



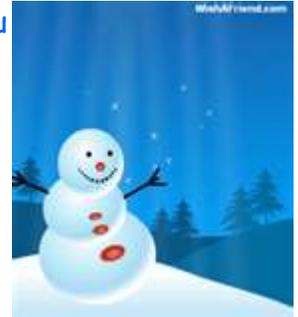
School Lines

Findlay City Schools

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Findlay City Schools would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family Happy Holidays. Our best wishes for a healthy and safe New Year.



On December 8th Bill Barberree, social studies teacher at Findlay High School, presented to the students of Central Middle School a history lesson on the American Revolutionary soldier and military tactics of the 18th Century. Mr. Barberree came dressed in an American Revolutionary War soldier's uniform and accouterments. He explained the use and function of equipment. He answered questions such as "Why did they fight standing out in the open shoulder to shoulder in line?"

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Happy Holidays



Blue and Gold Earns 2008 Pacemaker Award

The Blue & Gold staff was one of 20 high school newspapers nation wide that earned a 2008 Pacemaker Award from the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA).

Chosen from a field of 350 publications, the Findlay High School newspaper was one of the 58 semifinalists throughout the country. This was the second time the Blue & Gold staff won a Pacemaker in the school's history.

The Pacemaker is the highest honor any high school newspaper can attain. It is considered the "Pulitzer prize of high school journalism".

"This is the top award in the country that any high school newspaper staff can achieve," Executive Director of NSPA Logan Aimone said. "As in professional journalism, the competition is tough, competitive and this equals the winning of a Pulitzer prize.

"It recognizes those hard working and dedicated staffs and advisers across the country. The 20 winners did exceptional work and went above and beyond what is expected. Their schools and community have much to be proud of and members of the student press salute you."

The Pacemaker winners were announced at the NSPA's fall national convention's awards ceremony in St. Louis, MO last Saturday.

"Being a Pacemaker semifinalist was an honor, but winning was a great accomplishment for our staff. All of our staffs, both past and present, should share this award," Adviser Jim McGonnell said. "Our winning tradition continues to challenge future staffs to improve and make the paper better.

"It is a real tribute to the 2007-08 staff who, at the beginning of last year, set a goal to win the Pacemaker after its first one eight years ago. Last Saturday that goal became a reality. The competition was incredible and winning is truly an honor,"

The winners were selected by the staff of Hampton Roads, Virginia's daily newspaper, The Virginian-Pilot and the Newspaper Association of America Foundation in Washington DC.

"The Virginian-Pilot is one of the most innovative newspapers in the country," 2008 graduate Katie Kehres said. "One of the best things about winning the Pacemaker, was the staff members of the Hampton Roads newspaper selected us, not other high school advisers.

"These were professional journalists that were impressed with what our staff had done. Winning gives us national recognition and exposure for our school district and our staff," .

Findlay was one of two Ohio (Mason High School) newspapers to win a Pacemaker.

- Jim McGonnell

Reaching Higher is a Hit!

by Roshan Thomas

Reaching Higher is a class that REACH students of all grade levels take part in. In this class, Reach students pair up with kids from the special education classes to work on their language arts skills. This learning happens through various activities, such as plays, worksheets, story-writing and hands-on activities. With this approach to activities, the REACH students can polish their grammar skills while helping the other students with their studies.



Practicing the Readers Theater

Currently we are in a fairytale unit. We have read many stories, including "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," and "The Bremen Town Musicians." For the "Bremen Town Musicians," we performed a reader's theater. It took a lot of work, but we were finally able to pull it off. Some of the things that our teachers looked for in our presentations were enthusiasm, participation, and sound effects. In the end, we had four groups of people each playing a different animal in the story. For the most part, all groups especially the dogs, were enthusiastic and met all the criteria that our teachers were looking for.



Painting scenery for the Hamelin Rats

Now Reaching Higher has moved into a play titled, "The Hamelin Rats." In this play, the Pied Piper leads the rats of the town into the sea. When he receives nothing for his services, he leads the children of the town into the sea as well. We are planning to present the plays and a PowerPoint project to parents and guests on December 16, 2008.



Jim Orwick, Jared Brachok, & Landon Van Der Molen at work on a "Grimm" PowerPoint presentation

Most of the students have their lines memorized and are working on sound effects and enthusiasm. The same things that our teachers looked for in our previous play are required here as well. Soon, we will be ready to work out the logistics of the production and decide how things will go. Ahead of us, we still have to design the props and scenery for the play and organize the stage area for the performance. Already, Shannon Logsdon and Samantha Vanderhoff have been rehearsing their parts by memory and including lots of gestures and sound effects. Little things like these, in the end, will enhance our play and make it that much better.

Reaching Higher is an activity that all of our students enjoy. It provides a great learning experience for both groups of students and teaches them cooperation and leadership skills. We are all looking forward to a great rest of the year in all the activities and things we will do. If you find yourself in Donnell Middle School anytime soon, stop by room 106B and watch us perform our play.

FIND News

There has been a lot of change in the 4th & 5th grade FIND program this year. Barb Matheny retired and Lisa Schadel filled her position. The classroom had been located at the old Washington building and when it closed, there was not enough room for FIND at the new Washington School. Chris Renn rescued us by providing space for the FIND classroom at Central Middle School. Though it is unusual to have elementary students at a middle school, it actually has turned out to be quite a success! We have a large and cozy classroom and the students feel privileged to be located with the older students. The highlight, by far, is the fact that they have a wide variety of choices for lunch and lockers with combinations. Below Joanna Rosenberger and McCayla Pitt show that they can easily master locker combinations.



The curricular theme for the 4th and 5th grade FIND classes this year is "As America Grows." Units will include immigration, genealogy, economics, and starting a business. In September the students began a simulation of starting their own businesses. They formed partnerships, established business plans, created product prototypes, mass-produced their products, developed advertising, and then sold their handmade products at the FIND Holiday Shopping Fair on November 8. Our students sold along side adult vendors who were set up in the gym. A well-stocked concession stand and basket raffle added to the excitement.

Megan Rauschenberg, one of three entrepreneurs in this business, proudly displays the key chains produced by her group. She captures customer attention by using a pine tree and snowmen to decorate for the Holiday Shopping Fair.



Product diversification helped another student business thrive. Olivia Williams carefully sets up the booth she shares with 3 other students. They sold painted outlet covers, ornaments, henna tattoos, cupcakes, cookies, and more.



In our new classroom, learning about immigration is not only interesting but extra enjoyable because we can be comfortable on the couch, bean bag chair, pillows, or short beach chairs that make up part of our work area. Above, Trevor Distel, Jesse Coleman, and Marisa Kreinbihl work in a group on the couch. Below, Jackie Fontana, Rachele Crow, and Jordan Tichenor prefer to spread out on the floor.



Recess was a concern for these elementary students who would now attend Central Middle School. They did not want to give that up so they have an inside recess after lunch where they can play strategy games, work with mind puzzles, or be creative. Above Jenna Lewis and Aubrey Woodhull work together to create a mosaic. Below McCayla Pitt, Morgan Mauk, and Megan Rauschenberg construct a marble maze.



- by Lisa Schadel

High School Spanish II

by Kathryn Diaz

My sister and I were lucky enough at the middle school that we went to last year to take Spanish I. This year my sister and I take Spanish II at Findlay High School. I thought it would be obvious that we were in middle school, but actually you can't really tell because some people happen to be really short and some people are really tall at Findlay High School.

Every school day my sister Kristen and I leave class at Donnell at 11:55 to grab our things and get on the bus, and at around 1:15 we get back. Our Spanish teacher, Mrs. Ritter, treats us like high school students and sometimes uses us as examples for the class. Sometimes at Donnell if there is something going on, like an assembly, we have to make sure we are able to fit in Spanish.

If you are wondering why we decided to keep on taking Spanish, it is because our dad's side of the family is Cuban, so most of them speak Spanish. The only people in our family who can't speak English are our great-grandmother and great-grandfather. Spanish is a good language to take because the United States is near Central and South America.



Wilson Vance School Offers Chinese Classes

Lin Adams, the teacher, whose first language is Chinese, is a certified teacher of English as a second language. Classes began September 9 for a Chinese I class of second and third graders and September 10 for a Chinese I class of fourth and fifth graders. On Thursday, September 12, Chinese II students began meeting. Students meet from 4:00-5:30 either Monday, Tuesday or Thursday one day each week for the school year. Working through a textbook, workbook, and using cards to remember vocabulary, students are moving forward in learning Chinese. At home, students amaze parents and siblings with their foreign language skills. Way to go!



Glenwood REACH Program

Reaches Out With Service Learning

Kim Miller's Glenwood REACH classes have been helping the community through Chopin Hall. One Saturday in September, students participated in handing out food at Chopin Hall. In October, students organized face painting and corn hole for Make a Difference Day at the Family Center. Then, in November, the Glenwood collected canned food items for the food drive.



Findlay Outback is offering a takeout fundraiser on February 3, 2009 for the Toledo Zoo Outreach program sponsored by Findlay Enrichment Programs for all primary buildings in Findlay City Schools.

Tickets for the fundraiser are \$15 for an adult ticket and \$5 for a child's.

The adult meal consists of: steak or chicken (your choice), baked potato or sweet potato (your choice), chop salad, and cheesecake. The child's ticket offers a choice of macaroni and cheese or chicken tenders.

100% of the ticket sales go to sponsor the Toledo Zoo Outreach program. What a deal from Outback!

Please contact Judy Withrow at 419-425-8296 or jwithrow@findlaycityschools.org for ticket information.

Some exciting things are happening for the Northwest Ohio Chapter of CISV right now.

The programs that we have to offer for 2009 have been announced. We are now in our recruiting period and **NEED YOUR HELP!** Below you will see all of the opportunities there are with our chapter, so please talk with people, and let me know if you or anyone you know might be interested in any of them. (If you or a family member are interested, I need to know as soon as possible.)

Village: (11 year olds)

Norway (Sole-Trondelag) 6/26-7/23/09 Female leader (21 yr. +)

USA (Cincinnati) 6/26-7/23/09 Female or Male leader (21 yr. +)

Junior Counselor (JC): (16-17 yr.)

Brazil (Sao Paulo) 12/28/09-1/24/10 Male

USA (Miami County) 6/20-7/17/09 Female

Seminar Camp: (17-18 yr.)

USA (Detroit) 6/26-7/16/09 Male

Interchange: (13-14 yr.) (possibly 12 yr. and 15 yr. as well)

Austria (Graz) 1 month of each summer in 2009 and 2010

Leader needed, male or female, 21yr. +

NOTE: We need delegates and leaders for these programs. Talk with friends, family, and strangers, to help us fill these positions!

We really need to fill these programs and energize the Northwest Ohio Chapter of CISV!

If you are interested, email me back at: shellyteaches@earthlink.net to let me know ASAP!

Winter Wonderland or Hazard Trap

by Chris Kilbourne



Preventing slips and falls is a major concern for everyone when outdoor surfaces are wet or icy, and slippery under foot. Here are some suggestions to help your employees prevent falls and possible injuries:

- Wear appropriate footwear with nonslip soles on wet, icy, or snowy days.
- Take extra care when walking on wet, icy, or snow-covered walkways. Walk slowly and slide your feet on slippery surfaces. Avoid turning sharply when you walk on a slippery surface.
- Hold onto the railing when using outdoor stairways.
- Be especially careful when carrying packages, equipment, materials, etc.
- Wipe your feet when entering a building so that your wet soles won't cause you to slip on indoor flooring.
- If you slip and start to fall, limit your injuries by bending your elbows and knees and using your legs and arms to absorb the fall. Or roll into the fall, if that's more appropriate.

SYMPATHY

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

Karen Town's mother passed away on November 24.

Paulette Hartman's brother passed away on December 15.

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The next addition of school lines will be published on January 28. Please have your information to Barb Shick by January 16.

New Arrivals

Aaron (FHS) and Shannon Moyer welcomed daughter Kayla Grace on November 10. She weighed 7lbs.7 ozs.

