



School Lines

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The next addition of school lines will be published on April 24. Please have your information to Barb Shick by April 20.

University of Findlay Basketball Team Successful On and Off the Court

Washington Intermediate School has been fortunate to have many community volunteers serving as mentors throughout the 2008-09 school year. Several mentors were members of the 2009 Division II National Championship Basketball Team. Tyler Evans, Aaron Laffin, Jason Wehri, and Michael Agunga gave up time once a week to work with students. Thank you, Tyler, Aaron, Jason and Michael for being wonderful role models and giving back to the community. These young men deserve congratulations for their efforts on and off the court!!!

Congratulations!

Central Middle School received a \$4000 Best Buy TeachTM Award based on the application submitted by Kevin Swan. Way to go, Kevin!

Central Middle School hosted a Career Day on March 12th. Many area professionals came to discuss their occupations with the students.

Chamberlin Hill third graders visited the football factory in Ada.



Mardi Gras Celebration

The French students of Mrs. Bash and Mrs. Davidson celebrated the Mardi Gras last Tuesday with French music, food, and activities. The masks and beads have become part of the traditional celebration of Mardi Gras which begins the season of Lent leading up to Easter.



Social Studies Students Hard At Work

Students from the Social Studies departments celebrate “Teen Read Week” in a BIG way, as they load the 2100 cans collected by the Social Studies department to be donated to Chopin Hall. The theme is “Crimes Against Humanity” and several projects took place this week to heighten the students’ awareness of the needs in our world and community. Over \$300 was also collected during a Rock A Thon by teachers and students who rocked and read to raise money to buy Farm Equipment for African Farmers. Then our culminating project was having the author Loung Ung speak to over 1200 students about her books and experiences surviving the killing fields of Cambodia.



All fifth grade students in Findlay City Schools and Hancock County attended a performance of “Hazard: Bullies at Work” at Central Auditorium on March 31. The scriptwriter, Karen Erickson, is a master teaching artist working with schools in arts assessment and curriculum development. An author of five books, Karen regularly works in classrooms with children of all ages.

To prepare for the presentation, Findlay area Youtheatre students had three rehearsals. Joining them were Findlay City Schools counselors Lisa McClain and Nancy Baxter. As part of the “show” Lisa and Nancy involved the audience on March 31 in a discussion of what solutions they had for the scenario just presented on stage.

Sargeant Mike Martien, Crime Prevention Officer, also had a role to play. He confiscated a laptop involved in cyber bullying when the message became a threat.

The Kennedy Center Steering Committee: Peggy Grandbois, Mark Miller, Ben Sapp, and Judy Withrow chose Karen Erickson out of many to come to Findlay because the issue of bullying needed to be addressed. Through role play, students were able to see how they could avoid bullying situations.

Washington Intermediate School teachers, Mrs. Dittman and Mrs. Biesiada, converted their classroom into the Titanic. The students have been reading about the Titanic! They did experiments such as put their feet in ice water to see just how long they could last in icy waters!!



The FHS Boys and Girls soccer team earned All-Ohio Academic Honors. This award was earned for having a cumulative team GPA over 3.0.

Middle School Brass Blast

Brass Blast brought Glenwood, Donnell and Central brass players together for a day of playing brass music under the direction of specialists on each instrument. 48 students from grades 6th, 7th and 8th participated. The day was funded by a grant from the Community Foundation and a donation from Findlay Music Boosters.

Dick Reamsnyder's grant was called "Learn to Listen" and the concept was to provide students specific things to listen for when they practice by themselves and when they play in ensembles. Listening analytically is not automatic for a musician. It is a learned skill, and it must be carefully taught.



Submitted by Dick Reamsnyder

Washington, Washington that's the place to be....

(The beginning of our school song)

Mrs. Kuznicki asked the students to help her create her front office bulletin board by writing an essay as to why they thought Washington was the place to be.

Some of their answers were posted on the bulletin board and the rest were put into a "coffee table" book for visitors to view.

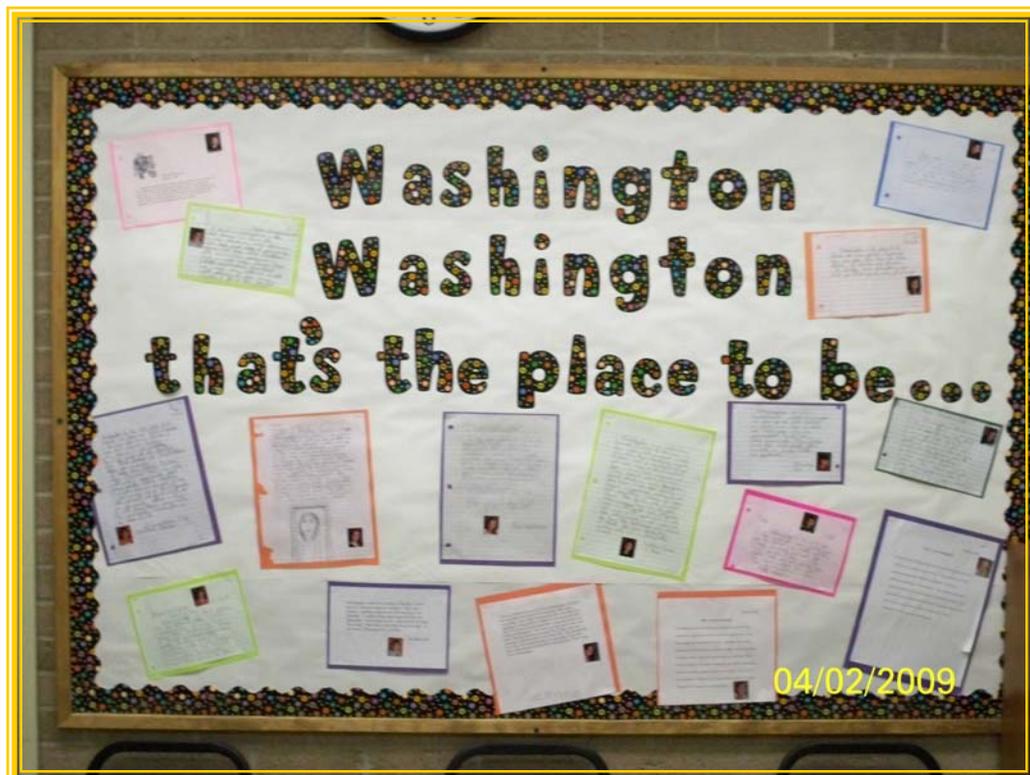
Here is one of the essays from 5th grade student Anajhae in Mrs. Boes' class:

What I like About Washington

What I like about Washington would be the teachers and staff members. I personally have a favorite teacher...Mrs. Boes. She's the one you go to if you wanna get a smile. Mrs. Kuznicky is like a mother. She's kind but stern and keeps you on track. Now Mrs. King is like the queen of fashion.

She always dresses perfectly, always. Mrs. Betts is kinda like Mrs. Kuznicky, kind but stern. I think you'll like the staff members. I also like friends and the classrooms but best of all is the staff.

That's what I like about Washington. Thanks!



Once Upon a Time....

Jefferson hosted Mrs. Heather Forest on Thurs. March 5. She is a storyteller/author/singer from Long Island New York. She entertained all the classes during the day with fables and folklore. That evening she gave an evening concert for our families and friends. It was a great time of listening, and singing along. Thanks to Mrs. Wank for all her hard work in organizing this awesome event.



On April 2nd Central and Glenwood competed at the Middle School State Mock Trial Competition. Central did an amazing job by winning Best Attorney and Best Witness in BOTH trials!!! Lydia Stump and Esther Park won Best Attorney, and Philip Jewett and Price Anders won Best Witness. The trial was based on the book The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton, where Johnny Cade was being charged with Murder and in the alternative, Voluntary Manslaughter. Central competed against Eastmoor and Worthing Kilbourne. Glenwood's Laura Deal won Best Defense Attorney, Trent Bowers won Best Witness, and Jessie Eckert won Best Prosecution Attorney in their competition.



Mrs. Sujaritchan and Dr. Wittwer "Chill Out and Read" to students at Jacobs Primary School during Right to Read week.



2009 Gold Crown

Blue & Gold, Findlay High School's student publication, was one of 20 newspapers in the nation that earned a 2009 Gold Crown Award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) at the 85th annual Spring National Convention held at Columbia University in New York City.

The annual Crown Awards program attracted 1,795 entries from the 2007-2008 academic year. Publications were judged on writing/editing, design, content, concept, photography, art and graphics for the 2009 Crown Awards Program.

Judging took place at Columbia University from December 13-15, 2008 by the Board of Crown Judges.

The CSPA is an international student press association uniting student journalists and faculty advisers at schools and colleges through educational conferences, idea exchanges and award programs.

The Gold Crown is given for outstanding excellence in high school journalism.

This is one of the top awards in the country in scholastic journalism. This is the fourth time we have won this award.

The staff works very hard at trying to be a professional publication that covers school, local and national issues. This is a great accomplishment by a very hard working group of students, Blue & Gold Adviser Jim McGonnell said.

The CSPA judges were very impressed with the newspaper staff's efforts.

The Blue & Gold is an outstanding publication and a pleasure to read. The dedication to scholastic journalism that the adviser and staff have exhibited goes without saying. I hope your student body and administration appreciate what an outstanding publication they have.

"Frequency of publication, your creativity, features and sports coverage are tops. The creative design throughout is one to look forward to. Your school, parents and community have to be proud of you, one judge said.

This is the second top award in the country that the staff has won this year. In November they won the Pacemaker Award from the National Scholastic Press Association.

"Only seven schools in the nation won both the Pacemaker and Gold Crown in the same year. We are honored by this national recognition that says we are one of the country's best student publications."

"We are the only Ohio high school to win both awards this year," McGonnell said.

Submitted by ~ Jim McGonnell

Findlay First Edition traveled to New York City March 26-29 to compete in the FAME New York Show Choir Cup. The competition was by far the most competitive festival in the country this year, featuring 8 of the best groups in the country. The level of competition did not disappoint, as the top four groups were only separated by 2 points after the preliminary performances. After the finals, FFE was named Overall Third Runner-Up Show Choir. The Wheaton-Warrenville Classics (Wheaton, Illinois) were Second Runner-up, The North Central Counterpoints (Indianapolis, Indiana) were first Runner-Up, and John Burroughs Powerhouse (Burbank, California) were named the Grand Champion Show Choir. While in New York City, members of First Edition took part in a master class led by Findlay native Gavin Creel who is currently starring in the Broadway revival of Hair. FFE can next be seen at the annual Choral Cabaret May 15 and 16 in Heminger Auditorium. FFE is under the direction of Kevin Manley, Dan Wilson, and Andy Haines.

SYMPATHY

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

Roger Powell's (Alumni Director) brother, Lane, passed away on March 16th.

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

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

Cholesterol is a fatty substance, also called a lipid, that's produced by the liver. It's also found in foods high in saturated fat, like fatty meats, egg yolks, shellfish, and whole-milk dairy products. It's a vital part of the structure and functioning of our cells. However, too much cholesterol in your blood may lead to a serious, progressive disease of the arteries, called atherosclerosis.

A Closer Look

So how can something your body needs be harmful? Well, not all cholesterol is considered bad. There are actually three main components doctors evaluate when you have a blood test to check your cholesterol. They look at LDL (bad) cholesterol, HDL (good) cholesterol, and another substance called triglycerides.

The fact is that cholesterol can be harmful to your health when there's too much cholesterol in your blood. Whether you have high cholesterol may depend on your lifestyle. Eating a lot of fats and not getting enough exercise can cause cholesterol levels to rise. It's also, in part, a result of your genetic makeup. Some people inherit genes associated with elevated levels of cholesterol. One type is called familial hypercholesterolemia. People with this genetic makeup can eat a healthy diet and exercise, and still have high cholesterol.

Everyone with high cholesterol needs to keep it under control, but it may be even more important for some groups of people, such as

- People with a family history of early heart disease
- People with high blood pressure
- People with diabetes
- Males over age 45
- Females over age 55
- Smokers
- African Americans
- Hispanic Americans

If you fall into any of the categories above, ask your doctor to discuss how your cholesterol goals may be affected.

Through our Wellness initiative, Mission Possible, we are offering free cholesterol and glucose screenings to the first 100 respondents. Please try to take advantage of this opportunity.

Information provide by WebMD