALL parent volunteers should enter through the main entrance, check-in with the PTA volunteers in the main hallway, and then report to the gymnasium until being released to the classrooms. Students will have time to exchange Valentines, have their snacks and treats and, play some games. The designated homeroom parents will be the only volunteers granted access to the classrooms. Homeroom parents should coordinate all party plans and games with the homeroom teachers. **Happy Valentine's Day!**

2nd Grade News—L.O.V.E. is in the Air

Learning and listening to achieve more

Optimistic efforts shown by students

Very interesting stories being read by all

Everyone is working together

Students in the 2nd grade are working very hard. Just take a look at the good work displayed in the hallway. Showcased on the hall walls are examples of student writing, creative seasonal work, science drawings and much more. We have begun the 2nd book in our reading series, entitled Banner Days. The students will use this book for the remainder of the year. Try to enjoy some of the stories in this book with your child. Parents are reminded that all the stories in our readers have accompanying Accelerated Reader tests which students can take in school to earn points for the AR program.

As part of our Social Studies classes all of the second graders will get to learn a little bit about government when State Representative Christiana visits our school later this month. He will read to the students and share some facts about Pennsylvania state government with the children. Students will also be able to ask questions they may have about how government works.

We welcome back Mrs. Cermak who has resumed her teaching duties in 2nd grade. Mrs. Cermak is very glad to be back and anxious to be an everyday part of Center Grange again. During Mrs. Cermak's extended absence, Mrs. Nikki Kondik did a wonderful job with the students in Room 204. We wish Mrs. Kondik the best of luck and hope to see her at Center Grange in the months to come.

Officer Phil program



The Officer Phil program made its annual return to Center Grange for our students on **Tuesday, February 2, 2010**. This program is a favorite among the students. The overall goal for the Officer Phil program was "to educate children about safety, crime prevention, values and responsibility in a way they will not only understand, but also remember." The program also strives to "transmit community standards and to build respect for and strengthen relationships with authority figures such as parents, police and educators." This highly engaging and interactive program did a great job of promoting strong character values, but did so in a very fun and light-hearted manner. The program lasted approximately 30 minutes.

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 2, 2010**. It will begin at 6:00 PM in the art room and library. Please join us to learn more about how you can help support our schools through the PTA. We would love to see more new faces at every meeting!



Snow Make Up Day

On Monday, February 15, 2010, is a scheduled snow make-up day for the Central Valley School District. **Therefore, school is not in session for students this day.** Classes will resume for all students on Tuesday, February 16, 2010. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

School Spirit Days

Be sure to wear your gear on the following dates!

Sports Jersey Day—2/5

Wear Red/Pink Day—2/12

Wear Your Favorite Color Day— 2/19

School Color Day— 2/26

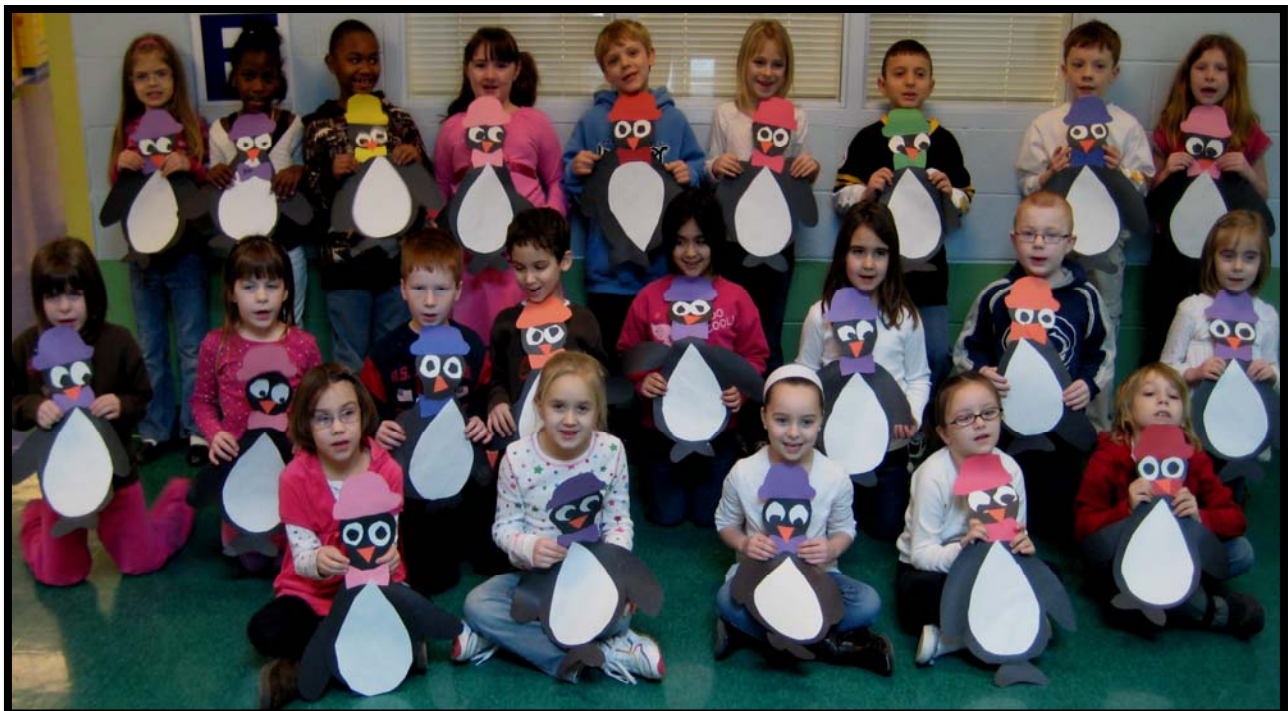
Jump for Heart



During the week of February 22nd, 1st and 2nd grade students will be participating in the American Heart Association's Jump for Heart event during their gym classes. Our focus is to promote the importance of physical activity for Healthy Hearts and overall good health. Students will be given envelopes for Jump for Heart donations, however, our emphasis at Center Grange is for our students to go outside and play and be active.

1st Grade News

Recently, the first grade students spent several days studying about penguins. Students kept a journal which contained facts they learned about the 18 different kinds of penguins. They learned about penguin habitats, life cycles, predators and foods. The first graders read and listened to penguin stories and video clips and constructed various penguin projects.



Kindergarten Spotlight—Mrs. Jennifer Litzinger

This month's featured Kindergarten Teacher is Mrs. Jennifer Litzinger. Mrs. Litzinger was born and raised in Baden, PA. Mrs. Litzinger's husband, Jim, is currently a health teacher in the Ambridge Area School District. They are the proud parents of an 18 month old son, Garrett, and "baby-to-be" is due on Mother's Day.

Mrs. Litzinger graduated in 2003 with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA. In 2006, Mrs. Litzinger earned her Master's of Education and Reading Specialist degree from Slippery Rock University. She enjoys singing, hiking, and most importantly, spending time with her family. Mrs. Litzinger states, "I love being a mother and watching Garrett grow. It's my favorite thing to do!" Mrs. Litzinger also loves teaching Kindergarten and watching the students grow as learners from August to June. Mrs. Litzinger loves how in teaching, everyday is something new and how she is an important role in preparing children for their future.

Mrs. Litzinger is completing her seventh year of teaching. Her first year was at C.J. Mangin Elementary School in Monaca, followed by six years in kindergarten in the former Center Area School District. Mrs. Litzinger loves working with her Central Valley colleagues from both districts and with all the students. The kindergarten faculty send best wishes to her and her husband on the upcoming arrival of their new "Baby Litzinger". We will miss her cheerful personality and dedication to the students in the kindergarten hall during the few months she will be on maternity leave!



100th Day of School

February 12th will be the 100th Day of school. In honor of this special day, the students at Center Grange will be involved with a variety of classroom activities and projects. As a school, special contests will occur throughout the day. We'll be on the lookout for the number 100 in many different ways. For so many children, exploring numbers and number concepts can be such fun! Take some time to talk with your child about how he/she celebrated the 100th Day of school. You'll be amazed at how much they learned about one number!



Jungle Terry program is set to return!



During the last several school years, Jungle Terry has brought his traveling animal show from his home in Ohio to Center Grange for our students. This year will be no different! This annual event, sponsored by the Central Valley PTA, is a favorite for the students. During the program, students have the chance to get a hands-on experience with many of Jungle Terry's animal friends. Jungle Terry will be here on **Wednesday, February 24, 2010.**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 A	2 B Officer Phil program PTA Mtg. @ CG 6:00 pm	3 C	4 D	5 E Sports Jersey Day	6
7	8 A	9 B	10 C	11 D	12 E 100th Day School PTA Valentine's Day Parties Wear Red/Pink Day	13
14	15 Snow Make Up Day No School	16 A	17 B AR Store (1st and 2nd grades)	18 C	19 D Dental program for 2nd grade Favorite Color Day	20
21	22 E Jump Rope for Heart	23 A Jump Rope for Heart	24 B Jump Rope for Heart Jungle Terry program	25 C Jump Rope for Heart	26 D Jump Rope for Heart School Color Day	27
28	3/1 E	3/2 A Read Across America Day Dr. Seuss's Birthday	3/3 B	3/4 C	3/5 D	3/6 Under the Sea Story Walk 10:00-12:30PM

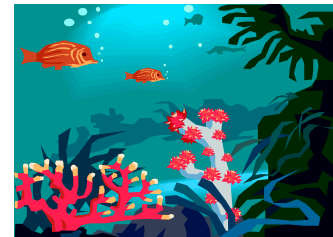
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Date Saver— “Under the Sea” Story Walk coming to CG

A great event to celebrate literacy is coming to Beaver County and the Center Grange Primary School. On **Saturday, March 6, 2010**, the Beaver County Story Walk will take place throughout the county. Participating elementary schools will be hosting local story walks for students and their families. More details about the Center Grange story walk entitled “**Under the Sea**” will be coming in February. If you visited any of the story walk events that were held in Center or Monaca last school year, you know how fun and exciting those events were for all who choose to attend. Mark the date on your calendars! We are looking forward to seeing you at our “**Under the Sea**” Story Walk in March!



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