

Wildcat Community News

News from Franklin City Schools | February 2019

News from Anthony Wayne

AW hosts MUSE Artist-in-Residence

MUSE performing artist Michael Lippert collaborated with Anthony Wayne fifth and sixth grade students and teachers to create an original performance based on difficult-to-learn social studies (Mesopotamia) and science (space) concepts.

Spoken rhymes and pantomimes allowed the students to learn complex concepts and to share them with the audience.

An excerpt from the Mesopotamia script about the creation of written language reads:

It's time for a language

That we can write down

To remember to record

Let us look to the ground

We dig up the clay

With a wedge we make marks

We call it cuneiform

So we can make our mark!

Now we have a written language you see

It will make our lives easy

Students performed for Anthony Wayne students, staff, and parents to display their excitement and learning!

Funding for the MUSE artist-in-residence at AW was provided by the McLane Foundation through a special student



achievement grant, as well as through a Learning Links Grant through The Greater Cincinnati Foundation.

Per their website, Dayton-based MUSE Machine "brings learning to life through arts-integration residencies in schools across the Greater Miami Valley Region."

The program, started in 2006, has worked with over 60,000 students and shared with over 150,000 community members!



Spirit Week food drive

Under the guidance of Mrs. Cindy Clark, the Anthony Wayne Student Council sponsored a spirit week to collect canned foods. As a result of their efforts, students donated over 1,000 cans to local food pantries for the holidays!



Gingerbread house construction

First graders in Mrs. Green's class built a Gingerbread House as part of a STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art Math) project.

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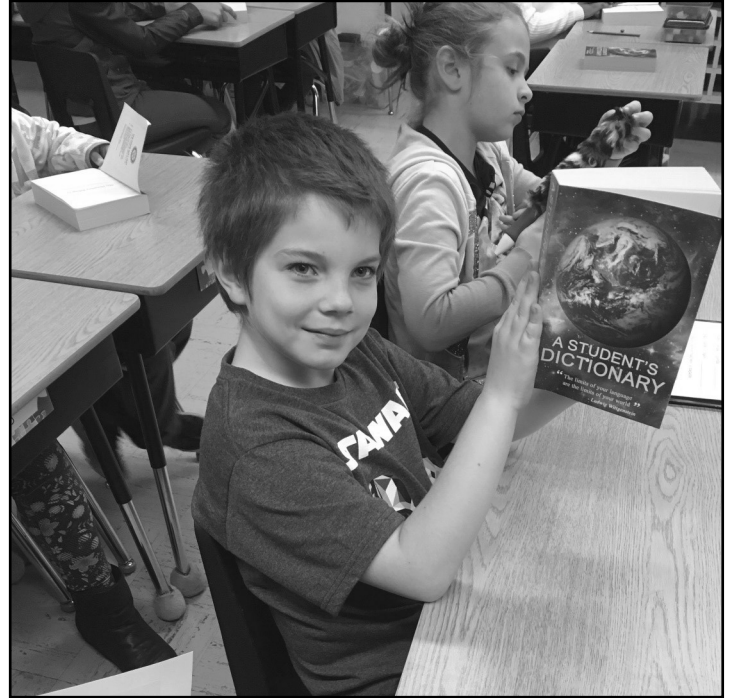
News from Gerke

First graders visit FSPL



Gerke first graders took a walking field trip to visit the Franklin-Springboro Public Library, where they learned about the services the library offers and got library cards of their own.

Rotary Club donates dictionaries



The Franklin-Carlisle Rotary Club donates dictionaries to all third graders in the Franklin and Carlisle school districts.

Fifth graders recreate Franklin landmarks

When teacher Matt Slone pointed out all the donated materials that had gone into the creation of Franklin landmarks, he said, "Without the community of Gerke, we would not have been able to create the community of Franklin."

5th graders completed a nationwide STEAM project combining engineering and social studies lessons by exploring their community to note — and then to recreate — historic buildings, attractions, or other notable places they found to be most interesting. After exploring the city using Google Expeditions, students worked in teams to build city landmarks using mostly graham crackers, pretzels, Rice Krispy treats, and mints (all of which had been donated by students' families) and hot glue. Some of the landmarks included Gerke, the lions bridge, FHS, FJHS, the clock tower building, the Harding Museum, the library, and Community Park. Pictures shown above are only a sample. See the building's Twitter page for more.



Robotics Club

Gerke has a Robotics Club for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. At the end of the school year, Gerke students will compete against Hunter students in a friendly robotics competition at Hampton Bennett.

Nutrition Project

Sixth graders did a project on fast food, nutrition, and exercise. They worked in groups of three to examine fast food menus and the menu items' associated calories. Students then determined how much exercise that they had to do to burn the calories associated with any given meal.

News from Pennyroyal

Veterans Day focuses on Adam's Hope

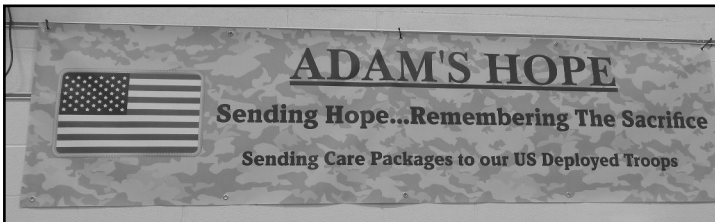
On Nov. 9, Pennyroyal observed Veterans Day with an assembly that included a flag-folding ceremony and that focused on the stories of military personnel. Several local veterans, active service members, and recent enlistees shared their experiences.



One story the students heard was about Germantown-based Adam's Hope, named for Cpl. Adam Jones, a Marine who served in Iraq, Haiti, and Afghanistan. His mother sent him boxes (care packages), which he always shared with fellow soldiers. Cpl. Jones gave his life on April 27, 2011, in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

Per the website (www.adamshope.com), his family says "...it would be Adam's hope that we continue to give to the troops serving overseas while they are fighting for us and our country."

Inspired by the Adam's Hope story, Pennyroyal students embarked on a service project to support the initiative. Students donated items (to be included in boxes to be shipped overseas); students were also asked to write letters and draw pictures to be included. Additionally, the building's annual Turkey Trot raised money to be donated to Adam's Hope.



Class tapes Mrs. Meek to the wall

Mrs. Currin's class recently won a competition to bring in the most Box Tops. Their prize: the opportunity to duct tape Mrs. Meek to the gymnasium wall.

She was pleased and relieved that when the stools were removed — the duct tape held!



Rotary Club donates dictionaries

Rotary clubs all over the country participate in a project to donate dictionaries to third grade students in their service area. The Franklin-Carlisle Rotary Club donates to every third grade student in the Franklin and Carlisle school districts.

Students' creativity shines on dress-up days

In December, Pennyroyal students and staff had the chance to dress up in a variety of Christmas/winter themes: Baby It's Cold Outside (wear a favorite winter scarf and hat); Decorations of Red on a Green Tree (wear red and green); Mad About Plaid (wear a plaid flannel shirt or



flannel pajamas); favorite Christmas Character (e.g., snowman, reindeer, elf, Santa, Grinch, Cindy-Lou Who, *Frozen* characters); and Deck the Halls (get decked out in a tacky Christmas outfit).

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

News from the Board & Early Childhood Center

Outstanding alum: Janine (Jani) Darragh



"My fondest memories of Franklin would have to be of Riverdays — back when it actually took place on the riverbank on the west side of town. The games, the music, the friends and fun made it almost better than Christmas for me, and I'm still proud of my first-place finish in the Cow Chip Throwing Contest back in 1982 (even

though I had to throw that gold-painted-cow-chip-trophy away many years ago)," said Jani Darragh, a 1990 graduate of Franklin High School.

Jani attended Anthony Wayne, FJHS, and FHS. She earned a bachelor's in Secondary English Education and English as a Second Language (ESL) from Ohio University in 1994, a master's in Curriculum and Instruction from Ohio University in 1999, and a Ph.D. in Language and Literacy Education from Washington State University in 2010.

With over 23 years' teaching experience, Jani is currently an associate professor of literacy and ESL at University of Idaho where she works in the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences, preparing students to be English teachers. She's published over 25 articles in academic journals, six book chapters, and her co-authored book *Reading for Action: Engaging Youth in Social Justice through Young*

Adult Literature is scheduled to be released in the summer of 2019.

In addition to teaching, Jani works with mentors and supports English teachers in rural Nicaraguan schools and in Kakuma Refugee Camp and the Kalobeyei Settlement in Kenya. She was recently selected to serve as an English Language Specialist for the United States Department of State, a public diplomacy initiative that sends experts in the field of English language education to lead short, intensive English language teacher training projects overseas.

Prior to taking the post at the University of Idaho she taught at Whitworth University in Spokane, Wash., and was an English teacher at Waterford and Granville high schools in Ohio.

Darragh said, "Any success I have had in my career stems from the wonderful foundation I received from the many teachers and coaches I had throughout my years in Franklin School District. The friends I made, and the experiences I had, both as a student and through extracurricular activities like gymnastics, band, and yearbook definitely have shaped me into who I am today, and I'm grateful to have grown up in such a wonderful, supportive community."

She's a third generation Wildcat. Her late grandfather, Bob Darragh, graduated from Franklin High in 1929 and her father, Dan, graduated in 1960.

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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Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year will begin February 20 for all students turning five by August 1, 2019.

Parent/guardian should complete the online pre-registration application beginning Mon., Feb. 18. If you do not have a computer one will be available at the Welcome Center. Once you have completed the online registration you will be required to make an appointment beginning Wednesday, February 20.

The following documents are required for registration:

- ◆ Original Birth Certificate
- ◆ Custody Papers/Court Ordered Placement (if applicable) (Divorce Decree, date stamped and signed by judge /magistrate). Note: If you are in the process of acquiring custody, you must have documentation from court confirming legal proceedings have been initiated. There is a 60-day legal completion process for the student to continue enrollment at Franklin City Schools.
- ◆ Shot/Immunization Records
- ◆ Parent/Guardian Driver's License
- ◆ Proof of Residency (Rental/Lease agreement, Settlement Statement, Land/Purchase Contract, Copy of

Deed, Electric or Water Bill. Items listed are the only items that will be accepted.

- ◆ Social Security Card

Students will not be admitted until all of the above requirements have been met.

We strongly encourage families to complete the registration of their kindergarten student as soon as possible to assist in the proper placement of all students. If you have any questions, please call Central Registration at (937) 743-8602.

To begin the online pre-registration go to:
<https://registration.franklincityschools.com>



Turkey Time!

ECC students enjoyed celebrating Thanksgiving by making turkeys!

News from Franklin High School

Holocaust survivor speaks to drama club

In 1939, Henry Guggenheimer and his mother escaped Germany after a Nazi Storm Trooper living in their neighborhood told her to "Get out of Germany as fast as you can." Henry, age 11, and his mother eventually arrived in San Francisco after traveling through Russia, Mongolia, China, Korea, and Japan. Their passports bore large red J's to indicate that they were Jewish.

At the invitation of FHS English teacher and theater director Jeff Sams, Guggenheimer recently spoke to members of the FHS drama club. Sams arranged the session to provide the students with context and background for their winter play, *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

Students were mesmerized as Guggenheimer recounted Jewish persecution: Jews' jobs were taken away and shops and stores were closed to Jews until 4 or 5 p.m., when the prices went up for Jewish shoppers. Jews were forced to have their valuables inventoried and anything of value was confiscated, including his mother's wedding ring. "They stripped you of anything that made you human," he said. "They took your life away from you."

Guggenheimer noted that Kristallnacht, or "The Night of Broken Glass," was actually a two-day period when windows of all Jewish businesses, synagogues, homes, and schools were torched and vandalized. He attended school at a Jewish orphanage, as Jews were forbidden to attend German schools. That ended during Kristallnacht when the SS raided and closed the orphanage and set fire to the orphans' belonging. Half of the 78 children escaped Germany; the others died in concentration camps.

His mother, who worked as a traveling saleslady following his father's death in 1928, was desperate to get Henry out of Germany, and arranged for him to travel to England via Kindertransport, the British-organized rescue mission. Of the 10,000 Jewish children who escaped to England to live with British families, very few were ever reunited with their parents, as most of the adults died in the camps. Fortunately for the Guggenhiemers, their visas came through two weeks before Kindertransport would have likely separated Henry and his mother forever; instead, they left Germany together.

FHS will present *The Diary of Anne Frank*, Feb. 15 & 16 at 7 p.m., and Feb. 17 at 2 p.m.

Senior citizens are invited to a complimentary lunch (11 a.m.) and special performance (12 p.m.) on Feb. 14. Call FHS to make reservations: 937-743-8610.



Boys basketball team gives back

The boys basketball team recently took part in several service projects, one at Stratford Heights Church of God and another at Patriot Manufacturing Group in Carlisle. The owner of Patriot purchases gifts for area families during the Christmas season. For the past several years, the boys basketball team has been invited to wrap the gifts.



FHS inducts 37 into National Honor Society

Six seniors and 31 juniors were recently inducted into the FHS chapter of the National Honor Society. NHS membership is one of the highest honors that high school students can achieve, and recognizes students for outstanding character, scholarship, leadership, and service. Students must have a minimum GPA, and are nominated by teachers.



Seniors inducted were Kayla Gillespie, Brayden Hall, Sierra Makley, Maggie Moore, Emily Newton, and Dylan Powell. Juniors inducted were Elyce Aldridge, Mary E. Baker, Allisyn Brinkman, Hannah Cundiff, Tyler Dishun, Kristin Earles, Madison Earles, Samantha Earnhart, Will Emrick, Olivia Faulkner, Pierce Finton, Devant Geter, Haili Groves, Kaylee Harris, Zach Johnson, Jared Kremer, Drew Lawson, Kelsea Madden, Shannia Mangroo, Chloe Miller, Kyra Napier, Sidnie Penny, Alison Perez, Madi Powell, Karsen Quillen, Adrianna Richards, Karlie Rickard, Noah Stephens, Brooke Stover, Ashley Townsend, and Braden Woods.

Chapter officers are Alexis McGregor, president; Cooper Daniels, vice president; Kelly Fultz, secretary, and Davis Mears, treasurer.

The NHS chapter honored two teachers of the year: Dawn Harris, FJHS, and Steven Burnett, FHS. The group's advisors are Alisa Humphrey and Melissa Edwards.

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News from Schenck



The Grinch movie turns 52

On Tuesday, Dec. 18, many students and staff wore green to celebrate the 52nd Anniversary of the release of Dr. Seuss' original *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* movie.

All were reminded of the significance people can make in someone's life and that, although the Grinch was originally mean-spirited and grouchy, he was able to change his ways and grow his heart by finding kindness and friendship through others.

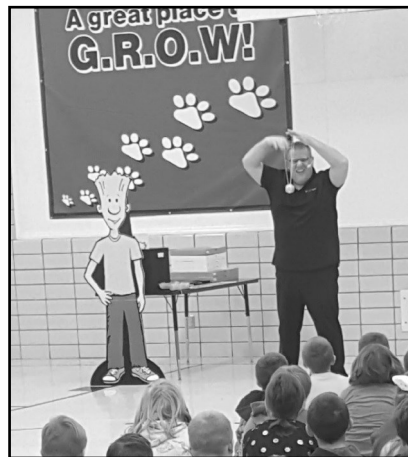
NED growth mindset assembly

Students and staff thoroughly enjoyed a visit and message from NED, a character in search of his growth mindset.

- ◆ N: Never Give Up — to understand the POWER OF YET
- ◆ E: Encourage Others — to spark courage in other people
- ◆ D: Do Your Best — to always be learning and growing

Ned's mission was presented through storytelling, humor, magic, and yo-yo tricks. Throughout the performance, students were encouraged to activate their own growth mindset to overcome social, emotional, and academic challenges.

Students had the opportunity to purchase yo-yos, the proceeds of which go toward paying for NED to perform at another school.



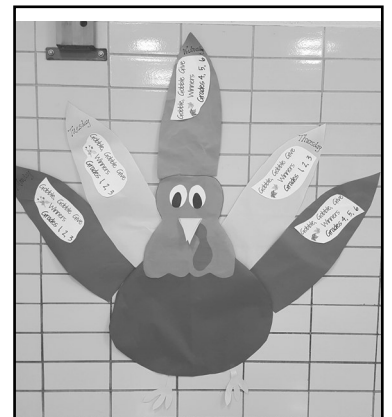
Turkey Trot benefits needy family

Schenck students participated in a little friendly competition between the primary grades and intermediate grades the week before Thanksgiving. Students brought in change to donate to help provide Christmas gifts for a needy family. Each day, the winning group added a feather to the "Gobble, Gobble, Give Turkey."

Most students also brought in \$1 to participate in the Turkey Trot, which was held on Monday, Nov. 20.

By the end of the project, students and staff donated a total of \$1,323.56!

Teachers shopped for clothes and toys and wrapped the gifts for the family of six children to enjoy from Santa.



Monster Math Mash

Schenck students, staff, and approximately 150 guests enjoyed 35 dozen donuts and participating in a variety of math games during our annual Monster Math Mash.

News from Hunter

PBL project determines Franklin artifacts

A teacher from each grade level has been trained in Project Based Learning, or PBL, and we are beginning to work with students on these projects.

Fourth grade was the first group to embark on this journey with their kids. Their project was to have students persuade community members what things in Franklin should be designated as artifacts.

Students were put in groups of approximately six students to work on presentations around this question. This was after they took some field trips to learn about artifacts and our local community. Some of the favorite suggestions were Franklin Junior High, Luke Kennard's high school jersey, and Mr. Frosty.

Students presented their findings for their 4th grade teachers, Mrs. Truesdell, and representatives from the Franklin Area Historical Society.

It was a great way for them to learn their fourth grade content in a real world context and learn how to work to-



gether. We are excited for all of the other grade levels to implement their projects throughout the next semester.

Projects include robots, gingerbread houses

We had several STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) days surrounding the holidays. Before break, 3rd grade classes constructed gingerbread houses of different buildings in Franklin. They used photos found online to model their designs and then put them on a map to be displayed in the front hall. It was amazing the level of detail they accomplished!

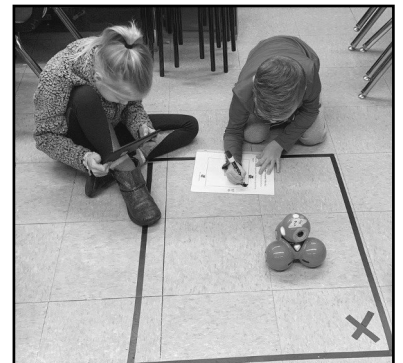


Similarly, 1st and 2nd grade had students participate in STEAM rotations the first two days back from break. They worked on various STEAM activities with the favorite station being programming robots. It was amazing to see students work together and use critical thinking skills to program their robots to drive in a square.



Some even were able to program the robot to go forwards and backwards.

We greatly appreciate the contributions from our PTO and the District Technology Department to make both of these days a success!



Students work on Santa's sleigh, perfect tree

Hunter students recently worked on projects to make the Christmas celebration run more smoothly. First, they worked on the design process to engineer improvements to Santa's sleigh and workshop. They also designed the "perfect" and tallest Christmas tree.

News from Franklin Junior High

Thrive Thursdays attract international attention

FJHS's Thriving Learning Communities initiative received international attention as a Chinese delegation recently visited to see the program in action.

The TLC program, developed by Cincinnati-based Mayerson Academy, supports social and emotional health behaviors by helping students identify their character strengths in order to understand themselves and to appreciate others.

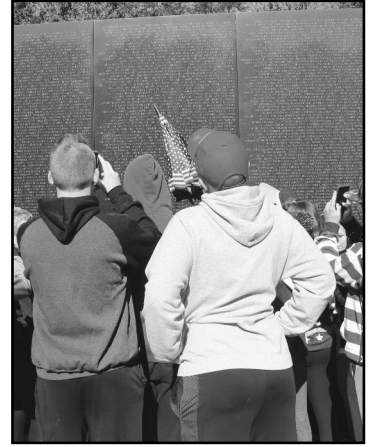
FJHS, in its first year of the program, which they call Thrive Thursday, presented it at the 2018 Ohio Schools Improvement Institute. A Mayerson Academy rep at the conference asked FJHS whether other schools could visit to see their program in action.

The Chinese visitors were very complimentary with how smoothly the program worked at FJHS as they watched the 30-minute Thrive class in action.

One visitor noted that in China, class sizes may be as high as 60 students, work on social content is a new concept, and using data to demonstrate how programs help students is critical.

8th graders explore historic sites during DC trip

The US Capitol, Gettysburg, the Jefferson Memorial, the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, the National Museum of American History, the National Archives, and the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery were a few of the many sites that FJHS 8th graders explored during their annual trip to Washington, D.C. and Gettysburg.



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