

County Line Connection

Caring, Sharing and Learning for Life

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January Calendar

- 2 **No School** for Students / Teacher In-service
- 3 **School Resumes**
PTA meeting 6:30 p.m. Library
- 4 **Popcorn** day
Jr. Art Docent field trip
9:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Gr. 2 Schlitz Audubon Assembly
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Library
- 6 **PBIS Kickoff** Gym
Gr. 3 - 5 9:00 a.m.
K - Gr. 2 9:30 a.m.
Script orders due today
- 11 **Popcorn** day
- 13 **CL "Fun day"** - Wear your clothes inside out and backwards
- 17 **Gr. 5 Info and Technology Literacy Lessons** Library
with Mr. Gaskell
9:00 - 10:55 a.m.
KMS 7th Gr. Band Presentation Gym
K-Gr. 2 10:20 a.m.,
Gr. 3 - 5 10:55 a.m.
- 18 **Popcorn** day
- 20 **No School** for Students / Teacher In-service
- 25 **Popcorn** day
- 27 **CL "Fun day"** - School Pride day

PTA Flapjack Flurry

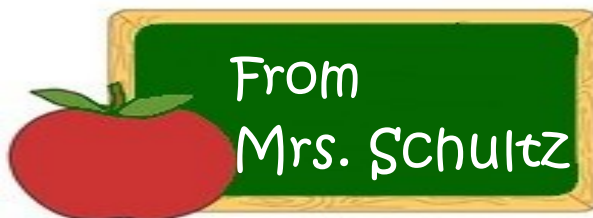
Many of our school families came out on December 1st to eat and shop at our PTA's annual Flapjack Flurry event. The delicious all-you-care-to-eat pancake dinner was served in our gym which was transformed into a winter wonderland of snowflakes, poinsettias and lights. With bellies full, many families browsed our holiday shop and purchased low cost gifts for their loved ones. Guests of the event were also able to purchase poinsettia plants from the Flower Source, Seroogy's chocolate and Scrip gift cards from our PTA, and delicious home-baked treats from County Line's Destination Imagination teams. The evening was a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season! Please thank our event partners, McDonalds, Woodman's, Walmart, Pick 'n Save, Latitudes and Starbucks, with your patronage.



Shoppers looking for the perfect gift to give someone special on their list in the Holiday Shop

DI kids helping wrap up purchases so they are ready for giving





Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy 2012! As Lead Learner in the wonderful learning community we have at County Line I would like to use this month's newsletter to share with you the learning opportunities the staff is participating in. Our late start, early release and full in service days, as well as, staff meetings and team meetings are used for Professional Development. Here is a brief summary of the work being done:

- **Response to Intervention (RTI):** For the past three years we have been working as a district, to make sure we are in alignment with the 2013 expectations of the state. RTI addresses the learning needs of all students and creates opportunities for all students to be successful. We use our running records and MAPS testing as our Universal Screener of all students in reading. We are working as a district to tier our interventions in reading and math to meet the needs of all students.
- **MAP Assessment:** All 3rd-5th grade students take MAPS assessments in reading three times per year. In the Spring we will be adding math. Teachers are learning how to use this information to drive instruction. We are also learning the resources that accompany MAPS that will help students set learning goals.
- **Common Core Standards:** - The state of Wisconsin adopted these "national standards" in June 2010. Germantown continues to spend time aligning our curriculum and resources to meet the rigor found in these standards. We are going to be prepared for the new state assessment system targeted to begin in 2014.
- **CREATE-** Staff is beginning to look at more current research aligned to diversity and culturally responsive practices in the classroom.
- **PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support):** As part of RTI, we are working on the behavior interventions for PBIS. County Line's PBIS Leadership Team started their learning last summer. The team is responsible for working with the entire staff on the development of the CL PBIS efforts. Our school wide kick off is January 6th.
- **The Germantown School District** is in the process of adopting new reading materials aligned to current research and the Common Core State Standards. The staff is busy familiarizing themselves to a balanced literacy approach in reading and writing instruction.
- **Assessment for Learning-**With the implementation of the MAP assessment and other screening tools teachers are spending time analyzing the data to make more informed instructional decisions.
- **School Improvement Plan:** Each grade level has written SMART goals to support the school improvement plan for all students increasing their reading level by one year and students scoring a proficient level on the district writing assessment.

As you can see we work as a learning community to continuously improve our efforts to meet the needs of all students. I am very fortunate to have such a hard working staff. Thank you for your support in allowing us to have these valuable learning opportunities.

Warmest regards,
Cathy Schultz

Jump Rope for Heart is coming to County Line!



Mr. Nodolf and Mrs. Redies are currently organizing Jump Rope for Heart to be held the week of February 27- March 2 during physical education classes.

Information will go home with the students during the week of February 1st and

the deadline for donations will be Tuesday, February 21st. Why Jump Rope for Heart? Heart disease ranks as this nation's No. 1 killer. Every year, about 950,000 Americans die from cardiovascular diseases and stroke. That's nearly 40 percent of all deaths. These diseases may remain critical problems in the future because of poor lifestyle habits among American adults and children. For example, only one of 10 Americans participates in 30 minutes or more of vigorous activity every day.

In addition...

- * Over 15 percent of children and adolescents are now overweight
- * Obesity among the nation's youth has tripled in the past 15 years.
- * 4 million children have above-normal blood pressure.
- * 27 million children have high cholesterol.
- * Cardiovascular disease ranks as the No. 3 cause of death for children under age 15.
- * Congenital cardiovascular defects are the most common cause of infant death from birth defects.
- * Obesity is the fastest growing cause of illness and death in the U.S.

Families and schools are the two most critical links in providing the foundation for physical activity and nutrition. Healthy lifestyles can help prevent heart disease and stroke. Good nutrition, physical activity, and maintaining a healthy blood pressure and weight are all part of a healthy lifestyle. Jump Rope for Heart gives students an opportunity to "Jump" into a heart-healthy lifestyle while showing students they can contribute to their community's welfare. It's a great community service project - and it's Fun! For more information, contact Mr. Nodolf or Mrs. Redies.

County Line PTA Derby Night:



Mark your calendar for County Line PTA's first parent's night out. **Derby Night** will be held Friday, March 23rd at the Zoofari Conference center. Events will include a sit down dinner, silent auction, live auction and several raffles throughout the evening. Watch for a save the date reminder and more details to be coming home soon in Friday Folders.



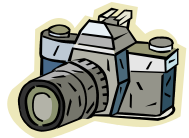
Labels for Education is offering a special collection sheet for bonus points in the newspaper on **January 8th, 2012**. Please look for the collection sheet and turn in completed sheets to your child's teacher so they can be submitted **before 3/31/12**. Thank you for your contributions so far this year!

Reflections Arts Program 2011: Creative Comets



The local PTA Reflections exhibit and celebration of the arts was held December 12 at the Germantown Community Library. Five County Line students earned ribbons for their artistic representation of this year's theme: Diversity Means

Jason McCullum earned an honorable mention for his musical composition in the Intermediate age group. Julia Nilles and Ian Nilles each earned first place ribbons for their literature entries in the primary and intermediate age groups. In visual arts, Matthew Blodgett and James Blodgett each earned second place ribbons in the primary and intermediate age groups. Congratulations Comets! All Reflections entries have been forwarded to the state competition to be held in April in Lake Geneva.



Junior Art Docent Program:

For more than thirty-five years, the Milwaukee Art Museum's Junior Docent School Program has introduced elementary school students to the vocabulary, elements, and history of art while developing critical thinking skills. Students participating in the program are offered experiences that integrate the context of art into their life. After a culminating project presented to their peers and family, they become official Junior Docents! County Line has a long standing tradition of participating in this program. Students in grades 3 - 5 are invited to complete an application and a sample of their best originally created artwork. Participants are selected based on those submissions. Congratulations to this year's student participants!

3S	Kylie Schmidt Emma Slaski	4D	Sophia Tautges	5B	Skylr Daczka Claire Chmielewski
3H	Natalia Dodge Olivia Reiner	4H	Melody Kling Ben Garvey Sophia Wendelburg	5Cz	Amaya Nolte Kairas Mistry
3N	Trevor Mee Paige Seegert Maggie Schlehlein Jason Winters Julianna Weege	4K	Hannah Riesterer Kaylie Krueger Spencer Rudie Jackson Liberatore	5N	Josie Coulthurst Jessica Hoehne Riya Patel Chaz Van Fossen
3E	Connor Fahler	4W	Gretchen Gagnon Anna Wiza April Meyer	5W	Morgan Fleisner Megan Gagnon Shannon McManus



County Line's PTA has many ongoing fundraisers that they hope you will participate in. Please see the fundraising section of their website for more information on the following fundraisers:

www.teacherweb.com/WI/CountyLine/PTA/h1.aspx



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1 can make.



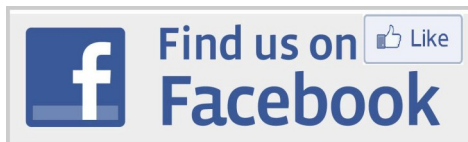
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The REDcard™

Scrip Gift Card Purchasing Program
This month's order due:
Friday, January 6th



Click here and "like" us to receive information on upcoming events, Spirit Day reminders, volunteer requests and more from your PTA.

Reminder

Friday, January 20th



Teacher Inservice Day

No school for students

COUNTY LINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
W159 N9939 BUTTERNUT ROAD
GERMANTOWN, WI 53022

[HTTP://WWW.GERMANTOWNSCHOOLS.ORG/SCHOOLS/COUNTYLINE/](http://www.germantownschoools.org/schools/countyline/)
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