



Fall 2023 EDITION

Starlight School Newsletter

Letter from the Director



The 2023-24 School year is well underway and it has been a fast and furious two and a half months! We have been busy academically with our usual start of the year assessments and paperwork but have been able to sprinkle some fun in as well. All the students either went to a pumpkin patch or to an apple orchard for some seasonal fun. Each student also decorated a pumpkin as a part of their fall PBIS activity. A special shout out to all the students and staff for their participation in the Muskingum County Chamber of Commerce Scarecrow Contest. I'm sure most of you saw the scarecrows that were lined up and down Main Street here in Zanesville. Each classroom created their own themed scarecrow, along with the front office staff, and each one was remarkable!

Winter is on its way, please remember to make sure the school office has a good contact number for our all call system and pay attention to the Whiz news platform for any delays or closures this year.

From all of us here at Starlight School we want to thank you for your continued support of our program and want to wish everyone a safe and happy winter season.

Sincerely,

Brent Brannon

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Director of Educational Services

inclusive Candy Cane Hunt

Starlight students will be participating in a Candy Cane Hunt on December 5th. Students will find candy canes, along with other trinkets that will be hidden all over the playground.

Franklin Local and Zanesville City preschoolers will be joining our preschoolers to make it an inclusive event. Inclusive events are a great way to teach children that we all have different abilities. Working together, being kind, and accepting each other makes our community a better place.

All age ranges of Starlight students will participate in the Candy Cane Hunt throughout the day.

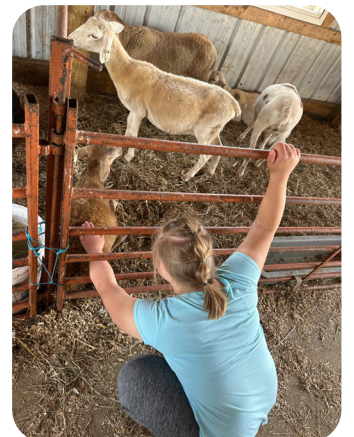
Health *AND* Wellness

Just a reminder we offer free Breakfast and Lunch to all our students. We follow the Ohio Department of Education's National School Meal Healthy Initiative Program. The menus are reviewed and distributed monthly and can also be located on the MCBDD website.



Fall Festivities

Starlight students participated in several fun fall activities this year, including visits to the local pumpkin patch and apple orchard, creating scarecrows, decorating pumpkins, and trick-or-treating throughout the MCBDD campus.



Starlight School Calendar

2023-2024

August	17 & 18 21 29	Professional Days First Day for School Age Students First Day Preschool
September	4 8	Labor Day – No School Professional Day – No School
October	9 20 27	Columbus Day – No School End of First Grading Period Parent Teacher Conferences – No School
November	10 23-24	Veterans Day – No School Thanksgiving Break
December	20	Holiday Break Begins
January	2 5 15	School Resumes End of Second Grading Period Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
February	19	President's Day – No School
March	8 22 29	End of Third Grading Period Parent Teacher Conferences – No School Spring Break
April	1	Spring Break
May	17 22 23	End of Fourth Grading Period Last Day of School - Students Last Day of School – 9 Month Staff

