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JANUARY IS SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

Jackson Local Schools is fortunate to have a school board composed of five local professionals who are dedicated to leading our community in its pursuit of the highest quality public education possible for Jackson students. Our board members serve as advisors and decision-makers on a wide range of issues. They spend countless hours reviewing public input, current research, and administrative recommendations in order to set district policy and allocate our limited resources. They are true leaders at building community support for and understanding of the value of a public school education.

Our school board members can be seen cheering for Jackson students and staff at hundreds of athletic and academic events each year. They are not only approachable and accessible to the public, but also engaged with and eager to serve the Jackson community.

I'd like to thank our outgoing board member, Kathryn Knowles

who served from 2010 through 2013. Kathryn was elected while still a student at Jackson High School. We are extremely proud of her accomplishment and of her contributions to our school system. She brought a student perspective to board discussions and conducted herself with maturity well beyond her years. We wish Kathryn great success as she moves into new life pursuits.



Kathryn Knowles

I'd also like to welcome our newest board member, Katrina Barton

who took office this January. Katrina holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Baldwin-Wallace College and is the general manager at Belden Village Mall. She and her husband Kevin have two children.

Our district is also grateful for the contributions of these long-serving board members:

Tom Winkhart was elected in 2002 and re-elected in 2006, 2010 and 2014. He currently serves as board president.

Scott Gindlesberger was elected in 2004 and re-elected in 2008 and 2012.

Ken Douglas was elected in 2005 and re-elected in 2009 and 2013. He currently serves as board vice president.

Chris Goff was elected in 2008 and re-elected in 2012.

Learn more about your board members on our school Web site at jackson.stark.k12.oh.us. Click the SCHOOL BOARD tab under Quick Links.

District receives top technology award

Jackson Local is the 11th district, nationwide, to earn the *Exemplary School Award* from Enterasys Extreme Networks for visionary K-12 schools that have implemented a personalized 21st Century learning environment through the use of technology. Districts are selected based on how well they institute a one-on-one or mobile learning environment, facilitate individual instruction and encourage curricular growth.

Jackson is preparing its students to be lifelong learners by having implemented a *Bring Your Own Device* initiative at the middle school and high school. This change necessitated complex security and usability adjustments to our technology infrastructure while paying strict attention to cost effectiveness. The Jackson tech



Accepting the award from Enterasys Director of Education Jean Mickelson (far right) are: School Board president Tom Winkhart, and the Jackson technology team of Dave Tupy, Janet Thompson, Leigh Ann Miller, Carolyn Lindesmith, and Keith Obermeier.

team, under the direction of technology director Janet Thompson, has provided a secure per-user, per-device system that

enables each student to individually learn and excel.

See 21st CENTURY LEARNERS, page 13

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Board Meeting Schedule

February 18.....	Middle School.....	6:00 p.m.
March 18.....	Jackson High School	6:00 p.m.
April 22.....	Jackson High School	6:00 p.m.
May 20.....	Jackson High School	6:00 p.m.
June 24	Jackson High School	6:00 p.m.
July 22	Jackson High School	6:00 p.m.
August 26.....	Jackson High School	6:00 p.m.
September 23.....	Jackson High School	6:00 p.m.
October 28	Sauder Elementary	6:00 p.m.
November 18.....	Lake Cable Elementary	6:00 p.m.
December 16.....	Amherst Elementary	6:00 p.m.

Meeting dates and times can change. Call 330-830-8000 to confirm.



Katrina Barton (seated with her children Kaitlyn and Kaden) is joined by her husband Kevin and her parents Kathy and Ken Heil as she takes office as the newest member of the Jackson Local Board of Education.

New School Board member takes office

The Jackson Local Board of Education welcomed Katrina Barton to its team at the January 14 meeting.

"I am honored to represent the citizens of Jackson Township and look forward to working with my fellow board members and school administrators to continue and to enhance our district's long tradition of excellence," Mrs. Barton said. "Jackson's continual ability to build on excellence is truly impressive and it is something I want to be a part of."

New Jackson Local Schools Foundation fosters art in the elementary schools

A partnership between the Jackson Local Schools Foundation and ArtsinStark, has made art a permanent part of the curriculum for all Jackson third graders.

ArtsinStark education coordinator, Jennifer Hickman, worked with Jackson's elementary curriculum director, Becky Gribble, and Jackson's coordinator of special programs, Susan Gardner, to create lessons for the students.

The program brings local artists into the classrooms to work with teachers, students and parents as they deliver meaningful art experiences in conjunction with the students' study of generational stories worth telling again and again.



Students show the family mobiles they made with Brennis Booth, co-owner of Canton's Second April Gallerie and Studios.



Third grade teachers experiment with art materials as they hear program details from Jennifer Hickman of ArtsinStark.



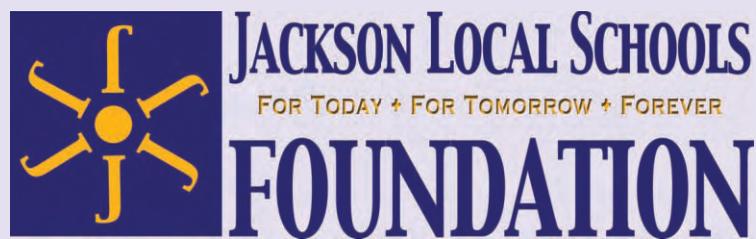
Award winning children's author, Angela Johnson, reads one of her books to students. She spoke to all of the district's 3rd graders, sharing stories that have been passed down in her family for generations.

Is your focus on the arts?

Volunteer to serve on one of the Foundation's fund raising committees.

Contact Tracie Bailey to get involved.

330-606-5325 or traciet1@yahoo.com



WE IMAGINE a school district free to enact lofty educational goals and innovative ideas that lift young minds to extraordinary heights.

WE BELIEVE outstanding communities are defined by the quality of the education they deliver to their youth.

WE NEED you to help us build a legacy that perpetuates Jackson's excellence and offers educational promise beyond what the school district can provide.

OUR GOALS

The Foundation's goals begin with the establishment of permanent art programs in Jackson's four elementary schools, something the community has wanted for decades. Foundation members worked with the Jackson Curriculum Director and ArtsinStark to establish a third grade art program that is now a permanent part of the curriculum. Teachers were trained by area artists, and students are currently receiving the benefits.

Future goals include:

Classroom Grants • Special District Projects • Scholarships

THE FOUNDATION IS MANAGED BY AN INDEPENDENT, VOLUNTEER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tracie Bailey	Paula Blangger	Jennifer Jones	Despina	Ruthanne Wilkof
Katrina Barton	Susan Gardner	Paul Malesick	Paxos-Morgan	Jim Williamson
Mark Belgya	Chris Holding	Jeff Moloney	Marian Manns	Mark Wright

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The Jackson Local Schools Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization and is tax-exempt under 501(c)(3).

Class of 1964 needs the public to

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Tuesday, Feb. 18

2:30 to 6:30

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The Class of 1964 is sponsoring the blood drive to raise funds to bring its former teachers to their 50th reunion, Memorial Day weekend (August 29-31).

For reunion information, contact:

Linda (Babetski) Letcavits at 330-830-2202, tigerlinda@sssnet.com

Nancy (McKee) Detwiler at 330-705-5690, ndetwiler@sbcglobal.net

JHS Culinary wins top national award

JHS culinary arts students, under the direction of instructor, Stephanie Kunkel, are one of only three schools in Ohio to earn the designation of *Ohio ProStart® School of Distinction* for the 2013-14. The students accomplished this by passing a rigorous test of national restaurant standards.

The winning schools were: Beachwood with a score of 86.84%, Akron Buchtel with a score of 91.67%, and Jackson with a score of 97%, making Jackson the top performing school in Ohio. This national certificate of achievement shows future employers that these students are serious about a career in the food service industry.



It is considered their first credential and demonstrates that their knowledge matches national standards. It also allows the students to earn

credits at select colleges and makes them eligible to compete for ProStart scholarships designated only for certificate recipients.

Meeting the Candidates

JHS government students Jared McCully and Saurabh Vasil organized and moderated a *Meet the Candidates* forum to discover the views of all four candidates for the two open trustee seats. JHS seniors attended the event in the high school's performing arts hall and heard the candidates responses to pre-written questions from students.



From left are: candidates Carrie Connor May and Glenda Zink, students Jared McCully and Saurabh Vasil, and incumbents Todd Hawke and John Pizzino.



Holiday Spirit

To ring in the Christmas season, our very popular and talented Jacks-N-Jills song and dance group did some old fashioned Christmas caroling at the Canton Regency, Wendy's on Portage, Books-A-Million, and in every store on the Strip. The students perform under the direction of choir director Mr. Scott Eversdyke.



Help JHS students save a dog and a U.S. soldier

JHS student groups (Community Matters, FACES, and Interact Club) are making and selling all-natural dog treats to benefit Wags4Warriors, a group that provides therapy dogs for soldiers who are suffering from traumatic brain injury or PTSD. They are half way to their goal of \$3000, the amount needed to save one dog and one veteran of the Iraq/Afghanistan wars. The funds pay for 220 hours of dog and veteran training. Nearly 70% of the dogs are rescues. To get these treats for the doggie in your life, email Christine McKay at cam2ja@jackson.sparcc.org. The treats are available for pick-up at the high school. You can request gluten free or the regular recipe. Cost: any size donation to the help these students reach their Wags4 Warriors goal.



2013-14 School Calendar

FEBRUARY	
12	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-5) 4:30-7:30 PM
12	Parent/Teacher Conferences (Gr 6-12) 4:30-7:30 PM
14	Waiver Day - No School (K-12)
17	Presidents' Day - No School (K-12)
20	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-5) 4-8 PM
20	Parent/Teacher Conferences (Gr 6-12) 4:30-7:30 PM

MARCH	
21	End 3rd 9 weeks - 46 days
24	Spring Break Begins
31	Classes Resume

APRIL	
8	Exchange for Parent/Teacher Conferences No School

MAY	
26	Memorial Day - No School (K-12) May 27 Graduation
29	Last Day for Students & Staff

2014-15 School Calendar

AUGUST	
12	Gr 6/New Student Orientation, 6-8:00 pm
12	Gr 9/New Student Orientation A-L, 7-8:00 pm
13	Gr 9/New Student Orientation M-Z, 7-8:00 pm
14	Open House - All Elementaries, 4:30-6:30 pm
18	1st Day for Students (K-12)
27	Open House - High School, 6:30-8:30 pm
29	Teacher Inservice - No School for Students (K-12)

SEPTEMBER	
1	Labor Day - No School (K-12)
2	Open House - JMMS, Last Name A-M, 6:00-7:00 pm Last Name N-Z, 7:00-8:00 pm

OCTOBER	
10	Teacher Inservice - No School for Students (K-12)
13	Columbus Day Holiday - No School (K-12)
14	Parent Conferences (K-5) 4:00-8:00 pm
14	Parent Conferences (Gr 6-12) 4:30-7:30 pm
16	Parent Conferences (K-5) 4:00-8:00 pm
17	End of 1st 9 Weeks - 41 Days
22	Parent Conferences (K-5) 4:00-8:00 pm
22	Parent Conferences (Gr 6-12) 4:30-7:30 pm

NOVEMBER	
26	Thanksgiving Break Begins

DECEMBER	
2	Classes Resume
19	End of 2nd 9 Weeks - 41 Days
22	Winter Break Begins

JANUARY	
5	Classes Resume
16	Teacher Inservice - No School for Students (K-12)
19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School (K-12)

FEBRUARY	
11	Parent Conferences (K-12) 4:30-7:30 pm
13	Teacher Inservice - No School for Students (K-12)
16	Presidents' Day - No School (K-12)
19	Parent Conferences (K-12) 4:30-7:30 pm

MARCH	
13	End of 3rd 9 weeks - 46 Days
30	Spring Break Begins

APRIL	
6	Classes Resume

MAY	
25	Memorial Day - No School (K-12)
27	Last Day for Students & Staff
27	End of 4th 9 Weeks - 47 Days

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Global Opportunities Night held at Jackson High School

The Jackson Academy for Global Studies (JAGS) and the Jackson Local Schools World Languages Community Advisory Board hosted a third annual Global Opportunities Night last November in the Commons at JHS.

The event provided a forum for students from all Stark County schools and their families to engage in face-to-face dialogue with representatives from a wide variety of careers in which language and cultural competency are increasingly necessary for success in a global economy.

Over 20 local businesses/organizations were on hand to share their international focus as students visited each company's exhibit to learn about types of careers and their prerequisites.

Companies Represented:

Diebold, ERICO, KochKnight, Goodyear, Genie Company, Timken, Reltex/IPA, Graco, Davey Tree, Miller Weldmaster, Mount Union University, Malone University, Univ of Akron/Confucius Institute, Stark State College, Siete Sur – Nicaragua, Amigos de las Americas, Stark County Help Me Grow Program, Perfection Learning, Bruner Cox LLP, GE Capital, US Armed Forces, Central American Medical Outreach, and Jose Antonio Iborra International Law Practice.

These multi-national businesses and organizations are uniquely able to help students understand how language and culture intersect constantly with life and work in today's globally-connected world.

In addition, JHS students displayed their international research. For example: JHS student, Abhishek Bhargava, showed his work with the ETASHA Society, a non

profit organization providing career training and job placement for students from disadvantaged communities in India. In 2012 Abhishek traveled to some of the poorest parts of India to interview the ETASHA faculty and the young people it serves. He wrote a weekly blog to attract sponsors for the organization and has now involved his JAGS classmates in pairing with ETASHA students. It is Abhishek's hope that Jackson students will broaden their international perspective while ETASHA students gain social confidence to aid their employability.

Dr. Brandon Wiley, Executive Director, International Studies Schools Network, N.Y. opened the event with a keynote address about our nation's ongoing efforts to include global studies in secondary education.

Goals and dreams take shape at Jackson High

Mrs. Barnes' JHS freshman English class proudly display their personal legend projects, made after reading *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. This project asked the students to apply to their own lives what they learned about the main character, Santiago and his journey to find riches at the foot of the pyramids in Egypt. The students enjoyed seeing each other's dreams and goals on display and learning more about one another.



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JHS classes collaborate to learn about hovercraft technology

The Jackson High School Business Technologies class now includes a unit on researching emerging technologies. The students wrote research papers and presented their research to the class. One student researched hovercrafts. When Business Technology teacher, Linda Sutherland, mentioned the research to JHS physics teacher, Paul Dillick, Mr. Dillick invited the Business Tech students to experiment with the hovercraft built by his AP Physics students.



Christopher Milo addresses the crowd and several student leaders at a recent basketball game.

JHS students form new Student Culture Council

Jackson High School is working, long term, with inspirational speaker Christopher Milo to create a new Student Culture Council made up of student leaders from various organizations within the school. The Council's purpose is to promote tolerance, acceptance, and general respect for diversity, thereby improving the general culture of the school.

Mr. Milo was president of his high school class and involved in multiple leadership organizations at his school when a lower back injury caused him to become a paraplegic.

"I went from hero to zero in the blink of an eye," he said. He endured loneliness and cruelty from others who feared or misunderstood his condition. Eventually he overcame the paralysis and uses his experience to help young people define themselves and their school culture. "What is your gift? Your talent? Your something special? And how might you use it for the good of your school," he asks them.

The over 100 Jackson students working with Mr. Milo want to use their talents to create a school environment that is more tolerant, more inclusive. They will

Christopher Milo
...more than you expect

Be Positive
Love One Another
Trust
Work Together
Accept
Use Your Talents
Be Creative
Inspire
Coach
Be Curious
Listen
Communicate
Be Genuine

begin by creating positive messaging throughout the building. They are planning an assembly for the entire student body at which personal stories will be told. They will foster a tradition of kindness that the senior class will ceremonially pass on to underclassmen as a proud legacy to pay forward year after year.

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Polar Pups now on the scene at JMMS too

The Polar Pups are therapy dogs that have been visiting our elementary schools and high school to motivate our language arts and special needs students. JMMS principal Paul Salvino and assistant principal Dave Waltman recently welcomed the pups to the middle school. Students district-wide are thrilled to read to the dogs who listen intently as they make themselves comfortable in a lap or on a reading circle rug. Some teachers use the program as an incentive, allowing students to earn time with dogs by getting good grades, turning homework in, helping others, or having good attendance.

Eight friendly beasts make up the team headed by Barb Huff who owns George,

the original big, fluffy, white Polar Pup.

"I feel strongly about this program because I know what dogs can do," said Mrs. Huff, explaining, "They bring a smile, pull kids out of their shells and motivate them to achieve. When one of our dogs walks into a room, the whole demeanor of the room changes. The dogs have 'unconditional ears' and they seem to remind people of what is good."



Mr. Salvino and Mr. Waltman welcome George to JMMS.



JMMS students meet George.

To be considered for work with our students, the pups have to successfully complete the American Kennel Club's 10-step Canine Good Citizenship training course.

Meet the masters and their pups

Standing from left: Brandon Scheatzle and Tyson, Nichole Nabors and Gallium, Jenn Caldwell and Bo, Barb Huff-Burch and George, Rita Kazlauskas and Willow.

Kneeling: Sheila Stumbo and Sadie, Stacey Miller and Tippey, Katrina Marvin and Riley.



Independence

"I thought I might never get on my feet again after the accident. I couldn't walk or stand. I was afraid I would lose my independence, my confidence. I am stronger every day thanks to therapists at Chapel Hill. They never let me give up." —Betty

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Young adult author, Chris Morpew talks to students who wait in a long line for his autograph after hearing his inspiring talk on writing.

JMMS students meet Australian author

JMMS parents Victoria Baxter and Lori Martino organized a young adult author visit to the school. Chris Morpew is the author of the Phoenix Files, a six-book, science fiction adventure series. Previously, he authored 12 books in the Zac Powers series.

Students were impressed to learn that Mr. Morpew was first published at age 22.

They wanted to know from where he drew inspiration. "J.K Rowling's Harry Potter

series, Animorphs—I read all 50 books, C.S. Lewis, T.V., and the Bible," he told them. "It's easy to come up with ideas. The hard part is getting them down on paper." He recommended that students put pen to paper every day, as he does.

He also encouraged the students to write down all of their ideas even if they feel some aren't so good.

"It's worth it to write down 100 bad ideas to come up with one good one," he said. "And write what you'd like to read

because your enthusiasm will rub off on others."

Finally, Mr. Morpew encouraged the students to "Know where you are going. Figure out the main points of the story before you start. Draw maps and pictures of the scenes. Visualizing the scenes will help you remember," he said.

"I don't think I'll ever stop being surprised that I get to write books," he told the students who clamored for his autograph.



Clay Washington



Maria Mitri

Spelling Bee Winners

The winner of the Jackson District Spelling Bee, held in January was Clay Washington, and the alternate was Maria Mitri. Clay will move on to the Repository Grand Regional Spelling Bee on March 8 at Glen Oak High School where he will compete with 64 other students from Stark, Tuscarawas, Carroll and Holmes counties for the right to represent our region at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., in May.



Jeremiah Kincaid



Ethan Burns

Geography Bee Winners

The winner of the JMMS Geography Bee, sponsored by the National Geographic Society, was Jeremiah Kincaid, and the runner up was Ethan Burns. Jeremiah has won the chance to test into the state competition. State qualifiers compete in an oral competition. If Jeremiah wins at state, he will go to the National Geographic headquarters in Washington D.C. where Alex Trebek presides over the scholarship competition.



Art Club

The JMMS Art Club advised by teachers Lisa Ayers-Surber, Paulette Simons, and Desiree Lopez, has 60 members who meet twice a month to make objects of art to take home and other art projects that become a permanent part of the school. Pictured with some of their club mates are sixth grader Rachael Fiore (L) and her sister, eighth grader Lauren Fiore making small clay bowls in the shape of flowers.



It takes 16.2 man-hours to plow the snow from our parking lots. We use about 250-300 tons of salt annually to keep them clear of ice.

DELAYED START SCHEDULE

Because staff and student safety is a priority, the district may need to delay the start of the school day because of a weather-related emergency. If so, the following schedule will be used unless otherwise notified.

- Elementary students and their parents would not be impacted. Their starting time remains the same if the school day is delayed.
- Period 0 at JHS will be cancelled.
- Alert Now calls to cancel school go out between 5:30 and 6 AM.
- End of school day dismissal times would remain the same for all students.

JHS DELAYED START

Period 0	Cancelled
Period 1	9:40-10:16
Period 2	10:21-10:53
Period 3	10:58-11:30
Period 4	11:35-12:07
Period 5	12:12-12:44
Period 6	12:49-1:21
Period 7	1:26-1:58
Period 8	2:03-2:35

JMMS DELAYED START

Homeroom	10:00-10:08
Period 1	10:11-10:31
Period 2	10:34-10:54
Period 3	10:57-11:17
Period 4	11:20-11:40
Period 5	11:43-12:09
Period 6	12:12-12:38
Period 7	12:41-1:07
Period 8	1:10-1:36
Period 9	1:39-2:04
Period 10	2:07-2:27
Period 11	2:30-2:50

Generous Jackson sees to Thanksgiving and Christmas meals and gifts for many in our community



The JHS baseball team adopted a family for the holidays. They raised donations, shopped for gifts, wrapped the gifts and delivered them.



The FUSE Club at JHS volunteered at a Christmas pancake breakfast at Eastgate. FUSE stands for Friends Unite Students Everywhere. It was formed to build relationships between students in a positive atmosphere.



Meg Seeley's Strausser kindergarten students conducted a random act of kindness each school day in December. They sang Christmas carols to the cafeteria staff, to the office staff, and to their 3rd grade reading buddies. They helped their school custodian Mr. Mark, made Christmas cards for Aultcare of Nobles Pond, donated stuffed animals to the local police department, make cookies for their bus drivers, read to the preschoolers, and made Christmas notes for the teachers' cars. They are pictured here with the tie-knot fleece blankets which they made and donated to Akron Children's hospital.



The Lake Cable 5th Grade Student Council sponsored *The Great Bedtime Pajama Drive*. With help from Lake Cable parent, Mrs. Degenhard, 135 pairs of new pajamas were delivered to *Summit County Children's Services*. Scholastic Books matched the students' effort by donating 135 books.



Strausser 4th graders collected canned goods and over \$700 for the Stark County Hunger Task Force. The students pictured above took money out of their own piggy bank, or raked leaves, or lost a tooth and donated the money received from the Tooth Fairy. "What great character these students have," their teacher said.



JHS students and staff adopted 46 Jackson families, including 97 children, ranging in age from elementary through high school. Each family received personally selected gifts for the children and a laundry basket filled with essential groceries and toiletries. The effort was largely organized by Student Council, NHS, and Key Club.

The JMMS Student Activities Council (SAC) sponsored its annual food drive in November, collecting over 2,600 food items from students and staff. All items were given to families within the JMMS community. SAC packed boxes of food for 18 families at Thanksgiving and another 18 boxes at Christmas. They donated remaining items to the Stark County Hunger Task Force.



JMMS took up a collection to purchase Old Navy gift cards for local families in need. The students raised over \$2,400, making it their most successful year yet.



Strausser 2nd graders collected 36,000 aluminum pop can rings for the Ronald McDonald House.



Mrs. Finn's Amherst students started a program they called *People for Paws*, donating over 430 items and over \$100 to the *Stark County Humane Society*. They spread their concerns for the animals by word of mouth to their peers and teachers, made a commercial for their MBBC news program, and made posters for the school hallways. When visitors from the Humane Society came to pick up the donated items, they brought some furry friends along to meet the students who cared so much about them. They brought a boxer named Rachtel and a small kitten that the students named Winter.

The JHS Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica contributed \$1000 to Siete Sur to provide drinking water for the people of Nicaragua living in poverty.



For the fifth consecutive year, Sauder students donated a full truckload of pet food to *Meals on Wheels*, an organization that delivers daily meals to area shut-ins and their pets. From the beginning of this donor program, Sauder has been the largest contributor.



Cindy Morrow, from *Wishes Can Happen*, visited Stephanie Snee's Strausser kindergarten students who collected funds for children who were hospitalized over the holiday season.



Emma Lee Jarvis's Sauder 2nd graders participated in *Project Kare*, showering a one-year-old child in need with over 20 Christmas gifts, including dolls, books, blocks, puzzles, and teddy bears.



Tiffany Adkins's Sauder 3rd graders donated over 125 cans of fruits and vegetables to *Refuge of Hope* for their Thanksgiving meal.

The JHS Varsity "J" Club collected \$465.52 in spare change for the needy.



Instead of a classmate gift exchange, Erin Campanale's Sauder 3rd graders adopted a child for Christmas through the *Stark County Child Protective Services*. The students donated 30 items and money so that a 10-year-old boy would have Christmas. They also made Christmas cards for two area assisted living homes.



In lieu of a class gift exchange, Mrs. Casey's Sauder 3rd graders purchased items for a child in need through *Project Kare*. "We hope, that in some way, we can help to brighten a life," Mrs. Casey said.



Photo by Debra Furlow

In lieu of a classmate gift exchange, Strausser students, school-wide, brought in donations for *Pegasus Farms* totaling \$4139.71.

With organizational help from many PTO parents, Lake Cable students donated thousands of food items to St. Michael's Catholic Church to be distributed to 200 local families in need. Student, Duncan Buckerfield, took a wagon door-to-door in his neighborhood and collected 248 items for the drive. He said he solicited grandma and grandpa for two full bags of groceries and then headed for his mom's pantry. "My mom took everything out and gave it all to me," Duncan said.

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Amherst Bear Cubs Choir, with their teacher Cindy Grove, accept a donation from Majestic Voice board members Craig Etheridge, Larry Gleason, and Anne Gleason.

Amherst choir students see the fruits of their labor

Choir students thrilled at the sight of their teacher, Cindy Grove, accepting a donation from representatives of MajesticVoice Chorus. Craig Etheridge and Larry and Anne Gleason visited the students to share the profits from the MajesticVoice Chorus' presentation of the 5th Annual Christmas Music Celebration at Lincoln Lions Theatre in December. The

Bear Cubs Choir was invited to sing at the celebration and was told that it would receive one dollar per ticket sale. "This was a paying gig," said Mr. Etheridge, MajesticVoice president.

"We were very impressed with your professionalism on stage and at dress rehearsal," he continued.

"When we saw the students perform at the Old Fashioned Canton Christmas, we knew that we wanted them to perform at our event," said Mrs. Gleason.

Mrs. Grove accepted the \$475 donation with great gratitude, saying that the funds will be used to replace much needed musical microphone equipment for the choir.

Computer Kids

Third graders visit the computer lab to turn their book research of notable people into an electronic Power Point presentation. This is part of the district-wide initiative to help our students become highly successful 21st century learners who are highly proficient with technology.



Musical Math

Mrs. Brown's second graders learned a song to remember the steps for subtracting two digit numbers with and without regrouping. They thought it would be fun to share this online for others to see what a good time math can be!

Check out their video under the Amherst tab on the school Web site: www.jackson.stark.k12.oh.us.

Trick-or-Read

The Amherst library windows were painted for Halloween, making Mrs. Boylan's first grade students look as though they were reading in the pumpkin patch with Linus and Sally while Snoopy flew overhead. Adyson Diehl and Tayten Crable are reading instead of trick-or-treating with the Peanuts Gang.



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Lake Cable celebrates 50 years of learning

In 1963, the construction of Lake Cable Elementary was completed. On December 15 of that year, the building was formally dedicated and approximately 350 students, grades kindergarten through grade six, took their seats under the leadership of a dozen teachers.



On December 15, 2013, a celebration of that dedication took place at the school. Building aide Pam Cochran designed a commemorative logo for the occasion. The PTO applied the logo to draw string back packs which they purchased for each student and staff member.

Mrs. Cochran, Diane Fitzpatrick, and Karie Heck created a video that was viewed by the students and staff in an assembly. You can view the video on the district Web site at <http://jackson.stark.k12.oh.us/LakeCable.cfm>.

Mr. Martin Konerth was the school's first principal, followed by Phillip Graham, George Burwell, Stephanie Bartuseck, Kathy Clark, and most recently, J.R.

Reindel. Mr. Reindel commented, "We are very proud of our school and community. This celebration was a way for us to acknowledge those who established Lake Cable's long tradition of educational excellence. We are blessed to carry on the legacy, standing on the shoulders of those giants."

In addition to the celebration, Lake Cable students, under the direction of parents Jen Balcom and Tiffany Stanley, created a permanent art mural of three polar bears looking up into a night sky at a full moon. Each student was given a 5"x5" canvas square and three shades of a particular color of paint. Instead of paint brushes, the students used various textural objects to make marks of their choice on their canvas. When

all of the canvases are assembled on the wall (sometime this February) it will form the mural. The full moon will contain the number 50 as a commemoration of Lake Cable's half century of excellence.

"It was truly inspiring to see students get so excited about the creative process," said Mrs. Balcom. "To see them look at objects in new ways and realize the possibilities was incredible. I'm delighted that the students will get to see their individual pieces come together to make a complete work of art; and each of them will be able to take ownership of the mural."



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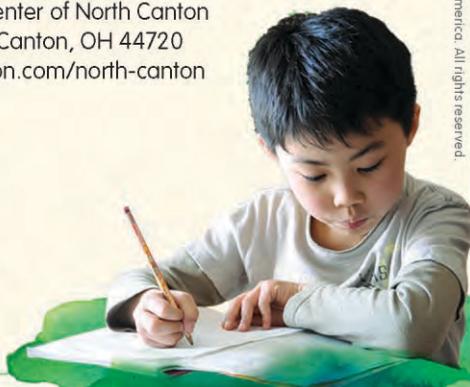
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Sauder second graders go all Wild West on us. Ye ha!

Though there were no ponies in school, there were cowboys and cowgirls aplenty as second grade students at Sauder Elementary celebrated the end of their unit on the Wild West with a good ole' fashioned *Western Day*, sporting their kerchiefs and hats, flannels and jeans, boots and belt buckles.

Traditions are delicious

Sauder third graders celebrated their various cultures and heritage by hosting a *Traditions Party*. Each student was invited to bring in a food dish or drink that represented their heritage and a custom their family keeps. This year the students enjoyed lo mein, loaded mashed potatoes, Greek macaroni and cheese, Italian wedding cookies, baklava, and much more.

"We had a great time learning more about our Sauder families and trying new things," said teacher Erin Campanale.



Bears to the Rescue

Sauder Elementary has 4th and 5th grade **Polar Bear Helpers** who are assigned jobs two to three times each week.

These hard working volunteers give up their recess to be of service to their school community. Jobs include: helping students in grades K-3 with academics, and assisting teachers with classroom jobs. Mrs. Cornell, the school counselor, selects students based on teacher recommendations. She looks for students who are organized, responsible, and good role models.

The program was designed to promote self-confidence, leadership, and responsibility. This year, over 50 Sauder students were asked to join this powerful program.



4th grade helpers, Kendall Welty and Ava Reott, help 1st grade teacher, Mrs. Colaner, with classroom jobs.



4th grade helper, Jacob Craig, helps Mrs. Jarvis put together packets for her parents.



5th grade helpers, Olivia Marrero and Madison Hart, help 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Swinderman, grade papers.



5th grade helpers, Emma Henson, Sophee Remlinger, and Madison McCully, help out a 1st grade class during library time.

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Please show us support by getting involved and reading our paper and providing feedback! We are working very hard, so please enjoy!

Sauder Second Graders



Strausser second graders celebrate reading by hosting a Grinch Day

On Grinch Day at Strausser Elementary, teachers and students dressed as Whos, and teacher Mr. Morton dressed as the Grinch. The students performed a Reader's Theater, compared characters and their traits, did some Grinch problem solving, and wrote a persuasive piece on how to be friends with the Grinch. Learning on Grinch Day was filled with giggles and smiles as students reveled in each other's costume creativity.



Rotary Coats for Jackson Kids

On behalf of Jackson Local Schools, Superintendent Chris DiLoreto thanks the Jackson Township Rotary Club for its generous donation of six coats for students in need.

Artmaking with Mrs. Doll

Strausser first graders in Mrs. Michael and Mrs. Neftzer's classes delighted in a morning of art when a parent, Mrs. Jenn Doll, volunteered to share her creativity with the class. Since students had been studying living and non-living things, Mrs. Doll led the them in making fall trees and sunflowers. The students enjoyed having their hands painted to make the petals of the sunflowers. Mrs. Laura Palumbo, another parent, also came in to lend a hand. The class looks forward to Mrs. Doll's bi-monthly art adventures.



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21st CENTURY LEARNERS

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The tech team works closely with the curriculum directors and teachers, continually adapting the network to ever increasing learning needs such as online textbooks, streaming video, and online testing. There are now technology classes in grades 3-5, critical for student learning in the 21st century and for preparing students with the necessary skills for online testing that will soon be mandated by the state.

"We are teaching elementary students to become experts at manipulating the devices because we want them to be able to focus on concepts and think critically without undue attention to the technology. The goal is to help students become as proficient with a computer as they are with the books and pencils they currently use to take tests," said elementary curriculum director Becky Gribble, adding, "Most importantly, technology allows teachers to provide individualized lessons to students so that each child receives the instruction they need."

"Our technology team is committed to working with the



Strausser students Sloan Hawkins and Sophia Wirbel, with their teacher Angela Leggett, speak to the Jackson Local Board of Education about their experiences with technology.

curriculum directors and teachers to encourage and enhance curricular growth," said Mrs. Thompson.

To ensure this, the tech team has established additional computer labs in each building where whole classes can learn together and later test together.

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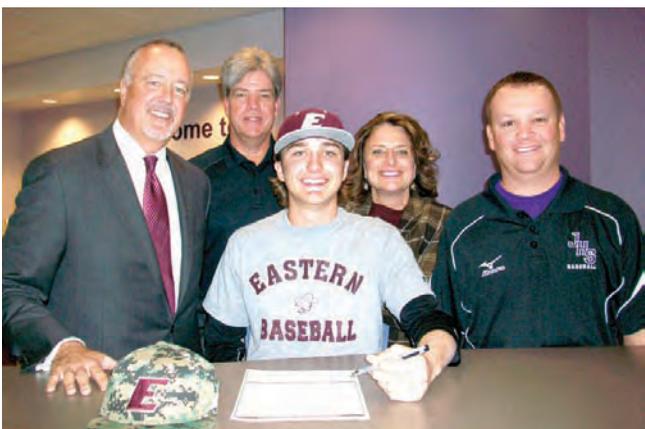
JHS senior, Tim Turner, signed his National Letter of Intent to continue his baseball career at George Mason University which competes in the Atlantic 10 Conference (Division 1). Tim, a left handed pitcher and outfielder, is a two year letter winner for the Polar Bears. He finished 2nd on the team in RBIs and Runs Scored in 2013. Tim played summer and fall baseball with Chandler on the 2014 National Team. Tim is pictured with his brother Jeff, his parents Tom and Sandy, assistant coach Dan Rodriguez, and head coach Bill Gamble.



Third year varsity letter winner, Sarah McCormick, signed her National Letter of Intent to play lacrosse at Division 2 Walsh University. Last year, Sarah led the team in assists, aiding the Jackson Girls Lacrosse team in becoming Regional Champs in Division 1 North. Sarah is pictured with Scott Carson, Kathy Guess Carson (her mother), varsity coach Elizabeth McCormick, and Brian McCormick (her father).



JHS senior, Ryan Gusbar, signed his National Letter of Intent to continue his baseball career at Ashland University, which competes in the GLIAC. Ryan is a left-handed pitcher who is a two-year letterman. He went 3-3 with a 1.91 ERA and was a 2nd Team All Federal selection in 2013 for the Polar Bears. Pictured with Ryan are head coach Bill Gamble, his brother Justin Gusbar, and his parents Steve and Aileen Gusbar.



JHS senior, Sam Williams, signed a National Letter of Intent to continue his baseball career at Eastern Kentucky University, a Division 1 institution which competes in the Ohio Valley Conference. The left-handed pitcher is a two-year letterman with a record of 4-0 on the mound in 2013 for the Polar Bears. Sam is pictured with his head coach Bill Gamble, his parents Dave Williams, and Sandy and Kevin Dougherty.



All American, Anna Seanor, signed her National Letter of Intent to play lacrosse at Division 1 The Ohio State University. Anna is a 4-year letter winner, and as captain helped lead the Jackson Girls Lacrosse Team to the State Finals for the first time in school history. Anna also received First Team All District and First Team All State honors last year from the Ohio Schoolgirls Lacrosse Association and Ohio Schoolgirls Lacrosse Coaches Association Post Season Awards for Division 1 North. Pictured with Anna are her parents Shaun and Amy Seanor, JV coach Jean Furbay, and varsity coach Elizabeth McCormick.



JHS senior, AJ Kloehn, signed his National Letter of Intent to continue his baseball career at Lafayette College, which competes at the Division 1 level in the Patriot League. AJ is a two-year letterman catcher for the Polar Bears who was named Honorable Mention to the Preseason Perfect Game All-America Team. Pictured with AJ are his parents Greg and Lisa Kloehn, his sister Alyssa, assistant coach Dan Rodriguez, and head coach Bill Gamble.



All County Football Awards

Five Jackson football players were recognized at the 69th annual WHBC All County Football Banquet held in November at Skyland Pines. Hunter Reichenbach was named to the All County Defensive Team. Jonah Hostetler and Ricky Spradling were named to the All County Offensive Team. Nick Gabel received the WHBC Team MVP award, and Tyler Langenfeld received the WHBC Jim Muzzy Academic Scholar Athlete Award, one of the four elite awards of the banquet.



Jackson and Hoover coaches with their senior players.



Jackson and Hoover cheerleaders with Rotary presidents Jim Ondrus and Jim Dansizen.

Friendly Football Rivalry

The Jackson-Hoover rivalry has lasted more than 80 years. The day before the big game, the Jackson and North Canton Rotary Clubs invited the senior football players, senior cheerleaders, coaches, and administrators from each school to lunch at Arrowhead Golf Club in celebration of the long-standing face-off. The Hoover Band entertained the group with the fight song and the cheerleaders shouted support for their respective teams. Each cheer and football coach spoke about the individual merits of their senior athletes and the respect each team has for the other. The presidents of both Rotary Clubs exchanged friendly jabs about who would win the game, and as tradition dictates, they gifted each other with team spirit shirts. If Jackson had won, North Canton Rotary president, Jim Dansizen, would have had to wear the purple shirt to the next Jackson Rotary meeting. Unfortunately, Jackson Rotary president, Jim Ondrus, was charged with wearing the orange shirt to the next North Canton Rotary meeting. Better luck next year, Bears.



FOLLOW THE BEARS
 For Polar Bear fans who are interested in JHS athletic events, follow Jackson High School Athletic Director Terry Peterson on **Twitter @PolarBearAD**.



JHS Girls' Basketball Team meets Coach Tressel at Akron U

The JHS Girls' Basketball Team's was invited to the University of Akron to tour the campus and meet with Jim Tressel, the former Ohio State University football coach, who is now the University of Akron's executive vice president. Coach Tressel spoke to the girls about what it means to be a team, saying the number one characteristic of any successful team is unselfishness.

Among the engaging memories of his past coaching experiences, Mr. Tressel included a story about a time he spent in Jackson during the 1970s when he attended a fundraiser in which a Jackson wrestling coach wrestled a live bear. The trip concluded with the girls sitting in on a University of Akron women's basketball practice. Head coach Curtis

Loyd met with the girls after practice and answered a few questions. "The Girls' Basketball team has been working hard to end the 36-year Federal League title drought. The last time Jackson won the League title was in 1977-78. We are striving to improve against the League's very good competition," said JHS head coach Anthony Butch.



Raising funds for Exceptional Olympics

Jackson Girls Basketball joined seven other high school teams in a fund-raising preview hosted by the Canton South Rotary at Canton South High School. The proceeds from the preview benefit the Exceptional Olympics where approximately 400 volunteers create a variety of events and award 300 young athletes with medals for their exceptional athletic victories.

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JHS Football Team earns Academic All Ohio Award



The Ohio High School Football Coaches Association has announced its 2013 Academic All-Ohio Football Team honors. These teams are selected based on the combined GPAs of the Top 22 academic players on the team that have earned a varsity letter.

The JHS Football Team was awarded the Academic All Ohio Award for the 4th consecutive year. Out of 717 Ohio high school football teams, Jackson had the 11th best overall team GPA.

"I am extremely proud of the work our players do on the field and in the classroom," said head coach Beau Balderson.

Special congratulations goes to Tyler Langenfeld.

Tyler earned the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association Individual Academic All Ohio Award. He was nominated by his coaches for outstanding performance in multiple areas: Tyler was named first team All-Federal League, won the WHBC Jim Muzzy Academic Scholar Athlete Award, and carries a 4.5 GPA.



Tyler Langenfeld

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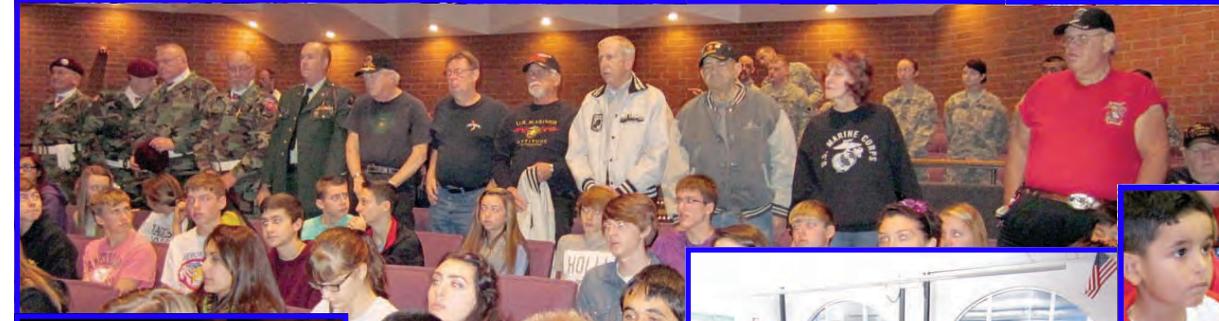
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Jackson Local Schools honors our nation's heroes on Veterans Day

Here is a look at the various Veteran's Day celebrations which are held in each of our school buildings. Veterans were treated to breakfasts, lunches, respectful applause and rapt attention as they taught our students about battles waged, freedom won, and the significance of the day.



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