



# Preble Shawnee Elementary NEWS

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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas. I also hope that this new year brings new hope and joy for everyone. While many of us have created a New Year's resolution, I would like to challenge everyone to create one to be kinder to ourselves. Things have been very tough on everyone over the past year and we all deserve a little grace for just getting through it. Focus on things we are grateful for. Here's to a more joyful year for all.

### Gifted Identification

The Ohio Legislature's Amended Substitute House Bill 282 states that all schools must identify any gifted student in their district. This law pertains only to the identification of gifted students. It does not mandate academic programs for gifted students. Preble Shawnee is not offering gifted classes currently.

If you decided to refer a child as possible gifted student, pick up a referral packet from any school office, fill out completely and return to Mrs. Campbell or Mr. Bowling, Preble Shawnee Local Schools, 5495 Somers Gratis Rd. Camden, Ohio 45311



### UPCOMING EVENTS

January

17: No School

February

11: Valentine's Day Party

15 and 17: Conferences (more info soon)

21: No School

March 28-April 1: Spring break

### From the Counselor

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed the holidays. The week before Christmas break, students got to add an ornament to our tree if they were "caught being kind." It was exciting to see our tree get decorated throughout the week. I visited the classrooms during the months of November and December, with each grade level doing something a little different this time. We discussed emotions in kindergarten, being trustworthy in first grade, problem solving skills in second grade, coping skills in third grade, and self-esteem in fourth grade. I have also been meeting with small groups throughout these last couple months. I did want to let you all know that I will be out on maternity leave any day now through the end of February. If you have any immediate concerns during that time, please reach out to your child's teacher or Mrs. Campbell. I will also be checking my e-mail periodically.



### Food Drive

We recently held a food drive in conjunction with the Camden Police Department. Our police department held a contest between classes on which class would bring in the most cans. They also matched the number of cans brought in for our food bank. There was a total of 2,914 cans donated from the elementary (5,828 with the departments contribution). Mrs. Donson's class brought in the most at 711 cans followed by Mrs. Crouse's class with 400 and Mrs. McCollum's class with 355. The police department also bought pizza for the winning class as a reward. Thanks to the Camden Police Department for sponsoring this and all of the families that donated.

### KDG Registration

We are getting ready to start enrolling kindergarten students for the 2022-2023 school year. To start registration you will need to go to the following link:  
<http://www.preble-shawnee.k12.oh.us/CentralEnrollment.aspx> Here it will explain how to start the registration on-line as well as the documents you will need for your registration appointment. Please fill out the registration information as soon as possible in order to be able to get your appointment made. If you need further assistance, please call Sandy Taulbee at (937) 452-1204 ext. 2013 or email [taulbees@psarrows.com](mailto:taulbees@psarrows.com).

### Santa Shop

Just wanted to send out a HUGE thanks to Nikki Henry and those that helped with the Santa Shop. There were so many wonderful compliments. I know that many hours were put into making this a great experience for our students.

### 4<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas Program

Congratulations to Mr. McPherson and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students who put on a wonderful Christmas program. The students did a great job singing and playing on the drums and xylophones. While covid had us thinking outside of the box and having two separate performances, it turned out to be great as it allowed for more seating for our families. Great job!

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