



School Lines

Findlay City Schools

February 27, 2009

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1219 W. Main Cross
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The next addition of school lines will be published on March 27. Please have your information to Barb Shick by March 20.

Governor Strickland Visits Findlay High School

Governor Ted Strickland toured Findlay High School on Thursday, February 26. Student ambassadors led the Governor to visit several classrooms. The culinary arts students prepared cookies shaped like the state of Ohio and red, white, and blue strawberries for Governor Strickland to enjoy. Gifts were presented from the Millstream welding class, art class, and "We the People" students. Student council also read a proclamation declaring it Governor Ted Strickland Excellence in Education Day.



Whittier Second Graders Present Wax Museum

One of the second grade standards includes study biographies. The students at Whittier Primary School decide to do this in a fun learning environment. The students study biographies, put together posters and costumes to represent the person they have chosen. They pretend to be in a wax museum. The students stand like statues at their posters until someone else presses the button. Once the button is pressed they give a short speech. They return to being a statue until their button is pressed again.



Jacobs Primary School Celebrates Their Reading-Tutors Mentoring Program

Jacobs Primary School reading-tutors program currently has 34 mentors working with 72 students. They have 14 University of Findlay students involved with the mentoring program. Some students are involved through the work-study program at the university while others volunteer their time. Many of the other mentors are from the College First Church of God. The age range varies from young university students through age 90. Reading-Tutors is a research based successful tutoring program which provides volunteers with developmentally appropriate materials--materials that address each child's specific learning needs. When a tutor arrives they have a folder for each child they mentor with all the necessary instructions and material to help the emerging reader become a skilled reader. During their 30 minute one-on-one session the student reads to the mentor and follows the lesson plan, they also work on high frequency words and using them in sentences. With any remaining time, which the students hope for, they play games. The frog games are a favorite for mentors and students.



Reading Tutor Mr. Wittenmyer, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday, helps a Jacobs Star!

Deb Wickerham receives VFW State Teacher of the Year Award

Deb Wickerham, 5th grade teacher at Chamberlin Hill Intermediate School, recently was given the honor of being named VFW State Teacher of the Year. She received this award in Independence, Ohio. Mrs. Wickerham was given a plaque, crystal eagle clock and \$100 for her work with veterans. She is involved in Operation Old Glory, Valentines for Vets, and has organized many boxes and letters to be sent



Great Things Happening at Lincoln Elementary School!

- Students know the rule at Lincoln is to leave all snow on the ground, but on one of our recent snowy days, Kelly Scherger's fifth grade PE classes used the snow as part of their lesson. Fifth graders had a snowman building contest. Each fifth grade class worked as a team during their PE class to build a creative snowman. The rest of the students viewed the snowmen in front of the school during their recess time and then voted on their favorite. It was a good way to get some outdoor winter exercise!
- Lincoln student council members hosted the school's first Father/Daughter dance. Sixty girls in grades three through five participated this special event which featured decorated tables, snacks, a fancy chair and backdrop for Father/Daughter photos, a craft table for making picture frames for the photos and, of course, a large open area for dancing.
- In order to help children with lymphoma, student council members challenged students at every grade level to donate their spare change to this charity. Students watched a Charlie Brown video to learn about childhood lymphoma. In just two weeks they raised a grand total of \$458. The classroom which collected the most money won an Olive Garden pasta luncheon.
- In the spirit of helping others, Mrs. Scherger's PE classes participated in Jump Rope for Heart again this year. In addition to getting some great exercise, students raised \$3,000. Mr. Dillon read some amazing heart facts each morning on the announcements during the jump rope event.



Laura Julien, Findlay High School teacher and webmaster, instructs her peers on how to use the Findlay City Schools portal on the website. FCS runs and manages a Content Management Web Portal server for the Findlay City Schools staff to utilize for their Teacher or Club websites. With the use of the portal system, teachers can update their websites from anywhere with an Internet connection. No special software is needed – the portal system utilizes the Internet.

This new Content Management System allows Findlay City Schools staff to stay connected with students, parents, and the community.

Hoodie-Hoo-Day at Jefferson

- At high noon February 20th students at Jefferson Primary School stood up and yelled "Hoodie-Hoo" to chase away winter and get ready for spring, one month from now. We sure hope it works!



Chamberlin Hill third graders celebrated reading and passing an AR test with an American Girl Book party in the library.

Several students and teams from Millstream Career & Technology Center competed in the Regional SkillsUSA contest at Terra Community College on Friday, February 13, 2009. The following individual students earned 3rd place recognition and will be eligible to move on to the state contest in April:

Ashley Frankart (12th Grade) – Cosmetology

3rd Place Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Frankart
Instructors: Sue Langstaff, Heather Schroeder, and
Becky Bucher



Adam Arico (11th Grade) – Technical Drawing

3rd Place Parents: Mr. & Mrs. William Arico
Instructor: Bill Shoop

The following Engineering & CAD II - Cooper Tire Team earned **First Place** in the region and will be moving on to the state contest in April:

Their project involved the design of a clamping system to move tire molds at Cooper Tire more efficiently from place to place. The instructor of the Engineering & CAD Program is Mr. Bill Shoop.



(L to R) Brent Frasure, Pete Hill, Marcus Gabel, Jason Luzader

Presenters: Pete Hill (12th Grade)
Jason Luzader (12th Grade)
Marcus Gabel (12th Grade)
Observer: Brent Frasure (12th Grade)

Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Hill
Parent: Paula Luzader
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Gabel
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Joe Frasure

We The People - State Champions

Findlay High Schools' AP Government and Politics class traveled to Columbus on January 23rd to compete in the State We The People: The Citizen and the Constitution competition. The class won the State Championship and will be headed to the National competition in Washington, D.C. from April 24-28.



Congratulations to Jonathan Shaffer, Amy Zelinsky, Jess Braddock, Paige Madden and Maggie Malaney for qualifying to compete at the Ohio State swimming Championships this week in Canton. Jonathan will represent Findlay in the 100 Breaststroke which is the event he won at the District Championships last week. Jonathan goes into the meet ranked 13th and is looking to get into the top eight qualifiers.

Amy, Jess, Paige and Maggie qualified for the 200 Freestyle relay and are currently ranked 23. Their goal is to get into the top 16 during the preliminary heats to qualify for finals and score team points. There is less than 0.6 seconds between 16th and 23rd place currently so a small improvement will move them up in the standings dramatically.

Best of luck to our Trojan Swimmers as the compete at the State Championships!



ARTS PARTNERSHIP NEWS

The Arts Partnership of Greater Hancock County and Findlay City Schools, in conjunction with the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, will offer the following FREE arts integration Professional Development Workshop. The workshop, ideal for teachers of grades 2-6, is open to the first 40 registrants. All participants will receive three contact hours.

Karen Erickson will present **Who's the Bully?** on Tuesday, March 31, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Findlay. This workshop demonstrates a variety of advanced drama techniques to use with conflict resolution curriculum, focusing on the theme of bullying. In this workshop, teachers learn how to guide drama activities based on literature, use management techniques for successful classroom dramas, and sequence activities for maximum learning. This workshop will also present ideas on how to teach students to problem solve with their peers, assess their own behavior in bullying situations, learn why and how people stereotype others, learn story acting techniques to experience life and communicate new ideas, and analyze solutions to conflict situations.

Karen Erickson is the Executive Director of Creative Directions and is a master teaching artist working with schools in arts assessment, curriculum development, drama/theatre education, integration, and long range and partnership planning. She currently serves as Chair of the National Governing Board of the Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network and regularly works in classrooms with students of all ages and abilities.

YOUTHATRE will present the one-act comedy, **Castle Royal**, on Friday and Saturday, March 20 and 21 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 22 at 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Findlay. Over 30 area elementary students are involved in the on-stage cast and crew. In addition nine teenage students are involved as Youth Assistants. Discounted tickets are available at The Arts Partnership at 618 S. Main St. in Findlay.

For additional information or to register for the workshop, please contact Peggy Grandbois, Director of Education at 419-422-3412, ext. 24, or education@artspartnership.com or visit The Arts Partnership website at www.artspartnership.com.

FINDLAY HIGH SCHOOL INDOOR DRUMLINE AND SHOCKWAVE TO HOST COMPETITIONS ON MARCH 21 AND 22

SHOCKWAVE, the Findlay Middle School Drumline, and Findlay High School Indoor Drumline (FIDL) will host two Mid-East Performance Association (MEPA) competitions on Saturday and Sunday, March 21 and 22 at Findlay High School. The competitions will include performances by indoor drumlines and color guards from throughout Ohio, as well as the two Findlay units; and AFTERSHOCK, the Findlay Exhibition Drumline.

Saturday's competition will begin at approximately 4:00 p.m. and Sunday's competition will begin at approximately 11:00 a.m. Tickets are available at the door and the cost is as follows: \$9.00 for adults (age 19 and over); \$8.00 (youth ages 7-18); \$7.00 (seniors age 62 and over); children 6 and under are free. Concessions are available for purchase throughout the day as well.

The indoor drumlines and the color guards will compete in one of several classes determined by each unit's experience and school affiliation. They are evaluated by a panel of judges who determine each performing group's final score. Awards are given in each class.

The competitions are being organized and staffed by parent volunteers from SHOCKWAVE and FIDL. Event coordinators are pleased with the opportunity to bring over 500 performers from 25 color guards and indoor percussion lines to the community for all to enjoy.

SHOCKWAVE includes the following students from Findlay City Schools: Cayd Burton, Ryan Wilhelm, Brandon Baucher, Alexis Simmeyer, Victoria Terry, Andrew McDaniel, Taylor Shellito, Bailey Wozniak, Aubrey Gordon, Mampi Singh, Eli Mattis, Jordan Dean, Bryan Swick, Megan Plott, Andrew Krueger, Roshan Thomas, Renee Lafleur, Brooke Diaz, Bryan McClellan, Mason Beard, Jon Brumbaugh, Stephen Christiansen, Ben Brumbaugh, Bree Laurer, and Marcus Spikes.

FIDL is made up of the following students from Findlay High School: Michael Blaser, Brock Bolmer, Ryan Bradley, Harrison Brandeberry, Zack Climes, Torri Coleman, Kaitie Collingwood, Phillip Dindal, Brian Fortin, Garrett Franklin, Mia Guerrero, Morgan Heistand, Jordan Kane, Cody Mason, Colleen McAdoo, Patrick McAdoo, Zach McCormick, Zach Montgomery, Elliott Murray, Shayla Nikles, J.J. Peterman, Kayla Porter, Drew Roth, Alyssa Sawyer, and Collin Williams.

SHOCKWAVE is in its 11th year and is under the direction of Brian Sheehe. SHOCKWAVE's 2009 show is entitled *On Thin Ice*. FIDL has been in existence since 1994. The unit is under the direction of Jon Honeycutt and its' 2009 show is entitled, *Contagious*. AFTERSHOCK, the FCS elementary exhibition drumline, is in its fourth season. This year's show music is from the movie, *Meet the Robinsons*. AFTERSHOCK is under the direction of Denise and Brian Sheehe and members are: Carson Alge Marisa Kreinbihl, Titus McBeath, Justin Shanahan, Kenny Lightner, Kelton Young, and Patrick Breen. The unit will perform at both Saturday's and Sunday's competitions.

For additional information regarding the Findlay MEPA Competition, contact Brian Sheehe, Show Chairman, at bsheehe@findlaycityschools.org.

Prom Dress Auction

Date:

Sunday, March 8, 2009

Time: 3:00-6:00 Doors open @ 2:00

OVER 100 DRESSES!

Sponsored by:

The Findlay High School

Student Council and The University of

Findlay Social Work Club

Proceeds donated to **Clothe-A-Child..**

Silent and Live Auction!!

Bill D. Haggerty, Auctioneer.

Location:

Findlay High School
Cafeteria

Come Get Your
Perfect Dress!

Choose from a wide
variety of colors,
sizes, and styles!

ALL WELCOME!!

SYMPATHY

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

Debi Ward's (Administration Office) grandmother passed away on February 15 .

Sue McGonnell's (Principal, Chamberlin Hill) father passed away February 27.

For Sale

House for Rent. 1 block to Donnell Park. 1 small pet okay. Fenced in yard. 2 BR, 1 BA, Central Air. 1 car garage. \$700 per month with \$700 deposit. 419-348-4082.

4 Nikon Mud & Snow Tires 235/65R17 XL 108V . Under 4000 miles!

\$600 OBO. Contact Kathy Lyon at 419-348-9638 or at FHS.



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

FHS, Millstream, Glenwood, Bigelow Hill, Jacobs, Jefferson, Lincoln, Northview, Washington, Whittier, Wilson Vance, custodians, maintenance/grounds, and administration office.

Keep up the safe work!!!!

New Arrivals

Barb Kodor (Curriculum Secretary) welcomes a new grandson, Karson Anthony, born on Feb. 13, 2009 to Barb's son and daughter-in-law Mark & Amanda Griffin.

Congratulations to Lincoln kindergarten teacher, Jill Erford, and her husband on the birth of their first child. Kyle David Erford was born February 20. He is 8 lbs, 20.5 inches.

Nikki (Wilson Vance) and Jason Fort have a brand new baby boy. His name is Ari Edward and he was born January 24.

