

School Lines

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Findlay City Schools
1100 Broad Ave.
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Congratulations Northview Primary School

Northview Primary School has been recognized as a School of Promise by the Ohio Department of Education.

The Ohio Department of Education developed the Schools of Promise program to identify, recognize, and highlight schools that are making substantial progress in ensuring high achievement for all students.

Northview Primary is one out of only 98 elite Schools of Promise in Ohio! We are incredibly proud of the Northview staff and students for earning this terrific recognition!





Congratulations 2014 Golden Apple Winners, Leah Brant and Robynn Drerup!



Congratulations to Findlay City School Golden Apple Semi-Finalist Maribeth Geaman, Audrey Stoffel and Beth Ann Nissen!



Ashley Edel, Lindsey Boes, Joe DeVaul, Eric Dysert, Kim Murphy, Marc Tuttle, Ryan Lindahl, Brenda Boster, Mark Shively, Erica Brunow(pictured), Becky Riggs, Briana Lindahl, Loveda VanDerMolen attended a professional development workshop to address the new Common Core State Standards for math!



Rebecca Yeh, an accomplished violinist, 2013 Miss Minnesota and 4th runner up in the 2014 Miss America competition, visited with Glenwood Orchestra students on October 14th. Fifth grade orchestra students from Bigelow Hill, Chamberlin Hill and Lincoln traveled to Glenwood for the event. Miss Yeh performed two classical selections, talked about how music can impact all areas of your life, and joined the students for pizza.



Jacobs students are excited to participate in the HOSTS reading program!



Fourth grade STEM students work on engineering prototypes after following the Engineering Design Process. The students used bio mimicry or copying animal characteristics into products to help make them successful.

Please remember to visit the Student and Community Opportunities tab on our website www.findlaycityschools.org to see the opportunities available in the community for you and your child. If you are interested in receiving district information via emails or text please register on the website.



Donnell Symphonic Band Performs Pep Rally at Jefferson

The Donnell Symphonic Band performed for the Jefferson students before the Findlay HS Football game. The Band played tunes Eye of the Tiger and Good Time by Owl City. Some of the Band officers are pictured with some students from Jefferson.

Donnell and Glenwood Bands have Annual Fall Party.

The yearly Band party for the Donnell and Glenwood Bands was held at Pirates Cove this year. Students had a great time and enjoyed getting to see the other Band members. Members are pictured mugging for the camera.



The Donnell JAZZ held their Annual Clinic with Paul Baransy (District III Middle School Honor Jazz Director). Students worked with Mr. Baransy on two original compositions written by Mr. Baransy – pictured with Donnell - (Get Serious & Go If You're Goin'). The JAZZ Trap-set players also got an opportunity to work with local trap-set player Gary Lannes (of the Night Jazz). The students enjoyed both clinics.



Findlay City School students enjoyed meeting Miss Ohio 2014, Mackenzie Bart during Title Family Night!



Donnell Middle School 8th grade students went to the art museum to connect art and literature. While reading the novel Okay for Now, eighth graders at Donnell took a field trip to the Toledo Museum of Art to find the stories in artwork. Students practiced analyzing artwork for both technique and subject matter before selecting a piece that would inspire their future narratives. The students represented Findlay City Schools in an impressively mature manner.



Seventh grade REACH students from Donnell worked on a character graffiti chart based on the book The Outsiders.

The Rotary students for the month of October are Amanda Lynn Simon, Culinary I and Caitlin Longworth, Cosmetology II!



Trojan Marching Band Is Superior

The Findlay Trojan Marching Band (FTMB) has qualified for state marching band finals for the thirteenth year in school history by earning the highest rating of “superior” at the Versailles High School Band Festival on Saturday, October 11. The percussion section earned grand champion status as the highest-scoring percussion section of the event. The FTMB was also second-place overall in the area of music by only a quarter of a point. The band was also ranked second-place overall.

The band’s 2014 competition show is entitled “Double Agent”, an original composition by Ian Grom and John Mapes. The show is about two rival spy organizations who are sent to retrieve and secure the same briefcase from a highly-guarded location and return it to their headquarters, each trying to thwart the others efforts along the way.

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 “superiors” (I) and two “excellents” (II).

Their last competition appearance was Saturday, October 18 at the 37th Annual Findlay High School Band Festival at Donnell Stadium. Their state finals performance date, time, and location will be announced at a later date. The band’s Grand Finale concert was Tuesday, November 4 in the FHS main gymnasium.

The FTMB is in it’s 18th year under the direction of Tim Mattis with assistant director Dan Wilson. Percussion instructors are Brint Florkowski, Andrew Menich, Brad Samsen, Cam Starrett, and Joe Woodie. Color Guard instructor is Wendy Farabaugh. Other staff includes Brian D. Sheehe and Michael Springer. Drum majors are Aubrey Brown, Samuel Majors, and Alyssa Montalbine.

New Arrivals

Danielle (FHS) and Aaron Van Fleet welcomed their daughter on November 7th.



Kudos to the following buildings and departments that were accident free for the month of October!

Chamberlin Hill, Jacobs, Jefferson, Northview, Washington, Wilson Vance, Donnell, Glenwood, Findlay High School, Millstream, Food Service, Custodial, Grounds and Maintenance.

Tip of the Month:

Common sense can prevent a heater fire. All heating systems can start fires if not used and maintained properly. Heating your home during the colder months of the year can prove dangerous, if you do not follow a few simple safety precautions. Check baseboard heaters often to remove objects that have fallen on top of or near the heater. Remember that any time objects like newspapers, furniture or blankets are close to heaters, a fire can start. Portable heaters heat up rapidly and, like baseboard heaters, they can easily ignite any flammable item left nearby. Always turn portable heaters off if you leave the room or are going to fall asleep. When you use your fireplace or wood stove to heat your home, keep the door and or fire screen shut to protect your home from sparks. Only burn dry seasoned wood, never rubbish. Garbage and green wood can cause a chimney fire. Remember to have your chimney inspected and serviced before each heating season and change the batteries in your smoke alarms too. A working smoke alarm could save your life.



Use Portable Heaters Safely