

Wildcat Community News

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News from Franklin High School

FHS inducts 35 into Honor Society

Thirty-five students were inducted into the Franklin High School chapter of the National Honor Society on Tuesday, Nov. 28. National Honor Society membership is one of the highest honors that high school students can achieve. Four seniors and 31 juniors were tapped for the honor. NHS recognizes students for outstanding character, scholarship, leadership, and service. Students must have a minimum grade point average and are nominated by teachers.

Seniors inducted were Keely Edwards, Jared Kinzer, Kaitlyn Jones, and Blake Tussey.

Juniors inducted were Lillian Baker, Cyara Barge, Emma Bicknell, Erica Black, Aaron Blake, Jacob Bowermaster, Katherine Coffey, Cooper Daniels, Grace Delcamp, Sabrina Ellison, Kylee Fox, Kelly Fultz, Alexander Gentry, Jeremiah Harbison, John Harris, Braden Hitte, Alexis McGregor, Cassidy McNinch, Davis Mears, Marissa Milham, Brianna Milligan, Riley O'Connor, Jaiden Perez, Taylor Senters, James Smith, Dustin Stewart, Blake Swoll, Mikayla Torrance, William Warden, Skyler Weir, and Kyle Wertz.

The 2017-18 officers are Elise Loux, president; Logan Miller, vice president; Rachael Kindred, secretary; and Brendan Atkins, treasurer.

The group includes 42 additional members who were in-



ducted in 2016. They are Brendan Adkins, Austin Akers, Maggie Biltz, Kaylee Bishop, Keely Briggs, Audrianna Brinkman, Megan Brock, Brianna Brogan, Cole Bundren, Charlotte Caldwell, Harry Clevenger, Samantha Collins, Kelsey Cowell, Jayln Cross, Kyla Dishun, Raiko

Dosado, Alexander Ellison, Benjamin Eyink, Mackenzie Faulkner, William Franer, Jessica Frazee, Morgan Gentry, Zachery Glomb, Dylan Gray, Shelby Hedric, Abigail Hill, Samantha Jones, Rowan Karrick, Rachael Kindred, Hunter Lester, Elise Loux, Alexis McGuire, Logan Miller, Rylee Nisewonder, Chelsea Rose, Taylor Schneider, Brianna Sizemore, Brooke Sizemore, Cameron Slaton, Candace Smith, Hallie Taylor, and Jessica Thornton.

The group's advisors are Alisa Humphrey and Melissa Edwards.

Manufacturing Day field trip

FHS students participated Manufacturing Day on Nov. 2 by visiting JBM Manufacturing in Lebanon. The trip was part of the partnership with United Way of Warren County's Workforce Development Initiative, designed to build a new pipeline of talented high school students among in-demand jobs at Warren County businesses.

The students — Josh Potts, Jacob Cagg, Trace Etter, Grady Allen, Abby Patrick, Haley Ledford, Nate Woodrum, and Isabella Quinn — saw JBM's processes, talked with employees about hiring criteria, and learned about the benefits JBM offers to employees.

Manufacturing Day is the first Friday in October. According to its website, Manufacturing Day "is a celebration of modern manufacturing meant to inspire the next generation of manufacturers."



Noises Off to be presented Feb. 9-11

FHS Drama Club will present *Noises Off* on Feb. 9 and 10 (7 p.m.) and Feb. 11 (2 p.m.) Tickets are \$10/adults; \$8/seniors; and \$5/students and children.

On Thurs., Feb. 8, there will be a free senior citizen's luncheon that includes seeing a dress rehearsal of the show. Seniors can contact the main FHS office at (937) 743-8611 to RSVP for lunch and the show.

Critics have called *Noises Off* the "funniest farce ever written."

Girl's basketball team gives back

In December, members of the FHS girl's basketball team took part in a community service project by making blankets to donate to the Good Neighbor House in Dayton.

Students who participated were Emma Bicknell, Layne Farrell, Kyla Williams, Skyler Weir, Kaylie Harris, Emily Newton, Karsen Quillen, and Caroline Elam.

Good Neighbor House was founded in 1994 by a collaboration of Dayton-area Seventh-Day Adventist churches who desired to make a difference by helping to meet the needs of the under-served in the Dayton community.

News from Pennyroyal



Santa's Sleigh: Will it hold presents?

Pennyroyal 3rd and 4th graders had a chance to design a sleigh for Santa. The catch: it had to hold presents. This STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) project used Popsicle sticks, coffee filter, paper clips, and a paper plate.

Sleighs were tested with a trip down a zip line and the presents (unifix cubes) had to stay inside. Students designed, tested, then redesigned and tested again.



Magical Evening

Pennyroyal girls and their fathers (or significant males) enjoyed a recent Father/Daughter Dance. The special evening was sponsored by the Pennyroyal PTO.

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

Veterans Day

Active and retired military personnel who discussed their careers, and area residents who had recently visited Arlington National Cemetery were among the speakers at Pennyroyal's Veterans Day assembly. Franklin Junior High students and local veteran Billy Estes had all recently participated in wreath ceremonies at Arlington's Tomb of the Unknowns.

Members of the 445th Airwing Honor Guard from WPAFB demonstrated a flag folding ceremony.

Pennyroyal sixth graders ended the program with a medley of patriotic songs from a program they and other FCS sixth graders presented for their families and for the community.



Grandparents' Day

Pennyroyal recently welcomed grandparents and other special persons to visit and participate in activities together.

Third Grade Dictionaries

The Franklin-Springboro-Carlisle Rotary Club recently donated dictionaries to every third grade student.



News from the Board and ECC

Outstanding Graduate: Dr. Dale J. Dwyer

Dr. Dale J. Dwyer joined The University of Toledo faculty in 1989 and is a Professor of Management and former Chair of the Department of Management.

He holds a Ph.D. in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and both an M.A. and B.A. in Communication from the University of Cincinnati.

In 1995, Dr. Dwyer received the "University Outstanding Teaching Award," a distinction conferred only once upon a faculty member, as well as the first UT "Student Impact Award" in 2011.

Dale is the author of the top-selling SHRM-published book, *Got a Minute? The 9 Lessons Every HR Professional Must Learn* (2010), as well as *Got A Solution? HR Ap-*



proaches to 5 Common and Persistent Business Problems (2014), both with co-author Dr. Sheri A. Caldwell.

His newest book is entitled, *Needy People: Working Successfully with Control Freaks and Approval-holics*.

Dwyer's research expertise is in organizational downsizing, control and approval, and employee stress. His teaching interests are human resource management, performance management, leadership development. He added that his consulting specialties are leadership development, compensation, performance management, HR strategy and metrics, and employee retention.

Dwyer, a 1974 FHS graduate, said "As I look back on my time in Franklin schools (Gerke, Hampton Bennett, and Franklin High School), it is apparent that I got a great education across languages, literature, and social science, as well as my first love — music.

The opportunities I had to build self-confidence, to perform in front of a crowd, and to be exposed to a variety of subjects and people formed a solid foundation for being a professor, researcher, and consultant. I could not have wished for better teachers and schools!"

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.

Preschool earns state's highest quality rating

The Franklin City Schools' ECC preschool has been recognized for excellence by the State of Ohio and has earned its highest possible rating. The preschool, operated by the Warren County Educational Service Center, is now one of only 7 early childhood and preschool programs in Warren County to have earned the Step Up to Quality 5-star rating.

"Earning this ranking has been a team effort and we are gratified that the state recognizes that the programs serving our youngest pupils rank with the best," said Dr. Mike Sander, Superintendent of Franklin City Schools.

Per the Ohio Department of Education, "Step Up To Quality is a five-star quality rating and improvement system

administered by the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. SUTQ recognizes and promotes learning and development programs that meet quality program standards that exceed preschool licensing and school age child care licensing health and safety regulations. Step Up To Quality program standards are based on national research identifying standards which lead to improved outcomes for children."

Programs are rated on Learning and Development, Administrative and Leadership Practices, Staff Qualifications and Professional Development, and Family and Community Partnerships.

The Preschool has been in operation for approximately 20 years. Classes are held Tuesday-Friday, with 2 morning and afternoon classes. Each class has space for 8 typical and 8 special needs students.



For more information, call (937) 743-5290.

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.

News from Anthony Wayne

AW Hosts Muse Artist-in-Residence

Students at Anthony Wayne hosted two Muse Artist-in-Residence programs during the first semester of school. The Muse Artist-in-Residence program is a unique and creative program due to its integration of the arts into the regular education program. This program gives teachers new and creative ways to teach students difficult-to-learn concepts through a collaboration with an expert artist. At the conclusion of the residency, the teachers will have a method to teach students a difficult-to-learn concept for future classes.

The first Muse residency was completed with Muse visual artist Michael Bashaw in conjunction with elementary art teacher Karen Roberts. Every Anthony Wayne student colorfully decorated plastic triangles and rhombuses of varying sizes with symbols from several cultures, and included their own creative designs. After the completed color sculpture was installed, parent volunteer Lori Fletcher said, "My favorite part of the entire experience was watching the looks on every single kid's face when they got the first glimpse of the finished project. There wasn't a single kid who wasn't in awe."

Karen Roberts said. "As a community working together,

we can create a beautiful environment."

The second residency was completed with Muse performing artist Michael Lippert in collaboration with Anthony Wayne fifth and sixth grade students and teachers.

The students worked alongside Michael Lippert and their classroom teachers to create an original performance based upon difficult-to-learn economics and science concepts (force and motion). Students performed for the Anthony Wayne students, staff, and parents to display their excitement and learning!

Funding for both Muse Artist-in-Residency programs at Anthony Wayne was provided by the McLane Foundation through a special student achievement grant.



Military Care Packages

Anthony Wayne students in Mrs. Paulsen's class created care packages for military troops stationed overseas. The care packages were delivered on behalf of the students through Kettering Medical Center via Anthony Wayne parent Amy Campbell to the Ohio National Guard 2-174 Air Defense Artillery.

The class received a thank you note from the Ohio National Guard 2-174 Air Defense Artillery that said, "We truly appreciate all the gifts, snacks, and letters. You all make our deployment tolerable while away from our families! Thank you to all the kids that took the time to create artwork and write cards. Stay safe. Happy Holidays."

COSI on Wheels: "It's Simply Chemistry"

Students explored the magic and wonders of chemistry when COSI (Center of Science and Industry) recently brought its traveling science program "It's Simply Chemistry" to AW. This innovative, interactive program stimulated the imaginations of the next generation of scientists and chemists by allowing students to explore chemistry through simple experiments designed to introduce science principles.

The day began with a 45-minute interactive assembly introducing the students to how chemistry affects their daily lives. COSI's Chemistry Detective solved the mystery of the missing slime ingredients by identifying acids and bases, determining unknown substances, and decoding an invisible message. Students enjoyed hands-on activity sessions during which they made their very own COSI Super Slime, created endothermic and exothermic reactions, and learned to identify unknown substances using chemistry. Many thanks to Franklin High School students, Anthony Wayne parents, Franklin City Council, as well as Franklin Fire and Police for volunteering for our special event.

Thanks to the McLane Foundation for funding this special event for our students!



News from Franklin Junior High

8th Graders enjoy tours, field trips

FJHS 8th graders made their annual trip to Washington, D.C. in October. One highlight of the trip is the Wreath Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns. FJHS chooses students to represent the school based on essays.



This year's winners were Keegan Daves, Ashtin Parker, Emma Madden, and Lilliana Cooke.

Students visited a number of important sites including the Capitol Building, National Cathedral, Arlington National Cemetery, the Lincoln Memorial, various war memorials, and Gettysburg.



Eighth graders who didn't travel to Washington D.C. spent one day at the Air Force Museum. On the second day, they had a presentation from Franklin Police Chief Russ



Whitman, who spoke to students about investigative work, collecting evidence, and training to be a police officer. Students participated in a hands-on fingerprinting project.



The students toured Franklin's downtown murals, learning the history of each, and visited the Log Post Office and the Lions Bridge. Students viewed the levee system and visited Germantown Dam, which supported 8th grade science curriculum on understanding watersheds, dam systems, and floods.



Wildcat Choir visits Spring Hills

The FJHS Wildcat Choirs, which have 15 students in the 7th Grade Wildcat Choir and 38 in the 8th grade Wildcat Choir, recently brought some holiday cheer to the residents of Spring Hills Assisted Living facility. The 7th grade sang "Joy to the World," "Light A Candle" (a song about different winter holidays), and "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" (which involved dancing as well).

The 8th Grade sang a song called "Christmas Bells Are Ringing" that was accompanied by a group of girls playing hand chimes, a version of "Silent Night," and "All I Want for Christmas Is You" (the Mariah Carey version).

Choir director Brittany Rathge said, "The Spring Hills audience was very impressed and sweet; some were even in tears which made the students tear up a bit. A great trip and our third time visiting!"

Lunch Helpers

FJHS students in an advanced RTI writing class visit the Early Childhood Center to help the students with their lunch routine, which includes things like getting kindergarten students through the lunch line and opening things for them. The older students also just simply build relationships with younger ones. The junior high students also visit classrooms to help students with reading and math. According to Krystal Baker, "The junior high students are to set good examples, as leaders, for the kindergarten students. The kindergarten students love having the 'big kids' there every day."

News from Gerke

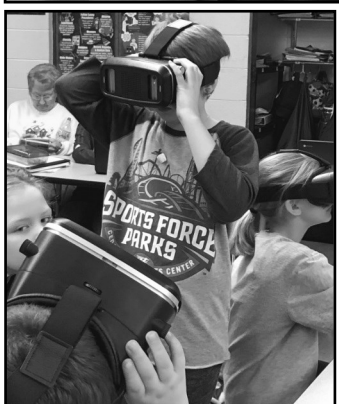
Fifth & sixth grades explore virtual reality

Students in Becky Garrett's classroom recently visited the White House, the International Space Station, the Seven Wonders of the World, the Coral Reef, the Aurora Borealis, and the inside of a human cell. These "field trips" all took place without students leaving their building courtesy of virtual reality technology.

The class used a Google app called Expeditions to explore these places. Garrett explained that she purchased VR headsets, but the students brought in their own devices (if they had them) to use with the headsets. She also had a few iPads that were shared without headsets.

"The students and I learned some really cool facts about the places we visited!" said Garrett.

Google notes that there are currently 500 destinations available through its app and that more are in development.



Riding in style

Many Gerke students who participated in the PTO's fall fundraiser had the chance to earn fun awards. Awards included a chance at the money machine and a limo ride to Pisanello's for lunch.

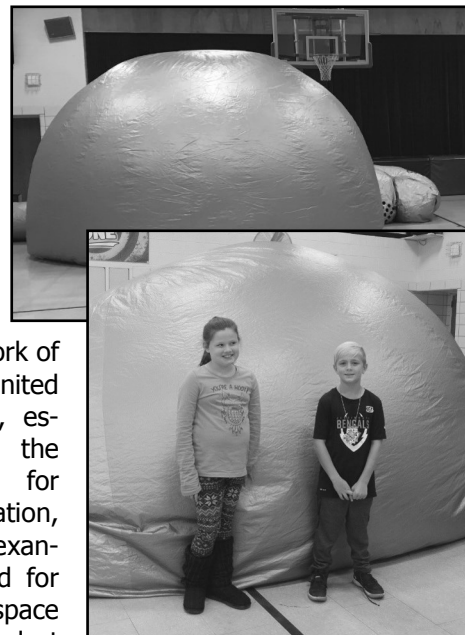


Starlab visit

Starlab, a mobile planetarium, recently visited Gerke. Students were able to learn about constellations, UV light, and deep space objects.

This resource was from The Challenger Learning Center, which is operated by Dayton Public Schools and was established in 1990.

It's part of a network of centers across the United States and Canada, established through the Challenger Center for Space Science Education, headquartered in Alexandria, VA. It's named for the Challenger space shuttle crew who lost their lives during a mission on January 28, 1986.



What's your superpower? Literacy!

280 students and parents attended Gerke's fall literacy event, which featured a superhero theme.

Students' first stop was a T-shirt make-over station, where they turned plain, boring T-shirts into their superhero capes.

At the Story Rocks station, they created and illustrated their own Super Hero Story, with pictures painted on rocks. Other stops included pictures, story bags, Scrabble, and refreshments. Local super heroes (Franklin Police department members) were invited to the event, too.



News from Schenck



Schenck receives Momentum Award

The Ohio Department Education recognized Schenck Elementary for exceeding expectations in student growth on the Ohio School Report Cards for the 2016-2017 school year. To receive this award, a school must earn straight A's on all Value-Added measures on their report card.

This placed Schenck Elementary among the top 6% of Ohio public schools regarding their students' growth in reading and math.



Monster Math Mash

Students, parents, grandparents, and younger siblings enjoy coming to school, having donuts together, and then participating in math games and activities while rotating among the classrooms during Schenck Elementary's "Monster Math Mash" held in October. This is always a well-attended and fun event to share in the learning and love of math!



1st Grade field trip

First graders visited Learning Tree Farm where they learned about fall and discovered the changes in the seasons on a working farm.

Students were able to hike and explore the barns, observe the animals preparing for winter, study a variety of fall vegetables, and visit an 1800's era farmhouse. Each child even got to pick a pumpkin to take home.

Kilowatt Kitchen

Sponsored by Duke Energy, The National Theatre for Children performed "Kilowatt Kitchen" for students at Schenck. The performance both entertained and taught students about measuring the energy we use, ways we can reduce energy use, and ways to use it efficiently.

Mumkin fundraiser

Schenck PTO's Fall Fundraiser was a great success. Approximately 1,000 mums in containers, refills, and pumpkin candles were sold. This sale has grown each of the three years since its beginning.

The flowers have helped make our community more beautiful in the fall and also helped raise funds to build a shelter area for an outdoor education center on the Schenck Elementary grounds.



Holiday performance by Show Choir

The FHS Show Choir's performance got Schenck students and staff into the holiday spirit. The choir visits every elementary building, and members enjoy performing for their former teachers and current students.



News from Hunter

Gingerbread Baby journeys

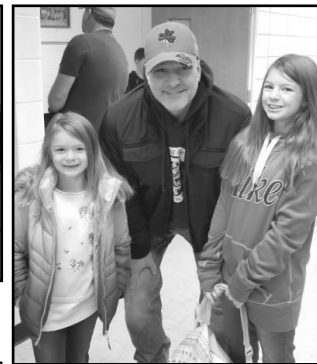
After reading the book *Gingerbread Baby* by Jan Brett, the first and second grade students of Hunter Elementary participated in an integrated reading, writing, and Social Studies project.

The goal was for the classrooms to learn more about our country through the Gingerbread Baby's visit. Each student sent a Gingerbread Baby and a questionnaire to family and friends across the United States. The students requested that family/friends decorate the Gingerbread Baby with clothing they would wear in the winter in their state. The students encouraged them to take the Gingerbread Baby to special places in their city and to take photographs to document the visits. The students also encourage their family/friends to write interesting facts about their city and state.



As each Gingerbread Baby was returned, it was shared with the class along with any information, photographs, postcards, maps, and brochures. A few lucky classrooms received goodies for the entire class, like candy from Hawaii! Each classroom displayed their returned projects in the primary hallway for all to enjoy.

Our students had a great time with this project and were very excited as each Gingerbread Baby made its way home to Franklin, Ohio. We are grateful for the wonderful participation and learning that took place.



Donuts with Dad

Hunter students and their dads (or important person) recently enjoyed breakfast together, courtesy of the Hunter PTO.



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