

# School Lines

November 2012

Findlay City Schools  
1219 W. Main Cross  
Findlay, OH 45840

## Millstream Career Center Dedication



The new Millstream Career Center dedication was held on November 1, 2012. Dr. Wittwer welcomed members of the community. He thanked everyone involved in the project and the community for making this beautiful facility possible. Public open houses were held on October 27 and 28.





Thank you Cooper Tire for your generous donation to the Cooper Tire Track & Field Complex! The new complex includes a state-of-the-art, nine-lane track made of sustainable recycled rubber, as well as a multi-use competitive field that will support other sports and general physical education while also providing a venue for additional student and community events.



**FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT**

Over 400 parents, students, and volunteers attended Family Science Night on November 5 from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Findlay High School cafeteria. The theme, Engineering Structures, provided students with so many exciting science experiences: Laura Finney-suspension bridges; Mike Gilligan-paper bridges; Bryan Miller-Newspaper Towers; Barb Tidd-Earthquake structure simulations; Heather Bryan-aluminum bridges; Kyle Watts-Airplane Design; Imagination Station-Geodomes; Mike Wilson-Parachutes and Time Warner's Spell-binding Science!

Photos provided by Rochelle Manley



### ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY CAREERS DAY

November 1, 2012 was a day of new experiences for twenty juniors and seniors in Heather Bryan's Environmental Science classes and two freshmen Junior Scholars who wanted to find out about the Environmental Safety program at University of Findlay. Students "suited up" and worked together simulating the rescue of a body (a mannequin) from a smoke-filled trailer, the safe storage of hazardous materials and shutting off valves spewing poisonous chemicals. Everyone passed all the "tests" with no mishaps. This is an excellent career for someone who wants to make a difference in the environment, likes to work outside in any kind of weather (yes, we picked a cold day) and protect people's lives and property.



### ROBOTICS

Robots inhabit our world making life safer and easier for all of us. Eighteen budding robot-makers in grades 6-8 have been successfully programming their LEGO robots to perform tasks this semester in Jenna Potteiger's room after school on Thursdays. Highly competitive students have their robots competing to win in various categories. Another Robotics I class will be offered second semester as well as Robotics II. Come join the future!

**FEP AWARDS MINI GRANTS**

FEP awarded mini grants to several teachers in November, totaling \$1000. Mini grants are available in the fall for materials that benefit high ability students in the classroom. Listed below are the mini grant recipients and their requests:

Leah Brant (CE) – copies of novels that re-tell fairy tales: *The Forbidden Sea*, *Cinder*, and *The False Prince for Her* “Literary Study/Narrative Unit;”

Janine Gilts and Kristin Hudok (BH) – Math Game Set for grades 2-3, a challenging and rigorous math program;

Becky Wank (JE) – iTunes cards to purchase educational music, apps, and podcasts in areas of enrichment goals;

Nicole Hoover, Amy Kelly, Kristen Lichtle (LI) – a shared library of extension materials in reading and math for kindergarten students who have already mastered the basic language arts and mathematics concepts.



Claire Whipkey was the lone 7<sup>th</sup> grade band member selected in Findlay City Schools for the 2012 Bowling Green State University Honor Band Festival. Claire is first chair clarinet in the Central Symphonic Band. Claire also traveled to BGSU on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and rehearsed at the Moor Musical Arts Center, got a campus tour and then performed at the end of the day at Kobacker Hall under the Direction of Dr. Chris Werner. This Honor Band represented the best Middle School Band students in the State of Ohio. The picture above is Claire Whipkey with Dr. William McGlaughlin. Way to go, Claire!



The FHS Hockey team served the residents at Primrose Retirement Community!



Chamberlin Hill hosted their annual Veterans Day celebration. The picture above is the sign choir performing for all of the veterans who were in attendance.



Lincoln Elementary students recently completed their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual McDonald's Peeler Card sale, raising over \$9300 for the school, and \$2067 for Ronald McDonald House Charities of NW Ohio for both years combined. On October 26, 2012 the Lincoln PTO along with the top selling students, presented Findlay McDonald's owner operator, Al Ball, a check to Ronald McDonald House Charities of NW Ohio for \$2,067.

The picture from left to right back row are:, Al Ball, McDonald's owner operator, and Lincoln PTO representatives Carol Wintringham and Mandy King. Front row left to right are the top-selling students: Ava Brzuchalski, Elaina Wintringham, Steven Wintringham, Hunter Wallen, Blaise Brzuchalski, and Bryce Wallen.

The McDonald's Peeler Card contains 26 peel-off coupons valid at over 72 McDonald's Stores throughout NW Ohio. The card is sponsored by the McDonald's owner-operators of NW Ohio as a fundraiser for non-profit organizations, such as schools and athletic organizations. The card sells for \$10, and \$1 per card sold is donated to Ronald McDonald House Charities of NW Ohio.

**"We love supporting the local youth groups in our communities through this program," stated Mr. Ball, "and the donations to RMHC are a part of our commitment to help build the expansion of the Ronald McDonald House in Toledo".**

November Rotary Students of the month are Stephanie Lykowski, Cosmetology II and Paige Hoover, Early Childhood Education II.



The Central Middle School Band performed at the Veterans Day celebration held at Central Middle School.



Please remember to visit the Student and Community Opportunities tab on our website [www.findlaycityschools.org](http://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.

## SYMPATHY

Our thoughts are with the following employees who experienced the loss of a loved one:

- Laura Julien's (FHS) mother-in-law passed away.
- Eric Payne's (Bigelow Hill) mother passed away.

**For Sale:** Two tickets to Blue Man Group at the Stranahan Theater in Toledo on Sat., Dec. 8, 2012 at 2:00 PM. The seats are Row G on aisle (Great Seats!!!!) \$60.00 per ticket Contact: Ellen Mohr home phone 419-424-3763 cell phone 419-420-5639

Solid oak entertainment stand for sale. Excellent condition. Medium stain. 57" wide, 73" tall and 15" deep. Enclosed bottom with drop down section and movable shelves. Call 419-532-3716 after 5:00 with best offer. Must see to appreciate.

## New Arrivals

Allison (Bigelow Hill) and Steven Gerken welcomed their daughter, Kenzie Nicole on November 3rd.



### ***Kudos to the following buildings and departments that were accident free for the month of November!***

Bigelow Hill, Chamberlin Hill, Jacobs, Jefferson, Northview, Lincoln, Washington, Whittier, Wilson Vance, Glenwood, Findlay High School, Millstream, Food Service, Transportation, Grounds and Maintenance!

### ***Tip of the Month:***

Whether your holiday decorations are simple or extravagant, there are also important safety tips to remember:

- When you bring your holiday decorations out of storage, inspect lights to make sure there are no cracks, broken sockets or loose connections.
- Replace damaged light strings with energy-efficient LED lights.
- Always use a ladder, not a stool or chair, when hanging lights.
- To avoid falling hazards, keep cords away from high traffic areas of your home.
- Do not overload electrical sockets.
- Turn off holiday lights when you are not at home or going to sleep.