

# COPPER BEECH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



825 N. Easton Road, Glenside, PA 19038

SPRING 2015-2016

### Calendar of Events

4/05 School Board Meeting, 7:30 PM  
 4/06 Parent Council Meeting, ASHS, 7:30 PM  
 4/06 Scout Day  
 4/07 PTA meeting, 7:00 PM  
 4/12-4/15 ELA PSSA, Grades 3-8  
 4/15 Red, White and Blue Day  
 4/19 -4/21 Math PSSA, Grades 3-8  
 4/19 School Board Meeting, 7:30 PM  
 4/25 & 4/27 Science PSSA, Grade 4  
 4/26 No School for Students, Teacher In-Service  
 4/27 Gifted Education Parent Advisory Council Meeting, 7:30 PM  
 4/27 & 4/29 5th Grade Fort Mifflin Trip  
 4/29 Spirit Day  
 5/02 6th Grade DARE Graduation, ASHS  
 5/03 & 5/04 1st Grade Academy of National Science Trip  
 5/03 New Kindergarteners Orientation, 9:45 AM  
 5/05 4th Grade APEX trip Bryn Athens  
 5/05 PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM  
 5/10 School Board Meeting 7:30 PM  
 5/11 Field Day (5/18 Rain date)  
 5/11 Spirit Day  
 5/14 Spring Fair  
 5/19 2nd Grade Elmwood Park Trip  
 5/23,25,26 & 6/02 3rd Grade Graeme Park Trip  
 5/24 4th Grade Pennsbury Manor Trip  
 5/24 School Board Meeting, 7:30 PM  
 5/25 Kindergarten Elmwood Park Zoo Trip  
 5/27 Red, White and Blue Day  
 5/30 SCHOOL CLOSED  
 5/31 Spring Coral Concert, ASHS Auditorium, 7:00 PM  
 6/01 6th Grade Spring Tour ASHS  
 6/03 Elementary Track & Field Meet  
 6/06 Instrumental Spring Concert, ASHS, 7:00 PM  
 6/07 PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM  
 6/14 4th Grade Multicultural Day  
 6/14 School Board Meeting, 7:30 PM  
 6/17 KG-5 Cougar Assembly  
 6/20 6th Grade Recognition Assembly  
 6/21 6th Grade Celebration and Dance  
 6/21 Last Student Day

### It's PSSA Time!

The annual Pennsylvania System of School Assessments (PSSA) are scheduled to be administered during the month of April, 2016. Students in Grades 3-6 take the ELA and Mathematics PSSA. Students in Grade 4 also take the Science PSSA. Our students work hard throughout the year, and we know they are well prepared to be successful.

*Copper Beech is testing on the following dates:*

SUBJECT	DATES OF TESTING
English Language Arts (Grades 3 -6)	April 12, 13, 14, & 15
Mathematics (Grades 3-6)	April 19, 20, & 21
Science (Grades 4 only)	April 25 & 27

During the ELA and Math PSSA testing days, APEX will be canceled, as well as some sections of speech and ESL. All staff members play a role in testing and all rooms are utilized. We carefully monitor who moves in, out, and around the building during testing days in order to ensure our children have an optimal testing environment for the duration of PSSAs. We ask parents/guardians to be mindful not to schedule appointments on these days. Late students will have to take make-ups, and once testing begins students cannot be taken out of class for an early pick-up.



Students must leave cell phones, smart phones, and other prohibited electronic devices at home. If they are not left at home, they must be turned off and stored. If students bring them to the testing location, they will be **COLLECTED AS STUDENTS ENTER THE PSSA TESTING ROOM** and returned after PSSA testing is completed for the day.

We ask that you make sure your child is well rested on his or her testing days. Remind your child that a healthy breakfast is a great way to jump start the brain. Finally, encourage your child to try his/her best! We are proud of all our students' hard work. They will do well, especially if they keep a positive attitude!

## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE

We are proud of our students who volunteered to participate in an effort to clean up the grounds of Copper Beech. A BIG thank you goes out to students: Matthew Sherry, Brendan Cabry, James Scholly, Luke Burman, Kyle Hughes, Kidist Dash, and Lauren O'Malley. We also thank staff members: Mr. Price, Mrs. McFadden, Ms. Richards, and Ms. Wentz for being there to work with the students.



## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PEACE AWARD RECIPIENTS 2016

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all of our MLK Peace Award Recipients who were presented with their Certificate of Recognition at our MLK Birthday Assembly in January!

**Kindergarten-** Mikayla Fitzmaurice, Anna Colt, Leanne Meehan, Zinnia Sorkin, Kevin Rumsey, Abigail Beal

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade-** Aidan Murray, Owen Gesing, Na'Kai Willis, David Melcher III, Gwendolyn Judge, Samuel Richman, Isabella Lent

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade-** Zaara Ford, Gunnar Aversa, Hayden Zimmerman, Nathaniel Cohen, Asher Gammage, Carlyn Gutgesell, Nia Mensah

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-** Danyel Mayo, Katherine Bole, Eoghan Anderson, Elizabeth Stelacio, Juliana Bisulca, Morgan Dicesari, Rogan Anderson

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Audrey Bower, Matthew Collier, Le'Lenda Pagbaya, Lezly Solano-Gavilan, Madison Gammage, Riley Young, Brendan Dougherty

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Jenessa Nixon, Islary Reyes, Kathryn Moran, Aamir Moultair, Tessa Wheelock, Cameryn Cottom, Bridget O'Neill

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Reyna Rodriguez, Beck Punzo, Jay Hustedt, Sagan Brinkert, Patrick Fischer, Alayna Quarles, Brendon Herder



## CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO MS. HAGARTY'S CLASS!



Ed Rendell, former governor of Pennsylvania, visited our school to present Ms. Hagarty's fifth grade class with a \$500 check as part of their award in the 2015 Citizenship Challenge. Mrs. Hagarty's class participated in the 2015 Citizenship Challenge, sponsored by the Rendell Center for Civics and Civic Engagement. The class wrote essays expressing their point of view regarding a current issue related to government as well as rights and responsibilities of citizens. An essay written by a



team of students in Mrs. Hagarty's class was chosen to compete in the Finals at the National Constitution Center. The team included: Sean Doyle, Jamie Ehnou, Kaydin Ford, Jonathan Kim, Kathryn Moran, Ashley Rice, and Andrew Shultes. After giving a three-minute team presentation and answering questions about the issue, a panel of judges chose the Copper Beech team to win a fourth place award. In addition to the \$500 award, the school received a selection of books that deal with the Constitution and individual rights, a DVD of the students' presentation at the Constitution Center, and every fifth grade student at the school received a gavel/pencil.

## SPRING CONCERTS—INSTRUMENTAL & CHORAL

The annual Choral Concert will be held on **Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 7:00 PM**. Copper Beech will hold its annual Instrumental Concert on **Monday, June 6, 2016 at 7:00 PM**. Both concerts will be held at the Senior High School this year. Students will come home with more information as we get closer to the performance dates.

Please be aware that performance dress is white shirt/blouse, black pants/skirt, and black shoes.



## Pennsylvania Music Educators Association String Fest

Two Copper Beech students were selected to participate in the PA Music Educators Association Elementary String Fest that was held at Perkiomen Valley Middle School East on February 5th. Students from Bucks and Montgomery Counties were selected to participate in the orchestra. They prepared the music in advance, rehearsed during the day, and gave a concert that evening. ***Congratulations, Jonathan Hillard (grade 6) and Scott Gu (grade 5).***

## DRESS GUIDELINES



As we settle into Spring, and the weather becomes warmer, we would like to share the guidelines of appropriate dress for school.

All clothing should be clean, neat, and in good taste. These items are not permitted: spaghetti straps; crop and halter tops; bare midriffs; hats inside; short shorts; muscle or tank shirts; beach footwear such as flip-flops; shirts with drug, alcohol, tobacco logos or slogans, or suggestive wording.

Adherence to proper dress standards will help to ensure an appropriate school image for our students and a learning environment free of unnecessary distractions. If a student is dressed inappropriately, we will contact you and ask that you bring a change of clothing. If you are not available, we will provide temporary alternative attire (usually CB tee shirt). All issues of dress will be handled quietly, tactfully, and in a manner that will not embarrass the student. Your support of these guidelines is greatly appreciated.

## KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

This exciting annual event will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd, at 9:30 AM. It is open to all incoming, registered kindergarteners. It is a chance for parents to learn of the kindergarten curriculum and expectations. It also gives the children a chance to see the school, be in a classroom setting, and to meet the teachers. We do request parents refrain from bringing older and/or younger siblings, since this is a well-attended event and can become quite crowded.

## PARKING DURING SCHOOL EVENTS AND STUDENT PICK-UP

We ask parents, guardians, and visitors to help us be mindful of our local, neighboring businesses and their need to maintain their parking lots/spots for customers only. Copper Beech families are respectfully asked to only use the school's parking lots when attending events here at school. We want to be considered courteous neighbors, so your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated!



## Jump Rope For Heart and Hoops For Heart

Thank you to all our students who participated in the Jump Rope for Heart or Hoops for Heart program this year. Copper Beech has received a huge thank you from the American Heart Association and the millions of Americans they serve for our school's generous donation of \$8,802.76. The American Heart Association says, "Families and schools are critical links in providing the foundation for cardiovascular wellness in our country." By holding this event at our school, we are raising awareness about heart-healthy living and we are helping fund more lifesaving scientific research and critically needed education efforts. An extra special thank you goes out to Mr. Mark Marinello, our PE teacher, who has spent many hours coordinating this program for Copper Beech. He was instrumental in our participation!



### Café Fork and Spoon Winners

*Classes are rewarded for showing CB CARES in our Cafeteria.*

#### **January**

- 1-Sutch
- 2-Sincavage
- 3-Gaskin
- 4-Matthews
- 5-Ryan
- 6-Jackson

#### **February**

- 1-Wolf
- 2-Mangin
- 3-Smith
- 4-Hagan
- 5-Hagarty
- 6-Murphy

### Copper Beech's PA Statistical POSTER COMPETITION

All winners of the CB competition qualified to participate at the State level.

#### Grades 4 - 6

- 1st Place- Tamia Lewis & Jillian Brown
- 2nd Place- Tori Barson
- 3rd Place- Kimberly Steinberg & Kaitlyn Ellison
- Runner Up- Ben Eyre & Jude Gilligan / Zoe Wamsher

#### Grades K - 3

- 1st Place- Declan Doyle
- 2nd Place- Owen Sherry, Sebastian Small, Jude Small
- 3rd Place- Walker Pax
- Runner Up- Cesalie Volz , Jamie Failing , Kaitlyn Woodward, Molly Dunphy-Culp

## FIRST IN MATH



Copper Beech implements the First in Math online program for students in Grades K-6. All our students can use it at school and at home for extra practice in math facts. We are proud that Copper Beech currently leads the district for the number of "Ribbons" we have achieved, and we are ranked 25<sup>th</sup> in the state among all other schools using the FIM program! These achievements come from the efforts of our hardworking students and our dedicated teachers. We should also commend Mrs. Matthews's 4th grade class for ranking 10th in the state among 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes, and Mr. West's 4th grade class for ranking 15th in the state. With the help of the remaining 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes, Copper Beech is ranked 6th nationally among 4<sup>th</sup> graders in the country! These truly are impressive achievements. We are so proud of our students.

#### Individual Achievements :



Tamia Lewis - 1<sup>st</sup> in Abington School District (28<sup>th</sup> in the state among 4<sup>th</sup> graders)

Aidan Clark - 3<sup>rd</sup> in Abington School District (35<sup>th</sup> in the state among 4<sup>th</sup> graders)

Michael Mutashobya - 4<sup>th</sup> in Abington School District (29<sup>th</sup> in the state among 2<sup>nd</sup> graders)

**Congratulations Copper Beech Students**  
**for their Participation in the**  
**Abington School District Art Fest 2016!**



First Name	Last Name	Gr	Title of Displayed Artwork
Audrey	Abraham	4	Color Mixing
Evelyn	Abraham	6	Tree and Moon
Joyce	Ahn	5	Crayon Batik, Tribal Mask
Joyce	Ahn	5	Illuminated Letter
Sofia	Aramini	5	Still Life
Chloe	Artman	K	Don't Lose your Hat! Snowman
Kiera	Barnhart	6	Atremis
Mia	Barron	6	Monster!
Skylar	Beal	4	Robin
Siani	Bee	6	Sculpture Inspired by Henry Moore
Chelsea	Bilger	1	Fall Tree
Janiyah	Black	5	Power Animal
Noah	Bothwell	4	Inspired by Edward Munch
Audrey	Bower	4	Inspired by Edward Munch
Sagan	Brinkert	6	Monster!
Mykayla	Bromley	3	Maasai Landscape
Jillian	Brown	4	Victorian House on a Hill
Joshua	Burkart	5	Inspired by Vincent Van Gough
Alexis	Butts	5	Crayon Batik Tribal Mask
Brennan	Byrd	2	Cubist Guitar in Neutral Colors
Isabelle	Byrd	4	Snowman
Stefania	Calderone	6	Op Art Cube
Aubrey	Carman	4	Color Mixing
Brett	Cauvin	6	Apollo
Jessica	Cawley	6	Monster!
Sierra	Charles	6	Western Outlaw Poster
Anna	Colt	K	Penguin
Ella	Connell	3	Shade & Tint's with Minions
Aidan	Connolly	6	City in 1-Point Perspective
Nijah	Coward-Crawford	6	Op Art Cube
Rose	Coyle	4	Victorian House on a Hill
Mario	D'Alessio	6	Abstract Foil Repousse
Carmello	D'Amore	4	Snowman
Molly	D'Intino	1	Swimming Fish
Charlotte	Dixon	2	Cubist Guitar in Neutral Colors
Steven	Dorn	5	Map Inspired by Jasper Johns
Jamie	Ehnow	5	Cartoon Color Study
Kaitlyn	Ellison	4	Color Mixing
Sophia	Ermigiotti	6	Monster!
Evamarie	Everly	2	Polar Bear



# Art Fest 2016

First Name	Last Name	Gr	Title of Displayed Artwork
Emma	Felix	1	Klimt Inspired
Mary Jo	Felix	5	Still Life
Caitlin	Fitzmaurice	2	Blue & White Chinese Vase
Jaydee	Flores	3	Maasai Landscape
Ava	Forsythe	3	Maasai Landscape
Madison	Fraher	6	City in 1-Point Perspective
Mina	Gale	2	Painting Inspired by Robert Delaunay
Sydney	Gallagher	3	Shade & Tint's with Minions
Asher	Gammage	2	Winter Self-Portrait
Madison	Gammage	4	Cardinal
Hannah	Gillespie	6	Inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe
Kellie	Gimpel	4	Self-Portrait
Josephine	Golden	4	Victorian House on a Hill
Haylee	Handlon	4	Self-Portrait
Nora	Haney	5	Map Inspired by Jasper Johns
John	Harbison	4	Self-Portrait
Shane	Haycock	6	Sculpture Inspired by Henry Moore
Sofia	Hegerich	4	Self-Portrait
Paige	Holden	1	Festive Elephant
Shannon	Hopkins	3	Dragon!
Caroline	Hughes	6	Monster!
Kyle	Hughes	6	Op Art Cube
Kylar	Hunt	6	Sculpture Inspired by Henry Moore
Shaely	James	4	Self Portrait
Calvin	Judge	4	Op Markers
Gwendolyn	Judge	1	Festive Elephant
Aidan	Kaye	6	Tree and Moon
Riley	Kishpaugh	K	Mouse Shapes
Olivia	Knob	K	Giraffe
Liam	Knotek	4	Dragon Gargoyle
Jacob	Kosick	6	Western Outlaw Poster
Megan	Kostick	5	Pumpkins
Bentley	Lavetsky	K	Penguin
Daniel	Lawyer	2	Swinging Chimpanzee
Sara	Layson	4	Blue Jay
Grace	Lee	5	Map Inspired by Jasper Johns
Avery	Lewis	4	Kaleidoscope Design
Abigail	Macadams	6	Abstract Foil Repousse
Abigail	Macadams	6	Western Outlaw Poster
Isabel	Malfara	4	Vincent Van Gogh Sunflowers
Patrick	McBride	6	Tree and Moon
Finnegan	McClellan	6	Op Art Cube
Ewan	McMullen	6	Monster!



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First Name	Last Name	Gr	Title of Displayed Artwork
Cerina	Mejia	K	Blast Off Rockets!
Jolie	Mensah	K	Giraffe
Nia	Mensah	2	Pippin Inspired
Isabelle	Mingo	3	Dragon!
Mason	Murdoch	1	Festive Elephant
Katelyn	Newnom	3	Maasai Landscape
Josiah	Notary	1	Festive Elephant
Shayla	Parker	5	Cartoon Color Study
Ruby	Pearson	2	Blue & White Chinese Vase
Alyssa	Pelusi	4	Dragon Gargoyle
Aaliyah	Perkins	1	Lion!
Ava	Petro	4	Inspired by Edward Munch
Beck	Punzo	6	Monster!
Lily	Punzo	5	Cartoon Color Study
Islary	Reyes	5	Warm Color Silhouette
Samuel	Richman	1	Lion!
Nicole	Robertson	2	Swinging Chimpanzee
Nicole	Robertson	2	Stacked Pumpkins
Charlotte	Rohland	5	Up Close Owl
Daniel	Ryan	5	Illuminated Letter
Audrey	Scheuren	5	Cartoon Color Study
Brianna	Schniepp	6	Western Outlaw Poster
Cassidy	Serrill	1	Splat the Cat
Genevieve	Shelly	4	Inspired by Edward Munch
Anthony	Snyder	6	City in 1-Point Perspective
Finn	Snyder	K	Mouse Shapes
Lezly	Solano-Gavilan	4	Winter Birch Trees
Nora	Spurrier	3	Aboriginal Art
Ndiah	Stephens	1	Splat the Cat
Gavin	Sweeney	5	Power Animal
Nehemiah	Sydney	2	Winter Self-Portrait
Gianna	Tangco	K	Mondrian Meets Pollock
Evelyn	Tomlinson	1	Catching Snowflakes
Michelle	Verbilla	K	Giraffe
Zoe	Wamsher	5	Cool Color Silhouette
Zachary	Whiting	6	Inspired by Famous Artists
Annalise	Wilson	3	Castle
Olivia	Wong	4	Victorian House on a Hill
Maeve	Wyant	K	Blast Off Rockets!
Riley	Young	4	Self-Portrait
Caitlin	Zielinski	6	Abstract Foil Repousse
Zoe	Zitin	1	Catching Snowflakes





# 2016 Copper Beech Spirit Week

Get in the SPIRIT of PSSA!

Get into the spirit this week by wearing something special each day!

Monday April 4, 2016	Tuesday April 5, 2016	Wednesday April 6, 2016	Thursday April 7, 2016	Friday April 8, 2016
<b>Don't sweat the test!</b> Relax and wear sweat pants to school.	<b>Rock that test!</b> Show us your best rock star hair and outfit	<b>Hats off to our test takers!</b> Wear your favorite or craziest hat.	<b>We've got this test down to a T!</b> Wear your favorite t-shirt.	<b>Get plenty of rest for the test.</b> Wear your PJ's to school.
<p align="center"><b>Monday April 11, 2016</b>  <b>This test will be a day at the Beech!</b>  <b>PSSA Pep Rally Wear your CB colors!</b></p> <p align="right"><b>Spirit Week</b></p>				

*•PLEASE keep in mind the current temperatures when dressing for these events and always make sure your outfit is school appropriate.*



## Fun Times at Copper Beech!



### PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thank you for attending your March conferences.

*We believe that all children can achieve excellence through the collaborative efforts of school and family.*

### IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

**MAIN OFFICE: 215-881-2000**

**FAX #: 215-884-9816**

**CHILD CHECK: 215-881-2011\***

**HEALTH SUITE: 215-517-2747**

*\*This number is available 24/7 for "call-outs" or lateness.*