



The Elk Ridge School
Oxford, PA

Newsletter Date
December 2019

November "Bee Ticket" Winners

Please join us in congratulating the following students as this month's "Bee Ticket" winners. Each monthly winner's name was drawn from the classroom's Honey Pot where the students place their "Bee Ticket" that they earned for demonstrating outstanding behavior and positive attitude.

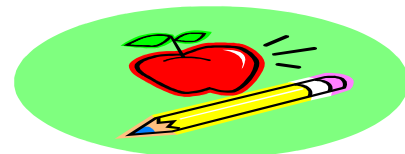
Brenna Dunn	Bristol Miller
Josie Perloff	Lyra Hiester
Roy Dillon	Daniel Rodriguez Lopez
Mason Goodley	Issabella Branch-Acosta
Allison Astle	Domenick Brown
Gemma Porto	Henry Walton
Justin Czarnota	Brian Herrera Zamudio
Sydney Palita	JJ Duvall
Henry Raimato	Bailee Torres
Lillie Howell	Miguel Gomez
Maci Reisler	Jesse Parsons
Cayden Bedolla	

Each student will receive a positive incentive as well as have their picture posted within the school - congratulations!

School Wide Positive Behavior

The Elk Ridge School Wide Positive Behavior (SWPB) program focuses on four themes - respect, responsibility, honesty, and effort. Using these themes, direct instruction on positive behavior will be given by the classroom teachers in all areas of the school including the bus.

As part of this program, students will be recognized for positive behavior on a daily basis with "Bee tickets" from anywhere in the school or on the bus. All "Bee ticket" recipients will be entered into a drawing on a monthly basis for school recognition and awards. Our mascot "Buzz the Bee" will make frequent visits to the school and will also be part of our monthly awards.



Citadel Heart of Learning Awards

Citadel has been granting local educators with its Heart of Learning Award for the past 13 years. According to Mai-Linh Hoang, Marketing Communications Specialist, the Citadel Heart of Learning Award is a joint collaboration between Citadel and the Chester County Intermediate Unit. It was created to recognize and thank Chester County area teachers, while raising awareness of the impact that their hard work and dedication have on students and the community. It also positions the profession of teaching as an admirable career and motivates current teachers in the area.

Each year, Citadel receives thousands of nominations for this nationally recognized award (more than 2,500 in 2011 alone). Citadel carefully reviews each nomination and eventually narrows the list to 15 finalists: One teacher from each of the 13 area public school districts, one teacher from the Chester County Intermediate Unit, one teacher from a non-public school in Chester County (including charter and home schools). Each of the finalists receives \$500 to use in his or her classroom. From this elite group, three winners are selected: One high school teacher, one middle school teacher, one elementary school teacher. Each winner receives the Citadel Heart of Learning Award along with an additional \$1,500 for use in the classroom.

If you would like to nominate a teacher, please go to the Elk Ridge Web Site and click on the Citadel Heart of Learning Award Nomination Link.

Reminders to Parents

1. 1st grade – return Polar Express permission slips
2. All absences, tardies (late arrival to school) and early dismissals must be accompanied by a note explaining the reason.
3. Update any of your information that has changed – stop in or call the main office.

Calendar Events

Principal's Coffee

Thursday December 5th 8:30

Family Read

Wednesday December 11th 6:00 at Elk Ridge

1st Grade Polar Express Trip

Thursday December 19th

Early Dismissal

Friday December 20th – dismissal starts at 1:10 for car riders, bus students should arrive home 2 hours earlier than normal

School Closed for Winter Break

December 21st to January 1st

School Reopens

Thursday January 2nd

Special Thanks

Special thanks are due the following people:

To all our "Bee Ticket" recipients for their excellent behavior and positive attitudes. For the month of November, Elk Ridge awarded almost 4800 "Bee Tickets" to our wonderful students.

To all of our parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, guardians, and other family members who joined us for the Learning and Lunch in celebration of American Education Week. All of our students were so proud and excited to show off their learning.

To Mrs. Houseknecht, Dr. Hendrickson and Mr. Lindsey for leading our Canned Food Drive and to all of our students and families for donating almost 1600 food items to help feed the hungry in our community. Thank you.

To the 30+ high school athletes that came to Elk Ridge for American Education Week and read to our students.

To the hundreds of parent volunteers that have helped our students during the month of November.