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From the Superintendent

Keeping the Main Thing, The Main Thing

Student Achievement • Resource Management • Communication & Collaboration

CHRIS DILORETO, SUPERINTENDENT

TOGETHER, WE ACHIEVED Jackson goes from 19 to 13 in the state

A year ago, Jackson Local Schools adopted the motto *Keeping the Main Thing, the Main Thing*. It is a three-pronged effort to keep all employees focused on (1) student achievement, (2) resource management, and (3) communication. Today, we are excited to report on the progress made in all three areas.

A year ago, our goal was to raise the district's top 25 ranking as measured by the state's Performance Index Score (the best indicator of a school district or individual school's performance).

Today, Jackson improved it ranking from 19th last year to 13th among Ohio's 610 traditional school districts. We scored 109.2 out of a possible 120 on the Performance Index. The score is calculated by using the achievement scores of every student. Of the top 25 schools, Jackson and only two others have more than 5,000 students, making this accomplishment even more impressive. In addition, we have seen more than a year's worth of expected student growth at each of our buildings, as indicated by the state's Value Added designation. To accomplish this when we are already high-performing is very challenging, a tribute to our outstanding faculty.

A year ago, our goal was to improve communication with the community through Facebook.

Today, you can join us and our 4,343 friends at www.facebook.com/jacksonschools for a daily post about the great things going on at school.

A year ago, our goal was to reduce district energy consumption by practicing daily conservation, thereby stretching the taxpayer dollar.

Today, Jackson is one of only three districts in the state to receive the Energy Star Leader Award with a Top Performer designation. With attention to every detail of our district's energy consumption, we have saved over three-quarters-of-a-million dollars.

Unfortunately, the district lost nearly a million dollars in revenue last school year and will lose nearly a million more this year due to Ohio's Tangible Personal Property Tax phase out program (a tax relief program for the business community). Jackson also lost \$400,000 in state aid cutbacks and is continually subject to the revenue losses created by area charter schools and open enrollment.

There will always be challenges, and we'll make every effort to see them as opportunities for improvement.

We hope you are as proud as we are of Jackson's teachers, students, parents, administrative team, and Board of Education. It's a great day to be a Polar Bear.

JACKSON RANKS 13TH AMONG OHIO'S 610 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Rank	District	Indicators Met	Performance Index	Adequate Yearly Progress	Value Added Growth	Preliminary Report Card Rating	Average Daily Enrollment
1	Wyoming City	26	112.4	Met	Above	Excellent with Distinction	1919
2	Madeira City	26	111.6	Met	Met	Excellent	1382
3	Solon City	26	111.2	Met	Above	Excellent with Distinction	4909
4	Indian Hill Exem. Village	26	111.1	Met	Met	Excellent	2014
5	Rocky River City	26	110.8	Met	Above	Excellent with Distinction	2528
6	Ottawa Hills Local	26	110.7	Met	Met	Excellent	987
7	Mason City	26	110.3	Met	Met	Excellent	10495
8	Oakwood City	26	109.8	Met	Met	Excellent	2055
9	Sycamore Comm. City	26	109.6	Not Met	Above	Excellent with Distinction	5206
10	Marion Local	26	109.6	Met	Met	Excellent	840
11	Minster Local	26	109.5	Met	Met	Excellent	806
12	Hudson City	26	109.3	Met	Met	Excellent	4500
13	Jackson Local	26	109.2	Met	Above	Excellent with Distinction	5785
14	Mariemont City	26	109.1	Met	Met	Excellent	1605
15	Chagrin Falls Ex. Village	26	109	Met	Above	Excellent with Distinction	1946
16	Fort Loramie Local	26	109	Met	Met	Excellent	847
17	Beachwood City	26	108.8	Met	Met	Excellent	1530
18	Aurora City	26	108.8	Met	Above	Excellent with Distinction	2857
19	Botkins Local	26	108.8	Met	Met	Excellent	557
20	Avon Lake City	26	108.7	Not Met	Above	Excellent with Distinction	3718

A DOZEN YEARS EXCELLENT



The Ohio Department of Education has designated Jackson Local Schools an Excellent with Distinction district for school year 2011-2012. The district has been Excellent or Excellent with Distinction for the past 12 years. Our buildings have earned the following designations:

- Amherst Elementary** **Excellent with Distinction**
- Lake Cable Elementary** **Excellent with Distinction**
- Sauder Elementary** **Excellent with Distinction**
- Strausser Elementary** **Excellent with Distinction**
- Jackson Memorial Middle School** **Excellent with Distinction**
- Jackson High School** **Excellent**

MOST CHALLENGING HIGH SCHOOLS



The Washington Post

a measure of how effectively a school prepares its students for college. We are proud to announce, for a 2nd time, Jackson High School has been identified as the 18th most challenging high school in Ohio with only 32 schools in the state being recognized.

Each year the Washington Post computes the Challenge Index for high schools across the country. This is

ENERGY CONSERVATION LEADERS



Owning a building that achieves top energy performance is a sign of good management, but owning a portfolio of buildings that achieve continuous improvement in energy performance demonstrates resource management and environmental leadership. The United States Environmental Protection Agency has recognized Jackson Local Schools as an Energy Star Leader with a Top Performer designation for 2012. Only three of Ohio's 610 districts earned this designation.

TWO BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS



The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students

perform at very high levels. We are proud to have two Blue Ribbon schools in the district. In 2009 both Lake Cable Elementary and Jackson High School received this special recognition.

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Polar Bears play in Spielman Gridiron Classic, raise over \$10,000

The Jackson Football Team and the JHS community participated in the Chris Spielman Gridiron Classic to raise \$100,000 for the Stefanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Chris Spielman will personally visit the school that raises the most money and will award a scholarship in honor of his late wife, Stefanie, a 1985 JHS grad. Jackson is currently in the lead.

At a pre-game ceremony at the Sept. 14 Spielman Gridiron Classic (SGC) game at Fife Stadium, Stefanie's sister Sue Fitz was on hand along with the director of SGC, Bob Hendrix. Both were brought to tears by the involvement of the Jackson community. On the very field where her sister was once a cheerleader, Ms. Fitz commented that she was truly moved by all that was done for her sister by Jackson Local.

With the "Purple Army" wearing pink shirts in formation as the breast cancer awareness bow, Mr. Hendrix commented that no school in his five years of the SGC has incorporated the band in the ceremony.

Ms. Fitz greeted a long line of local breast cancer survivors and their families, presenting each with a hug and a pink rose. "You are my heroes," she said.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, our football players took the field wearing pink socks. Cheerleaders pumped pink pom-poms and painted pink ribbons on their cheeks. The stands were awash in pink as students and fans sported the Gridiron Classic official shirt and added other interesting pink creations. Jackson Key Club sold over 750 shirts. 80 of which were bought by Lake students. The Polar Bear community raised over \$10,000 for the cause. Contributions can still be made, payable to the Jackson Mama Bears.



Courtesy of The Independent / FridayNightOhio.com



Go Bears



Marching Bears perform HOF halftime show

The Jackson Marching Bears performed in the Hall of Fame Grand Parade, Saturday, Aug. 4th and presented the halftime show at this year's Hall of Fame game between the Arizona Cardinals and the New Orleans Saints, August 5. GO BEARS!

JHS teachers sing National Anthem at HOF

Singing the National Anthem at the Hall of Fame game were The Jackson Four, Scot Eversdyke, Bruce Lautzenheiser, Steve Dye, and Fred Locker. These four Jackson High School teachers sang a cappella to the crowd and to delight of the JHS students and the staff who have the pleasure of occasionally hearing them perform at school.



Photo by Pam Janson

Photo By Lisa Vicini.

National Merit Semifinalists and Commended Students



Back row from left: James Howie-Semifinalist, Brandon Mader-Semifinalist. Middle row: Sarah Sullivan-Semifinalist, Matthew Belardo-Semifinalist, Jacob Donnelly-Semifinalist, Zachary Kassir-Commended, Madeline Busch-Commended, Leah McPherson-Commended. Kneeling, front: Zachary Maiorana-Commended.



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There are multiple global opportunities at Jackson

Chinese sister school students make summer visit to JHS

Each summer, Jackson families host students from our sister school in China. The cultural exchange began with a welcome breakfast at JHS for the students and their 16 host families. Each student received a purple t-shirt bearing the names of the sister school and JHS. Next, JHS students Siddhant Srivastava, Christian McAndrew, and JHS graduates Karl Xia, Perry Billett, and Tonya Srivastava took the Chinese students on a tour of the high school. During the week, the group traveled to Kelly's Island and Sluggers and Putters. They had a bonfire/cookout at the home of Dr. Matt and Julie Taylor and a "lock-in party" at JHS. Amid tears and smiles, they returned to China with warm memories and many gifts from their American friends.



Chinese teacher to spend three years at JHS and JMMS

The JHS World Language Department hosted a welcome breakfast for our new visiting teacher from China, Mr. Xiaoqing Wang, from Songyang County, Zhejiang Province, China. In China he worked as an English teacher at Lishui Radio & Television University. We heartily welcome Mr. Wang, who will be here in Jackson teaching Chinese at JHS and JMMS for the next three years. A Jackson re-sale shop called 2nd Hand Treasures donated furniture for Mr. Wong's apartment. <http://www.2handtreasures.com>.



Standing from left are: Xiaoqing Wang, permanent JHS Chinese teacher Rui Tan, Secondary Curriculum Coordinator Linda Salom, Spanish and French teacher Parthena Draggett, and JHS principal Monica Myers. Seated from left are: Spanish teacher Stella Munoz, Spanish teacher Heather Browne, assistant JHS principal Mike Hamm, Spanish teacher Carol Harmon.

JAGS and area businesses present an evening of world cultures

Freshmen in the Jackson Academy for Global Studies (JAGS) represented 18 countries in an evening world cultures event attended by more than 400 JHS and JMMS classmates, parents, and community friends. JAGS were joined by area global businesses and community groups: The Timken Company, LG Fuel Cell Systems, Inc., BMW, Diebold, Siete Sur Foundation, University of Mount Union, Walsh University, Confucius Institute, and Kischke Management Consulting.



Guests received a passport to be stamped at each country visited as they pondered two essential questions: How does the world impact me? How do I impact the world?

Students Christian McAndrew, Siddhant Srivastava, and Jamey Howie spoke of the importance of understanding the world and speaking other languages for professional success and global insight. Leah Shaheen and Tala Nashawati offered closing remarks.

Parent Community Advisory Board members Olga Gamboa, Karyn Talbot-Russ, and Susanne Engehardt secured the businesses in attendance.

JAGS students will graduate with a certificate of global studies after spending their high school years in a rigorous curriculum involving world cultures, world languages, community service, and international projects.




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Unity in Our Community Pancake Breakfast another success

It's a tradition. Janelle Winkhart, Susie Gindlesberger, and Jen Herold have once again led a team of 500 volunteers to create a morning of unity in our community. On October 20, about 8,400 pancakes, 5,520 sausage links and more than 100 gallons of syrup were served to more than 2,800 happy people in the commons at Jackson High School.

Alongside the breakfast is the health fair where 40 vendors provided free samples, information, and health screenings.

Event proceeds will be used by Jackson counselors to aid needy families within our school district.

A portion of the funds will also be donated to the newly-formed Jackson Local Schools Foundation, a fund that will eventually benefit the entire district, its students and its teachers through grants and scholarships.

The event's success is also due to our community partners who donate everything needed for the breakfast: Buehler's Fresh Foods, Chick-Fil-A, Dairy Enterprises, Gordon Food Service, ImagineThis Wholesale Printing, JHS Library, J.M. Smucker Co., M-Creative Media, Miday's Nursery, Old Carolina Barbecue, Omni Orthopedics, Sonic America's Drive-In, and The Shack.

"It's great to see this level of engagement and pride in our community and its schools. Mrs. Winkhart, Mrs. Gindlesberger, Mrs. Herold, their volunteers and area businesses have created an event that brings people together in the spirit of unity," said Superintendent Chris DiLoreto. "We are truly humbled by this gift of time, talent and generosity."



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Scott Elkins, Cisco Networking Instructor, invited Business and Technology Foundations students to his lab and showed them how to disassemble and reassemble a computer, giving them hands-on experience that brought to life the computer terminology they are studying. Students assembled the computers then powered them up to check if they correctly installed all of the components.



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Paperless projects for teammates and teachers

Students in Jeremy Evans' 5th grade Technology class have been using Google Docs to create and share projects and presentations. Google Docs is a free, Web-based office suite and data storage service that allows users to create and edit documents online while collaborating in real-time with other users. The students complete projects and instantly share them with group mates or their teacher. The teacher can then grade the project and return it to the student without ever printing it.



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Project Runway JMMS style

Students in Chelsea Burton's 8th grade Language Arts class participated in their own Project Runway: Adjective and Adverb Edition. Each student was instructed to bring in an article of clothing. Working in small groups, a model was selected to wear all of the clothing their group members had brought. Students then wrote a description of their model using as many adjectives and adverbs as possible (i.e. John is walking proudly, wearing a red, sparkly, zebra shirt). The models then took to the catwalk while group speakers read the adverb-heavy descriptions aloud. The audience wrote down all the adjectives and adverbs they heard from each group's performance. After all groups performed, the class voted on "Best Dressed." The Best Dressed awards went to Trent Bubanic and John Hamilton.



John Hamilton



Adjective and Adverb Runway Models: Noah Mann, Jake Roush, Trent Bubanic, Tee Rupp, Clarke Mikesell.

JMMS shows its school spirit - Go Bears!



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In compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act passed by Congress in 1986, the Jackson Local School District has an AHERA Management Plan on file in the Administrative Office at 7602 Fulton Dr. NW. Anyone interested in viewing the plan can stop by the office and see a copy. The district's Asbestos Management Plan has been kept current through inspections in the school buildings every six months, and major re-evaluations which are completed periodically. Jackson Local School District will continue to maintain a clean and safe environment in all district buildings for its students and employees.

Earns Girl Scout Gold Award

Katelyn Warne, a 2012 graduate of Jackson High School, was awarded the Girl Scout Gold Award. Katelyn has been a Girl Scout for 13 years, also earning the Bronze and Silver awards, along with three Girl Scout religious awards (Family of God, I Live My Faith, and the Marian Award).

Katelyn's Gold Award project benefitted the Massillon Family Living Center, a temporary housing facility for women with children. She relandscaped areas in the front and back of the building and built two benches. She also created comfort bags for each child entering the facility to make them feel more at home in a strange environment.

In addition to Girl Scouting, Katelyn was a member of the varsity softball team at Jackson, soccer team and had run cross country. She has been active at St. Michael's Catholic Church as a vacation bible school volunteer and a teacher's aide in the Parish School of Religion program. In her spare time, Katelyn enjoys photography, running and crafting her own jewelry. She attends The Ohio State University majoring in Fashion & Retail Studies. Katelyn is the daughter of Michael and Susan Warne.



Mission work – 11 countries in 11 months

Liz Cloutier, a University of Akron grad and 2008 JHS grad recently spoke to 60 students in our new Jackson Academy for Global Studies (JAGS) group. She said, "I'd rather be in a hut with a dirt floor than a five-story mansion." That's because she believes in helping those less fortunate.

Liz is a fine example of the type of student who will emerge from JAGS. She will participate in the 2012 World Race, a Christian mission program that will take her to 11 countries in 11 months, carrying only what she can in a backpack.

The purpose of the trek is to help people in need, "Because I'm crazy enough to try and change the world," she said, curling her left arm into a muscle to show a tattooed map of the world and the words "change the world" on her left bicep.

Liz will visit Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, Tanzania, Mozambique, Swaziland, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Moldova, Romania, and Ireland. Ultimately, Liz hopes to move to Haiti and start a soccer school as a way to feed and educate that country's children.

"I come alive when I help people," she said. To help Liz help people, visit her blog at lizcloutier.theworldrace.org.



Member of the OSU Homecoming Court

Elizabeth Harter is a 2009 JHS grad and current senior at OSU, majoring in Business Administration, specializing in Accounting with a minor in Legal Foundations of Society. After a lengthy application and interview process, based on leadership, service and spirit, Elizabeth was selected as a member of the 2012 OSU Homecoming Court by a panel of distinguished alumni as one of the 13 male and 13 female students members of the court.

"To be on the Homecoming court at OSU is a huge honor, Elizabeth said. "We are representing Ohio State at all of the major campus events. We are really role models for what student involvement should look like. I remember looking at posters of the Homecoming Court from my freshman year and being blown away by their qualifications. It's amazing to think I've reached that point now."

Elizabeth has a wealth of leadership experience such as: She is one of 30 Students in the Fisher College of Business to be selected for the Honors Cohort Program, vice president of finance in the O.S.U. Pan-Hellenic Association, deputy director of Government Relations, president of Mirrors Sophomore Class Honorary, ambassador for the Business Honors Learning Community, and is the Bricker Sorority Woman of the Year 2012.



Living the life of a professional artist

Ari Elefterin, a 2009 grad, returned to JHS to speak with Jackson School for the Arts (JSA) students. Ari, a senior at Boston University, is living her dream of becoming a working artist and is experiencing success in her field of graphic design. She told JSA students that she took advantage of the opportunities provided by Jackson Local Schools, which set her up for college success.

Ari told the JSA students that creative learning is what JSA is all about, "Do the work, but make it your own," she said, speaking of a one-on-one mentorship program that JSA provided her. In that program, Ari designed her own curriculum. JSA director, Mrs. Susan Gardner, added, "JSA teachers will help you find your dream, just as Ari found hers."



One of Ari's designs was chosen for the rebranding of the Boston neighborhood of Alston. Her work has appeared in LA, Philadelphia, New York, Washington DC, Vietnam, and China. She also developed a photography program for a group of boys at Dorchester Youth Alternative Academy.

Ari believes art is, "connecting the soul to the outside world." She saw art touch the soul of the Dorchester boys and is organizing a fundraiser to perpetuate the photography program. "I found it rewarding to give what I love (the arts) to the Dorchester boys. They make me want to work harder to make more opportunities for them."

She is currently creating video and performance work that focuses on the relationship between nature and technology, more specifically the things that are "hidden in plain sight" (such as personal history and religion). "I am working to explore the void between outer appearance and the characteristics we use to define ourselves," Ari said.

Rotary Ambassador Scholar in Australia

Elle Sypek, a 2008 JHS grad and a 2012 grad of Santa Clara University, will spend the next year in Australia on a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, partially sponsored by the Rotary Club of Jackson Twp.

In Elle's words, "As a graduate of Santa Clara University- a Jesuit school just south of San Francisco- I learned the value of giving back to the community, on both local and global scales. I was fortunate enough to have been involved in numerous service learning initiatives, one of which led me to Kadapa, India to work with the derelict and marginalized children of society. During my time in India, I was affirmed in my passions to work with children, particularly in the realm of clinical and counseling psychology. Upon graduation, I was awarded a year-long Rotarian Ambassadorial Scholarship to represent The Rotary Club of Jackson Township in Sydney, Australia while simultaneously researching the emotional and behavioral development of children at the University of Sydney Graduate School for Clinical Psychology. I feel so blessed for the opportunity and hope that one day I can utilize these experiences to open my own private practice to serve underprivileged children throughout the world."



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Among our nations heroes, author



Rocky Checca, a 1997 graduate of Jackson High School and a 2002 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, has contributed a chapter to the recent release of the book, *IN THE SHADOW OF GREATNESS*. His chapter "Evacuating the Injured," tells of his three tours of duty in Iraq as a CASEVAC Marine Corps Helicopter Pilot.

"A must read for all Americans." -Tom Brokaw

FROM THE BOOK FLAP:

They were walking to class on 9/11/01 when the World Trade Center and Pentagon were struck. These midshipmen were soon to graduate from the Naval Academy into a nation at war, the first officers to do so since Vietnam. The men and women of the United States Naval Academy, Class of 2002

lost their youth to a decade of deployments and their innocence on battlefields in distant places. Each story provides a glimpse into the lives of modern day Navy or Marine Corps officers who were faced with unique challenges and sacrifices. Their stories poignantly explain the trials of war and reveal a world many don't understand. Refreshingly honest, their narratives take readers on a journey from Annapolis to the far corners of the world to experience the unique challenges of operations at sea, on the land, and in the skies. Themes of leadership and service are on display throughout.

The book, a donation from Rocky's family, is available in the JHS Media Center, at Amazon.com and from most book retailers. All proceeds from the book benefit U.S. military organizations.

Rocky's mother, Donna said, "We are proud of Rocky and all those who serve our country. We are also very proud he was a Polar Bear."

Leads college team to fast start



Lauren Goodwill, a Bethany College senior and JHS grad, has helped the Bison volleyball team get off to its best Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) start in school history.

Lauren, a four-year member of the Bethany volleyball program, has helped turn the Bison into one of the top teams in the PAC. The year before Lauren and this year's senior class arrived on campus, the Bison finished 5-24. The turnaround began immediately, as Bethany went 16-15 and earned a spot in the PAC Tournament during Goodwill's freshman campaign.

The next two years saw Bethany reach postseason play for the first time in the program's history. In 2010, they were invited to play in the Eastern College Athletic Conference South Region Tournament, winning all three matches to claim the tournament championship and finish with a 24-13 record, the second-most wins in program history. Lauren was a huge reason for the success. She earned Honorable Mention All-PAC after amassing 270 kills and 65 blocks during the season.

In Lauren's junior season, the Bison opened the season with 14 consecutive victories and would earn the #2 seed for the PAC Tournament. For helping Bethany set a school record for wins (31-6 record), Lauren was selected Second Team All-PAC after she posted 242 kills and a .291 hitting percentage for the year.

This season has seen more success, both for Lauren and the Bison. Individually, she is second on the team with 140 kills and first in hitting percentage at .263. She has six matches with 10+ kills this season, highlighted by a season-best 15 in a win at Hanover (Ind.) College Sept. 8. Four of those matches with double-digit kills have come against conference foes, including 10 in a 3-1 win over defending PAC champion Geneva and 12 in a 3-1 triumph over Thiel, as Bethany swept both matches in a key conference tri-match Sept. 22.

An elementary education major, Lauren is the daughter of Trish & Denny Goodwill.

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Jackson's 2012 People of Character are, from left: Vera Brunie, Kelly Winters, Tami Neff, Jeffrey Benson, Alan McDorman (posthumous, accepted by his wife Nikki), and Debbie Shellhammer.

Character counts in Stark County

In October, Character Counts of Stark County sponsored its annual recognition reception to present awards to outstanding Stark County school employees. This award was given to one individual from every public school in Stark County, each of whom exemplified the six pillars of character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.

Following are some excerpts from the recognition program.

Jeff Benson - Amherst Teacher

Recognized for his love of teaching, reflected in the enormous impact he has on his students' lives. Positive role model, for all Amherst students. Generous. Great sense of humor.

Debbie Shellhammer - Lake Cable Teacher

Incredible teacher who models integrity, citizenship and kindness to students and entire school community. Her colleagues admire her for the constant respect she shows others. Makes those around her feel valued.

Kelly Winters - Sauder Teacher

Truly a gift from heaven. A gentle soul with a gift for showering love onto everyone in her path. Asks to also teach the students who need a bit more time, effort, understanding, and she even volunteers to cover the office during her planning periods.

Tami Neff - Strausser Guidance Counselor

Assisted in in-

corporating the FISH philosophy which is now an integral part of the school culture. Implemented Bucket-Filling philosophy and anti-bullying campaigns to assist students in following the six pillars of character. She is a kind-hearted, honest, caring person.

Vera Brunie - JMMS Special Needs Teacher

Passionate, caring, loving instructor of special needs students. Brings out the best in each of her students and loves every minute of it. Comes to school with a smile on her face each day, and as the day grows, so does her positive outlook. Makes JMMS a quality environment for students and staff.

Alan McDorman - JHS Teacher & Coach

(posthumous) A true polar bear. Served students as teacher and coach with the utmost commitment and respect. Always made students feel valued and respected. He is truly missed by students, and his memory lives on at JHS.

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Learning in nature's classroom

Jane Slife's class at Amherst went on a field trip to Brumbaugh's Nature Center in Alliance where they learned about the wonders of bees. They also learned about the dangers of bees. As their guide was explaining how one of the hives was somewhat aggressive this year, one of the bees stung her face. The students also harvested vegetables, interacted with a large praying mantis, and navigated a labyrinth. Mrs. Slife believes, "Tell me and I will forget. Show me and I may remember. Involve me and I'll understand."



Learning the difference between fact and opinion

Amherst 5th graders in Kara Robertson's class hold a poster they made for their *Fact and Opinion* commercial to sell their invention, the Chank (combination of an animal cage and a fish tank). The students presented their commercial to the class with facts and opinions about their product. Classmates identified the facts and opinions they heard during the commercial.

Pictured are Brianna Ake, Logan Webster, Audrey Seymour, and Madison Earlenbaugh.



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Talking to the Animals

Meggie Sette's Lake Cable kindergartners were all smiles and awe on their field trip to Rolling Ridge Ranch.



Kind donation from someone who knows how it feels

Lake Cable resident, Doreen Sykeny, donated seven backpacks filled with school supplies to the students of Lake Cable Elementary. Mrs. Sykeny has a soft spot in her heart for students who have less. "I never had a back pack in my whole life," she said, adding, "I think I get more out of it than whoever gets them, just knowing they won't have the embarrassment that I had as a child."

Lake Cable Principal J.R. Reindel expressed his gratitude saying, "Mrs. Sykeny's generosity has eased the stress on students who have a need and on teachers who usually fill the needs out of their own pockets. We thank her very much."

Lake Cable Kids put learning to good use

Lake Cable 1st graders spent a week reading fiction and non-fiction books about eating healthy and taking care of their bodies. To culminate, they headed outside to use what they learned. After a discussion about what muscles we were working at each station, students rotated through several "muscle stations" which included hula-hoop, climbing, swinging, throwing, and a running-skipping-hopping station.



What I did on my summer vacation

Students in Lori Morton's Lake Cable fourth grade wrote brief descriptions of their summer fun onto paper cut-out sun glasses.



From left are: Amanda Oeder, Bridget Nunley, Tyler Reindel, Claire Winkhart, Brooke Bajornas, Grace Salvatore, Allyson Woolbert, and Sebastian Scott.

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SAUDER ELEMENTARY

Annual staff kickball game starts the new school year

Sauder PTG sponsors an annual back-to-school kickball game, featuring opposing teams of Sauder staff members playing their hearts out while Sauder students and their families cheer for either the purple or gold team. There is a DJ to rev up the crowd and plenty of food for a great family night out.



A More Perfect Union

Most Americans know that July 4th is our nation's birthday. Jackson 3rd graders know that September 17th is the birthday of our government, the date in 1787 on which 39 delegates to the Philadelphia Convention completed and signed the U.S. Constitution. Constitution Day is intended to celebrate not only the birthday of our government, but the ideas that make us Americans—commitment to the rule of law, limited government, and the ideals of liberty, equality, and justice. Students celebrated by signing their own hand-made, 3rd Grade Constitution banner.

What I hope to learn in first grade

Krstin Boyland's first grade class at Amherst proudly shows the goals they intend to accomplish by the end of the school year. Some goals included, "Learn to do math, read non-fiction books, read chapter books, be quicker at subtraction, and know how to tell time."



Lilly pays it forward

Strausser 2nd grader Lily Wahl, an avid reader, asked only for books as gifts for her 7th birthday, but those books would not be for her. Instead, Lilly would donate the books to the Pediatric Unit at Aultman Hospital.

Just before her 5th birthday, Lilly had her tonsils and adenoids removed. In the recovery room, a nurse brought a gift cart around and told her she could choose something for herself and for her little brother at home. Lily said the act of kindness immediately made her feel better. Friends and family celebrated Lily's birthday by bringing her books for all ages of children. Lily added an additional 15 items to the pile, and on Monday, August 13, along with little brother Charlie, Lilly wheeled a wagon full of more than 100 items to the 5th floor at Aultman Hospital.

Her mother, Amy, reported, "Lilly was so excited. After we delivered the books, Lilly said, 'I just got the best birthday gift!'"

In a note to the hospital staff, Lilly wrote, "I hope this makes other kids happy, too. The best gift of all is giving." Her goal for her 8th birthday is 200 books.



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We the second graders

Strausser second graders celebrated Constitution Day by making American flag t-shirts and learning about the Constitution.



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Getting carded

At the beginning of the school year, Strausser second graders made an athletic-style trading card containing information about themselves. As a team-building activity, and to get to know one another, the students traded their cards with other students across the grade level.

At right, Braeden Bosler shows samples of the cards that students excitedly traded.



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Fall athletes make Jackson proud

By Terry Peterson, Athletic Director

Our fall sports teams have once again had a tremendous season. The Polar Bears have captured five Federal League championships as of Oct. 24 and also have one 2nd place finish and two 3rd place finishes.



The Bears' overall fall sports combined record is 70-19-7 and the combined Federal League record is 40-5-2.

Football — Owns a 5-4 record overall and finished 2-3 in the Federal League, with the Hoover game remaining.

Boys Soccer — Finished the regular season with an 10-4-4 overall record and 3-1-2 in the Federal League (3rd place). Senior, James Haupt, was named the Federal League Player of the Year. The Bears have advanced to the District tournament by defeating Boardman in the Sectionals.

Girls Soccer — Currently owns a 10-4-3 record overall and a perfect 6-0 to win the Federal League title for the 19th time in the past 20 years. The Lady Bears have advanced to the District Championship game by defeating both Perry and Louisville. Recently, junior Caitlyn Patton was named Federal League Player of the Year.

Volleyball — Currently 24-1 overall and finished the Federal League season unbeaten with a 12-0 record, earning their second consecutive Federal League championship. The Lady Bears have advanced to the District Championship match by defeating Massillon, Timken and Wooster. Senior Kristin Cardwell was named the Federal League Player of the Year and Coach Jeff Walck was named Federal League Coach of the Year.

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Senior citizen's wish granted to see a JHS football game

The Jackson Cheerleaders have taken a liking to Vincent Lamb, an 88-year-old resident at Altercare of Nobles Pond. They met him when they recently visited the nursing facility to perform for the residents. The facility's activities director, Teresa Gregg said Mr. Lamb thoroughly enjoyed the visit. In fact, "He was all smiles." She added her appreciation for the Jackson Schools partnership, saying, "There is no pill we can give to get the kind of smiles we get from these kinds of inter-generational connections."

Under the care of Crossroads Hospice, Mr. Lamb was granted his wish to see a Jackson football game. He and his family were given passes to the first home football game, where Mr. Lamb was escorted onto the field, by his son Dave, to be honored and given a football signed by the football players. He was greeted by Athletic Director Terry Peterson and surrounded by his cheerleader friends. Mr. Peterson offered him future passes, should he want to attend another game. Mr. Lamb made his career as a Baptist pastor, largely visiting nursing homes. "Vincent has a sense of humor and a love for people that is inspiring," said Ms. Gregg.



Boys Golf - Finished the regular season with a perfect 7-0 record and 6-0 in the Federal League to win the Federal League championship. Also finished 3rd in the Sectional tournament and were District qualifiers.



Girls Golf — Finished the season as the Federal League pre-season and post-season tournament champions, and finished the regular season Federal League schedule with a perfect 6-0 record to earn their 4th straight Federal League championship. The Lady Bears also finished 2nd at the Sectional tournament and were the District champions, earning their 5th straight appearance in the at the Division I state tournament where they finished 3rd. Junior Cassie Pantelas and sophomore Landrie Grace were each named 2nd Team All-Ohio.



Girls Tennis — Finished the season with a 13-5 overall record, 5-1 in the Federal League regular season, and were the post-season Federal League champions. Overall, the Lady Bears finished 2nd in the Federal League. They also were also the regional runners-up in the Ohio Coaches Association Tournament. Sophomore Tessa Hill was named the Federal League and the Stark County Player of the Year.

Boys Cross Country — Won the Stark County Meet, finished 3rd in the Federal League Meet, and 3rd at the District meet, which qualifies them for the Regional meet.

Girls Cross Country — Won the North Canton Invitational, the Walsh Jesuit Tomahawk Invitational, the Malone University Invitational, the Stark County Meet, and the Federal League Meet, earning the Lady Bears the Federal League title. They were also champions of the District Meet, which qualifies them for the Regional Meet. Coach Kevin Walsh was recently named the Federal League Coach of the Year.



Girls' Soccer kicks for diabetes

The Jackson Girls' Soccer Team held its first annual "Kick Diabetes" game to increase awareness of juvenile diabetes and raise funds for research. Two of their players live with Type 1 Diabetes, and the disease affects several of the players' family members. The two players have a combined 21 years of dealing with diabetes. They have had to endure over 61,000 finger pricks and administer over 34,000 insulin injections.

The Soccer Team raised \$2,500 through a combination of t-shirt sales, raffle baskets, and donations. All proceeds benefited the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the American Diabetes Association, and Akron Children's Hospital Diabetes Camp Scholarship Fund.

A core team of donors helped the girls get the ball rolling. They were: NovoNordisk, Haymaker Tree and Lawn, 1 Nation Security, Lowmiller Electric, Vaccaro & Vaccaro Attorneys at Law, Stark County Foot and Ankle Clinic, Sirpilla RV & Camping World, The Shack, Pizza Hut, and Parsons Concrete.

The effort was organized by parents: Vanessa Vaccaro, Stromie Bleichrodt, Heather Patterson, Sue Augustine, and Andrea Young.



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Progressive Chevrolet, under the leadership of its General Manager Craig Sanders, has gifted Jackson Local Schools with a 2012 Chevy Sonic LTZ Hatchback to raffle for the benefit of its student support/extracurricular groups. Dr. Wraps has covered the car, with a design created by JHS art student Emily Yoder. The winner of the car can choose to remove the wrap and reveal the black car, or leave the wrap in place.

A drawing will take place at Jackson's home basketball game, December 14. Winner need not be present.

"We are extremely grateful to the Progressive Chevrolet family for providing our school district and its students with this generous gift and exciting opportunity. We look forward to the camaraderie it will build among our support organizations and the benefits it will create for our students," said Jackson Local Schools Assistant Superintendent Barry Mason.

The district has invited each of its 501(c)3 booster groups to benefit by selling tickets, at \$10 each.

Mr. Mason added, "I am always fascinated by the variety of unique fundraising efforts our support groups come up with, but it's a rare opportunity that a fundraiser gives participants a chance for this kind of return on investment. A \$10 ticket gives the purchaser a chance at a \$21,000 prize."

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Mama Bears	Cathy Anderson	330.495.7239
Jackson Boys Soccer	Scott Pollock	330.495.9227
JYBA	Scott Hawkins	330.806.8553

These are the 501(c)3 booster organizations participating in the raffle.

MORE FROM THE JHS CLASSROOM



Public invited to see student-made video honoring Jackson soldiers

JHS Broadcast Media students are creating a Veterans' Day video to honor Jackson grads that have served or are currently serving in the military, JHS staff who have served, and veterans in our community. A final component of the video will show JHS students how they can support our troops through volunteer programs and or donations to organizations like Movies for Troops and USO.

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Polar dogs read with kids

George, the Labradoodle (left) and Sadie the Great Pyrenees are two of the sweet dogs who come to school and listen patiently as our elementary students read to them.

Senior Citizens pay half price for athletic tickets

If you are age 65 or over, you can attend all regular season varsity contests for half price.



From left are Ruthanne Wilkof, Jennifer Jones, Mark Belgya, and Mark Wright raffling off an iPad at a recent event.

Group raises funds for new foundation

The newly-formed Jackson Local Schools Foundation intends to raise \$100,000 in donations as a first step in an ongoing campaign to provide students, teachers, and the district as a whole with a private resource to enhance classroom excellence.



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Purple Army troops re-up - take the field

A record number of alumni band members returned for the annual Past, Present and Future halftime show. Taking the field were nearly 80 alumni musicians and majorettes (Past), 215 current band members (Present), and the entire eighth grade band (Future), filling the Fife Stadium Field with nearly 400 members. That's a lot of Mississippi Mud! Most of the halftime show was done with the current band and alumni. Eighth graders joined them for one selection.

"It is a way to link the Past, Present and Future of the Jackson Band," said director Michele Monigold, adding, "Students get a chance to see the relationships built in the band program and the way it changes lives. It was great to see parents marching with their children."

We want to continue building our Alumni Band. If you are a former band member, please check the school Web site and join us next year. <http://www.jackson.stark.k12.oh.us/JacksonHigh.cfm?subpage=343354>.



New teachers join the excellence-seeking Jackson team

Wendy Adams (Sauder Grade 5), Larry Baker (7th Grade Social Studies), Chelsea Burton (8th Grade Language Arts), Joe Carlson (JHS Music), Brendan Gannon (7th Grade Language Arts), Joshua Hirschman (8th Grade Social Studies), Lauren Ignazio (JHS English), Jennifer Jackson (Lake Cable Grade 1), Emma Lee Jarvis (Sauder Grade 2), Jordan Johnson (8th Grade Social Studies), Kaylee Jones (7th Grade Science), Jennifer Koladin (JHS English), Kathleen Laughlin (6th Grade Science), Stacy Mann (Amherst Grade 1), Craig McConnell (Grades 6-8 Phys Ed), Matt Miller (JHS Guidance Counselor), Jennifer Muckley (JHS English), Cory Muller (Lake Cable Grade 4), Megan Naim (JHS Online Credit Recovery), Devon Parks (Strausser Grade 1), Shannon Pickens (Lake Cable Kindergarten), Hans Rydquist (Amherst Grade 3), Vanessa Schmidt (Sauder Grade 5), Rui Tan (JHS Chinese), Michael Wright (8th Grade Language Arts).

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