

Wildcat Community News

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News from Schenck

Students Celebrate Growth Goals

Academic growth goals were set this year, and students have been working hard to meet their targets.

Throughout the winter months, bi-weekly incentives were awarded to individual students for achieving their goals, as well as monthly rewards to overall classes with the highest percentage of students meeting their goals.

Just before Spring Break, a Growth Drawing was held to celebrate the year's progress, with grand prizes including gift cards and two new bicycles.

Students receiving gift cards included (top photo), left to right: Hunter Wilson (gr. 5), Raegan Smiley (gr. 3), Allison Purvis (gr. 2), and Brooklin Collins (gr. 6). Students winning new bicycles were Carter Johnson (gr.1, above left photo) and Skyler Terzin (gr. 4, above right).



Dr. Seuss's Birthday Fun

Second grade teacher, Miss Masters and students Gracie Hillard, Brayden Dunn, and Brady Brown are all smiles while posing and having fun on Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2.

The class participated in a variety of activities, read, and wrote stories, while learning about the author.



Grandparents' & Special Friends' Breakfast

A total of 115 guests attended Schenck Elementary's Breakfast and Literacy Event for Grandparents and Special Friends on March 29.

Students and their guests enjoyed donuts and then learned together while visiting the classrooms.



Study Buddies

In January, primary and intermediate students combined classes throughout the building and enjoyed working together to research, write, and complete projects. This was a great opportunity for students to meet new friends and learn with one another.



Penguin Parade

Second graders in Mrs. Pecor's class researched the 17 species of penguins. Students found information online, typed reports, and made actual-size replicas of each type of penguin to display on their "Penguin Parade."

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News from Pennyroyal



Welcome to the Jungle

Pennyroyal 5th and 6th graders enjoyed a field trip to Jungle Jim's, where they learned about different foods and business principles. Jungle Jim's International Market, located in Fairfield, carries over 180,000 different products.



Mentos Geyser

What happens when you drop a Mentos in a bottle of pop? Cheryl Miller's 6th grade class recently found out. A chemical reaction occurs between the rough surface of the Mentos and the carbonation in the pop. Mentos are dense and sink fast, pushing the liquid up in a quick eruption. Result = geyser of pop.



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



Kiwanis' Donation

Pennyroyal was recently given more than \$1,000 worth of hardbound books courtesy of the Kiwanis International of Mason. Thanks to Mr. Lake for arranging this donation.

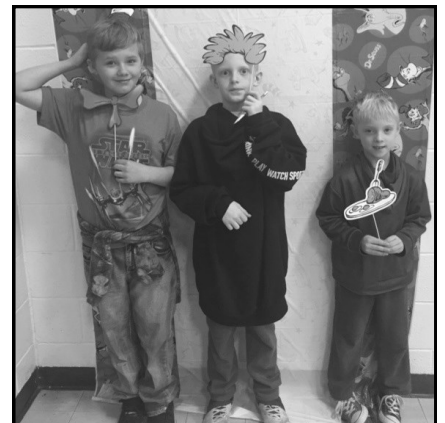


Government, marshmallows, and spaghetti

Mrs. Monk had her students work together in groups to build a tower out of spaghetti noodles and marshmallows. The twist was that the students had to build their towers while following the rules of different types of government including dictatorship and democracy.

Dr. Seuss's B'day

Pennyroyal had a great time celebrating Dr. Seuss week, with many classrooms enjoying activities and everyone enjoying cupcakes supplied by the PTO. Thanks to Mrs. Corbitt and Mrs. Todd for organizing the activities.



News from the Board and ECC

Outstanding Graduate: Jeff Kirby

I love the phrase, "Once A Wildcat, Always A Wildcat," because it is so true. No matter where my life has taken me, my Franklin roots have always stayed with me and given me a source of pride.

My graduating class of 1978 was close-knit and successful when we attended FHS, and still is 40 years later. I feel bad when some people say they did not like their high school experience because mine was great. My friends back then remain my friends today. When my family moved to Franklin from Springboro when I was in the eighth grade, I worried the change might be the worst thing that ever happened to me. Instead, it was the best thing.

After high school, I went to Miami University and the University of Dayton Law School. For seven years during that time I was also the sports editor and feature writer for *The Star Free Press*, which covered Franklin, Springboro and Carlisle as a competitor to *The Franklin Chronicle*. That was an incredible opportunity that allowed me to get to know so many great people, plus get paid to write about them. When I was a player back in high school, I could only dream about being a star



athlete who had a really good story to tell. But instead I became a writer, which turned out to be an even better thing, because now I have had a million stories to tell.

I devoted my next 25 years to becoming an attorney who represented Franklin families. For 22 of those years I also was a magistrate in the Franklin Municipal Court, first under Judge James Ruppert and then under Judge Rupert Ruppert.

When my daughter was a high school cheerleader, I wanted to "help out" so I decided to go back to writing. That role expanded to Franklin games, which included the rock-concert atmosphere created by Luke Kennard. I wrote for *The Chronicle* and also for a "Once A Wildcat, Always A Wildcat" site on Facebook. In 2015 I wrote a book called *We Are Family, We Are Franklin*, which featured all the excitement in Franklin generated during Luke's senior year. All the proceeds were donated to the Franklin Wildcat Scholarship Foundation.

I was elected Judge of the Warren County Domestic Relations Court in 2016, replacing Judge Tim Oliver. I am in the middle of a six-year term. I have been married to my wife Kim for 25 years. Our daughter Chloe recently graduated from Ohio State University and is now at UD Law School.

My dad, Thomas Kirby, graduated from FHS in 1953 and ended up practicing law for 40 years before he passed away in 2008. My sister Jenny Stewart (FHS Class of '80) was a teacher in Franklin schools for 30 years until she retired a few years ago. My brother Joe (FHS '82) is now Judge of the Warren County Juvenile and Probate Court.

Help wanted

Franklin City Schools is in need of bus drivers and substitute bus drivers. For more information on CDL requirements and training to become a bus driver, please contact Tamara Centers in the Transportation Office at (937) 743-8670.

Senior Citizen Activity Passes

Senior citizens (age 62+) living in the Franklin City School district may pick up a pass in the Superintendent's office that will allow them to attend school-sponsored activities, including sporting events and arts performances, at no charge.

Nominate an Outstanding Alum!

Do you know a Franklin High School grad who's accomplished great things since graduating? We want to profile one of our many outstanding graduates in these quarterly newsletters. To nominate someone, please submit their picture and a paragraph or two about their accomplishments.

Info may be emailed to msander@franklincityschools.com or mailed to Dr. Mike Sander, Superintendent's Office, 150 E. 6th St., Franklin, OH 45005.

ECC Activities

Students at the ECC have been very busy: They recently celebrated the 100th day of school, practiced a tornado drill, had a robot demonstration, prepared for first grade by taking a last MAP test to show all they have learned, and celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday week.

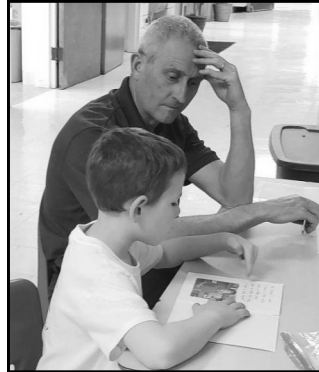


News from Anthony Wayne

Tutoring program is big success

Franklin First United Methodist Church partnered with Anthony Wayne to provide reading enrichment to first and second grade students. This eight-week program included recreational time, character building messages to students, and literacy activities designed to help students become better readers.

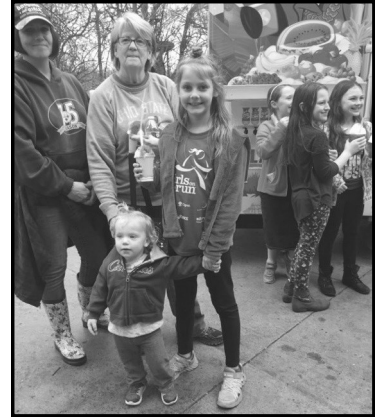
Since the program was a success, it will be extended to 16 weeks for the 2018-19 school year!



Lunch on the lawn

The Anthony Wayne PTO recently hosted a Lunch on the Lawn for families and community members.

Students, families, and members from city council, police, and fire all enjoyed lunch together with a special treat from the Kona Ice Truck!



Warren County Archives visits 2nd graders

Jenifer Baker, Deputy Archivist, Warren County Archives visited AW's 2nd graders and demonstrated how things have changed over the last several hundred years in Franklin.

Jenifer brought old documents like maps, wills, and even a deed for land by William C. Schenck, the founder of Franklin!

The Archives is housed at the Warren County Administration Building in Lebanon. The facility houses some of the oldest and most invaluable records of the county, dating back to 1803.



Project Excellence

Susan Curry was selected as one of the district's two Project Excellence winners for 2017-18. She is in her 32nd year of teaching, 29 of which have been in Franklin. She currently teaches third grade.

Teachers are nominated for the award by peers, parents, and students, and are honored with the other county winners at a banquet in May. This year marks the 31st year of the Project Excellence Award.



Jump for the Heart

Anthony Wayne students had a great time at Jump for the Heart, raising over \$1,400!



Follow Anthony Wayne on Twitter @AnthonyWayneEle for news, pictures, and updates.

News from Franklin High School

Partnership creates IT program pathway

A new program at FHS will allow students to graduate with both a high school diploma and one year of a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Technology. Students who successfully complete the coursework will earn priority acceptance to either the University of Cincinnati (UC) or Sinclair Community College (SCC) in the Information Technology program, where they'll enter as second-year students.

This Early College Information Technology Pathway is the result of a new partnership among FHS, Warren County Career Center (WCCC), SCC, and UC. The agreement was formally signed at a ceremony at FHS March 7.

Students would benefit financially by graduating from high school with one year of college at no cost to them, then continuing their education at either Sinclair's tuition rates and scholarships, or the chance to earn money while cooping through UC.

FHS principal Kelli Fromm said the program will be marketed to current and incoming freshman and that she expects 50 to 60 students will sign up the first year.

In 2018-19, FHS will share an instructor with Waynesville High School. She added that the goal is to build enough student enrollment to support a full-time teacher at FHS in the second year. The instructor is hired through the WCCC.



Over their four-year high school career, FHS students would take three academic and seven IT classes that together comprise the first year of the BS degree. Academic classes must be College Credit Plus or AP classes and the seven IT classes include Intro to IT, Intro to Computer Programming, Programming II, Intro to Networking, Database Applications, Web Design (HTML/CSS), and Networking II.

Upon graduation, students could enter SCC as a second-year student on a pathway to earn an Associate's degree in IT one year after graduation. Alternatively, students could enroll at UC as a second-year student. Enrolling at UC would allow students to participate in UC's co-op program. Continuing with the programs, students could earn a Bachelor's Degree in IT three years after graduation and a Master's in four.

Dr. Hazem Said, Head of the UC's College of Education, Criminal Justice, & Human Services School of Information Technology, complimented both Franklin City Schools and the Career Center for their creativity and leadership in adopting the program, noting that a number of other districts had the opportunity to pursue it but did not.

Jesse Ferguson, a current FHS freshman who plans to enroll in the program, said that the best part for him is being able to get his Bachelor's degree in three years.

Competition Cheer Squad retakes state title

The Varsity Competition Cheer Squad won the OASSA Division III state championship in Columbus on March 4. On the way to the title, the group beat 20 other squads who had qualified for the state competition. The win achieved the squad's goal to "Take It Back," as they had placed as the state runner-up in 2017 after winning the championship in both 2015 and 2016. The outgoing seniors completed their high school careers with 3 state titles and 1 runner-up finish.

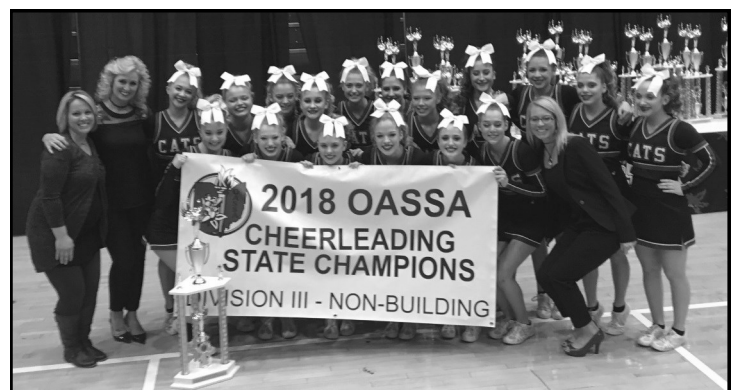
The 17-member squad is made up of seniors Karalyne Dreyer, Kaitlyn Jones, Karli Kinser, Brianna Sizemore, Brooke Sizemore, and Makayla Wills; juniors Katie Coffey, Leah Dubray, Kayla Gillespie, Taylor Hall, Riley O'Connor, and Brighton Tinch; sophomore Kelsea Madden; and freshmen Brandi Burns, Kendall Downs, Summer Jones, and Josie Whaley. The Franklin squad is coached by Katie Kinser, Tanya Simpson, and Cassie Blair.

This is the fourth state championship for the coaches; they won their first state title in 2012.

Follow FHS Administration on Twitter at @AdminsFHS for news and updates.

Project Excellence

Keith Vinson was selected as one of the district's two Project Excellence winners for 2017-18. He's in his third year at FHS where he teaches Honors Biology and Environmental Science. Teachers are nominated by peers, parents, and students, and are honored with the other county winners at a banquet in May.



News from Gerke



Virtual Field Trip

Mr. Slone's 5th grade social studies classes took a virtual reality field trip of the American Revolution via the Smart Board.



Wall Coaster

5th graders in Mrs. Rose's class made a wall coaster.



Book Club

Mr. Enneking started a book club this year. The club read Suzanne Collins' book *The Hunger Games* together during lunch twice each week. Students and parents then watched the movie after school one Friday afternoon.



Family literacy: Paws for Math

177 students and parents attended a family math literacy event in early March. Families worked on math skills together, including computations, multiple operations, and creating equations. The PTO provided refreshments, and families also had the chance to visit the book fair.



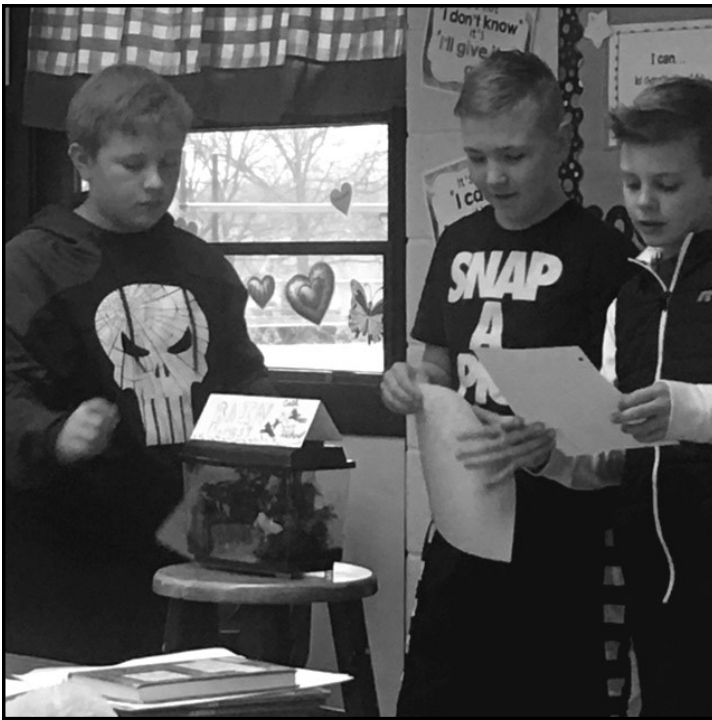
PBIS Shirts

Gerke second graders had a chance to model new T-shirts for the building's PBIS program. PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. PBIS is a school-wide initiative that rewards students for being respectful, responsible, and reliable which makes Gerke a great place to be!



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News from Hunter



Energy and Ecosystems

The fifth graders learned about Energy and Ecosystems. They explored all different areas of the world and ended the unit creating models of biomes. Small groups chose a specific ecosystem and made a plan. They brought items from home that would fit into their container, then spent one day building ecosystems and then displaying them.

Since all scientists need to know how to communicate results from their investigations, each group member was responsible for writing a paragraph about one organism in their container and how each organism is inter-dependent with the others.

Finally, the second grade classes were invited to look at the projects and learn about them from the 5th graders. Everyone enjoyed learning about Ecosystems.



Muffins with Mom

Students recently enjoyed time together with their moms over breakfast treats.

Olympic fun

Hunter's first and second graders recently enjoyed the Winter Olympics, not just on television, but in the classroom. Learning activities included the following:

- Reading Olympics, where each child was challenged to earn a gold medal by logging minutes and completing a writing activity for each book read.

- Tracking the Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medal Count for 30 of the countries that participated.

- Learning the world's continents and oceans.

- Reading and writing about each Winter Olympic Sport.

Additionally, students engaged in a number of Olympics-related STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Math) activities:

- Science*: Learning about gravity and center of balance

- Technology*: Using Google Sheets to create Olympic medal counts

- Engineering*: Designing a curling stone and trying the design on a curling board

- Art*: Designing flags that represents themselves

- Math*: "The Case of the Missing Gold Medal" — solving math challenges, earning clues, and using logic to discover who stole the gold medal.



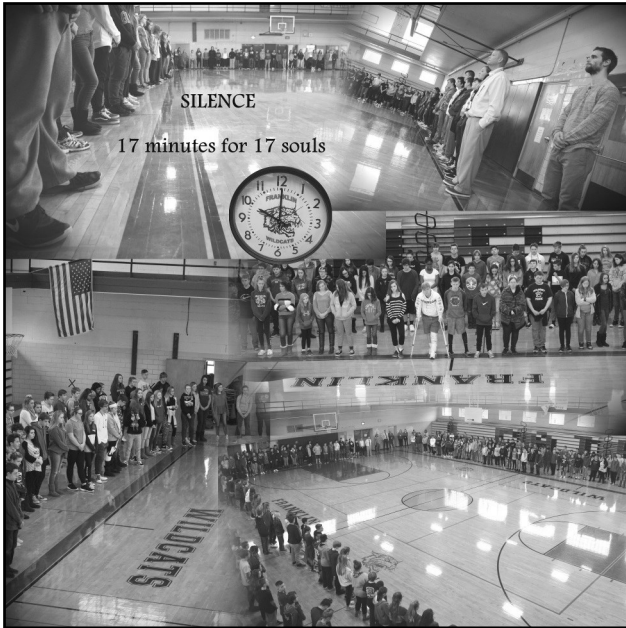
Basketball Jones

Motivational speaker Basketball Jones recently visited Hunter, bringing messages about character and anti-bullying, along with some crazy fun with basketballs!

News from Franklin Junior High

Students observe 17 minutes of silence

On March 14, FJHS students gathered to honor the 17 victims of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Students who wished to participate gathered in silence for 17 minutes to memorialize those victims and to show support for school safety.



2018 SWBL 8th grade Champions!

The 8th grade boys basketball team defeated the Bellbrook Eagles 65-57 in tournament play to take home the SWBL championship.



NJHS Inductions May 17

The FJHS Chapter of the National Junior High Honor Society will hold inductions on Thurs., May 17, 7 p.m., in the FHS Auditorium. The NJHS was established in 1929.

To be inducted, students must demonstrate excellence in not just academics, but in leadership, service, and character. This will be the 4th class inducted at FJHS.



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