



The Center Grange Gazette

Toys for Tots Toy Drive is a SUCCESS!

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The Center Grange Primary School *Toys for Tots* toy drive was the most successful drive to date! In all, we collected **536 toys** during the toy drive! This is by far the largest number of toys that this drive has collected since we have begun to coordinate it here at Center Grange. I want to thank all of the staff and students that were able to make donations. Without your generosity, this toy

drive would not be possible. I would also like to thank the following Center Grange staff members (and their students) for helping with all of the behind the scenes leg work on this project: Mrs. Hoyer (Anfulecki), Mrs. Ball, Miss Contes, Mrs. Cwynar, Mrs. Duzicky, Mrs. Platts and Ms. Sturm.

Below you will find the grand totals that were collected at each building that participated in the this toy drive.

Center Grange – 240

Monaca Jr/Sr HS – 90

Todd Lane – 206

Thank you for supporting this effort and most importantly, thank you for helping to make the recent holiday season a little brighter for children in Beaver County.

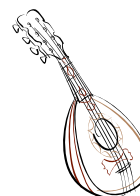
Simple Gifts Music Program

On Wednesday, January 27, 2010, *Simple Gifts*, a musical group from central Pennsylvania will be at Center Grange to perform for the students. The program entitled, An Introduction to Traditional Folk Music, will expose our students to a variety of instruments and multicultural songs. “*Simple Gifts*” will perform with 8–12 different musical instruments. The program will include a wide range of ethnic music, such as Romanian, Bulgarian, Klezmer, Irish, American, Greek, and Finnish. The assembly program is structured so that each piece introduces a new instrument or new style (of music). The program is very interactive and some students may be invited to participate on-stage with the group.” —excerpt from the *Simple Gifts* program overview

We hope that the students will find this to be a wonderful musical experience as they learn about multicultural music and instruments during this program. Parents can obtain additional information about the program and group at www.simplegiftsmusic.com.

A special thanks goes out the Central Valley Education Foundation and the Central Valley PTA for their financial support of this program.

- 1/4—School resumes
- 1/8—Favorite Sweatshirt day
- 1/12—PTA meeting @ Todd Lane
- 1/15—Central Valley School Color Day
- 1/18—Teacher In-Service Day—**No School for students**
- 1/22—2nd Nine Week Term ends (Term 2)
- 1/22—Mixed Up Outfit Day
- 1/25—Teacher Clerical Day—**No School for students**
- 1/26—3rd Nine Week Term begins (Term 3)
- 1/27— Simple Gifts music program
- 1/29—WHITE OUT Day



PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 12, 2010**. It will begin at 1:00 PM in the Todd Lane Elementary School cafeteria. 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!



School Spirit Days

Be sure to wear your gear on the following dates!

Favorite Sweatshirt Day—1/8

Central Valley School Color Day—1/15

Mixed Up Outfit Day (be creative)—1/22

WHITE OUT Day—1/29



Teacher In-Service Day

On Monday, January 18, 2010, is a scheduled teacher in-service 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, January 19, 2010. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

Teacher Clerical Day

Monday, January 25, 2010, is a scheduled teacher clerical day for the Central Valley School District. **Therefore, school is not in session for students this day.** Classes will resume for all elementary students on Tuesday, January 26, 2010.



Weather Alert: School Delays and Closings

With the winter season upon us, there is always that possibility of a school delay or cancellation. Please tune in to KDKA 2, WPXI 11, WTAE 4, WBVP/WBMA for up-to-date information on school closings. You can also check our district web site (www.centralvalleysd.org) for accurate information.



Center Grange 2—Hour Delay Schedule

The schedule listed below will be in effect at Center Grange for any school day that runs when a 2—Hour Delay has been enacted.

10:45 – 11:00 AM	Student Arrival (No Breakfast Program)
11:00 – 11:10 AM	Homeroom (Students marked Tardy starting at 11:00 AM)
12:40 PM	AM Kindergarten Dismissal
1:35 – 1:40 PM	PM Kindergarten Arrival
3:15 PM	Parent Pick—Up
3:20 PM	Student Dismissal

Kindergarten Spotlight—Miss Jamie Taormina

We would like to introduce Miss Jamie Taormina to our loyal Center Grange Gazette readers. “Miss T” was born and raised in Conway, and she is a graduate of Freedom High School. Miss T received a Bachelors of Science Degree in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education. Miss Taormina is currently attending Slippery Rock University. She is working towards earning a Master’s Degree in Education in Reading along with the Pennsylvania Reading Specialist certificate.

Along with Miss T.’s busy teaching schedule, she currently coaches the Freedom varsity cheerleading squad and also works as a gymnastics instructor. In her spare time, Miss T enjoys the new Latin dance craze, Zumba. She also spends time taking her two dogs, Heidi, a German shorthair Pointer, and Molly, a Maltese, on walks. Miss T’s passion is traveling. She has visited twelve countries and plans on visiting more! She loves the beach and when that is unavailable, her own swimming pool will do.

Miss Taormina enjoys working at Center Grange with all of her new colleagues and having the opportunity to share creative ideas and teaching styles. She brings her new and fresh ideas to the Kindergarten team. She may be our “**shortest**” staff member, but she is a dynamo in the classroom! We welcome Miss T to Center Grange!



PTA Promotions Contest—ZHU ZHU Pets winners

The PTA would like to thank all of the students that participated in the Zhu Zhu Pets Contest. It was a huge success! Before the winter break, the winners were announced. Each student received a Zhu Zhu Pet Hamster—one of the hottest toys of the past holiday season. The PTA Promotions Committee will have one more contest later in the 2009—2010 school year. Keep collecting...you could be the next winner! Details will be sent home in the coming weeks.



Grade Level Winners
(pictured left to right)
Delaney Romigh-Kokan (2nd); Emily Miksch (K-AM); Reilly Wilfong (1st)



Grand Prize Winner
(submitted 16 entries)
Alexia Woods (K-PM)



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4 <i>D</i>	5 <i>E</i>	6 <i>A</i>	7 <i>B</i>	8 School Cancelled	9
10	11 <i>C</i>	12 <i>D</i> PTA Meeting @ TL 1:00 PM	13 <i>E</i>	14 <i>A</i>	15 <i>B</i> Central Valley School Color Day	16
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31	2/1 <i>A</i>	2/2 <i>B</i> Officer Phil program	2/3 <i>C</i>	2/4 <i>D</i>	2/5 <i>E</i>	2/6

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2nd Grade News

Second graders started the new year off with a visit from Mr. Fabricio Beggiato Baccaro and Mrs. Julianna Schetti Baccaro who are both scientists who live in the Amazon rain forest in Manaus, Brazil. Students learned about the climate, plant life, animal life and products we get from the rain forest. Mr. Baccaro's area of expertise is ANTS so the children learned a lot about those pesky, but very interesting little insects. Mr. Baccaro showed the students pictures of various life in the rain forest. The children also heard the sounds of various rainforest frogs. Students were able to ask questions of the couple and learned some additional facts about working in the rainforest. The next day the entire second grade got to see some tropical fruits a mango, papaya, coconut, dates, Brazil nuts and an avocado.

These fruits are featured in our reading story for the week, The Secret Life of Trees, so be sure to take a look in the second grade reading book on page 356.

All the students and teachers learned a lot about the Amazon rainforest in Brazil. The speakers left us with a CD to share through the year that features lizards, frogs, spiders, ants etc.

