

## News from Schenck

### Girls on the Run begins

Twelve 4th and 5th grade girls, along with coaches, Cassie Blair, Jenni DeHart, and Kim Tarango, started Schenck's "Girls on the Run" team in February. Girls on the Run is a non-profit organization that inspires girls to be healthy and confident, builds positive peer relationships, and creatively integrates running. The girls have worked hard to prepare for their participation in a 5K run/walk event, which will occur May 7 in Cincinnati, beginning at Paul Brown Stadium.

Our GOTR team also recently completed a community outreach project by coordinating a school-wide spring canned food drive and donating the items to Franklin's food pantry.

The Girls on the Run team members include Reghan Hall, Destiny Van Winkle, Riley Hall, Maria Koss, Cadence Crocker, Whitnee Coffey, Faith Ellis, Savannah Albaugh, Kara Jones, Mikayla Campbell, Zoe Back, and Olivia DeHart.



### Father-Daughter Dance

Schenck girls enjoyed an evening of music, food, and fun with their father or father figure at our first Father-Daughter Dance on February 26.

This event was coordinated by Schenck's PTO, with staff and parent volunteers. Fitzgerald Flowers and Franklin Florists donated flowers and centerpieces.

The evening was very well attended, full of smiles, dancing, and fun, and will likely become an annual, highly-anticipated event.



### Integrating Technology into Language Arts and Science

Mrs. DeHart's 5th graders have been studying Landforms of North America. As a culminating activity, students used technology to create



informational brochures highlighting the various types, locations, and details of landforms to demonstrate their learning.



Mrs. Bailey's science classes are using technology to research and display their knowledge. 5th graders studied food webs, and students rotated

through a variety of learning stations, researching and participating in unit activities. 6th graders were given a menu of differentiated activities from which to choose while studying cells. Students worked in small groups, with partners, and individually to create board games, videos, and children's books to show and share what they had learned.



### Grandparents' Day

In conjunction with our 60's-themed Spring Book Fair and discovering many *GROOVY* books, students celebrated the week by inviting their grandparents to school for lunch.

137 grandparents visited the school during the week. Visitors enjoyed eating with the students, getting their pictures taken in the peace bus, and browsing the items at the Book Fair.



# News from Hampton Bennett & the ECC

## Board approves purchase for 1:1 initiative

During the 2014 levy campaign, the Franklin Board of Education made a promise to increase the number of computers in the classrooms. At their March 21 regular meeting, the Board took an important step toward fulfilling that promise by approving the purchase of up to 610 laptops.

Implementation will begin during the next school year, as laptops will be provided to all 7th graders and to a pilot group of thirty 9th graders. One or two mobile computer labs will be purchased for each elementary building and the high school. The mobile labs will have 30 laptops each for a total of up to 360.

Students who are issued a laptop will be assessed a technology fee of \$50 annually (\$25 for students on reduced lunch).

The goals for adding the laptops are to:

- ◆ increase access to technology for students in order to increase their engagement and productivity and to provide authentic, relevant learning experiences.
- ◆ allow learning to extend beyond the school day so students may learn anytime and anywhere.
- ◆ provide equal access to students with disabilities.
- ◆ increase students' 21st century skills.

The machines designated for purchase are Lenovo 11e Chromebooks; these were selected for their durability, long battery life, and fast boot times. The use of Chromebooks supports the district's recent adoption of Google Docs as the work platform.

The total cost of the laptops and mobile labs will not exceed \$221,000. These funds come from federal reimbursement of expenditures the district made to address technology infrastructure. The reimbursement is based on the district's percentage of students eligible for free and reduced lunch.

## Attention: Parents of Juniors & 6th graders

The Ohio Department of Health has released the immunization requirements for the upcoming 2016-17 school year. Seniors (12th graders) will be required to have two MCV4 (Meningococcal serogroup A, C, W, and Y) vaccines. 7th graders will be required to have one MCV4 (Meningococcal serogroup A, C, W, and Y) vaccine. At the beginning of the 2016-17 school year, students who do not have the required immunizations will be excluded after the fourteenth day of school per Ohio law. Please contact your school nurse for more information.

Meningococcal disease is a serious bacterial illness and the leading cause of bacterial meningitis in children ages 2-18 years old. Meningitis is an infection of the covering of the brain and spinal cord which can lead to loss of limbs, deafness, seizures, strokes, or problems with the nervous system and death. Meningococcal disease is most common in infants under one year of age and 16-21 year olds. There is an increased risk of meningococcal disease for college freshman living in dormitories and people with certain medical conditions such as lack of a spleen.

Please refer to this link for more information:  
[www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/mening.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/mening.pdf)

## Help Wanted

Franklin City Schools needs qualified applicants to serve as substitutes in all Classified positions including Transportation, Custodial, and Food Services. For more information on CDL requirements and training to become a bus driver, please contact the Transportation Office at 937-743-8670.

If you would like to obtain more information on applying to be a substitute in our Custodial or Food Service Departments, please contact the Business Office at (937) 743-8600.

## ECC students work on literacy skills; celebrate with a dance

ECC students had a chance to celebrate Valentine's Day with a dance. Some invited family members to dance with them; others danced alone or with classmates. DJ Kenny Smith provided the music.



That same evening, students and their families had a chance to work together on literacy skills, such as matching letters and identifying vowels.



## Happy Birthday, Dr. Suess!

March 6 was Dr. Suess's birthday and the Early Childhood Center students helped celebrate by dressing up, making hats, and creating characters.

(Pictures courtesy of the ECC.)



# News from Anthony Wayne

## Girls on the Run

Fifteen girls at Anthony Wayne Elementary are participating in the Girls on the Run program. Each student stays after school twice a week for 12 weeks to take part in classroom activities designed to teach self-esteem, teamwork, community involvement, and healthy living through physical activity.

The girls also spend time training for a 5K run with coaches and running buddies that will take place at Paul Brown Stadium on Saturday, May 7. The Anthony Wayne girls have also been selected to sing the National Anthem to kick off the 5K at 9:40 a.m.

The Anthony Wayne team is coached by Megan Milne, Jill Osleson, Katrina Simas, Joy Caudill, Madison Thompson, and Emily Temple.

The team includes Makenzie Hamilton, Lacey Larick, Jade McKinney, Kylie Moreland, Tegon Phipps, Tara Showalter, Abby Shryock, Emily Shryock, Payton VanWinkle, Trista Carpenter, Emmalee Hensley, Brianna Quillen, and Emma Witt.



## Risk Watch

Franklin Firefighter Kyle Lovelace worked with Anthony Wayne students in grades 1-6 on a program called Risk Watch, a comprehensive program created by the National Fire Protection Agency that gives children the information and support they need to make positive, health-promoting choices about their personal safety and well-being. Topics



such as motor vehicle safety, fire and burns, choking, suffocation, strangulation, poisoning,

falls, firearms, bikes, and water safety have been presented to the students.

Thanks to the Franklin Fire Department for providing this important service to our students!

## College and Careers

The seeds of college and careers have been planted throughout the school year with Anthony Wayne 5th and 6th graders.

The students have practiced applying for jobs, writing cover letters, and exploring career options in fun and creative ways. In fact, just before the holidays students wrote cover letters for job applications and applied for different jobs in the North Pole!



Students also completed a college and career readiness quiz, which revealed possible careers to match their interests. The 5th and 6th graders visited Miami University and Wright State University where they learned about the educational requirements for a wide variety of

career fields. Students are also scheduled to visit the University of Dayton in early May. During each of the visits, the students took tours of each campus, learned about the history of college, and learned about opportunities for scholarships, as well as financial aid.

Students were also visited by a representative from Sinclair Community College who spoke to them about what they needed to do to prepare for college, as well as

showing the students possible major areas of study at Sinclair.



As a culminating event, Anthony Wayne will be having Career Day in mid-May where members of local businesses will be visiting Anthony Wayne to share all about their jobs with students.

# News from Gerke

## Chains show gains!

Gerke students made paper chains to show their gains on MAP assessments. Each chain link represents one point of growth that was measured between the beginning of the school year and in December through MAP assessments. Students were tested again in March.

Above, Mrs. Hipsher's students showing off their math gains. At right, Mrs. Smallwood's class hung chains representing their reading gains to show their progress.



## The science of sound

Mrs. Rose's 5th grade science class shows their homemade sound instruments.

5th graders recently studied sound, and the things that have an effect on it such as pitch, length, etc.

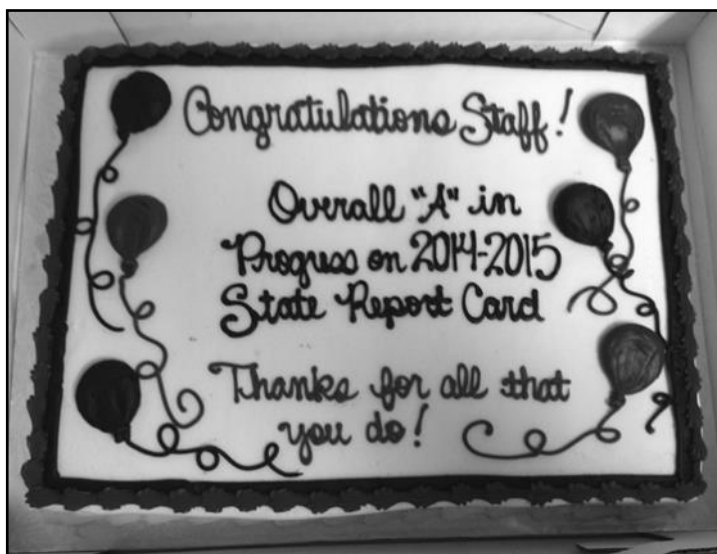


## Studying Picasso



Students in 5th grade recently learned about Pablo Picasso in Mrs. Roberts' art class.

## Celebrating academic success!



Gerke celebrated getting an overall "A" on the measure of progress called Value-Added on last year's state report card!

# News from Hunter

## Munchies with Mom

On February 18, Hunter had a great turn out for their Munchies with Mom event. Over 150 moms, grandmas, and others joined our students for a donut and juice before school.



## “Good Luck” to a former Hunter student

Hunter students were excited to say “Good Luck” to former Hunter student Luke Kennard in the Duke-Oregon game. This signed banner was posted on the Hunter Elementary Facebook page.



## Fun with Math

Mrs. Burnett’s class had a chance to enjoy some hands-on math activities.



## How High?

Mrs. Current’s 2nd grade class recently worked in groups to build the tallest, free-standing structure they could with a given set of supplies.



## More Hunter activities

- ◆ In early February, Hunter students raised money for good causes. Students took part in Hunter Healthy Heart and the student council sold suckers to raise money for heart health. Students sold Valentine Grams to raise money for fitness equipment.
- ◆ Hunter primary students will enjoy field trips this spring. With the upcoming election, 1st and 2nd graders will visit La Comedia to see a performance of “Duck for President.” 3rd graders will visit the Boonshoft. In May, 2nd graders will visit the Newport Aquarium and the 1st graders will visit the Cincinnati Children’s Museum.
- ◆ On March 1, Hunter hosted its Spring Book Fair. Many students purchased books. Based on sales, Hunter was able to place \$100 of new books into each classroom.

# News from Franklin Junior High School

## Straight A tickets

Eighty four FJHS students recently earned Straight A Tickets from the Cincinnati Reds. The Straight-A Program was founded in the 1960s by the late Bob Howsam, Reds Hall of Fame GM and the architect of the legendary Big Red Machine to honor excellence in the classroom. Students must be in grades 7-12 and have an "A" average in a grading period chosen by his or her school principal. FJHS students who earned tickets include:

**7th graders:** Ahmad Abu-Alwafa, Garvin Adams, Fiona Baker, Hayley Canter, Skylar Cox, Jeffrey Davis, Molly Eynk, Jesse Ferguson, Jessica Garcia, Jacob Griffith, Ashley Hall, Hannah Hall, Hailey Hamilton, Victoria Hamilton, Joel Hines, Samantha Hopper, Bailey Ingram, Jacob Isaacs, Kennedy Jones, Summer Jones, Elise King, Alec Kristian, Andrew Kuntzman, Lexi Lewis, Robert Lipps, Gavin Lloyd, Hayden Martin, Lorna Metzger, Alissa Nicholson, Drake Oakes, Elizabeth O'Hara, Anish Patel, Ethan Reed, Alexa Repp, Jordan Rogers, Brian Salmons, Kaitlyn Stottlemeyer, Adeline Taylor, Holly Thornton, Skylar Warden, Kyla Williams, and Gabrielle Winkle.

**8th graders:** Kamry Abdushahid-Fuller, Elyce Aldridge, Heather Coker, Megan Combs, Hannah Cundiff, Cameron Deaton, Tyler Dishun, Samantha Earnhart, Olivia Faulkner, Alizabeth Fields, Reya Gast, Devant Geter, Kaylee Harris, Timothy Jansen, Zachary Johnson, Kylie Kerns, Jared Kremer, Drew Lawson, James Lewis, Kelsea Madden, Chloe Miler, Corbon Moss, Kyra Napier, Trinity Nease, Christian Pajo, Sidnie Penny, Alison Perez, Michael Philippe, Devyn Powell, Madison Powell, Karsen Quillen, Karlie Rickard, Blake Shirley, Noah Stephens, Chase Swain, Bryan Thacker, Ashley Townsend, Alexis Vanderyacht, Taylor Whiteman, and Braden Woods.

## Franklin supports Madison

In March, FJHS showed their support of the Madison school district by signing/writing messages on a banner. The large Wildcat paw is shown supporting a Madison Mohawks "M" and represents how much community means to Franklin. Students and staff also wore red to show they stand strong with this neighboring district.

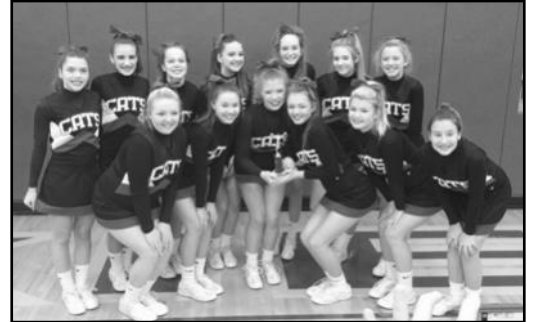


## SWBL champs

The FJHS Competition cheer squad won the SWBL title at Dixie HS on February 14. They ended their season February 21, at the Cheer for a Cure Competition at Centerville High School, placing first out of six squads.

Congratulations to the FJHS 8th Grade Boys Basketball Team for winning the league tournament, beating Madison 62-60 in overtime. Congrats to Coach Russell and his team their undefeated season!

Congrats to the FJHS wrestlers who were SWBL League Champs and to their coach, Jeff Sams.



## Sleeping Beauty and the Beast

A bumbling-but-cheerful Prince Charmless, a snarling Snow White, a helpful Headless Horseman, an adventurous Puss 'N' Boots, a very lonely Beast, and a slew of other characters appeared in the FJHS production of Wade Bradford's *Sleeping Beauty and The Beast*. Cast members included Alex Griffith, Sidnie Penny, Addie Taylor, Derek Stidham, Jayden Jackson, Sadie Morris, Maddy Back, Katy Trevino, Hannah Cundiff, Harleigh Budzak, Holly Thornton, Grace Carver Tori Hamilton, Emily Ryan, Kaitlyn Mockabee, Hannah Houchins, JJ Davis, Harleigh Sturgis, and Taylor Torrance.



# News from Franklin High School

## Miamisburg Art Show

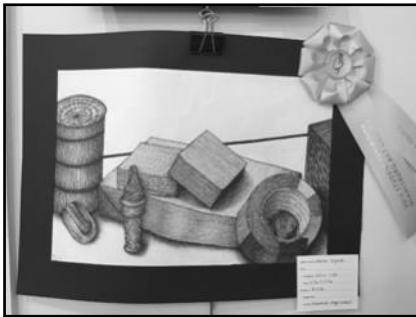
Franklin High School was recently honored for its 25 years of participation in the juried student show at the Miamisburg Art Gallery. The district has participated since its inception.

Current art teacher, Kelly Muhlenkamp (center) and former art teacher, Peggy Hostetter (left), accepted an award on the district's behalf. They are pictured with Tom Isaacs, Superintendent of the Warren County Educational Service Center.



Congratulations to the following students:

- Portraits: Alisha Raney, 2nd place.
- Figures: Anna Eyink, 2nd place; Siok Kiam Dosado, 4th place; Bella Purdy, Honorable Mention.
- Still Life: Anna Eyink, 3rd place; Mackenzie Faulkner, Honorable Mention.
- Animals: Alisha Raney and Belinda Morris, Honorable Mention.
- Other: Jessica King, Honorable Mention.



## Competition Cheerleaders win State!

Congratulations to the Franklin High School competition cheerleaders and coaches for winning their second consecutive OASSA Division II State Championship.

This is quite an achievement and we congratulate these Wildcats for all of their hard work and dedication.



## Choir earns "superior" rating

The Franklin High School Symphonic Choir earned a "Superior" rating in the OMEA District 13 Choir Contest on March 11, which qualifies them to participate in the OMEA Southwest State Contest in Eaton on April 29-30.

## West Point Leadership Conference

Two Franklin High School juniors recently attended a leadership conference hosted by the West Point Society of Cincinnati. Matt McGrew and CJ Trevino were both selected to join other students from Tri-State high schools.



The conference focused on training young leaders to follow the ethical leadership model employed by West Point and taught to the cadets there.

Matt and CJ participated in a series of small-group sessions and were required to apply the leadership model to a variety of scenarios.

Both young men represented FHS well and hope to bring this decision-making framework back to the FHS community.

## Environmental Science field trip

Mr. Vinson's classes met with the Warren County Soil and Water group and discussed soil management. Students were introduced to a computer program that allowed them to see soil types and how professionals choose areas for building farms, homes, pools, etc.

They visited the City's water treatment plant, where they learned how water is drawn from the aquifer and how it's treated before arriving in homes. At the waste-water treatment plant, students observed how waste-water is treated and cleaned before it's returned to the river.

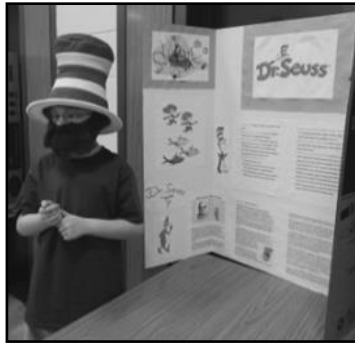
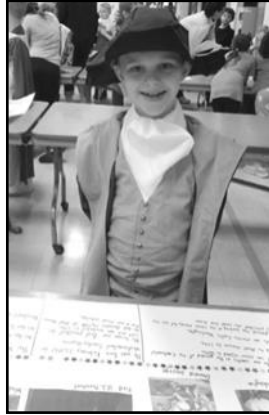
This trip allowed students to see what is occurring in their own backyard. These experiences are a part of the effort to make students in the environmental sciences career- and college-ready and to offer them real-life experiences.



# News from Pennyroyal

## Pennyroyal Wax Museum

Pennyroyal 2nd graders recently completed a unit on biographies. Their final project was a wax museum, where they portrayed famous figures, and shared info about their lives. Visitors, who included other Pennyroyal students, family, and friends, had the chance to learn about a wide array of people including Dr. Seuss, Amelia Earhart, Anne Frank, Clara Barton, Mozart, King Tut, Betsy Ross, Annie Oakley, Babe Ruth, Abigail Adams, Queen Victoria, Walt Disney, Derek Jeter, George Washington, and many more.



## Battleship game teaches coordinate pairs

Mr. Lake's class (Pennyroyal) and Ms. Garrett's class (Gerke) challenged each other to a game of Battleship as part of a unit about graphing and coordinate pairs. The classes used Smart Boards and telephones to play. Students took turns guessing where the other class's fleet was positioned.



## Pennyroyal garden project update

The organic garden project partnership between Pennyroyal and the Warren County Career Center is progressing! Students filled raised beds with amended soil, and plan to plant early spring crops like lettuce, radishes, and spinach to enjoy at a "Salad Day" before school is out. A crop such as sweet potatoes may be planted at the end of the school year to be enjoyed in the fall.



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