



The Baker-Currie News



“Challenging Children to Succeed”

December, 2017

Holiday Programs

Students in 2nd grade will present their Christmas program to students and parents on Tuesday, December 5th at 2:30 and 6:30pm under the direction of Mrs. Laurie Jones.

Our 1st grade students will perform their Christmas program on Tuesday, December 12th at 2:30 and 6:30pm (doors will open for both programs at 6:00).

The Currie students and staff will attend the 2:30 programs while families are encouraged to attend the 6:30 programs. Parents who are unable to attend the evening program are welcome to join us at the 2:30 program. There will be refreshments and cookies after the 6:30 program. Students are to be at the building by 6:15 PM for the evening performance. Any parent wishing to send cookies for the program are asked to send them in with their child the morning of the program, in a sturdy container.

Elementary Prep Bowl

Under the direction of Mrs. Kacy Rath, 6 of our fifth and sixth graders will be participating in this year’s Elementary Prep Bowl at Lordstown High School.

The Elementary Prep Bowl is an academic competition that engages fifth and sixth graders in a contest to answer questions from all areas of study. The competition will take place Saturday, January 27. This year’s team members include: **Ivy Rath (captain), Justin Franko, Ty Grimes, Zachary Hopkinson, Paul Kim and Brooklyn Patrick.**

Baker Spelling Bee

This year’s Spelling Bee will take place January 11 at 1:00 in the Baker Multipurpose room. 6 students from each grade will compete in this year’s Spelling Bee.



Math CHALLENGE 24 Competition



**Left – Gage Davis (2nd place in 5th Grade)
Middle – Daniel Ring (1st Place in 4th Grade)
Right – Noah Neuscheler (3rd Place in 6th Grade)
Back – Mrs. Lucas (Coach)**

Under the direction of Mrs. Janice Lucas, our 4th, 5th and 6th Grade Math Challenge 24 students competed at Warren Harding in the Trumbull County Math Challenge 24 competition on November 15.

There were 165 students competing in the County-wide competition. The Baker team represented Mathews incredibly well as 10 members advanced to the semifinals. Of those 10 semifinalists, 3 students (pictured and listed above) placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their respective grade bracket.

4th Grade team:

- Daniel Ring (1st Place Finisher)
- Destiny Chipps (Semifinalist)
- Kamron Kester (Semifinalist)
- Josslyn Coles
- Grayson Bonar
- Ayden Blatt

5th Grade Team:

- Gage Davis (2nd Place Finisher)
- Brooklyn Patrick (Semifinalist)
- Grady Garrett (Semifinalist)
- Mia DelGarbino
- Anna Neuscheler

6th Grade Team:

- Noah Neuscheler (3rd Place Finisher)
- Paul Kim (Semifinalist)
- Justin Franko (Semifinalist)
- Jayden Dickey (Semifinalist)
- Michael Kantorczyk

Visit us on the web:

www.mathews.k12.oh.us/baker/home.htm

www.mathews.k12.oh.us/currie/home.html

Donuts with Dad

We are happy to announce this year's success with the "Donuts with Dad" activity. Between Baker and Currie, we had over 450 students and family members participate towards the end of November. We would like to thank all who attended for their participation and support of the program. We look forward to our "Muffins with Mom" activity which will take place prior to Mother's Day in May. Information about this event will be sent home in early April.

Currie Respectful Mustangs of the Month

As part of an initiative to promote positive behaviors at Currie Elementary, students and staff have begun to implement an initiative known as PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports). This initiative focuses on the following "Six Pillars of Character" and has language and goals that are used throughout the building on a daily basis.



The Six Pillars of Character

During the months of November, students focused on the character trait of "Respect". Teachers talked with their students about what it means to be "Respectful" and nominated a student from their class who demonstrated this trait during the month of November.

November Respectful Mustangs of the Month:

Kindergarten: *Heather Brush and Cameron*

Strohlman

1st Grade: *Michelina Fleming, Callie Robison, and Jenny Brush*

2nd Grade: *Josh Lockwood, Cody Denman, and Cole Freudenrich*

Congratulations to all of you who were selected as our Respectful Mustangs of the Month!

Holiday Vacation

December 21, 2017 through January 2, 2018.

School resumes on January 3, 2018.

PTO NEWS:

December 8: Parent Night Out – Parents to drop children off at Baker for a movie
December 20: Holiday parties at Baker – Parents who are assisting with parties will be contacted with details.

A Message from the Kitchen

If you are not depositing your child's lunch money into your online account, please send your child's money to school in a sealed envelope with your child's name and teacher. Please send one envelope per child. Please send the exact amount you wish to deposit, as change will not be given.

REMINDER: BAKER AND CURRIE ARE SERVING BREAKFAST DAILY

Myschoolbucks.com service fee has gone up from \$1.95 to \$2.49 a letter to explain the changes has been mailed to all parents. This account can also be used to keep an eye on lunch balances. Any questions about myschoolbucks please call [1-855-832-5226](tel:1-855-832-5226).

Free and Reduced applications are accepted all year.

Inclement Weather Policy Notification



When weather or building conditions require a cancellation of the Mathews Local Schools, the following area radio and television stations will be notified:

Radio: WWRO, WKBN, WHOT, WQXK, WPIC, WYFM, WBBW, WANR & WYSU

TV: Channels 21, 27 and 33

Broadcasts of closing will be made after 6:00 am. Whenever school is closed, ALL ATHLETIC AND SCHOOL EVENTS ARE CANCELLED AS WELL. In addition to being posted on the above local media, Mr. Lowery will send an automated call to all families who have provided us with up-to-date phone numbers. If your number has changed, please be sure to contact the building secretary.

Happy Holidays!!!