

# The Unit #2 Quarterly



## Upcoming Events

### January

**1-8 Winter Break**

**15- No School**

**Martin L. King Jr. Day**

### February

**15- Early Dismissal**

**PT Conferences**

**16- No School**

**19- No School**

**Presidents Day**

### March

**14- Early Dismissal**

**26-30 Spring Break**

*It is the mission  
of the Coal City  
Community Unit  
School District #1  
...to prepare today's  
learners for  
tomorrow's  
challenges.*



**District Website**

Dear Unit #1 Parents and Friends,

District #1 is very pleased to be offering another year of "The Unit #1 Quarterly." This newsletter has proven to be a valuable and popular communication tool with the wider community we serve. Many thanks go out to Mr. Harlan Kennell and his Coalier Creations class for developing such a fine publication.

There are many exciting and innovative opportunities being offered to our students in District #1, and this newsletter showcases many of them. We are very proud to have a completely student driven publication to share with the communities we serve. The "Quarterly" is an extremely valuable communication tool, but it also provides "real life" experiences for our students. Our students not only write and edit the articles, but are also involved in every aspect of publication, public relations and distribution. We hope you enjoy.

Our theme for this school year is "We're All In This Together". This theme not only applies to our students, faculty and staff, but also to our parents and the members of the wider community our school district serves. All of you are an integral part of our success, because your support and feedback are so important to our continuous improvement efforts. We hope everyone in our school district community knows how much we value your various contributions to our tradition of excellence in Coal City School District #1. It's going to be a great school year!

Educationally Yours,  
Dr. Kent A. Bugg  
Superintendent  
"We're All In This Together"

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## Dia de los Muertos



After Halloween, Dia de los Muertos was in full swing for the Coal City Early Childhood Center First Graders. The art room provided the perfect environment for students to touch on many cross curricular ideas for Dia de los Muertos. First, we translated the name of the holiday from Spanish to English, "Day of the Dead," and discussed the traditional Mexican three-day holiday that commemorates and honors deceased loved ones. Then we used traditional Dia de los Muertos folk art skeletons and sugar skulls as inspiration to create our own skeleton collages. These Day of the Dead skeletons also provided some fun review for the twelve bones the first graders are learning to identify in P.E. Some classes even listened to mariachi music while working on their skeleton collages! With Art, it is exciting to be able to introduce these students to a global education and immerse them in cultures that may be different from their own.

## Pumpkin Filled Day

We have been very busy in preschool learning all about a fall staple: pumpkins! In Ms. Waide's (Wilson) class, we carved a toothy Jack-O-Lantern, explored slimy pumpkin guts, made yummy smelling pumpkin playdough, tasted pumpkin pie, complete with whip cream, and learned how a pumpkin grew from a little seed on the ground! We LOVED our pumpkin week!



## Willian and Erly Cen

The third grade classes were treated to a special presentation in Señora Aldridge's Spanish class on Sept. 28th and 29th. Willian and Erly Cen, and their son, Andrés, who are from Leona Vicario, Mexico, which is located in the Yucatán Peninsula, were here to speak to the students about their life in Mexico and share a bit of their culture with us. Willian spoke to the classes in Spanish, while Erly would translate into English, as he was showing pictures about fiestas, everyday life, and cultural aspects of their community, region, and country. The Cen family are of Mayan decent, and Willian grew up only 5 minutes from one of the most famous and recognizable Mayan ruins, called Chichén Itzá. The Pyramid of Kulkulkan, also known as "El Castillo," which means the castle, was elected to be one of the new seven wonders of the world on 7/7/07. Parents and grandparents came to see the presentation, along with their student's class. What a wonderful cultural learning experience that was enjoyed by all!



### Jr. Women's Club October Students of the Month



Congrats to **Noah Shores** for being selected as the Jr. Women's Club Student of the Month. Noah was nominated by his teachers. His teachers stated that: "When a friend was sad about being at school, Noah gave him a hug to help him feel better. One time, when a friend moved up the rainbow chart, Noah told that friend, "great job!"



Congrats to **Jake Munsterman** for being selected as the Jr. Women's Club Student of the Month. Jake was nominated by one of his teachers. The teacher stated that: "Jake is the student who all of the kids look up to. He is the first one to help a student tie their shoes, or help them with whatever they may need. He will pick up paper towels on the bathroom floor if he sees them. He is kind, sincere, and honest."

### Music Concerts

Kindergarten, 1st Grade, & 2nd Grade Music Classes are off to a great start! Students are learning and reviewing notation, practicing skills on instruments, and having fun matching movement to music. Mark your calendars for our concerts. Kindergarten is February 8 at 6:30 P.M., First Grade is March 15 at 6:30 P.M., and Second Grade is April 5 at 7 P.M. Also, if you have a FaceBook page, be sure to "like" ECC Specials!



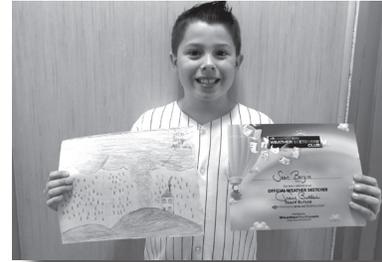
## Amazing Engineers

Second graders in Ms. Liz Hausman's class have been amazing engineers! Here are some pictures of the students designing small cars and testing their designs to see if the car will roll 2 meters using a ramp. The students' creativity and teamwork made their car design's a big success!!



## Weather Sketchers

Sean Bergin's art work was featured on Channel 7 news in Tracy Butler's Weather Sketcher segment.



## HAUNTED Hallways

During the Halloween season, weather and kids can be tough to cooperate with. The Coal City High School Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America provides an indoor trick-or-treating environment for the community's children called Haunted Hallways.

This is the fourth year Haunted Hallways has been held. FBLA asks all clubs, sports, and organizations to decorate classroom doors and school hallways. Each group picks a design or theme for their door and are also encouraged to dress up with their theme. Students then passed out candy to the children walking throughout the halls. Along with the trick-or-treating, there is a game room in the gym where kids are able to play games and earn tickets. These tickets can be exchanged for prizes. This year, there were over 1,400 people who attended Haunted Hallways from our community and the surrounding area. We were very excited with the turnout and hope to keep growing the event each year.



## Students Learning About the Ecosystem

Ms. Miller's 5th grade class is currently learning about Earth Systems and how those systems interact with each other. Their last Science unit was "Living Things" and the "Ecosystem". With their background knowledge of the Ecosystem, the students made predictions as to what would happen to a pumpkin filled with waste when it was buried. Each student collected "garbage" items and placed them inside of a pumpkin. The items included: milk cartons, sandwich crust, fruits rinds, vegetables, and a ziploc bag filled with pudding. The buried pumpkin will be dug up in April around Earth Day. At that time, the students will evaluate what happened to the waste and the pumpkin and determine what Earth Systems worked together to cause the change to their items.



## Music at the ECC



Kindergarteners are doing a fantastic job learning how to play many instruments correctly. They also work on their singing voice and learning notes daily. First Graders are finishing up a project composing their own rhythm charts, then performing them for their class. Charts and recordings can be found at <https://mrskodat.weebly.com>. Second Graders are into their second week of learning the recorder! If you're on FaceBook, be sure to "like" ECC Specials and ES Specials!



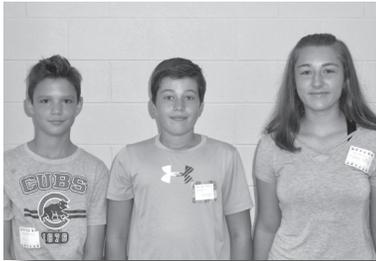
## Breakfast with Firefighters

Students from the Early Childhood Center and Elementary School got to have breakfast with the local fire department. Students from the ECC include: Pearl Friddle, Daisy Bell, Ann Marie Cora, Ryan Carpenter, Teigan Trofimchuck, Kayla Caples, Autumn Decker, Eathyn Rivera, Noah Oster, Luca Chellino, Kira Shores, Jill Whallen, Makayla, Jenicek, Olivia Ferrari, Jonah Micetich, Zack Wilsen, and Maloriee Jones. Students from the ES include: Trace Muszanski, Morgan Schnuckel, Adalyn Muhlenbruch, Kaitlyn Longest, Zander Nicola, Dillon Ness, Alex Segerberg, Scotty Griffith, Connor Henline, Veronica Pink, Brock Witherington, Aidan Meister, Libbie Gray, Caroline Childers, and Josh Kosch.



### CCMS Student Council

Members of the Student Council elected their officers for the 2017-18 school year at the end of September.



Leading the council as president is eighth grader, Riley Dehler. Molly Stiles serves as Vice-President, and Joey Albano is the Secretary. Twenty-two students serve their peers as class representatives to plan various events such as Red Ribbon Week activities, the "Fall Dance", "spirit days", and various fundraisers. One of the most recent fundraisers took place to benefit the Gene Research fund at Lurie Children's Hospital, in which \$172 was raised by selling Halloween Costume passes to students and staff. The Council and its' leaders are looking forward to a great year. Advisor for this organization is Mrs. Walsh.



V.P., Molly Stiles, during Red Ribbon Week)

### Holiday Magic Tree



The Parent School Organization (PSO) has generously donated a Holiday Magic tree for the third graders to decorate during the Brookfield Zoo Community Tree Trim event. In art class at the Coal City Elementary School, all third graders collected recycled water bottles and transformed them into beautiful holiday tree ornaments. Over 20 third grade students received a free zoo admission pass and met Mrs. Brncich, the ES art teacher, at the zoo to help decorate the tree. The students had fun decorating the tree and enjoyed their time exploring the zoo. The tree, #428, will be lit and on display all weekends in December. A special thank you to the PSO for sponsoring this event!

### Math Master and Rockstar Reader

Every Friday, two students are chosen to receive a special yard sign. One student is chosen as the rockstar reader and another is chosen as the math master. They are chosen



based on their behavior, participation, attitude, and personal achievements. Our first "Math Master" was Mikaela Weatherbee for always participating and excelling on her math test!



Our first "Rockstar Reader" was Aidan Meister for having such a positive attitude about reading, always participating, and reading every chance he had!



# Questions of the Quarter:

## Early Childhood Center



Grayson Marizza  
Sleeping Beauty

Seal Gordon  
Rapunzel

Jaycee Meyer  
Evie

## Elementary School



Shane Spoto  
Scream

Maisy Franklin  
Vampire

# What were you for Halloween?

## Intermediate School



Stana Milinkovic  
When I got a phone.

Mckenzie Messina  
Every year when we decorate our tree.

## Middle School



Gavin Carpenter  
When my parents got me and my brother an Xbox.

Brecken Johnson  
Putting up the tree with my family.

Gabby Hope  
When I went to Walt Disney with my family.

# What is your favorite Christmas memory?

## High School



Emmie Frazier  
Asking every year for my own bedroom and never getting it.

Sam Kenney  
One year me and my dad were putting up lights and the ladder fell and he fell. He was hanging off the ledge.

Tyler Lehnert  
I got a bean bag chair. I jumped on it, and it broke Christmas morning.

Darlynn Best  
Going to see my family every year in Florida.

# Winter

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CHILLY  
 FIREPLACE  
 FROST  
 HIBERNATE  
 HOTCHOCOLATE  
 MIGRATE  
 PENGUIN  
 POLARBEAR  
 SNOWFLAKE  
 SNOWMAN  
 WHITE  
 WINTER



## Unscramble Santa's Reindeers names!

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- xevin- \_\_\_\_\_
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