

Wildcat Community News

News from Franklin City Schools | Nov. 2017

News from Hunter

Environmental Education

Worms, compost, natural resources, and trade were some of the topics on the agenda when the Warren County Solid Waste Management District visited Hunter Elementary. Classes enjoyed presentations and hands-on demos. Third graders learned about the value of the simple earthworm — that they create the organic part of soil that is food for plants.



4th grade students had the chance to understand resource scarcity and distribution by working in teams to create an Earth Day card. Items needed to make the card were distributed unevenly among the teams. After each team chose a trade ambassador, they had to work out how to trade their excess resources for ones they lacked.



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PTO Halloween Party

On October 10, the Hunter PTO sponsored a Halloween Party at Pisanello's in Franklin. Students had the opportunity to play games and enjoy pizza, salad, and dessert. Several students and parents attended and had a great time.

The students and staff would like to thank the PTO for their hard work and their continued support of the students and staff at Hunter Elementary.



Fire Safety

On October 11, three members of the Franklin Township Fire Department spent the day talking with students about fire safety.

The firemen were Tim Osner, Zaw Myint, and Shawn Acrey. They each have children attending Hunter Elementary and Hunter appreciates them spending the day with our students and staff.



Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports

Hunter implemented a new school-wide initiative to reward students for "being safe, being respectful, and being responsible."

This new behavior system started Sept. 25. Teaching staff developed a plan to make Hunter Elementary the best place for ALL students to learn and to succeed and to be a place where students enjoy coming to school each day.

Students demonstrating these qualities were rewarded with a celebration on Oct. 12. In the gym, they listened to music, visited with friends, and danced if they wished. Hunter's goal is that all students reach the school's goals and have the opportunity to celebrate many times throughout the year.



News from Schenck

Study Buddies

Students in 3rd grade and 6th grade had the opportunity to work and learn together as "study buddies" throughout the design process to create airplane prototypes, test their designs, make modifications, and measure the flights of their airplanes



Technology in the classroom

Schenck teachers are working to use innovative and creative ways to integrate technology into their classrooms. Even the youngest students are using technology daily. First graders in Mrs. Blair's class recently learned how to use Google Classroom to work on assignments and turn in their work in a paperless way. Google Classroom is a free collaboration tool for teachers and students, in which teachers can create an online classroom, distribute assignments, have conversations about the assignments, and track progress. Students enjoy this method of learning and interacting with their work and teachers.



Eclipse Lessons

The solar eclipse provided a great opportunity for learning about the solar system and tracking the passing of the moon between the earth and sun. Classes participated in a variety of activities on August 21.

The PTO provided every student with eclipse glasses so that they were able to safely view the eclipse.

Mrs. Tarango also built an eclipse viewing box that the students could use for a different way to see the event. Mrs. Dehart and Mrs. Bailey agree that their students' futures are so bright, they need to wear shades!



Lending a hand to Hurricane Relief

Students and staff enjoyed dressing to a daily theme and collecting money to donate to the American Red Cross, in an effort to help those impacted by the recent hurricanes, Harvey and Irma. A total of \$580.11 was collected and donated in the four days following Labor Day.

Pictures of students dressed in the theme of "what they



would like to be someday," and a photo of students holding the donation check to the American Red Cross.



News from the Board and ECC

Nancy C. Sharts-Hopko, PhD, RN, FAAN, ANEF, CNE is Villanova professor

When asked to share memories of Franklin, 1971 FHS graduate Nancy Sharts-Hopko said, "I have a strong affinity to Franklin High School. Both of my parents and my mother's sisters were first-generation high school graduates, my mom, Dorothy Kinder, graduating in '19 and my dad, John Sharts, in '20. My brother Jack, was '66. My aunt, Doris Kinder, taught in the Franklin City Schools, and my dad's commitment played out in his service on the school board for 12 years when I was in school."



"After high school I headed to Indiana University to major in music. That did not last too long, as I realized that there were so many people more talented than I that earning a living would be a challenge. I gave in to the family enterprise of health care, and transferred to the School of Nurs-

ing. After IU, I followed my fiancé to New York City, where I practiced in the neonatal intensive care unit at Cornell University College of Medicine/New York Hospital. I earned graduate degrees at New York University, and I have taught at Lehman College, in the Bronx, the University of Delaware, and then Villanova University (whose mascot is a wildcat) since 1986. I had the opportunity to work for the World Health Organization in Bangladesh in 1983, and as a Presbyterian Church Associate in Japan, 1984-1986. My son, Carl, was born in Tokyo in 1985. I am a Professor in the College of Nursing at Villanova University, and in 2002, I developed the PhD Program that I directed for 15 years. In the 1980s-1990s I served in the Army Reserve, which brought me into contact with amazing people from all over the country, including my husband, Joe, a nurse consultant with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services."

"I am profoundly grateful for the foundation I gained in the Franklin City Schools — I want to thank everyone who taught me in school, Sunday School, summer park programs, Girl Scouts, 4-H, you name it. Franklin was a great place to grow up."

Nominate an Outstanding Alum! Do you know a FHS grad who's accomplished great things since graduating? We profile an outstanding alum in these quarterly newsletters. Nominations may be submitted to msander@franklincityschools.com or Dr. Mike Sander, Superintendent's Office, 150 E. 6th St., Franklin, OH 45005.

Hall of Fame induction

Eight outstanding alumni were inducted into the Franklin High School Hall of Fame on September 16: Danny Retherford ('65), Greg Little ('74), Irv Kenerly ('75), Karin Back ('92), Dr. Tara Tibbs Jones ('93), Nick Monk ('96), and John Kremer ('02). They joined 78 individuals and 3 teams who have previously been inducted.

The Hall of Fame Committee is Lori Raleigh, Brian Bales, Pam Bishop, Dr. Rick Chamberlain, Jim Mears, Steve Peters, and Don Sellman.

Persons wishing to nominate someone for induction should contact the superintendent's office.

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.

Kindergarten and preschool news

The Early Childhood Center had 148 parents attend the annual Boo Hoo breakfast where they learned about kindergarten and what is expected.

Mrs. Sigler's preschool class has been studying buildings and have been making towers, castles, schools, houses, and garage using recyclables. They have also taken a walk to observe buildings surrounding the school and have seen the library, police station, fire department, post office, and more.

Mrs. Fasano's preschool class has been studying plants: the parts of plants, what they need to grow, how plants help animals and people, and the vast differences among plants in the plant kingdom.

At the ECC's family reading event on Oct. 24, students and families worked on math and reading concepts together doing Halloween-themed activities, such as making a shape monster.



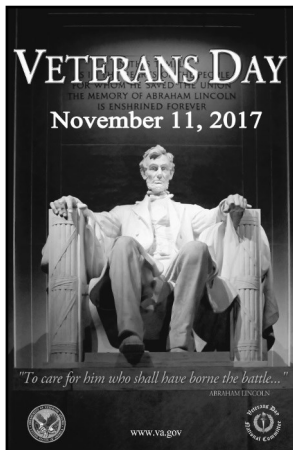
News from Franklin High School

Veterans invited to program Nov. 10

All area veterans are invited to attend the annual Veterans Day Program at FHS on Friday, Nov. 10, in the McDade Auditorium. Veterans are asked to arrive by 8:45 a.m.

The program will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m.; a reception will follow in the Franklin High School library.

Persons with questions should call Zach Katris at (937) 743-8611, ext. 1256.



Class of 2018 has 24 in the 30+ACT Club

FHS honors students who achieve a 30 or higher on any section of the ACT; the max score is a 36. A 30 puts students in approximately the 95th percentile nationwide.

Based on their ACT scores as juniors, the class of 2018 has 24 students in the 30+ Club; 12 students earned a composite score of 30 or higher. 30+ Club students receive a T-shirt and special parking privileges.

Fromm breaks FCS' last glass ceiling

When Kelli Fromm took the reins as principal at Franklin High School this year, she broke the district's last glass ceiling. While female principals have led all of the elementary buildings and the junior high, and females have served in both the superintendent and assistant superintendent's roles, Fromm is the first female administrator at Franklin High School.



She said former FHS principal Jim McFarland told her she was the first and added, "I'm thrilled, and think it's a bonus to see females in leadership positions."

Fromm said she's a Dayton-area girl who hails from Bellbrook where she graduated from Bellbrook HS. She noted that she was the first on either side of her family to graduate from college. She's in her 8th year with the district, having served as assistant principal at Franklin Junior High School for 6 years and principal at Pennyroyal Elementary last year. She said in her time here she's built relationships with students, families, community members, and siblings of students.

Prior to Franklin, she taught 10 years at Bellbrook High

Start with Hello program implemented

In September, Franklin High School kicked off the Start with Hello program under the guidance of social worker Jocelyn Bialk. The aim is to break through social barriers early in the school year, when social patterns begin to form. Some students may form groups, while others may be left out or isolated. The goal is to break through social barriers so students will be more comfortable and the school community will be inclusive.

The interactive program was implemented at lunch, as that's the time when many students report feeling left out the most. Students from LinkCrew (a student leadership organization) served as ambassadors.



While students were initially taken aback by this new experience, using the conversation starters, they began to engage, laugh, and get to know each other.

School, primarily 10th grade American History and 12th grade AP Government. She always envisioned herself back at the high school level, which she describes as her "wheelhouse." She also comes to FHS with the advantage of knowing the current students from her days as assistant at FJHS.

She pointed out that, "Kids are kids, and they want to know you, to see you smiling, and to see that you care about them," but noted that the pace of high school is fast and the stakes are higher: Students must pass their courses and amass enough credits to graduate. Fromm said the first weeks of school had been very positive with minimal discipline issues and a lot of positive energy in the building. She praised the senior class, who she said is "setting a great tone for the building."

When asked her goals for the year, Fromm named several: A graduation rate as close to 100% as possible; a 95-96% attendance rate; and improvement on the end of course assessments. She also wants to foster a collaborative culture for the building so that it's a place where the kids and teachers want to be, where issues are addressed as they arise, and where everyone is treated with respect. At the end of the school day, she hopes "everyone feels good about being here."

Fromm said, "I feel like since I've been in Franklin, I've touched every grade; I know where our kids are coming from and now I'm getting to work on where they need to end up and I think that's a blessing."

News from FJHS

FJHS Pinwheels Honored 9/11

7th and 8th graders in Molly Bender's art class planted patriotic pinwheels in the front lawn of Franklin Junior High School on Sept. 11.



The students, who were born after 9/11, learned about the day's events via an interactive online timeline, then created pinwheels that represented 9/11 or a patriotic theme. Mrs. Bender noted that an international movement, Pinwheels for Peace, observes International Day of Peace every Sept. 21.

Rachel OBryan creates winning design

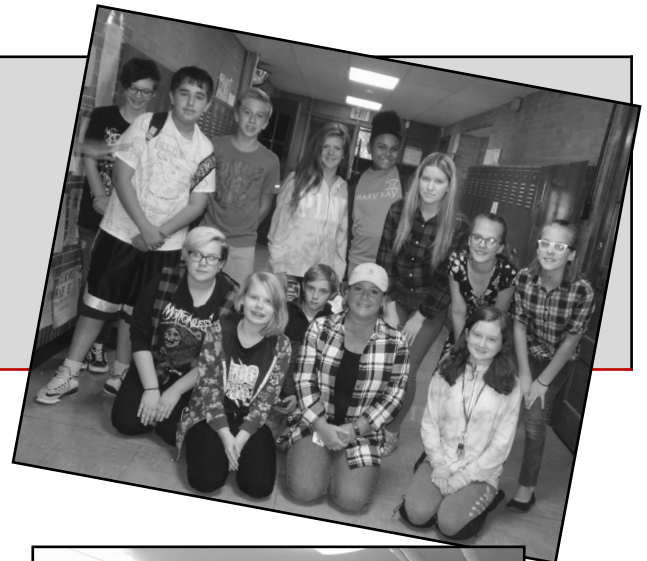
FJHS 8th grader Rachel OBryan submitted the winning design for the annual Washington DC T-shirt design contest. FJHS students submitted designs which were narrowed to seven. The eighth grade class voted on the final design.



Rachel, who said the contest guidelines limited color choices to red, black, and white, developed a couple of designs. The dome, with Franklin in red, was her favorite. She said that digital art is her favorite medium. Her art teachers have been Mrs. Bender and Mrs. Strong.

Hurricane supply drive

Franklin Junior High partnered with the City of Franklin and Pennyroyal Baptist Church to collect supplies for Houston and surrounding communities. Classes spent two weeks engaging in some friendly competition to see which could bring in the most items, with the winning class earning a pizza party. Classes were asked to donate at least 40 items to be part of the competition. Holly Daniels' home-room was the winner, with the class donating 117 items.



Eclipse

The Aug. 21 eclipse was the perfect opportunity to study the functions of the eye. Holly Daniels' science classes dissected sheep eyes the day before the eclipse to learn about the parts of the human eye. "I felt it was important for the kids to know what parts of their eye could be affected and what purpose they serve in our eyesight," she said. The classes learned that the retina of a sheep's eye is blue to help with night vision, unlike humans' red retinas.

The classes also talked about how eclipse glasses block dangerous rays from the sun so that only the safe visible light of the spectrum filters through. Classes viewed the eclipse through NASA glasses.



News from Gerke

Positive Behavior Intervention Supports

Gerke has initiated a PBIS plan. PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Intervention Supports. This involves doing things in individual classrooms that recognize positive behavior. An example is the 2nd grade "Brag Tags." (Pictured at right.)

Students compete in the cafeteria by grade level to see which grade levels do a better job with noise and cleaning up after themselves. Grade 1 competes against grade 2, 3rd against 4th, and 5th against 6th.

Grade levels can earn points that accumulate quarterly for a small reward.



myON reading winner

Kendra Allen was Gerke's winner of Franklin City Schools' summer myON reading contest. myON is a personalized literacy environment, integrating technology with students' reading ability and their choice of books. For every hour that Franklin students read between May 29 to July 28, they received one entry into a contest to win a Kindle Fire.



Eclipse

Gerke students had the chance to view the partial eclipse on Aug. 18.

Eclipse glasses were made possible by a donation from Wing Eyecare Inc.

Gerke Student Council

Gerke recently elected its 2017-18 student council. 4th grade reps are Alex Kincaid, Landon Middleton, Ainslee Lloyd, and Jaylah Shepherd. Rayne Hisle is alternate. 5th grade reps are Hailey Hitte, Garett Raleigh, Kaizer Downey, and Audrey Sove. Brooke Hurst and Jayla Wilbourn are alternates. 6th grade reps are Caleb Jones, Ava Krauss, Kaylynne Flores, and Harlee Lamb. Kendra Allen and Patience Moss are alternates. Mr. Slone is the advisor.

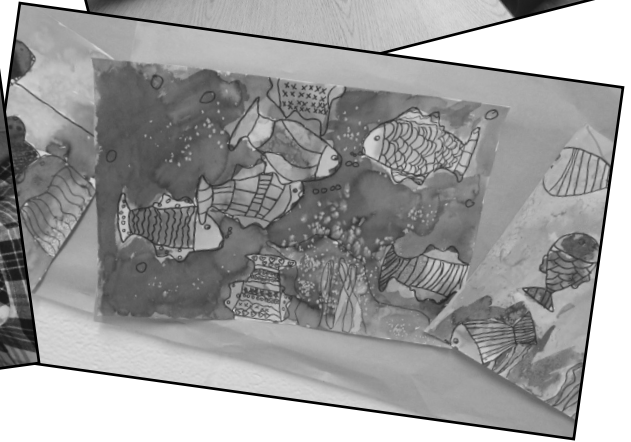
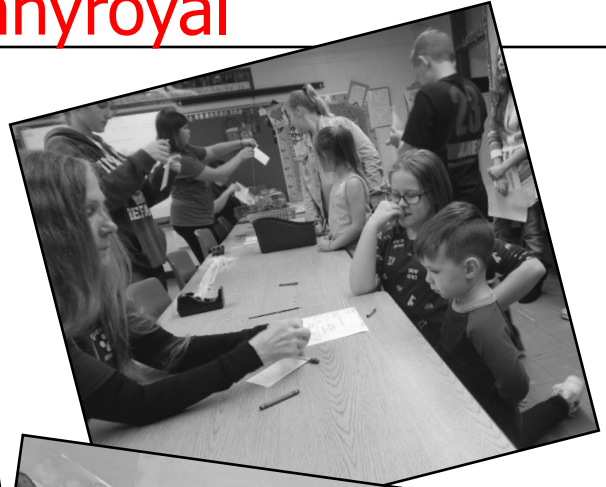
Student Council's plans for the year include:

- Starting a school newspaper. Articles will be written by students and edited by Mr. Slone.
- Raising money for a bookshelf that can be shared where kids can take and leave books for each other.
- A candy drive to send candy to kids who've been affected by recent hurricanes. This is being organized through FEMA.
- Pennies for Patients for kids with leukemia.
- Spirit Days throughout the year.

News from Pennyroyal

Pennyroyal Family Fun Night

Pumpkin decorating, hayrides, a cakewalk, a bonfire, live music, and contests were just some of the fun things available at the Pennyroyal Family Fun Night. Students and families had a chance to work on math and reading concepts together while enjoying food, student art, and the book fair. Over 500 people attended.



Eclipse

Pennyroyal students had an opportunity to view the eclipse on Aug. 21, using eclipse glasses to ensure eye safety.

DARE

Pennyroyal 6th graders continue to learn about making good choices during their DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) classes. One popular lesson is when students try to walk a straight line while wearing "Drunk Goggles" to find out what it's like to drive while under the influence of alcohol.



All district 6th graders will graduate from DARE on Nov. 13, 9 a.m., at Franklin High School.

Thank you for your service!

Pennyroyal Elementary continues its "Thank You For Your Service" program. This honors police and fire department personnel and first responders plus active or retired military service men and women who make Franklin and America a safe place for everyone. Those persons who visit Pennyroyal are invited to sign the Banner of Appreciation, and time permitting, to visit a classroom to capture a picture with students and maybe answer a few questions!

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

News from Anthony Wayne

Anthony Wayne's Three "Be's"

Anthony Wayne students recently learned 3 school-wide behavior expectations: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe. Students participated in a large group assembly followed by each individual classroom visiting common/shared areas (hallways, restrooms, etc) throughout the building where staff members instructed students on positive behavior expectations to make Anthony Wayne "The Place to Be."

Family Fun Night

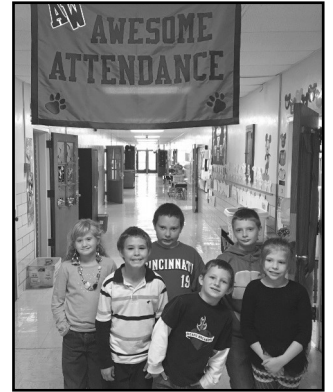
AW students and families enjoyed time together working on math skills at a recent Family Math Night. They then were treated to supper and a carnival sponsored by The Vineyard.



AW's Awesome Attendance

Anthony Wayne students celebrate winning the "AW Awesome Attendance Banner."

The attendance banner travels weekly to the hallway with the highest attendance percentage. The school-wide goal for Anthony Wayne is to have a daily attendance rate of at least 95%!



Star Lab

The Dayton Challenger Center brought Star Lab, a portable planetarium, to Anthony Wayne. AW students learned about constellations, UV light, and deep space objects.

Thanks to AK Steel Laborers Local 534 and the AW PTO for bringing this learning experience to AW Wayne students!



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