

School Lines

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Findlay City Schools
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Teaching Artist Terry Boyarsky Integrates Music and Math at Bigelow Hill

Teaching artist Terry Boyarsky visited Mrs. Davis' and Mrs. Nissen's fifth grade classes at Bigelow Hill on February 24. Ms. Boyarsky led the students in musical games and rhythmic exercises to help them grasp the concepts of how math relates to time and space. The activities presented different strategies to teach fractions, ratios and percentages that work well in differentiated classrooms.

The previous evening, Ms. Boyarsky presented her techniques to 35 educators and pre-service educators in her professional development workshop, "Dividing Time/Dividing Space: a Study of Increments, Ratios, and Proportions using Music & Movement."

Terry Boyarsky holds a BA in experimental psychology from Reed College, a BM in Eurhythmics from Cleveland Institute of Music, and an MA in Ethnomusicology from Kent State University. She is a licensed Dalcroze Eurhythmics teacher, is certified in Orff Schulwerk, presents workshops nationally, and has published many articles.

Ms. Boyarsky's workshop and classroom visit were made possible through Findlay City Schools Title I funds. Her 2-day residency was part of the Hancock County John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Partners in Education Program that includes Findlay City Schools, Hancock County Schools, The University of Findlay, and The Arts Partnership of Greater Hancock County.



The National Merit Finalists for this year are Jessica Braddock, Cole Lautermilch, and Emily Rivest.

Commended students are Nick Taylor, Maggie Gilliland, and Amanda Gerardi.

Congratulations !!!!!



Mrs. Eller's class at Jefferson Primary School started out selling recycled bookmarks to raise \$100.00 to donate a tree to be planted at Riverbend for the Hancock Parks 40th anniversary. They earned \$190 and the children voted to continue working to earn something for our playground. The class decided on pogo sticks. They sat up a booth at the Leisure Living Show and the students have raised a total of \$290.50. Way to go kids!!

Q and U Celebrate at Lincoln Elementary School

Kristen Lichtle's kindergarten class at Lincoln Elementary School is learning about the letters Q and U and to help them remember that they must be together to make the /qu/ sound, they held a wedding for them, since they are always together! The class invited the preschoolers to be their audience. The wedding had a ceremony complete with quarter and Q-tip girls, quarter and Q-tip bearers, queens serving as bridesmaids and quarterbacks as the groomsman. "Shushers" rather than ushers, reminded the audience to remain QUIet. Following the wedding, bubbles were blown as the bride and groom made their way to the reception, where Miss Q and Mr. U received Quaker Oats, a quilt, some question marks, Q-tips and quarters as wedding gifts. Everyone enjoyed cake and punch and toasted to a long life of saying /qu/ together. They topped the event off with dancing and the limbo!



Congratulations Rotary Golden Apple Winners!!!



Findlay City Schools is proud to announce the Rotary Golden Apple Outstanding Teacher in the Middle School Division is Linda VanDerMolen—Pre-Algebra—Donnell Middle School and The Rotary Golden Apple Outstanding Teacher in the High School Division is Susan Davidson—9th-12th French— Findlay High School. Congratulations to all Findlay City Schools semi-finalists which include: Jenelle Niceley –Whittier, Bryan Miller—Donnell, Kim Miller– Glenwood, and Amy Hurt—Findlay High School.

Don't Forget

National Teacher Appreciation Week

May 3rd-7th

Remember to thank your favorite teacher!!!!

“A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.” Henry Adams

FINDLAY HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES NATIONAL GOLD STUDENT COUNCIL AWARD— ONLY SCHOOL IN STATE OF OHIO

For its exemplary record of leadership, service, and activities that serve to improve the school and community, Findlay High School has been awarded a 2010 National Gold Council of Excellence Award by the National Association of Student Councils. Findlay High School received the highest award and was the only high school in the state of Ohio to receive this recognition.

To meet the requirements for the National Gold Council of Excellence award, a student council must demonstrate that it meets a variety of criteria including a written constitution, regular meetings, a democratic election process, membership in NASC, leadership training for council members, teacher/staff appreciation activities, student recognition programs, school and community service projects, spirit activities, goal setting, financial planning and active participation in their state and national student council associations.

“Receiving an NASC National Gold Council of Excellence Award indicates a dedication on the part of the local school to providing a strong, well-rounded student council program,” says Jeff Sherrill, associate director of NASC. “NASC applauds the work of the National Gold Councils of Excellence and challenges them to continue their exemplary efforts to serve their schools as the elected representatives of their student body.”

“At Findlay High we are extremely proud to be recognized for the fourth consecutive year as a National Gold Council of Excellence award winner, says Dr. Mary Beth Kennedy-Mowrey, Executive Advisor of FHS Student Council. Leadership Chairperson, Brianna Doyle, continues “Our outstanding leadership talks for itself. This award publically recognizes our outstanding accomplishments. We just rock.”

The National Association of Student Councils (NASC) promotes and provides leadership development opportunities to prepare and empower students to serve their schools and communities. NASC is a program of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). The NASSP-the preeminent organization and national voice for middle level and high school leaders-also sponsors the National Honor Society (NHS) and the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS), which recognizes outstanding middle level and high school students who demonstrate excellence in the area of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

For more information on NASC, visit www.nasc.us.

2009-2010 Administrator of the Year

The Ohio Association of Student Councils was proud to honor Mr. Craig Kupferberg as the 2009-10 Administrator of the Year! He represents the finest qualities that an administrator can possess. His leadership and encouragement has made the difference at Findlay High School. Mr. Kupferberg had previously served as a building level administrator for twenty years, including eleven at Findlay High School, and is currently Findlay City School’s Assistant Superintendent. Findlay City Schools are proud to have Mr. Craig Kupferberg as a member of our team. Congratulations, Craig!!!

Congratulations Emily Rivest ~ Ohio Journalist of the Year

Congratulations to News Editor senior Emily Rivest who was named the 2010 Ohio Journalist of the year on Friday at the Ohio Scholastic Media Association's awards ceremony. She won a \$500 scholarship and will compete for the national title this coming weekend in Portland, Oregon. Emily is the first Findlay High School student to be named the Ohio Journalist of the Year.

Donnell Middle School Students Receive Superior Rating

Donnell Middle School students received Superior ratings at Solo & Ensemble Contest . This group included the following students:

Long Adams, Amanda Campbell, Beth Davila, Ben Foster, Gracie Foster, Talyn Foust, Hailey Hahn, Megan Junge, Connor Lauth, Mariah Matthis, Nikko Mason, Tom Suh, Victoria Terry, Anna Wank, Zara Wilson. The accompanist was Celeste LaFleur

Soprano Solo-Megan Junge

Soprano Solo-Meghan Harrington

Mezzo Soprano-Beth Davila

Mezzo Soprano-Mariah Matthis

Baritone-Long Adams

The following students received Excellent Ratings: Viola Solo-Katherine Diaz, Cello Solo-Celeste LaFleur, Piano Solo-Tom Suh. Celeste LaFleur accompanied for four different events. Tom Suh accompanied for two events, and Long Adams accompanied for one solo.

The students are under the direction of Mr. Ken Pressel, Mrs. Becky Baratta and Mr. Dan Wilson.

The following students were selected for Rotary Student of the Month for April. Erin Amstutz, CEC II a senior from Liberty Benton and Tyler Coppes, Construction II a senior from Liberty Benton.

They were honored at the Rotary luncheon at the Findlay Country Club.

VIP Show Choir Wins Gold

On Saturday, March 27, VIP Freshmen Show Choir from Findlay High School took First Place in the Heritage Festivals Show Choir Competition in Chicago. VIP received a Gold Rating and First Place for their performance. VIP represented the youngest group in the high school competition.

VIP is under the direction of Craig VanRenterghem with choreographer Elizabeth Betts. VIP's instrumental group, The Rippers, is under the direction of Zachary Thomas.

VIP will celebrate the end of year with Spring Fling on Friday, May 7th in the Findlay High School Auditorium.



Above Bruce Buguski spoke with Glenwood Middle School students on April 7th. Mr. Buguski gave a pep talk to students and parents that evening to prepare for the upcoming OAA tests.

A Wonderful Right to Read Week

Bigelow Hill held a Literacy Night on March 11, 2010 to the theme of Bigelow Hill Buffet: All You Can Read! Families enjoyed a performance by the staff singing 'Be Our Guest', 3rd graders singing songs about food, and stations around the building supporting reading and literacy. Alphabet stew, open mic night, make and take puppet theater, a poetry pizza parlor, and Sugar and Spice Bakery scavenger hunt were amongst the activities. The library served books on trays and Hamlin's Hot dogs were enjoyed in the 3 Little Pig Cafe. A kick-off skit was performed by the Student Council to kick off Right to Read Week. Chefs from Millstream also came and did a demonstration for several classes. Janet Greiner answered several inquisitive questions.

Favorite Teacher Essay Winners

Grades 3-5:

Student – Katlynn Phillips. Fifth grade student at Lincoln Elementary. Nominated teacher – Mrs. Simons. Teacher at Lincoln Elementary.

Grades 6-8:

Student – Javi Ramos. Eighth grade student at Donnell Middle School. Nominated teacher – David Vaas. Teacher at Chamberlin Hill Elementary.

Grades 9-12:

Student – Sam Duling. Ninth grade student at Findlay High School. Nominated teacher – Mr. Moyer. Teacher at Findlay High School.

Congratulations Lucy!!

Findlay High School junior, Lucy Anders, traveled to Miami University to compete in the Buckeye Chapter of NATS (National Association of Teachers of Singing) Student Auditions. Student Auditions are held annually and sponsored by the Buckeye Chapter of NATS and sanctioned by the Great Lakes Region of the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

The Auditions are planned for students at all stages of vocal study, who perform in clearly defined classifications with students of similar age and length of study.

Lucy Anders, placed first in both the High School Musical Theatre and High School Men and Women Classical Categories.

Lucy received a Certificate of Award and a cash prize. First Place winners in each classification performed in the Honors Concert at the end of the day.

Fifth Graders Enjoy Space

Fifteen fifth graders from each of the five intermediate buildings worked together in Space teams, depending on their skills, to prepare for the Space Simulation at Challenger Learning Center of Lucas County in Oregon, OH on April 30. The students need time to work together because on April 30 they will be on a space mission. Their mission will be to establish a permanent base on the moon to observe and explore. Navigating their way into lunar orbit, students must construct and launch a probe and analyze a variety of data gathered from the lunar surface to select a site for the permanent moon base. Because of their specific skills each student has become an expert in a specific area. The teams are: communications, data, navigation, probe, and remote. Half the 75 students will do the simulation in the morning and the half in the afternoon on April 30 with activities in a lab corresponding to the time when the other group is doing the simulation.

Students have been working on the Space topic since November one day a week after school. The six Science Communities teachers will be there also. There are two from Lincoln, Cesar Ruiz and Rhonda Simons. The other teachers are Deb Wickerham (CH), Kim Betts (WA), Beth Ann Nissen (BH), and Don Schmidt (WV).

The Arts Partnership is pleased to announce that we will be offering the Youtheatre Summer Performing Arts Camp during the week of July 12! Theatre professionals from the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) will be on hand to help us produce the musical *The Frog Prince* for two public performances on July 16 and 17. The camp and performances will be held at The First Presbyterian Church in Findlay.

The Camp is open to the first 64 students in grades 1-12 (2010-2011 school year) based on age and role availability. On-stage cast roles are available for 60 students in various age ranges. Four students in grades 6-12 will serve as assistant directors. All students registered for the camp will audition on Monday morning of the camp (no preparation required) and receive their assignments for the musical. Rehearsals will be held throughout the week. When students are not rehearsing they will participate in theatre-related workshops presented by local theatre professionals.

The camp is held each day from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. On Friday, July 16, we will hold a dress rehearsal from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., followed by a performance at 7 p.m. There will also be a performance at 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 17. **Because of our producing a show in a short timeframe, it is imperative that each camper is in attendance at all rehearsals and workshops throughout the week.**

Due to the popularity of the camp last year, we anticipate that this year's camp will fill up quickly. To register, please return the completed camp registration form and signed consent form, along with your payment to The Arts Partnership, 618 S. Main St., Findlay, OH 45840. Our hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The camp brochure, including the registration and consent forms and payment information is attached.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact 419-422-3412, ext. 24 or education@artspartnership.com.

United Way Days of Caring

Marathon employees volunteered to help beautify Washington Intermediate School and Bigelow Hill by weeding and spreading mulch.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped to make our schools look great!!!!



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SYMPATHY

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

- Hearold Weihrauch's (food service) mother passed away.
- Becky Wank's (Jefferson) father passed away.

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

Chamberlin Hill, Bigelow Hill, Jacobs, Jefferson, Lincoln, Washington, Whittier, Wilson Vance, Donnell, Millstream Tech, Millstream East, Transportation!

Keep up the safe work!!!!

Safety Tip: Serving Food Safely

- ◆ Never leave it out over 2 hrs. (1 hr in temp. > 90 °F) Bacteria that cause food borne illness grow rapidly at room temp.

Keep hot food hot! Cold food cold!

- ◆ When serving food at a buffet, keep hot food over a heat source and keep cold food on ice. Keep platters of food refrigerated until time to serve or heat them.
- ◆ Carry perishable picnic food in a cooler with a cold pack or ice. Set the cooler in the shade and open as little as possible.

Handling Leftovers Safely

- ◆ Divide foods into shallow containers for rapid cooling. Put food directly in the refrigerator or freezer.
- ◆ Cut turkey off the bone and refrigerate. Slice breast meat; legs and wings may be left whole.
- ◆ Use cooked leftovers within 4 days.
- ◆ Cut or cooked produce items, such as baked potatoes or vegetable casseroles, should never be left out or held at room temperature for an extended time period.