

QUAKER talk

Fall/Winter 2012

HS BAND

ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE

A true "once in a lifetime" performance opportunity does not come around often, but the students of the New Philadelphia High School Marching Quaker Band experienced just that.

The Marching Quaker Band traveled to Hawaii on December 7th, to participate in a mass band performance in conjunction with the Pearl Harbor 70th Anniversary commemoration.

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Bob Alsept
Superintendent

Notes from the Superintendent



Dear Quaker Community Members,

I hope that you have all enjoyed the recent holiday break! As we move to the end of the first semester we have many highlights to celebrate. New Philadelphia City Schools received a rating of "Excellent with Distinction" on the Ohio Local Report Card. This was the first time our district received the highest rating. Success like this is a direct result of the outstanding efforts put forth by our staff and students. We also could not do this without the support of our community. I would like to say "Thank You" to the community for allowing us to educate your children and giving us the resources to be "Excellent with Distinction!"

The halfway point of the year finds us progressing toward our goals. Our staff has worked very hard to align ourselves to the new Common Core Standards. Our students will be responsible for these standards on the 2014-2015 state assessments. We have also worked very hard to establish our Professional Learning Communities within each building. These groups of teachers collaborate and share best practices based on data. This collaboration allows us to maximize our instruction time. All of this will allow us to ensure that our students perform to their maximum abilities.

In addition to our academic success, our students have performed admirably in extra and co-curricular activities. Our Cheerleaders defended their ECOL Championship while our Boys Soccer Team advanced to the Regionals. The Football Team capped off an exciting year with a trip to the OHSAA Playoffs and our Marching Quakers received a Superior rating at the OMEA State Band Competition. The Volleyball Team achieved the best record and highest rating in the state in their history. We have truly excelled in the classroom and the fields of competition.

We are looking forward to greater accomplishments for the second half of the year. We invite you to visit with us and witness the amazing things that happen in our buildings every day. We will have our Coffee Chats on February 1, 15, 22 and 29 at the Daily Grind. The Chats begin at 6:00 PM. We will also hold our "Quakers for Excellence" meeting on March 1, 2012 at the Front Street Administration Building. The meeting will be from 7:00-8:30 PM. We look forward to seeing you in the upcoming months!

Sincerely,

Bob Alsept
Superintendent

EXCELLENT WITH DISTINCTION



State Department of Education Board Member Debbie Cain, presented the New Philadelphia City School District with an "Excellent with Distinction" banner at the October Board of Education meeting.

**IMPORTANT
PARENT SURVEY**
Please visit the district
webpage at
www.npschools.org

- Parent Technology Survey
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COFFEE CHATS
Feb 1, 15, 22 and 29, 2012
Daily Grind - 6 PM

**QUAKERS FOR
EXCELLENCE MEETING**
March 1, 2012 - 7 PM
Front Administration Bldg.



East Remembers 9-11

Students at East Elementary took time to remember and honor those who lost their lives on 9/11. Students decorated a special tag and attached one to each of the 300 red, white and blue balloons, which were launched at the end of the day. Balloons went as far as Massillon and Wadsworth. Individuals who found the balloons were so touched that they contacted the school principal, Laurie Hall. They remarked how the personalized inscription meant so much to them. One veteran who found a balloon sent a letter stating, "As a Marine veteran, I am reminded on 9/11 that freedom is

not free, but paid for by our troops serving to protect us. Let's remember peace starts in our own community and home." A Wadsworth resident, emailed saying, "It was sweet seeing the pictures you colored on the tag with the heart-felt message to remember September 11. Your balloon traveled 44 miles!"

Pictured below are students who received letters from their balloon tribute: Anastasia Jackson, Erika Kugler, Jayden Ramsey and Solomon Meese





Debra Kennedy
Assistant Superintendent

Title One teachers explored the “what,” “why” and “how” of using technology in the classroom to foster the “Four C’s”: Critical thinking, Creativity, Collaboration and Communication. The nine Title One teachers spent three days investigating and learning how to use The iPad, Apple’s latest entry in the mobile computing market. Bringing together digital still camera and video technology into classroom is revolutionizing the educational system.

After learning the process of creating a video, including creating the script, setting up the shoot and filming creatively, a podcast was created. Now these teachers will be taking this process back to the elementary schools to integrate with reading and writing skills and develop student made projects.

At home, parents can get into the fun by having students become the producer of their own podcast. Use the following guidelines to help your child write a commercial about an event.

Notes *from the Assistant Superintendent...*



Title Teacher Marlene Dunn assists Mrs. Kennedy



**Ready,
Set, and...
ACTION!**

Story Board		
Beginning Shot:	Middle Shot:	Ending Shot:
What to Say:	What to Say:	What to Say:





6th Graders Head to the WILDERNESS

Sixth Grade camp at The Wilderness Center recently concluded as two separate groups of Welty sixth graders visited the Wilmot nature spot for two days.

of that pond. They then took those creatures back to the main building to look at those creatures up close through microscopes in "Wet and Wild."

"It was very cool and very educational," Mason Schlemmer said. "The Wet and Wild was cool because we got to catch bugs at the pond."

The students took a walk through the woods and learned about consumers, producers and decomposers while finding examples during a "Discovery" class.

In "Reasons for the Seasons" the students met in the Planetarium and learned how the planets were made, how the Earth, sun and moon work together, and were able to look right into a night sky filled with stars and learn about the different constellations.

The students had the opportunity to engage in sports, such as football, kickball, cornhole and jump rope to let off a little steam and stay active.

The students had a wonderful time as they took part in many activities to explore. They were thrust into nature to study the science behind an array of topics, from consumers and producers to how rocks are formed. The classes were hands on and the instructors were amazing.

The students were able to learn how rocks are formed, as well as to classify the different types of rocks in "Rock Hounds." They walked to a pond and used filters on a stick to dig into the water to find inhabitants

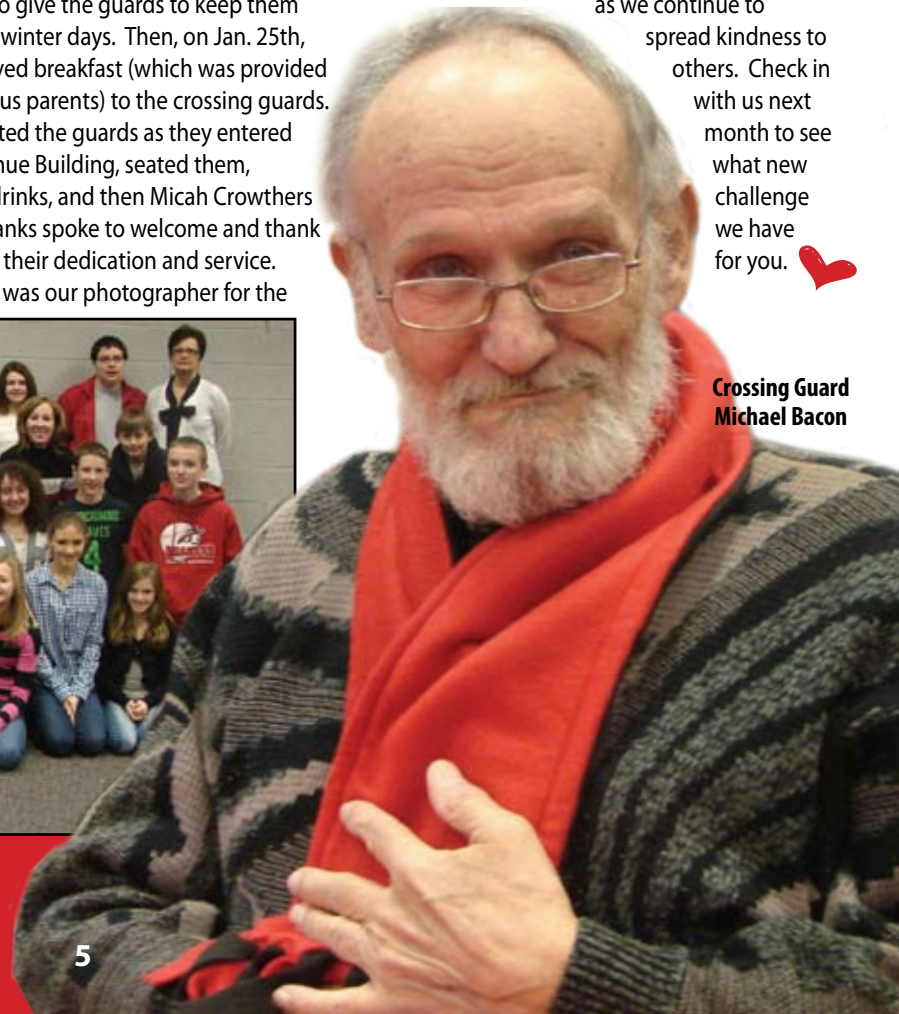
Rachel's Challenge

Students and Staff at Welty Middle School have stepped up to a challenge to spread kindness and compassion to others. Rachel Scott, the first victim of the Columbine tragedy, was a young girl full of hope, promise, and kindness. She lived her life to spread goodness, and a group called Rachel's Challenge has been organized in her honor. Welty students and staff have joined the cause with five goals: Look for the "Best in Others," Choose Positive Influences, Speak Words of "Kindness", Forgive Yourself and Others, and Treat Others the Way You Want to be Treated. Our social committee is led by Mrs. Bambeck, Mrs. Golec, Mrs. Locke, Ms. Maurer, and Ms. Welch; the group is comprised of thirty-five students. Our first challenge was to honor

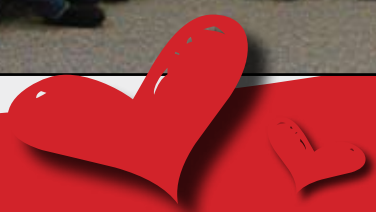
our school crossing guards with a breakfast and homemade red and black scarf. With the generosity of the 4-H Extension Office who donated their time to help students make the scarves and of The Material Girl Store for their donation of the fabric, each student member made a scarf to give the guards to keep them warm on cold winter days. Then, on Jan. 25th, the group served breakfast (which was provided by our generous parents) to the crossing guards. Students greeted the guards as they entered the Front Avenue Building, seated them, served them drinks, and then Micah Crowthers and Sydney Banks spoke to welcome and thank the guards for their dedication and service. Stacia Eckardt was our photographer for the

day, and we would like to recognize Mr. Jeff Williams for the video he created. Our goal is to send the message that **kindness is contagious** and a simple smile, a thank you, or a sincere demonstration of concern can change the world one person at a time. Please join our endeavor

as we continue to spread kindness to others. Check in with us next month to see what new challenge we have for you.

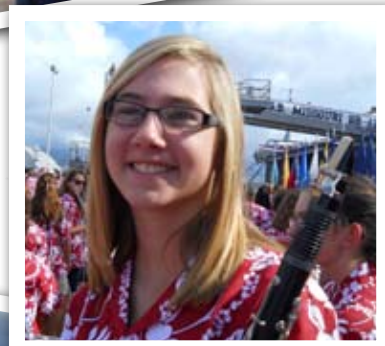


Crossing Guard Michael Bacon



100 Book Challenge

York Elementary Title I Teacher, Andrea Byrd, challenged York students to read 100 books over the summer. Those students who undertook the challenge were rewarded with an Ice Cream Social. Superintendent Alsept assisted with the celebration and challenged students to "Keep Reading"!



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While there, the students were able to learn more about Pearl Harbor by speaking with actual survivors of the 1941 attack and visiting historical sites such as the U.S.S. Arizona memorial.

Band director, Jeff Furbay, said he was grateful for the community support, "Various organizations and individuals came forward to sponsor students for the trip." Furbay noted how excited he was for the students to have the opportunity to be a part of a patriotic event about which they can tell their grandkids.

In recognition of the veterans who served in World War II, the Marching Quaker Band created a show entitled "One Fateful Day," which musically takes us through the events of December 7th, 1941, and culminates with United States rising above the turmoil.

While in Hawaii the Marching Quakers joined other bands from around the country for a joint performance. Additional photos from this exciting trip are available on the Band Website.

— Photos provided by Mike Exley

Tuscarawas County Chamber of Commerce
Educator of the Year

**Sharon
Ricklic**



Mrs. Ricklic is the 5th grade teacher at York Elementary. She has achieved National and local recognition for her excellence in teaching. Congratulations on this much deserved award.

Discussion with Duncan

Mark Wade and his puppet "Duncan the Duck" shared some suggestions about how to deal with bullying at Central Elementary. He reminded students to tell an adult, act confident, stay with a group and walk away.



*Front row:
Mitchell Stokey,
Tristan Imer, Alex Brown,
Cole Sealock,
Cheyenne Hanlin,
and Adam Shaw*

*Back row:
Ms. Deb Ketchum, Grade 4
Teacher, Duncan the Duck,
and Mark Wade*

South Students Explore Life Through Butterflies.



First grade students in Mrs. Anderson's Class at South Elementary recently completed a unit entitled, "Growing and Changing". Teachers brought Monarch caterpillars to school, along with milkweed, which is the only food a caterpillar will eat. Students learned how the caterpillar sheds its skin a total of five times and when they are big enough, begin to spin a chrysalis at the pupa stage. Students documented the butterflies progress until they were hatched and then tagged them to track their migration south to Mexico. Students used their observations to write a class story, and each classmate received a copy to take home. Mrs. Anderson also included grammar, spelling, writing and phonics, while studying this unit. Guest speaker, Fran LeMasters, visited the classroom to share more about the life cycle of a butterfly.



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Building the Cars of Tomorrow

5th grade students who are academically gifted in Math are learning engineering skills by building with special learning LEGOs. Pictured above are Central 5th graders displaying cars they designed. To make the task more difficult, students were required to include a workable steering system. The class is taught by LeeAnn Alsept Burnworth.



Got Milk?

Welty Middle School 8th Grader, Gabby Heter, was named Tuscarawas County Junior Fair Dairy Princess. Her Dairy Cow was named Champion in the Dairy Class, Milking Short Horn.



Thank You AEP

New Philadelphia Board of Education members accept an incentive check for \$74,010.58 from AEP. The school district participated in a program to replace outdated lights with more energy efficient ones.

Pictured: Gary Enama (AEP), Dave Frantz, Todd Cox, Steve Jenkins, Don Kemp, Chris Weaver and Dave Heck (AEP)

APPALACHIAN GRANT



Kip Brady, NPHS Science Teacher, received a \$1,220.00 grant from the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio. Mr. Brady will use these funds to support a project that engages his Biology II students in an innovative field study of local stream ecosystems.

The foundation awards grants for creative, local environmental education and stewardship activities that build on the unique assets and strengths of the region's individual communities and enrich the quality of life in Appalachian Ohio. Students involved in this project will compare water chemistry, macroinvertebrate diversity, and fishery quality in two Appalachian Ohio streams. What sets this project apart is that the students will learn how to fly fish prior to the study and use catch per hour of fly fishing effort as a measure of fishery quality.

