



**Fun Run**

Canterbury's PTA and Creative Arts Team collaborated to organize a run to promote health and fitness and to raise funds for the school. On Oct. 7, students in grades K-5 capped off their study of the Olympics with an event of their own. All of the students did their best to be the prize winner for running the most laps per grade and raising the most money.

Thank you to Zagara's and our own Canterbury teachers for donating fruit for the children. Thank you to parents and volunteers for assisting with food, marking laps and cheering for our wonderful students! This event was a great success with earnings reaching over \$2,500.

**Book Character Parade**

Book characters came to life at Canterbury on Monday. Students paraded around Canterbury and then returned to their classrooms for parties. Student Council also conducted activities in each classroom on Halloween. Activities included making a mummy, bingo, and reading a story. Student Council also hosted a dance. Thanks to Student Council for their fun ideas and leadership!



**Canterbury's IB Update**

Happy November; a perfect time of the year to be reflective and thankful, and at Canterbury, there is much to be thankful for! All grade levels have completed their first IB unit and are moving on to planner #2.

Reflections from the first themes provided evidence to fun field trips (Patterson's Apple Farm, Eddy Farm, Shaker Lakes), guest speakers and activities. We had guests from Case Western Reserve visit our classrooms for a Music and Math lesson or Music and Science lesson, and the Cleveland Museum of Natural History brought in fossils and artifacts for our fourth graders to explore.

Highlighted this month will be Kindergarten's "Where We Are in Place and Time" unit. The central idea was "**Communities are where we interact and work together safely.**" Students inquired into the following statements:



- Rules keep people safe and in order.
- There are different types of communities.
- Communities have rules and authority figures.
- People in communities have roles.

In the introduction to the unit, students were told there were "no rules" for the morning activities and recess. Students were shocked to learn that without rules, there was chaos; everyone talking to the teacher at the same time and kids climbing up the slide were some examples. Students were taught the lines of inquiry and had fun in the process.

As one of the final activities, students were asked to pick a favorite place in the community and recreate it. We had hotels, parks, playgrounds, Tiger Nation football stadium, pizza places, restaurants, banks, and many more brought to school. These places make up our community where we interact and work together safely. A perfect IB unit I'm thankful for!

**Peer Mediators**

The 2016-2017 Peer Mediators have completed their training and are full speed ahead. This year we have 40 third through fifth grade Peer Mediators, which is the most yet! With the tremendous support of their families, the Peer Mediators completed a four-week, after-school training course, which included leadership skills, being fair and helpful, attributes of a good listener and demonstrating peaceful behavior. These students support the Canterbury community by helping their peers solve problems. We are happy to report they are peacefully addressing issues brought to them and are being sought out by peers during recess and lunch.

**Principal's Message**

Hello Canterbury Families,



Thank you to all of the families who attended Fall Conferences.

Students in grades 1-5 were asked to participate in their conferences as well. This is vital to empower Canterbury students to take ownership in their learning process.

Additionally, students are included in the goal setting process. Having students be a part of the process will help them understand the expectations and the need to create action steps on how they will grow academically and socially.

Please know that you can contact your child's teacher at any time, not just on conference night.

Thank you again for being an active participant in your child's learning.

**Dr. Erica Wigton**  
Canterbury Elementary School Principal



*Thank you to our wonderful Canterbury PTA for providing food for teachers on Conference Night!*

**Important Dates to Remember:**

- Picture Retake Day - Wednesday, Nov. 9
- Student Council Food Drive - Week of Monday, Nov.14

**Important Times:**

- School Starts: 8:45 a.m.
- Breakfast Starts: 8:20 a.m.
- Dismissal: 3:15 p.m.