

News from Franklin Junior High

NJHS inducts 40 new members

On March 14, forty FJHS students were inducted into the FJHS chapter of National Junior Honor Society, the fifth group tapped since the chapter's 2014 founding.

Both seventh and eighth graders were inducted. Those tapped were Savannah Albaugh, Sophia Aldridge, Nathan Baker, Addison Berry, Carter Black, Kensington Black, Benjamin Black, Mikayla Bowling, Izak Bowman, Jonathan Brillhart, Wesley Brooks, Kendall Bulach, Brock Childers, Olivia DeHart, Ava Donisi, Isaac Elam, Jake Eyink, Delaney Hamm, Connor Hachet, Austin Hitte, Ryan Kerns, Olivia Knipper, Elizabeth Kramer, Colson Littrell, Shelby Lucas, Kaylynn Martin, Patience Moss, Christopher Mullins, Jace Murphy, Trey Newsome, Caty O'Hara, Laila Powell, Camryn Riddell, Alexis Taulbee, Brooke Wallace, Timmy Woods, Andrew Zimmerman, Tyler Bond, Max Patrick, and Sarah Waughtal.

The NJHS was established in 1929. Per its website, NJHS is "one of the nation's premier organizations established to recognize outstanding middle level students." NJHS is built on five pillars: scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. FJHS chapter advisors are Nicole Lamb and Jamie Lafferty.

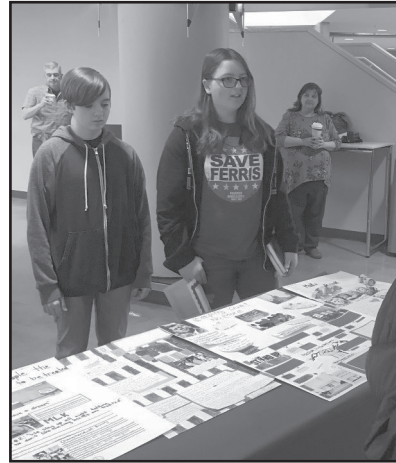
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Students participate in WSU Language Arts Fair

In March, FJHS eighth grade Language Arts instructor Dawn Harris and Kelsey Hartshorn (her WSU student teacher) accompanied seven FJHS students as they made presentations to Wright State staff, students, and other local educators at the annual WSU Language Arts Fair.

Caty O'Hara, Patience Moss, Julia Parks, Hailey Lawwill, Hailey Miller, Alex Shockley, and Kayla Todd shared what they learned in a month-long Civil Rights History unit; they discussed their experiences and shared posters they made in class.

Students also heard presentations by young adult author Cydney Etlar, whose memoirs *The Dead Inside: A True Story* and *We Can't Be Friends* include an account of being forced into a rehabilitation center by her mother. Students were able to meet and talk firsthand with the author



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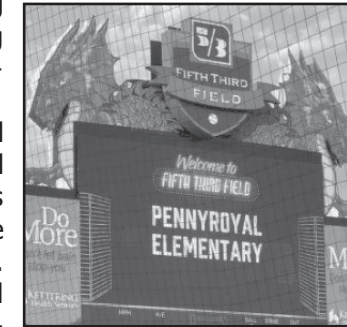
News from Pennyroyal

Pennyroyal Night at the Dragons game

Pennyroyal students and families were thrilled to see the school's name on the big scoreboard when the building enjoyed a recent group outing at Fifth Third Field.

Ten fifth graders received tickets after being selected by their teachers as Dragons MVP winners. Students were selected in five categories. Hustle: Payten Crider and Connor Monk; Sportsmanship: Anthony Roberts and Garrett Elliott; Most Improved: Gaby Smith and Austin Hurst; Captain: Taylor Sperry and Bryce Townsend; MVP: Ethan Fleming and Erica Knauls.

Other students received tickets in a drawing for having participated in a Right To Read Week assignment. All-in-all, 200 Pennyroyal staff, students, and families attended the game.



PuRR pledge

Pennyroyal students recite the PuRR pledge daily: "I am Respectful. I am Responsible. I am a Problem Solver."

Students now have PuRR shirts, which they can wear any day.



Follow Pennyroyal Elementary on Twitter @PennyroyalElem for news, pictures, and updates. Pennyroyal PTO has its own Facebook page: www.facebook.com/PennyroyalPTOFranklin/

Pennyroyal celebrates Dr. Suess Week

Pennyroyal students celebrated Dr. Suess week in March to honor his birthday. Theme days encouraged students to dress up in recognition of specific Suess characters such as the Cat in the Hat, the Lorax, the Grinch, Thing 1, and Thing 2.

Pennyroyal's hallways were also festooned with Dr. Suess-inspired art.

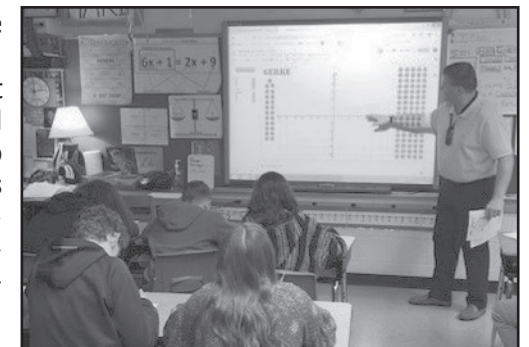
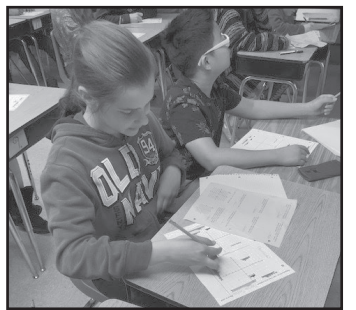


Pennyroyal-Gerke Battleship showdown

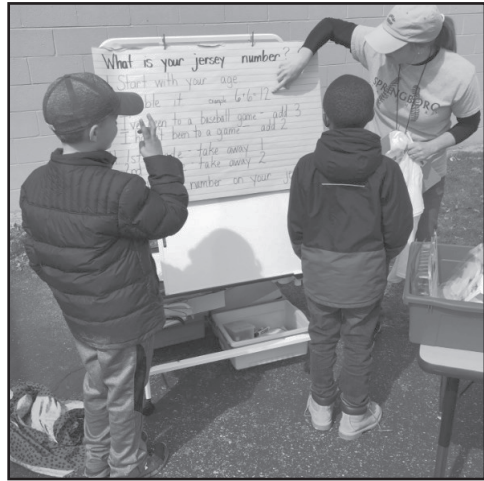
Pennyroyal and Gerke recently challenged each other to a game of Battleship. The annual showdown is part of a math lesson about coordinate pairs; classes use smartboards, Google docs, and inter-school phones to communicate and display the battle field.

Guesses are classified as hits or misses as students determine which direction along grids to move to sink the entire ship.

This project was showcased at the Ohio School Boards Association Student Achievement Fair several years ago.



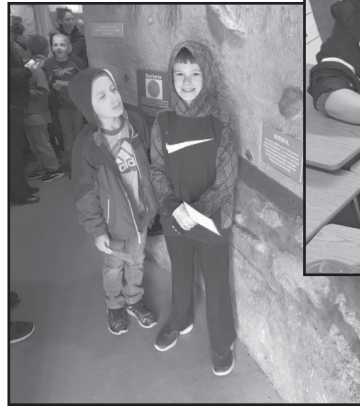
News from Gerke



Opening day, Gerke style! There's nothing like baseball, and Gerke first and second graders celebrated Opening Day in style! Activities included using math skills (estimation, measuring, calculation) to determine jersey numbers, painting numbers on jerseys, eating ballpark-style food, and getting pitch speed measured by a radar gun. The day was a success thanks to parent volunteers, the FHS baseball players, and Lt. Pacifico from the Franklin Police Department.

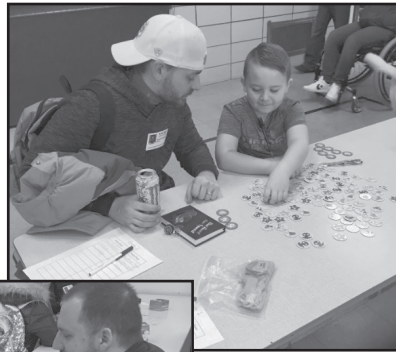
Soil and water conservation visit

Gerke third graders had a visit from the Butler County Soil and Water Conservation Trailer. Students learned about types of soil through hands-on activities.



Fun with math

Gerke students and their families recently enjoyed time together doing math activities. They also had a chance to enjoy the book fair!



Leukemia and lymphoma fundraiser

Gerke student council recently organized a fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. For a \$.25 donation, students could send a sucker and positive message to a friend of their choice. The building raised \$348. Student Council members are pictured here making positive messages. Each student will receive an electronic voucher for a Reds ticket.



Guest readers visit during Dr. Suess Week

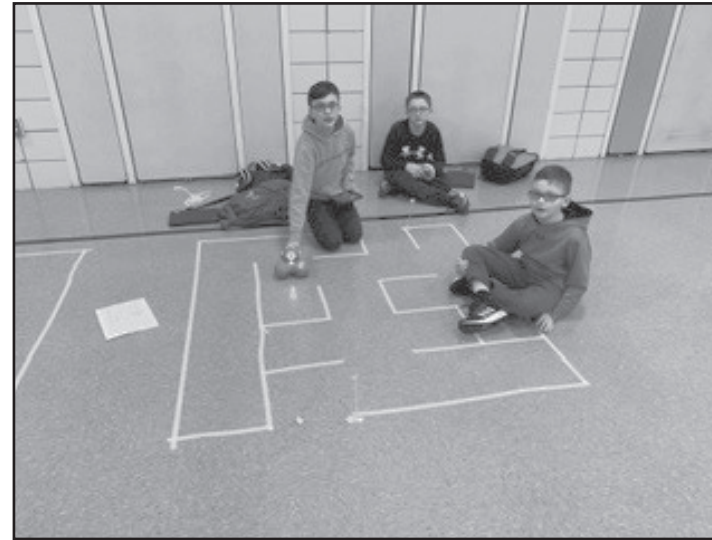
Gerke had guests during Dr. Suess week/Right To Read week. Many, including Franklin Fire and EMS personnel, read to and read with Gerke students.

At right, School Resource Officer Amanda Myers reads to first graders.



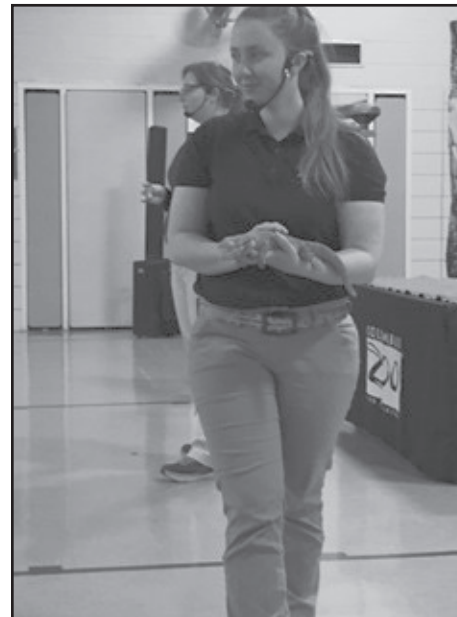
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News from Hunter



Robotics Club

All year, fifth and sixth grade students have been participating in an after-school robotics club. This voluntary club has students working in groups to program a robot to complete different challenges and tasks. It has been a great way for students to practice teamwork and problem-solving skills in a high-interest way. We are very thankful for Mrs. Burnett and Mrs. Hudson-Estepp who donated their time to run the club!



Columbus Zoo Assembly

Hunter students recently enjoyed a visit from the Columbus Zoo. Zoo personnel brought several different animals and taught the students about their habitats and how staff members care for them at the zoo. Students really enjoyed getting to see the animals up close and learning about them. A few brave students even volunteered to hold hissing cockroaches!

Spring PBL

Hunter students are continuing project-based learning projects throughout the spring. Several grades have taken on challenges to better our grounds here at Hunter.

Grades 1 — 3 are building various habitats for insects and plants, and fifth grade is completing a project to support healthy bee habitats in the area. We are excited to see what ideas the students come up with!

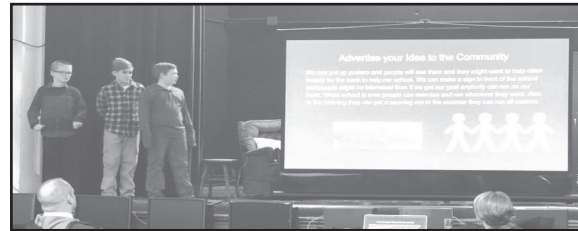
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News from Schenck

Project-Based-Learning implementation, panel judging, and board presentation

Earlier this school year, fifth grade teacher Jenni DeHart and third grade teacher Kimberly Irgens participated in a series of Project Based Learning (PBL) trainings, so that they could implement this model in their classrooms.

PBL is a teaching method in which students work for an extended

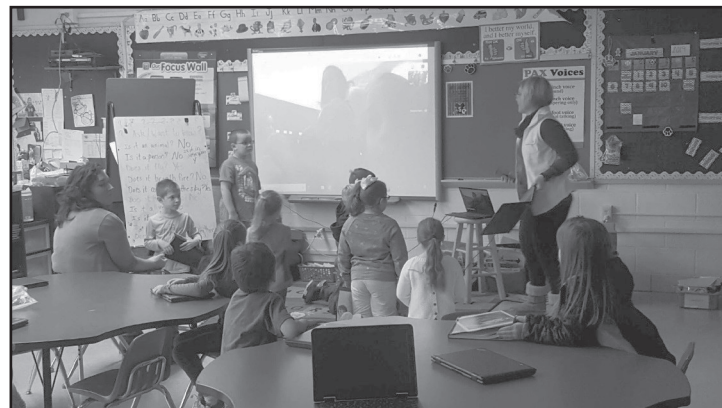
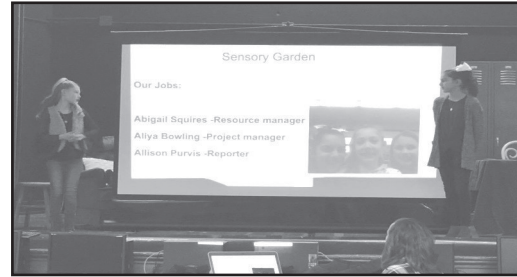


period of time to investigate and respond to a real-life question, problem, or challenge. The teachers worked together to develop an extensive cross-curricular unit to extend Schenck's Outdoor Education initiative.

Their students worked in teams with specific roles and jobs. Then, each team presented their project to their peers, as well as to a panel of judges consisting of several district administrators and Schenck staff. The three finalist

groups selected for their Project Based Learning work presented their proposals for extending Schenck Elementary's Outdoor Education Project at a recent Board of Education Meeting.

Third grade finalists included Allison Purvis, Aliyah Bowling, and Abigail Squires. The two groups of fifth grade finalists were Freddy Meadows, Rohan Barnhouse, and Payne Davidson; and Mylie McGee, Skyler Terzin, and Tristan Hatfield.

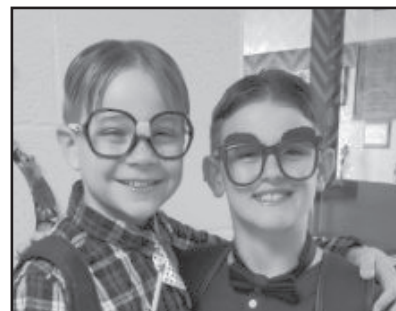


Technology buddies

Mrs. Blair's first graders used Google Hangout to virtually meet with technology buddies in Geneva, Ohio. Students talked with one another, asking questions and learning about each other's school, hobbies, and interests.

Dress-up days

Fourth graders Carrson Franklin and Connor Leach dressed for the part during the school's recent "Nerd Day."



Students had fun with themed dress-up days during the week before spring break. Other theme days included Hippie Day, Twin Day, Beach Day, and Wildcat Spirit Day.



Leprechauns on the loose

Second graders created leprechaun traps in an attempt to catch the mischievous spring character. They explained the workings of their traps and left them on their desks over the weekend. No leprechauns were actually caught, but miniature tools, books, and tiny utensils were left behind for the students.

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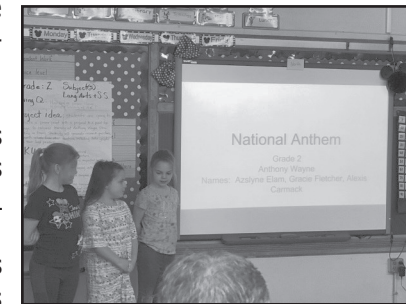
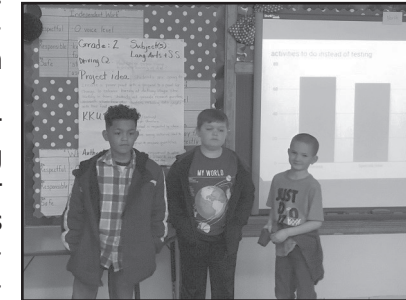
News from Anthony Wayne

Project-Based Learning at Anthony Wayne

Anthony Wayne teachers have been busy crafting and delivering instruction to students through Project-Based Learning (PBL). This district initiative was brought to teachers through our Assistant Superintendent, Robyn Donisi.

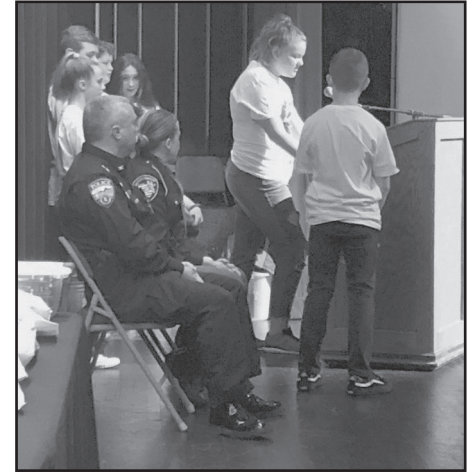
Teachers throughout the school district took field trips to schools implementing PBL and attended rigorous training provided through the Buck Institute for Education to learn how to plan and deliver a successful learning experience for our students. According to the Buck Institute for Education, "PBL blends content mastery, meaningful work, and personal connection to create powerful learning experiences..."

So far, AW second and sixth grade teachers have provided students with extraordinary PBL experiences. Second graders worked in teams to research schools around the world. They presented their findings and ideas on ways their research could make Anthony Wayne a better school to a panel of sixth grade students who had completed two PBL learning experiences. The sixth graders coached and gave feedback



to the students in preparation for their official presentation to a panel of leaders from our school district and community!

In November, our sixth grade students also researched ways to improve learning at AW, and in March, Anthony Wayne students researched information from DARE, Chief Whitman, the HOPE team, Franklin Police department data, online resources, and



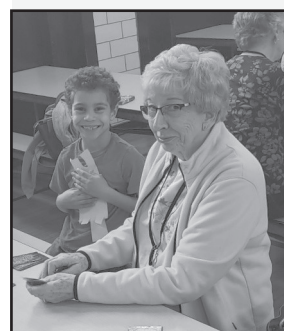
our school community to guide their projects to answer "How can we communicate the resources Franklin has for families impacted by substance abuse?" Students presented their findings at the annual DARE graduation.

PBL has been a valuable learning experience for all of our students!

After-school reading enrichment is huge success

Franklin First United Methodist Church expanded a successful eight-week reading program that began last school year at Anthony Wayne to sixteen weeks this school year.

Anthony Wayne Title 1 Reading Specialists Tracy Holub and Katrina Simas provided school-based literacy activities for tutors to implement with first and second



grade students to help them become better readers. The sessions included a character-building message from Pastor Laura Saunders and recreational time. The final session included an awards banquet with a pizza party, games, and awards for the stu-

Good behavior rewarded at AW

Students in grades 1-6 earned a movie at the Plaza Theatre in Miamisburg as part of the schoolwide positive behavior program.

The event was organized by fifth grade teacher Cindy Clark, who leads Anthony Wayne's student council. Student council members served as ushers and management at the Plaza Theatre stated that not only was this the biggest group they have ever served at the theatre, but it was also the smoothest and best behaved group they ever had for a movie!

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dents. Teachers, tutors, parents, and students all praised the amount of reading growth seen due to participation in the program.

News from the Board & Early Childhood Center

Outstanding alum: Kevin Butt



My father, Wendell, was a United Methodist Minister and moved my family to Franklin when I was entering fifth grade. He was the minister at Hunter Community United Methodist Church for 25 years where I met my wife, Claudia. Her family went to my dad's church and we went to Hunter Elementary school together. She was one of the many great things that came from my time in Franklin. And yes, we have been married for 40 years this fall.

As I look back on my time as a Wildcat, I think of all the teachers, coaches, and friends that helped shape and influence my life's choices and I am forever grateful. I had such a great time in high school — from lifetime friends, playing football, baseball, concert band — to special mixed choir and so many great memories. I was recently inducted into the Franklin High School Hall of Fame. What an honor to be included in such an organization!

After high school, I graduated from Georgetown College with a degree in Environmental Science. I have always enjoyed and appreciated nature and what it provides us. But I also knew we needed to take better care of our resources. This led to a job at the University of KY performing research on how to make fossil fuels a cleaner resource and the potential impacts of acid rain. I spent a lot of time writing technical papers and seeking grant money. It was a great experience, but I moved on to work at AK Steel in Ashland, KY, where I was the Environmental Manager. This was a completely different learning experience that provid-

ed invaluable learning. While at AK, I was approached by Toyota in 1992 to start their first North American Environmental Corporate office. I have been with Toyota for 27 years this July.

My time at Toyota has been very rewarding. I am currently the Director of Environmental Sustainability of our North American operations. In this role I get to set direction and targets for how we reduce our environmental footprint. I'm proud to say we are doing great work. But the greatest part of my job is that Toyota allows me to work in communities sharing what I have learned. I have worked in the Galapagos Islands implementing waste collection programs. I serve on the Yellowstone Park Board where I implement renewable energy projects. (If you're interested, there are some great videos on YouTube.) I also serve on several other boards, but I will mention only one other and that is the National Environmental Education Foundation. This Foundation focuses on educating people of all ages and backgrounds on the importance of making choices that help reduce their personal environmental footprint.

Many thanks to all those Franklin High School experiences that helped shape my life and career.

Nominate an alum! Please nominate FHS grads who've accomplished great things since graduating so we can profile them in this newsletter. Send your nomination and a picture to Dr. Mike Sander, 150 E. 6th St., Franklin, OH 45005.

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ECC days begin with the PBIS pledge

Students at the ECC have been saying their PBIS (Positive Behavior and Interventions and Supports) pledge this year to start their day. The Hampton Bennett ECC Wildcat Way Pledge is: *I am ready to show RESPECT. I am ready to be RESPONSIBLE for myself. I know how to be SAFE. I am ready to have a GREAT DAY!*

Students are asked to think of ways they can show Respect, Responsibility, and Safety. Each morning after the Pledge of Allegiance and the PBIS pledge, the group stops on a key word and gives one child the chance to share an example of how to be positive in the ECC building.

ECC News Brief: Robots, Green Eggs

ECC students celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday week and even sampled Green Eggs and Ham!

Mrs. Coleman's class worked with FJHS students on a robotics project (picture at right).



Fire Safety

Recently, firefighters visited the ECC and showed all the students how to be safe if a fire ever happens at their home. They also got to see a real firetruck and ambulance.



Intro to Tech

Amy Hudson Estep, the district's Educational Technologist, visited ECC students to teach them how to use a computer. Students loved learning how to search for pictures of the word "cat."

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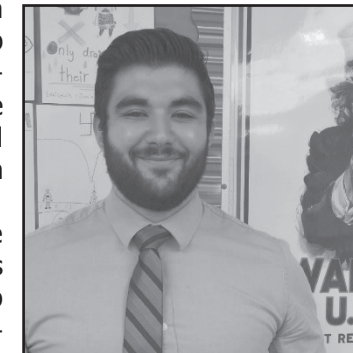
Students honored for achievement

At its March 25 board meeting, the Franklin Board of Education honored Franklin High School students who recently scored 30 or higher on one or more sections of the ACT. Front row, from left: Hannah Koesters, Alex Creech, Davis Mears, Lillian Baker. Back row: Corbon Moss, Braden Hitte, Aaron Blake, Mikey Milligan. Students who were honored but unable to attend the meeting include Spencer Bowman, Trinity Makley, Cassidy McNinch, Brianna Slaton, and Adam Waughtal.

Franklin established the Student Achievement Award in January 2001 to honor students who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in academics, community service, or character. Hundreds of students have been honored since the award's inception.

FHS teacher selected as James Madison Fellow

Lucas George, a first year FHS teacher, has been selected as Ohio's only 2019 recipient of a James Madison Fellowship, and one of only 52 in the country. The fellowship offers up to \$24,000 to individuals who want to become outstanding secondary school teachers of the American Constitution.



Congress established the Alexandria, VA-based James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation in 1986 to improve instruction about the US Constitution.

In addition to the funds provided for master's degree study, recipients are offered the opportunity to attend a six-week teaching institute in Washington, D.C.

Job Opportunities Beyond High School

A recent two-day JOB (job opportunities beyond high school) fair at Franklin High School allowed students to interact one-on-one with representatives from several area companies who had entry-level openings for students just out of high school. Students signed up for interviews with those that they found intriguing.

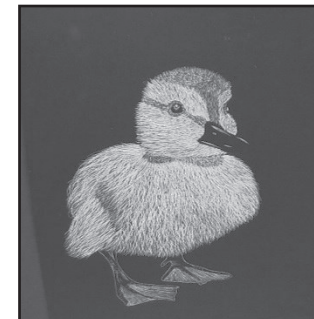
Representatives were on hand from a range of employers including AK Steel, Otterbein Senior Living, ADVICS, Patrick Staffing, the US Census, Waffle House, Greenpoint Metals, HiTek Manufacturing, GMI, High Concrete Group LLC, Atrium Medical Center, and E-Beam Services. Several mentioned offered training tracks and tuition reimbursement.



FHS students in 28th annual student show

Forty FHS students entered their work in the annual student show presented by the Miamisburg Art Guild and sponsored by the Warren County Educational Service Center. Besides Franklin, participating schools included Carlisle, Madison, John Lazares Alternative School, Miamisburg, Springboro, Valley View, the Warren County Learning Center, and Waynesville.

A selection of the many pieces created by FHS students is shown here.



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