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NEWSLETTER

From the Superintendent ...

Are you aware of HB 373 and what it means to Minster Local Schools? HB 373 is called Healthy Choices and much of it is really great as it deals with school lunches and nutrition. The piece that will truly hurt us is the addition of 30 minutes of physical activity per day for all students grades K-12. We cannot count physical education classes nor can we count recess or athletic practice as part of the additional 30 minutes.

What this means for us is that we currently do not have the space to offer 30 minutes of additional physical activity to all students as our gyms are occupied with scheduled gym classes. Even if we had the physical capacity to offer an additional 30 minutes of physical activity per day to all students at all grade levels, what could be eliminated in an already tight schedule in order to accomplish this? We currently do not have a sufficient number of physical education teachers to offer additional time thus we would have to hire another person.

The original bill would have required that the school's fat index (percentage of students who are overweight) be posted on our state report card. That has been removed from the bill. This bill now suggests that we could do a before school or after school program. What about our bus routes? Who would pay for this? The explanation is that we could extend the school day or contract services through another organization that would provide the services with school district oversight. Again who would pay for this in terms of an extended day contract for teachers or an outside contracted organization? How would our career tech Tri-Star students get in their 30 minutes per day? What about the kids who are on early work release at the high school, where in their schedule would another 30 minutes of physical activity take place?

This is the kind of thing that schools are facing everyday. Unfunded mandates that put extra burdens on school districts and taxpayers. Although HB 373 is not final at this point, it certainly looks like it is headed that way as the push comes from Washington, DC.

Do know that I have spoken out against this bill to our legislatures in terms of the additional 30 minutes of physical activity per day with the reasons stated above. Where does all of this madness end?

FROM THE TREASURER

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the school district income tax is collecting 24% less than last year. By analyzing the payments we've received over the previous 12 months—April 2009, July 2009, October 2009 and January 2010, the following statistics show:

- 65% of the income tax received was the amount employers withhold from their employees' paychecks each month.
- 16% of the income tax received is estimated tax payments.
- 28% is comprised of payments made with filed tax returns.

The next distribution of income tax will be April 30, 2010.

POS & CAFETERIA REMINDERS

- If you have internet access, sign up on www.myschoolaccount.com to receive updates on balances and view what your student is eating. The service is free!
- You can make on-line payments to your student's account for \$1.95 for each transaction total.
- On-line payments are credited to the student's account after day end processing. It is not immediate.
- Students with **NEGATIVE BALANCES** will not be able to use their student ID number to purchase lunch or ala carte items until balance is paid. They must pay cash in the line or they will receive 2 slices of bread, a slice of cheese and milk.

Senior Citizens Meeting

Please join us for an informal chat about the Minster Local School District. Plan to attend on April 20 at 9:00 am. The location has been changed to the Board of Education Conference Room located in the high school. Refreshments will be provided.

MINSTER CHORAL DEPARTMENT UPDATE



Happy Spring! On February 19th, about thirty students from grades 7-12 performed the Star Spangled Banner at the Boys Basketball game. The students all enjoyed the experience and had fun at the game after they finished singing. A big “thank you” goes to the parents for bringing the students early so they could rehearse together and to the crowd for their applause.

The Minster Choral Department had an excellent showing at the OMEA Junior High Solo & Ensemble Contest hosted at Minster on Saturday, March 20. Students in 7th and 8th grade received seven Superior (I) and three Excellent (II) ratings. Congratulations to all those students who participated!

Students are working hard to prepare for the Spring Choral Showcase, which will feature a variety of styles. Students will be performing American and French folksongs, patriotic songs, traditional spirituals and a few other styles as well. You are invited to the High School Gym to hear the students in their last performance on Tuesday, May 4 at 7:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you on May 4!

BAND NEWS

The Band has their chicken/pork chop dinners for sale. The date for pickup is Wednesday, April 21, from 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm at the High School. Contact a band member for tickets.

Raffle winners for March:
\$75.00 Kim and Ian Schultz
\$50.00 Mary Tumbusch
\$25.00 Mary Stueve

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

- Senior Josh Borges will be Minster’s representative at the Franklin B. Walter banquet, to be held at Wapakoneta High School on Wednesday, April 7.
- The next scheduled ACT for interested juniors is Saturday, April 10.
- The SAT I & II will be held on Saturday, May 1.
- Report cards were distributed to students on Wednesday, March 31 for the third quarter, and the fourth quarter interim reports will be sent home with students on Wednesday, April 28. Once again, these reports will only be for those students at a below average level in the classroom.
- 8th Grade Orientation and Open House were well attended on Wednesday, March 24. Changes that affect the Class of 2014 were addressed including the four units of mathematics requirement, and the number of elective courses being reduced from six to five. Grades 8 through 11 will be scheduling class for next year within the next few weeks with Mrs. Gavit.
- Congratulations to our girls’ basketball team for reaching the Final Four the weekend of March 19. All league performers included juniors Erica Fullenkamp and Delanie Wolf, and on the boys’ side, Ross Heitkamp was an all-league selection. Congratulations also to our cheerleading squad as they competed in state competition at Pickerington Central High School in early March. The girls finished in third place overall.

- The credit flexibility initiative is part of a statewide effort to increase learning and engagement and help students graduate ready for success in college and careers. More details will be forthcoming in next month's newsletter relative to the policy that will be adopted by all districts in the state in preparation for this next school year.



Josh Borges



Erica Fullenkamp



Delanie Wolf



Ross Heitkamp

MINSTER STUDENTS COMPETE AT ANNUAL TEAMS COMPETITION

Sixteen Minster students attended the Annual TEAMS competition at Ohio Northern University on February 23. This is a Test of Engineering Aptitude, Math and Science that was given at over 75 locations in the US. The two-part test consists of eight scenarios focused on purifying and delivering potable water around the world. Teams of eight students tackled the calculations and essays together. Our students placed 20th and 26th in the State of Ohio (division 3).

Minster students competing were: Jessica Albers, Quinten Bernhold, Ryan Bernhold, Josh Borges, Emily Bornhorst, Louis Fullenkamp, Ellen Gruber, Lauren Kauffman, Jack Olding, Eric Piening, Jenny Richard, Jessica Stueve, Emily Thieman, Rachel Thieman, Oliver Weaver, and Ross Wuebker.

SCHOLASTIC TEAM ENDS SEASON IN FINE STYLE

Eight Scholastic Team members traveled to Wright State Lake Campus for the area Senior Scholastic Bowl on March 23. The Team competed in the double elimination tournament, placing 5th overall. This is the furthest a Minster Team has advanced in this tough competition that pits 32 area schools against each other. Students representing Minster included: Jessica Albers, Eric Beckman, Quinten Bernhold, Alex Clune, Lauren Kauffman, Emily Thieman, Rachel Thieman and Liz Schultz.



CONGRATULATIONS to the following students for their accomplishments at the FCCLA Regional STAR Events Saturday, March 13, at Vantage Career Center. The * groups will be advancing to state competition April 15 in Columbus. Receiving **Gold** are the teams highlighted in red.

National Programs in Action*

Skylar Wuebker
Justin Luebke
Raina Wilson

Illustrated Talk*

Allison Bruns
Graham Goebel

Chapter Showcase

Nicole Barhorst
Alexander Monnin
Brittany Heitkamp

Chapter Service*

Macey Hoelscher
Vanessa Ahrns
Rachel Muhlenkamp

Promote & Publicize*

Janie Wagner
Jackie Raible
Jayden Hahn

Entrepreneurship*

Josie Corbit
Stacy Bernard

Focus On Children*

Jayna Stechschulte
Emily Hoelscher

Life Event Planning*

Sammi Brown
Kassi Brown

Job Interview*

Alex Schwieterman

Career Investigation*

Brittany Sherman

Parliamentary Procedure*

Holly Brandewie
Rachel Thieman
Megan Timmerman
Kaitlyn Lehmkuhl

Emily Thieman
Lauren Jutte
Zach Wyen
Megan Hannenkratt

Food Innovation*

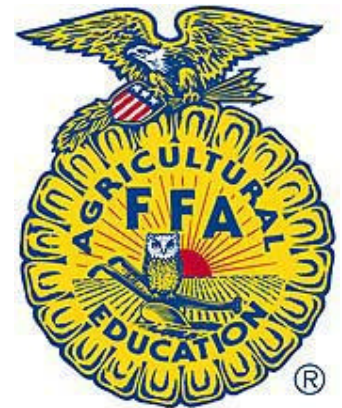
Louis Fullenkamp

In the February 25th edition of the Community Post, an article about the Giving Doll was printed. The line “three irresponsible teenagers” was used in the article. I am at fault for permitting that particular phrase to be used, and I apologize to the three families of those identified teens. As I quickly reviewed the student article before it was released to the Community Post, my line of thinking was in a totally different mode than the way in which it was eventually perceived. The article was intended to compliment the participants by showing their journey from an initial position of inexperience to their ultimate personal growth after the project was complete. The poor choice of words was never intended to imply the negative connotation that now seems apparent in reading the original article. For this, I am truly sorry.

Sincerely,
Anita Uetrecht

FFA MEMBERS—LEAD OUT LOUD

The State Star Placement Award recognizes a student who has an outstanding SAE placement Program. Applicants applying for the star award must have their State FFA Degree along with filling out 12 pages of the star application in narrative form. Applications are evaluated on the district and state levels. Ten applicants were interviewed at the State FFA evaluations on Saturday, March 6 from a total of 23 applications. From the 10 interviewed, six applicants were scheduled for an on-site visit. Last Wednesday, two members of the state evaluation team were here to interview Adam Poepelman as a state star finalist in Ohio. Adam was put through a lengthy interview and then visited at home by two representatives of the State FFA evaluation team. Adam is one of the top 5 students in Ohio for the State Star Placement award. The announcement will take place Saturday May 1, at the State FFA Convention. Congratulations and best of luck Adam.



Also at the State FFA evaluations held at Tolles Tech in Plain City on March 6, five FFA members learned that their State FFA Degree applications passed evaluations and will they will receive their coveted gold State FFA Degree pin on May 1st at the State Convention. Minster FFA members awarded their degree include Matt L. Albers, Ryan Albers, Brendon Conrad, Jacob Dirksen, and Curt Muhlenkamp.

FFA Proficiency Awards are specific areas in which members can apply for awards based on their SAE programs and project books. Adam Poepelman was named a State Finalist in the area of Dairy Production Placement. Adam was interviewed at State Evaluations and placed 1st in our district. Adam is a top four state finalist in this proficiency area. Furthermore, Adam is also a top four State Finalist in the Diversified Crop Production Proficiency area. Results of these two proficiency areas will be announced on Friday April 30 at the State FFA Convention in Columbus.



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Relationship Bank Account Writers



All year long we are learning about Sean Covey's Seven Habits for Highly Effective Teens. The month of February our students learned about Relationship Bank Accounts. A relationship bank account is the amount of trust and confidence you have in each of your relationships. In order to keep a relationship bank account you need to make deposits by keeping promises, helping, listening sincerely, and being kind. The following students wrote about how to keep a high balance in their relationship bank account.

Grade 4: Alli Fischer

Grade 5: Jenny Trzaska

Grade 6: Kyle Heitkamp

Grade 7: Erica Oldiges

Grade 8: Dana Jutte

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS

Junior High Cheerleading Squads For 2010-2011

8th Grade: Elizabeth Baker, Gabrielle Barga, Abbey Goubeaux, RaeAnne Heitkamp, & Jenna Sekas

7th Grade: Logan DeLoye, Megan Gabel, Jacqueline Hoying, Kelsey Richard, & Savannah Weigandt

Junior High Power Of The Pen

The results from the District Power of the Pen have been received and the entire 7th grade team has advanced to the Regional. The 7th grade team includes: Logan Arnold, Gabrielle Barga, Regan Hahn, Cassie Jutte, Lauren Roetgerman, and Kayla Thien.

The 8th grade students that will be advancing to Regionals include: Hannah Barga, Olivia Enneking, Dana Jutte, and Freddie Purdy. Lauren Roetgerman also received a Director's Choice Award, the equivalent of a Best of Round, for her third round story "Fortune Teller". These students will compete at Regional on Saturday, March 27 at Minster Middle School.

Junior High 7th Grade Student Advances To National Swim Meet

Nikki Borgerding, current 7th grader, has qualified for the National Swim Meet to be held in Florida. This meet includes the best swimmers in the United States. She raced at Bowling Green the weekend of March 19-21 and qualified in the 100 yard breaststroke. She needed a 1:09 to qualify and swam a 1:08. Nikki is just 12 yrs. old and will be racing against girls ages 12-18 from the entire country. She is the first swimmer from Minster to ever make Nationals!!! GOODLUCK NIKKI!!

God, Flag And Country Speeches

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Eagles' God, Flag & Country Speech contest on Sunday, March 21. More information can be found in another article later in this newsletter

Career Fair

The Second Annual Minster Middle School Career Fair was held March 10. Mrs. Kim Seaver invited over 30 professionals from the Minster area to come to our school. Students listened to presentations about careers and had an opportunity to ask questions. Many thanks to Mr. Berning and Mr. Jay for arranging the technology and to the teachers from the Middle school for providing lunch. The student council funded a portion of the meal and also served as guest hosts for our visitors.

Ohio Achievement Assessments

All Parents please note- The Ohio Achievement Tests will be given to our students Tuesday, April 20, Thursday, April 22, and Tuesday, April 27. The number of tests has been reduced so the number of days needed for testing has also been reduced. Please refrain from scheduling any routine appointments on these dates. The teachers have covered the necessary material for the students to do well on the achievement tests. Students are asked to give their best effort and parents you can help by providing a good breakfast with plenty of rest the night before.

2010	Tuesday, April 20	Thursday, April 22	Tuesday, April 27
Grade 3	Reading	Math	
Grade 4	Reading	Math	
Grade 5	Reading	Math	Science
Grade 6	Reading	Math	
Grade 7	Reading	Math	
Grade 8	Reading	Math	Science

Just a reminder - The end of testing week does not mean the end of learning. Please remember, much more curriculum needs to be covered between testing week and the end of the school year, May27.

BLOGGING WITH “TWEEN TRIBUNE”

The seventh grade students have been introduced to a new online newspaper – Tween Tribune. Seasoned news professional Alan Jacobson created www.tweentribune.com in late 2008 to encourage young people to follow the news on a daily basis, due in part to the difficulties his young daughter was having finding interesting and appropriate news stories for her current events assignments.

Tween Tribune provides an engaging and motivating reading and writing opportunity to the students. The students can search articles based on specific categories of interest. All articles are age appropriate (ages 10 to 15). The frequently updated site features stories from sources like the Associated Press and CNN, as well as some original content, and allows registered users to post comments or “blog” about the article.

Blogs include: responses, opinions, reactions, or connections to the news articles. When you blog, you’re writing for a global audience. This means that other people in the world can read and post a response to your blog.

This website has been known to increase the interest of reluctant readers and writers. It is also designed to ensure that students are actually reading and not just staring at the pages. We are excited to become part of a global audience and to learn to create extended responses for all to read. Please view the new dynamic website for yourself: www.tweentribune.com.

Tween Tribune is in full compliance with COPPA - the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act – as outlined by the Federal Trade Commission. This means that:

- Students may not use their last names.
- Students may not use their email address anywhere on the site.
- Tween Tribune does not gather or store student information.
- Teachers can moderate students' comments before they are published.
- Tween Tribune only links to well-known, reputable news organizations, such as the Associated Press, AOL, CNN, newspapers and TV stations.
- Links to stories and images that are not age-appropriate are excluded.
- Teachers' identities are independently verified before they are granted administrative privileges.

Mrs. Homan’s 7th grade Language Art’s students will be using Tween Tribune as a supplement to reading and writing. Students will be creating individual accounts at school. This will allow them to respond to the articles they are reading. Tween Tribune a safe and productive environment for our students to learn and grow as news savvy readers and responsible writers.

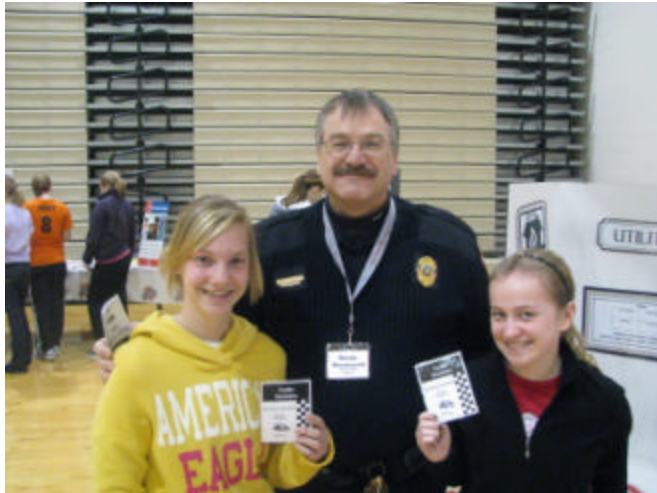
JUNIOR HIGH MATH STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN REAL WORLD, REAL MONEY SIMULATION

Students in Mr. Goettemoeller’s 7th and 8th grade math classes participated in a real life money simulation on Tuesday, March 23rd. The program called, *Real World, Real Money*, is sponsored by Ohio State University, Lima through the OSU extension office of Auglaize County. Students began by learning a series of four

lessons in Mr. Goettemoeller’s class including how occupation affects income, deductions from gross pay, how to use checking and savings accounts, and finally making choices about real world problems. Students were each given an occupation ranging from a cook

making about \$1,000 a month to an engineer making over \$6,000 a month (gross pay).

The fifth lesson was the simulation, which took place in the middle school gymnasium. The simulation included going from table to table to calculate monthly costs for things like food, clothing, housing, transportation, insurance, child care, utilities and other common monthly costs. Students quickly saw their net monthly pay dwindle to a point where some students had no money left. Students who got in financial trouble were referred to the financial help station where they could



Chief Housworth gives tickets to two young ladies who failed to get car insurance after purchasing their vehicle

pick up a part time job to help supplement their income. The goal of the program is to have students gain an understanding of some factors that will dictate how much money they will make and how much money they will have to spend. Students are surprised to see one-fourth of their pay go to taxes and health insurance and they also found the cost of raising children to be more than they had anticipated. The education students received from this program will benefit them by hopefully making good financial decisions in their future.



Tim Kuehner and Julie Uhlenhake of Minster Bank point out the importance of having a good credit score

POWER OF THE PEN

The middle school's Power of the Pen teams had stellar performances at the Mississinawa Valley District held on Saturday, February 27, 2010. The 7th grade team took first place in their team competition. Four individual students place in the top ten. Taking home individual trophies were Regan Hahn in 3rd place, Gabrielle Barga coming in 4th, followed by Logan Arnold in 5th place. Kayla Thien earned a medal for her 10th place effort. Both Logan Arnold and Gabrielle Barga were awarded a Best of the Round and Lauren Roetgerman later learned she had received a Director's Choice award. For the eighth grade, Dana Jutte earned the 6th place trophy.

The entire 7th grade team will advance to the Regional tournament on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at the middle school. They are Regan Hahn, Gabrielle Barga, Logan Arnold, Kayla Thien, Cassie Jutte, and Lauren Roetgerman. Writing for the eighth grade at the Regional will be Dana Jutte, Olivia Enneking, Hannah Barga, and Freddie Purdy.



Middle School Walking Club



Project Originators: Jayna Stechschulte, Emily Hoelscher

Project Aides: Holly Brandewie and Rachel Thieman

Every Wednesday from January through March the 4th through 8th grades had the opportunity to walk in the gymnasium during their lunch/recess time. The following lists of students are being recognized for their efforts. The numbers of laps are adjusted to recess time per grade level.

4th grade 100 laps

Carley Prenger
Regan Wuebker
Paige Thobe
Kendra Thien
Cricket Wuebker
Jordan Berelsman
Austin Shinabery
Pilar Slonkosky
Jacon Hoying
Joshua Riethman
Andrew Broering
Isaac Schmiesing

Grace Butler
Hayley Shaw
Carlie Watkins
Kate Perryman
Jenna Nixon
Taylor Hoying
Emma Schmiesing
Aria Gibson
Ally Grieshop
Jarret Salm
Rene Gable

5th grade 60 laps

Maddie Stewart
Alex Blanco
Dylan Byers

6th grade 60 laps

Logan Deloy
Alex Morsey
Jacqueline Hoying
Mya McFarlin
Erin Cavanaugh
Austin Dwenger
Ethan Monnin

7th grade

NONE

8th Grade 40 laps

Andy Albers
Dominic Slonkosky
Ryan Phlipot

MINSTER EAGLES GOD, FLAG, & COUNTRY RESULTS

Three Minster Local school students were selected as winners in the God, Flag, and Country Oratorical Contest, held by the Minster Fraternal Order of Eagles on Sunday, March 14. Qualifying to compete in the district contest at Celina were Rebecca Lehmkuhl (age 10-11 group), Amanda Lehmkuhl (age 12-13), and Olivia Winner (age 14-15).

Rebecca Lehmkuhl, daughter of Bill & Karen Lehmkuhl, talked to God in her speech, asking for strength and courage on the “journey through life as an American.” She also spoke about the virtue of gratitude, and how people need to show appreciation for their country by their actions.

Other winners in the age 10-11 group were:

2nd - Kate Perryman, daughter of Clif and Jenny Perryman;

3rd - Ryan Brown, son of Paul Brown and Angie Farno, and Amanda Winner, daughter of Ron & Linda Winner.



Age 10-11: Row 1: Kate Perryman, Ryan Brown, Rebecca Lehmkuhl; Row 2: Morgan Kuether, Amanda Winner, Nika Gottschalk, and Colleen Jutte



Age 12-13: Amanda Lehmkuhl, Erin Cavanaugh, and Logan DeLoye; Age 14-15: Olivia Winner

In the 12-13 age group, Amanda Lehmkuhl, Rebecca’s sister, spoke about her belief in America and God, calling on Americans to become “wounded healers” by using their “own life experiences to help others.” Placing second in this age group was Erin Cavanaugh, daughter of Joe & Michele Cavanaugh, followed by Logan DeLoye, daughter of Curt and Mary Jane DeLoye, in third place.

Olivia Winner, also daughter of Ron & Linda, captured the top place in the 14-15 age group. She spoke about the presence of God in our country, including various locations around Washington, D.C., such as the top of the Washington Monument.

Eleven students competed in this year’s contest. They had to prepare a speech on any or all three topics involved in the program (God, Flag, and Country), with a maximum time limit of three

minutes. Contestants were judged on their topic, originality, voice, gestures, and other areas. Tom Faller served as the local coordinator of the contest for the Minster Eagles, and Becky Roetgerman served as the local school coordinator. Judges for the local contest were Virgil Arling, Peggy Bensman, and Paul Winglewich.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Glow Worm Reading Challenge

Our students have read nearly 2,500 books as part of the Glow Worm Reading Challenge! The glow worms for first and second grade have grown all the way up and down the hallway already, and third grade is getting close. **Thank you for encouraging the practice of daily reading.** Each grade level will enjoy a small celebration for completing their worms. We will keep counting books through the end of the school year and the students will receive “extras” to enjoy on field day, as a reward for how many books they are able to read. With spring in the air, we hope the added incentive for reading will help maintain a balance between outdoor playtime and reading practice.

Caution Reminders

Please remind your child of the importance of using crosswalks as they arrive in the morning and depart in the afternoon. We have received more than one report of students crossing in the middle of the road, rather than at the crosswalk. We have reminded the children on announcements, but need your help at home to reinforce the safety message. As adult drivers, please take extra caution in the perimeter of the school and remember that children are sometimes distracted.

Kindergarten Screening

On March 30 - 31, sixty-one children completed kindergarten screening. Kindergarten screening results will be shared with parents on Thursday, April 8 at 7:00 pm in the elementary gym. We enjoyed meeting our incoming kindergarten class!

THANK YOU

Thank you to our parents and grandparents for a wonderful turnout for Open House and Grandparent’s Day. Everyone enjoyed the “Mischievous Bugs” Musical. Mrs. Schemmel, we appreciate your efforts in preparing students for such a successful performance. It was wonderful to see so many proud smiles as the children shared their work with loved ones. Thanks, too, for supporting our Book Fair. Proceeds from the Book Fair allow us to purchase new books for our library. Several parents asked if the video of the musical would be available for purchase. Thanks to the efforts of parent Christa Prenger, we have a quality DVD to offer. If you are interested in purchasing a DVD of the musical, please send \$5.00 in an envelope marked “Musical DVD”. Be sure to write your child’s name on the envelope. All orders should be submitted by April 16.

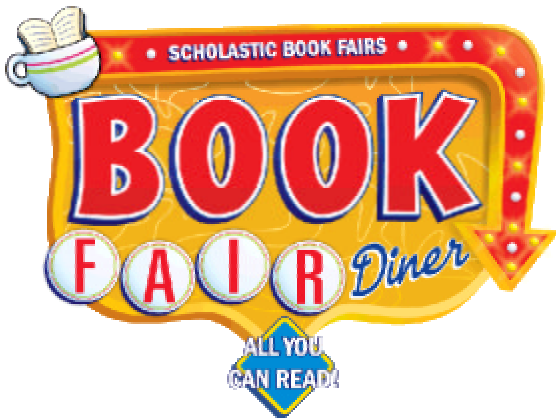


Third grade students were featured onstage in “The Mischievous Bugs” performance



Demaris Wolf played the role of Queen Bee

BUGGY BOOK DINER! SUCCESSFUL ELEMENTARY BOOK FAIR!



Thanks to all the students, parents, and community members for their support of this year's elementary book fair. The fair was held March 8-12 for students in Grade K - 3.

The school earned over \$700 cash, as well as over \$1000 worth of books for teacher classrooms and school libraries.

The fair, provided by Scholastic Book Fair, was open each school day as well as during the elementary school open house and grandparents' day.

Special thanks go to all of the adult volunteers who helped work at the book fair:

SECOND GRADE ENJOYS STONE SOUP

The 2nd -graders in Mrs. Westerheide's, Mrs. Heitbrink's, Mrs. Falk's, and Mrs. Wolf's classrooms read several different versions of the story *Stone Soup*. With this story the children learned about **cause and effect**, **following directions (recipe)**, and **comparing/contrasting** different stories. As a culminating activity, each child brought in an ingredient to make our very own Stone Soup. The desks were lined in the halls and the students in all four classes ate the soup together. We then created graphs to show which soup (chili, vegetable, chicken noodle, tomato, broccoli and cheese, or Stone Soup) most children preferred. Stone Soup was the soup that was chosen the most! We had a SOUPER time!



CHICKS ARE HATCHING IN 3RD GRADE

As a part of our Life Science standards, the 3^d grade students have been learning about the different Life Cycles of animals. In order to learn about this in a hands-on way, each classroom raised 18 chick eggs for 21 days in hopes that they would all hatch. During these 21 days, the students learned about the different stages of life that the chicks went through. There were two times during this process that we "candled" the eggs. This allowed us the chance to see inside the egg by shining a very bright light through the egg. By candling the egg, the students were able to see if their egg had blood vessels, which was a good sign of life, or if it was not developed. Overall, we had a pretty successful hatch. Out of 72 eggs in the incubators we got a total of 35 yellow, fluffy chicks.



Mrs. Knapke's Class

Mrs. Wiss' Class

Mrs. Schwieterman's Class

Mrs. Heitkamp's Class

ACADEMIC BOOSTERS FUND TEACHER GRANTS

The Minster Academic Boosters provide funds for teacher grants to supplement classroom materials. In this newsletter, we will highlight a few of the 18 teacher grants (totaling more than \$5,900!) that were awarded for the 2009-2010 school year.

The 2^d grade team of teachers was awarded a grant for purchasing books. These books are used for implementing differentiated instruction into their classrooms. "Because differentiated reading is the best way to reach all of our students, we purchased several copies of books of various reading levels for our students to experience the progress that is expected from them in our classrooms. Having these books available to our students at individual levels allows our students the opportunity to enjoy reading and become more confident, successful readers."

Multiple copies of two novels (Island of the Blue Dolphins and Treasure Island) were purchased by the Academic Boosters for use in Mrs. Hess' 5^h grade language arts classroom. These two novels (along with another of which Mrs. Hess already had 25 copies) help Mrs. Hess to differentiate for a novel study. "It is best practice for students to be working at their independent reading level in order to make the most growth. By purchasing these novels I hope to engage my students in higher level thinking projects."

Mrs. Rohrer received a grant for her elementary intervention classroom to purchase level 2 and level 3 Mountain Language and Mountain Math materials. "This system is very beneficial to my students as concepts are continually reviewed each week. The different levels allow students to be successful no matter what their level may be." Mrs. Rohrer continued to say, "My students *LOVE* Mountain Language and Mountain Math. We graph their progress. Some go from answering 0 / 20 at the beginning of the year to 20 / 20 at the end. They love to see their graphs grow!"

Minster Academic Boosters **\$2,000 Scholarship Available**

Applications are now being accepted for the Minster Academic Boosters scholarship. This is a \$2,000 one-time scholarship to be awarded to the most qualified applicant(s). All applicants must intend to major in education.

Applications are available from Mrs. Gavit and must be returned to the guidance office on or before *Thursday, April 22, 2010*.

All applicants will be interviewed in person (interview date and time to be announced). Scholarship may be divided if there are two equally qualified candidates.

High School Menu

Ala Carte: Nacho and Cheese (1.25), Various Soups (1.25), Yogurt (1.10), Fresh Fruit (1.25), Salads (1.25), Ice Cream (.40), Cheese Crackers (.60), Popcorn (.70), Baked Various Chips (.70), Domino Pizza (1.35), Pizza and Sandwiches (1.25)

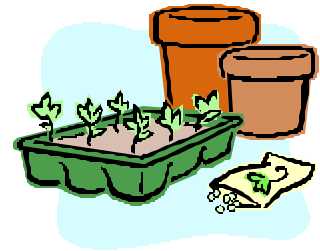
On different days different things such as Rolls, Cookies, Brownies, Rice Krispie Treat, and Muffins (.60) and Turnovers (1.00) are available.

Students may purchase items from the serving line separately.

Foods served may contain any of the following allergens, Milk, Eggs, Fish (including Shellfish), Wheat, Peanuts, and Tree Nuts, and Soy products.

March 29 - April 2

- Mon. Domino Pizza or BBQ Rib Sandwich, Green Beans, Applesauce
- Tues. Spaghetti & Meatballs or Chicken Parmesan, Salad, Pears, Garlic Toast
- Wed. Beef or Chicken Taco, Corn, Peaches, Roll
- Thurs. Chicken Strips or Spicy Chicken Strips, Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, Roll, Ice Cream
- Fri. **No School – Good Friday**



April 5 - 9

- Mon. Country Fried Steak or Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes, Roll, Cookie or Crispy Chicken Salad
- Tues. Hamburger or Hot Dog Sandwich, Pork & Beans, Pears, Brownie
- Wed. Breakfast Pizza, Sausage Patty, Pancakes, Mixed Fruit, Juice
- Thurs. Chicken Patty Sandwich or Meatball Sub, Mashed Potatoes, Pineapple, Doritos or Crispy Chicken Salad
- Fri. Stuff Crust Pizza or Cheese Quesadilla, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Breadstick

April 12 - 16

- Mon. Domino Pizza or Tenderloin Sandwich, Carrots, Applesauce
- Tues. Beef or Chicken Taco, Green Beans, Pineapple, Roll, Cookie
- Wed. Chicken Finger or Spicy Chicken Finger, Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, Roll or Crispy Chicken Salad
- Thurs. Sausage or Hot Dog Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Sauerkraut, Peaches, Pretzel
- Fri. **No School**

April 19 - 23

- Mon. Sausage, Egg & Cheese Bagel or Ham, Egg & Cheese Bagel, French Toast Sticks, Applesauce, Juice
- Tues. Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Peaches, Roll, Pretzel
- Wed. Meatball or Chicken Sub, Broccoli, Pineapple or Pineapple Delight, Brownie
- Thurs. Sweet & Sour Chicken or Popcorn Chicken, Rice, Carrots, Blueberry Cobbler, Roll or Crispy Chicken Salad
- Fri. French Bread Pizza or Hot Pockets, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit, Doritos

April 26-30

- Mon. Domino Pizza or BBQ Rib Sandwich, Potatoes, Applesauce
- Tues. Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Peaches, Roll, Cookie
- Wed. Walking Beef or Chicken Taco, Green Beans, Pineapple, Roll
- Thurs. Crockpot Pizza, Tossed Salad, Cherry Cobbler, Garlic Toast, Rice Krispie Treat
- Fri. Maxi Cheese Sticks or Sausage Pizza, Corn, Pears, Cheetos

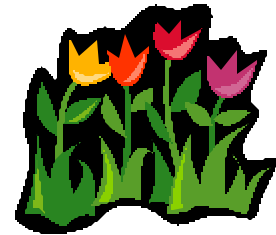
Middle School Menu

Ala Carte Item: Ice Cream Cups (.40), Salads (1.25), Soup (1.25), Baked Chips (.70), Yogurt (1.10), and Nacho and Cheese (1.25), Sandwiches (1.25), Domino Pizza (1.35), Pizza (1.25)

Foods served may contain any of the following allergens, Milk, Eggs, Fish (including shellfish), Wheat, Peanuts and Tree Nuts, and Soy products.

March 29 - April 2

- Mon. Domino Pizza or Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Corn, Applesauce
- Tues. Turkey or Ham Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Oranges, Cookie
- Wed. Chicken Wrap or Chicken Sub, Broccoli, Pears, Turnover (7-8)
- Thurs. Pizza, Tossed Salad, Pineapple, Breadstick (7-8)
- Fri. **No School- Good Friday**



April 5 - 9

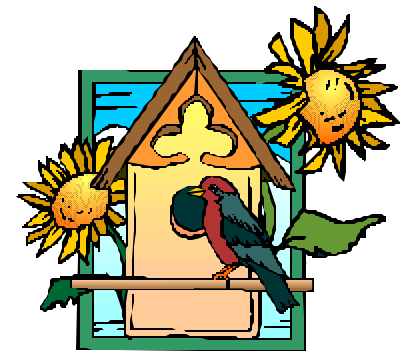
- Mon. Ham & Cheese Stromboli or Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes, Applesauce, BP&J Bar (7-8)
- Tues. Hamburger or Hot Dog Sandwich, Baked Beans, Fruit Delight
- Wed. Meatball or Chicken Sub, AuGratin Potatoes, Peaches, Brownie (7-8)
- Thurs. Sweet & Sour Chicken over Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Oranges, Roll, Fortune Cookie
- Fri. Hot Pockets, Green Beans, Pineapple

April 12 - 16

- Mon. Domino Pizza or Pork BBQ Sandwich, Broccoli, Pears
- Tues. Chicken Strips or Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, Roll, Cookie
- Wed. Beef or Chicken Taco, Corn, Banana, Bread
- Thurs. French Bread Pizza, Green Beans, Peaches, Mini Pretzel (7-8)
- Fri. **No School**

April 19 - 23

- Mon. Mini Corn Dogs or Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes, Pineapple, Nutrition Bar (7-8)
- Tues. Tenderloin or BBQ Rib Sandwich, Peas, Peaches, Corn Chips (7-8)
- Wed. Chili Soup, Crackers, Peanut Butter or Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Applesauce
- Thurs. Chicken Patty or Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Baked Potato, Oranges
- Fri. Quesadilla, Tossed Salad, Pears



April 26 - 30

- Mon. Domino Pizza or Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Corn, Mixed Fruit
- Tues. Hot Dog or Sausage Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Sauerkraut, Applesauce, Pretzel
- Wed. Chicken Wrap or Chicken Sub, Carrots, Pears, Turnover (7-8)
- Thurs. Sausage, Egg & Cheese Sandwich, French Toast Sticks, Juice, Fruit
- Fri. Taco Bites or Pizza Bites, Green Beans, Peaches

Elementary School Menu

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March 29 - April 2

- Mon. Pizza, Peas, Applesauce
- Tues. Mini Corn Dogs, Potatoes, Hot Apples
- Wed. Chili, PB&J Sandwich, Crackers, Pineapple, Popcorn
- Thurs. Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Pears, Roll, Easter Treat
- Fri. **No School – Happy Easter**

April 5 - 9

- Mon. Hot Pockets, Corn, Pears
- Tues. Hot Dog Sandwich, Baked Beans, Applesauce
- Wed. Ravioli in Sauce, Tossed Salad, Peaches, Breadstick
- Thurs. Sausage, Egg & Cheese Sandwich, Pancakes, Juice, Banana
- Fri. Hamburger Sandwich, Potatoes, Mixed Fruit

April 12 - 16

- Mon. Domino Pizza, Broccoli, Oranges
- Tues. Chicken Nuggets, Baked Potato, Pears, Roll
- Wed. Meatball Sub, Green Beans, Fruit Cobbler
- Thurs. Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Applesauce, Bread
- Fri. **No School**

April 19 - 23

- Mon. Pizza Bites, Tossed Salad, Peaches, Brownie
- Tues. Sausage Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Sauerkraut, Pears
- Wed. Mini Corn Dogs, Green Beans, Pineapple
- Thurs. Hot Ham Sandwich, AuGratin Potatoes, Applesauce
- Fri. Walking Taco, Corn, Oranges, Bread

April 26 - 30

- Mon. Domino Pizza, Corn, Pears, Cookie
- Tues. Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Potatoes, Peaches
- Wed. Chicken Patty Sandwich, Green Beans, Applesauce
- Thurs. Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Crackers, Mixed Fruit
- Fri. Chicken Quesadilla, Tossed Salad, Pineapple, Fruit Snack



April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Var Softball @ Perry Var Baseball @ Spencerville JV Baseball vs Spencerville	2 Var Baseball vs Anna Var Softball @ Houston JV Baseball @ Anna	3 Boys Track @ Versailles Invite Var Softball DH vs Delphos Jefferson Var Baseball DH vs St. Marys JV Baseball DH vs St. Marys
4	5 Var Softball vs Waynesfield Var Baseball vs Wapakoneta JV Baseball @ Wapak JH Track @ St. Henry w/ St. Marys	6 Var Baseball vs Botkins Var Softball @ St. Henry	7	8 Var Softball vs Covington Var Baseball vs Covington Var Track vs New Bremen JV Baseball @ Covington	9 Var Baseball @ Jackson Center JV Baseball vs Waynesfield	10 Var Track @ Anna Invitational JH Track @ Ft. Loramie Invit. Var Softball DH vs St. Marys Var Baseball DH vs Ft. Loramie JV Baseball
11	12 JV Softball vs Shawnee	13 Var Track @ St. Henry w/ Botkins & Jackson Center Var Softball @ Anna Var Baseball @ Delphos St. John's JV Baseball vs Delphos St. John's	14	15 Var Softball @ New Bremen JH Track vs Coldwater, Anna, & New Knoxville	16 Var Baseball vs New Bremen Var Softball @ Jackson Center JV Baseball @ New Bremen	17 Var Track Minster Memorial
18	19 Var Softball vs Parkway JH Track @ Versailles w/ Anna	20 Var Softball vs Botkins Var Baseball @ Parkway JV Baseball vs Parkway	21 Var Baseball @ Crestview JV Baseball vs Crestview	22 Var Track @ Marion Local w/ New Bremen Var Baseball vs Ft. Recovery Var Softball @ Ft. Recovery JV Baseball @ Ft. Recovery	23 Var Baseball @ Ft. Loramie Invit. vs Greenville JH Track @ New Bremen Invitational	24 Var Track @ Milton-Union Invit. Var Softball DH vs Ft. Loramie Var Baseball @ Ft. Loramie Invit. JV Baseball DH vs Shawnee
25 Var Baseball @ Stivers	26 Var Baseball @ Celina Var Softball vs Coldwater JV Baseball vs Celina JH Track @ Marion Local	27 Var Softball @ Spencerville Var Baseball @ Coldwater JV Baseball vs Coldwater	28	29 Var Track @ Parkway Var Baseball @ Bath Var Softball @ Versailles JV Baseball vs Bath	30 Var Baseball vs Versailles JV Baseball @ Versailles JH Track @ Coldwater Relays	



INFORMATIONAL PARENT SERIES

Long Term Planning for Students with Disabilities and their Families

Auglaize County Educational Service Center along with the SST 6 is hosting a weekly series of six informational sessions for anyone who has questions or concerns regarding long term planning for individuals with disabilities at any age.

Dates	Topics	Times
May 4	Social Security Administration Joan Zimmerly *Disability Programs available for S.W.D. *Discussion on transitioning from High School to Adult world in gaining employment *Ticket to Work *Work Incentive	5:30-7:30
May 11	County Board of DD Amy Barhorst *Eligibility & Service Coordination/Wrap around services	5:30-7:30
May 18	Wills, Trust, & Estate Planning Michelle Baumeister	5:30-7:30
May 25	Medical Waivers & Day Hab Options Marla Root	5:30-7:30
June 1	ORSC/BVR Traci Richard Ohio Rehabilitation Service Commission & Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation *Services available for employment opportunities	5:30-7:30
June 8	Guardianship Process and APSI programs Angela Gerding	5:30-7:30

All sessions will be held at

Auglaize County Educational Service Center
1045 Dearbaugh Ave., Suites 1 & 2
Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895

*****Please call SST6 to Pre-register 1-800-686-2945*****

**** By Pre-registering, parents will be reimbursed for their mileage****