



School Lines

Findlay City Schools

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1219 W. Main Cross
Findlay, OH 45840

Glenwood Shows Eagle Pride



Congratulations

Allison Gerken, Bigelow Hill 3rd grade teacher, has been awarded a grant to fund iPods for her students. They will be doing podcasts and other activities using this technology.

Way to go, Allison!

Glenwood Middle School gave every student a t-shirt to encourage **Glenwood Pride!** On the back of each t-shirt are the words "Respectful and Responsibility" to remind each student to put these two important ideas into action every day.



Chamberlin Hill Buckeye Best School Award



Chamberlin Hill has again won the Buckeye Best School Award. They will have the honor of flying a flag signifying that we are an award-winning school with an excellent rating in our physical and health education programs, and our attention to diet and exercise for our students. Mr. Ammons was presented with this award in Columbus on August 8.

Jason Polder as a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist!!!

Today, officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the 54th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,200 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than \$35 million, that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of competition. About 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

More than 1.5 million juniors in over 21,000 high schools entered the 2009 National Merit Program by taking the 2007 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of semifinalists, which represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state. The number of semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

To become a finalist, a semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the high school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test. The semifinalist and high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's self-descriptive essay and information about the semifinalist's participation and leadership in school and community activities.

Approximately 15,000 semifinalists are expected to advance to the finalist level and it is from this group that all National Merit Scholarship winners will be chosen. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference.

2009 National Merit Scholarships Commended Students!

Spencer Bruce, Daniel Case, Ryan Essinger, Angela Martaus, Stephanie May, Catherine McCaffrey, Nandini Sharma, and Elizabeth Strigle have been named Commended Students in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2009 competition for National Merit Scholarships, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2009 competition by taking the 2007 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

"Recognition of academically talented students and the key role played by schools in their development is essential to the pursuit of educational excellence in our nation," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "The young people named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their strong performance in this highly competitive program. We hope that this recognition will enhance their educational opportunities and that they will continue to diligently pursue their professional goals."

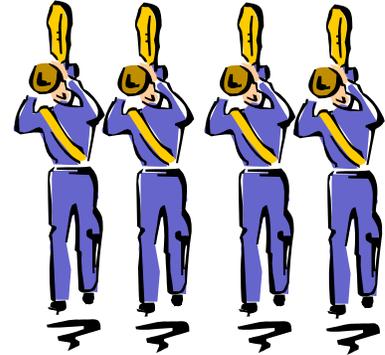
Findlay Trojan Marching Qualifies for State Finals

The Findlay Trojan Marching Band (FTMB) has qualified for state marching band finals for the sixth year in a row by earning a rating of “superior” at the 31st Annual Findlay Band Festival on Saturday, October 4th.

The band’s 2008 competition show is an original composition entitled “There Can Only Be One.”

Marching bands qualifying for state finals receive a rating of “superior”, or “I”, by averaging seven scores from ten judges: two music, two visual, two general effect (*total performance evaluation*), and one percussion. Of these seven scores the FTMB received five “superior” (I) and two “excellent” (II).

The FTMB is under the direction of Tim Mattis with assistant directors: Richard Reamsnyder, Brian D. Sheehe, Michael Springer, and Daniel Wilson. Percussion instructor is Jon Honeycutt. Drum majors are Ashley Sammet, Anna Sankovich, Marc Wadsworth, and Dan Wilson.



In honor of their 20th anniversary and gratefulness to Findlay City Schools Nissin Brake Ohio Inc. donates **\$10,000**

Thank You Nissin Brake Ohio Inc!



Artist visits Lincoln Mural

Ann Fishel-McCaffrey, an artist from Hilton Head, South Carolina, came to Findlay to attend her class reunion (Class of 1953). Mrs. Fishel-McCaffrey was pleased to see that the mural she and her classmates, Margie Smuttage and Bruce Hill, created at Lincoln Elementary was still displayed in Mrs. Weiss classroom. She did do touch up on the mural when her two sons, Todd and Chris, attended Lincoln. Mrs. Fishel-McCaffrey stated that "seeing the mural made her whole class trip worth it."



Teamwork is the Name of the Game at Lincoln This Year

Lincoln School is off to a winning start this year. That's because the school theme is team sports. The line-up of staff members are displayed in the front hallway on baseball cards. Students have enjoyed seeing each team member's photo and reading the stats of each person, including their college, years of experience, and hobbies.

At the open house to welcome students and their families, teachers wore matching Lincoln team jerseys. Principal Dick Dillon and Assistant Principal Rob Fox, wore referee shirts.

After giving their parents a tour of their classrooms, students were treated to free popcorn and snow cones in the gym.

Each morning on the announcements, Mr. Dillon reads a sports thought of the day to encourage students to try to reach their goals.

Leadership students traveled to BGSU!

The High School of Business is a new program at FHS designed to prepare high school students to excel in a college business program. The curriculum consists of six courses and two electives---all one semester in length. The accelerated courses are written at or near college level. The program includes project and problem-based learning focused on students solving real business problems. Classes that students complete in this program are: Leadership, Wealth Management, Principles of Business, Principles of Economics, Principles of Marketing, Principles of Finance, Principles of Management, and Business Strategies.



Bigelow Hill Implements Quality Tools with ALL GREEN Day!

When you think of green, you may not be thinking the same as Bigelow Hill staff and students. They held their first **ALL GREEN** day on Friday, Oct.3rd. Green at Bigelow Hill means you have met your expectations. Students who have met their expectations (all green) for behavior will be permitted to wear a hat to school. Those that had all green for responsibility will be awarded green beads to wear. Thanks to Ryan Delaney and quality tools, Bigelow Hill is hopping in green!

FINDLAY RECEIVES ACCOLADES FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING!

Findlay City Schools has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. We are being recognized for our comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for fiscal year 2007. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government agency and its management.

The district also received notification that the Findlay City Schools will receive a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for fiscal year 2007 from the Association of School Business Officials International. This is 17 consecutive years that FCS has been recognized for exceeding professional standards in financial reporting and full disclosure.

The Findlay City School District will also be recognized for our Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for fiscal year 2006 at the regional Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) meeting that was held on October 2nd. FCS is one of only six districts in the 20 county region selected for this honor. Way to go, Treasurer's Office!



Findlay City Schools asks for 5.9 mill Replacement Operating Levy

~ Replaces a previously approved 5.9-mill operating levy for 5 years.

~ Will NOT be used for new buildings.

~ Maintains existing programs.

~ No increase in voted millage.

~ Protects approximately \$4.7 million our schools are currently receiving for educational programs.

~ Supports day-to-day operations such as instruction, utilities, textbooks, educational materials, transportation, and equipment.

~ Allows district to responsibly plan for educational services for the next five years.

Music Staff Receives In-Service on World Drumming Instruments



The secondary music staff received an in-service on the recently received world drumming instruments. They received the drums through a grant from the Community Foundation and the music boosters.

Way to Go, Blue & Gold and 2A Today Staff!!!

Congratulations to the following Blue & Gold and 2A Today staff members for winning awards this summer at journalism workshops held across the country.

At Ball State's summer journalism workshops, Juniors, Rich Costello, Emily Rivest; and Sophomore, Taylor McGonnell, won various class awards.

Costello won a writing award in his Advanced Feature Writing class; Rivest won a leadership award in her editor in chief class; and McGonnell won a photography award in the Advanced Digital Photography class.

Rivest is the editor of the Blue & Gold, Costello is sports editor, and McGonnell is a staff photographer.

In Ball State's TV Productions class, Junior Carrie Lammers won excellence in video editing.

At Michigan State University's summer journalism camp, Blue & Gold photographers, Senior Griffin Haywood, and Junior Katie Trinko won digital photography awards.

Trinko won an award in Advanced Digital Photography. Haywood won the Sparty Award, one of the top awards given during the MSU summer workshops for his overall superior work in the Digital Sports Photography class.

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New Arrivals



Kristin (Bigelow Hill) and Joe Hudok welcomed daughter Madeline Jane born 7/24/08.

Claire (Bigelow Hill) and Bret Hibbard welcomed daughter Lauren Elizabeth born 8/23/08.

Allison Kemmere (Whittier) gave birth to Chloe Lynn on 9/2/08.

Ben (Findlay High School) and Beth Kirian welcomed son Lincoln Alexander born 9/22/08.

FOR SALE

- Weider Pro 9940 Home Gym, barely used. Dual seats and several attachments for complete workout. \$150.00 Contact Kathy Lyon at FHS via email or call 419-348-9638 after 3:00p.m.
- Mitsubishi HC2 Projector produces 120" high definition screen, Great for Theatre Room \$600 OBO call 419-427-1050.
- **Christmas Vacation Get-away!**
- Enjoy sunny Orlando, Florida starting December 19th for 1 week in a "sleeps 6 or 8 condo" at Orange Lake Country Club near Disney. Please check with Jeff Walton, 421-1792 for details. \$1,250.00.
- Please note: Findlay City Schools are not responsible for items or services listed.

The next addition of school lines will be published on November 21. Please have your information to Barb Shick by November 17.

