



# School Lines

Findlay City Schools

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## FINDLAY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS BRIDGE THE COMMUNICATION GAP



Findlay High School teacher, Teresa Simons, began a sign language club with the hope that her hearing impaired students would get involved and meet new people. This afterschool club has grown and now has 32 members with both hearing and hearing impaired students. The students work on building their communication skills by breaking out into small groups and are given topics of conversation. Mrs. Simons stated "It's not just about learning sign language, it's about communication. If a hearing student does not know the sign for a particular word, they fingerspell it."

### French Students Honored

The following students were recently inducted into the Société Honoraire de Français (French Honor Society) of Findlay High School. To qualify, students need to have completed three semesters of French, have an A average in French, and have an overall 3.0 GPA. The new members are: Marlayna Anderson, Trey Bracy, Julie Burget, Cinthia Cuellar, Jackie Faeth, Me So Lee, Emily Lentz, Kimberly Maples, Braden Miller, Jessica Oliger, Sarah Puchta, John Sisser, Abigail Stone, Lauren Supple, Sarah Thomas, Ben Vilaysack, Lauren Wolper, and Brittany Wozniak. Co-advisors are Linda Bash, Susan Davidson, and Marcela Ritter.

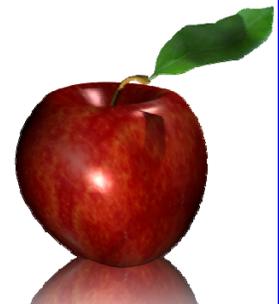


This means I love you in sign language!!!!



## Hard Work Pays Off

Junior Statesmen of America, a politically/globally minded group at Findlay High School raised \$21,000 last year to build a school in Tanga, Tanzania. The government recently gave permission to begin construction of the classrooms. Leah Todd and Tom Davidson, freshmen at Marquette University and American University, respectively, will be going to Tanga in late June for three weeks. They will help build the school and take part in the July 4 ceremony to dedicate the school. Way to go, JSA!



## National Cheese Ball Day Celebrated at Jefferson Primary School

You could say on April 17 Jefferson got a little cheesy! Mr. Wallace surprised the students with a Cheese Ball Game. The students had to throw the cheese balls on to a plate that their teacher would be holding. The class with the most cheese balls on the plate received a cheese pizza party. Mr. Wallace also said if there were more than 30 students with “green” behavior for the entire year, he would become a human cheese ball. Much to Mr. Wallace’s surprise there were 82 students with super behavior for the entire year. As you can see by the photo’s below Mr. Wallace made good on his promise.



## More Good News from the Blue and Gold Staff !!!!!

Six staff members of the Blue & Gold, Findlay High School's student publication won 12 individual national Gold Circle Awards at the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's (CSPA) 85th annual Spring National Convention held at Columbia University in New York City.

Sophomore News Editor John Sisser won three national awards. Sisser won first place in Broad-sheet Black & White News Page Design for Newspapers, a second in News Briefs writing for News-papers and a third in Broadsheet Color Front Page Design for Newspapers.

"The three Gold Circle awards increase John's national award winning total to 4," Blue & Gold Ad- viser Jim McGonnell said. "This is an outstanding achievement for John to place four times nation- ally as a sophomore, we are excited about what lies ahead for this talented writer and page de- signer. What a great honor for him and our program,"

Editor in chief junior Emily Rivest won first in Broadsheet Color Opinion Page Design for News papers and was a runner-up in Broadsheet Color Front Page Design for Newspapers.

Last year's editor in chief Ashley Lazar also won two awards, a first in Broadsheet Black & White Feature Page Design for Newspapers and a third in Broadsheet Color Opinion Page Design for Newspapers.

Winning third place were Senior Photography Editor Alisha Riley in Broadsheet Color Photo Story for Newspapers; Senior Artist Brier Sterling in Hand-drawn Black and White Art for Newspapers; and Junior Sports Editor Rich Costello in Broadsheet Color Sports Page Design for Newspapers.

The staff also won two third place awards in Broadsheet Overall Design for Newspapers and Ty- pography: the overall look of the entire paper for Newspapers.

The Gold Circle Awards recognize the best student writers, editors, designers and photographers in the country and is the largest national competition for individual achievement in college, university and senior high school publications throughout the United States.

This individual contest included over 13,850 scholastic entries nationwide. Judges cited a total of 1,230 winners for either First, Second or Third Place or for Certificates of Merit for those deemed worthy of honorable mention in a category.

"First we win the Gold Crown, one of the highest awards in the country for high school publications and now 12 Gold Circle awards by a fairly young staff. We will only lose four seniors and I am ex- cited to see what this young staff will do next year. Hats off to a very hard working and determined young group of students," McGonnell said.

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.

Submitted by Jim McGonnell

## Camp Discovery and Camp World Registrations Continue

Registrations continue to be accepted for Camp Discovery: *A Hands-on Experience with Science and Technology* and Camp World (formerly called Camp READ). Camp Discovery will be held the week of June 8-12, 2009 at Bigelow Hill Intermediate School. Camp World is scheduled for the week of July 27-31, 2009 at Washington Intermediate School.

Both day camps, for students currently in grades 1-5, will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch, t-shirt, group photo and all materials are included in the \$150 fee for each camp. Limited financial aid is available thanks to area businesses and organizations. For information about financial aid or details about the camp, call (419) 427-5495 or (419) 425-8296.

This year's theme for Camp Discovery is "Engineering for the World." Students will be discovering different types of engineering and how each can be applied to everyday situations. Classes include learning how computer games are created; comparing the rotational qualities of different tops; looking at designs and scientific principles of amusement park rides; constructing solar panels and helping keep America "green"; discovering how earthquakes occur; and learning how electricity is generated and used to create light, heat, motion and sound.

In "The World Market," the Camp World '09 theme, campers will have fun exploring each day with a different country's culture and economy: Central America/Mexico, China, India, Middle East/Turkey and Russia.

Campers will complete a webquest on the computer that allows them to travel the world, experience the tastes and smells of some favorite foods, discover the traditions of world music and dance, explore cultural diversity and connectivity through art, investigate fabrics and fibers, and gain an awareness of customs and cultural differences through literature and role play.

All teachers are certified and will be assisted by Findlay High School students. **Camp Discovery and Camp World are sponsored by Findlay Enrichment Programs, Inc. and Findlay City Schools.**



## THE ARTS PARTNERSHIP OFFERS SUMMER YOUTHEATRE PERFORMING ARTS CAMP

The Arts Partnership of Greater Hancock County is offering a Youtheatre Performing Arts Camp, Monday through Friday, July 13 through 17, 2009. During the Camp, students will work with professionals from the Missoula (Montana) Children's Theatre (MCT), as well as local teaching artists. The camp is open to the first 64 students in grades 1-12 (2009-2010 school year) who register and will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily at First Presbyterian Church in Findlay.

All students participating in the camp will audition and be cast in the musical *The Little Mermaid*. Sixty students (approximately 20 per grade range) will receive an on-stage role. Four students (grades 6-12) will serve as assistant directors. Auditions will be held on Monday (no preparation required) and rehearsals will take place throughout the week. When students are not rehearsing, they will be involved in age-appropriate performing arts workshops such as readers' theatre, technical theatre, make-up, movement, improvisation, and theatre games, led by local teaching artists.

Public performances of *The Little Mermaid* featuring camp participants will be held on Friday, July 17 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 18 at 4 p.m., also at First Presbyterian Church.

The Camp is a great option for students who are interested in being involved in a production, but due to busy schedules are not able to make the commitment during the school year.

Registration and fee information is available by contacting Peggy Grandbois at The Arts Partnership at 419-422-3412, ext. 24 or [education@artspartnership.com](mailto:education@artspartnership.com) or by visiting The Arts Partnership website at [www.artspartnership.com](http://www.artspartnership.com).

Findlay First Edition (FFE) Show Choir will host the 2009 Cabaret on May 15 and 16 at the R.L. Heminger Auditorium at Findlay High School. FFE's 25th Anniversary Celebration will take place on Saturday, May 16 at FHS in conjunction with Cabaret. All FFE alumni are encouraged to contact the FHS Choir Office as soon as possible to register for the special anniversary events.

Cabaret performances are Friday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 16 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Tickets will be available for purchase beginning May 11. For more information about tickets or the 25th anniversary celebration contact the Findlay High School Choir Office at 419-425-8282.

## SYMPATHY

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

Rita Farmer's (Food Service Office Aide) father passed away April 25.

## For Sale

Grad BG voucher worth \$480 will sell for \$240

Please contact Beth Swecker at [bswecker@findlaycityschools.org](mailto:bswecker@findlaycityschools.org)

SAXAPHONE (alto/Conn) asking \$375.00 or best offer ( paid \$1150.00) Call Jill 419-423-3415 or 419-306-6832

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

Millstream, Findlay High School, Donnell, Central, Glenwood, Bigelow Hill, Chamberlin Hill, Jefferson, Lincoln, Washington, Whittier, Wilson Vance, maintenance/grounds, transportation and administration office.

### Waste Containers

### Managing Waste and Recycling Containers

Often the person filling the waste or recycling container is not the same person emptying it. When someone attempts to lift a container that is unexpectedly heavy, a serious injury can occur. There are times when garbage bags may be heavier than usual such as during special events (holidays, food days, graduation parties), near the end of school classroom clean up and even classroom set up time.

What can you do to prevent an injury to someone else?

- Do not place heavy items, magazines or books into garbage cans, if you can't lift it, don't expect anyone else too.
- Think of garbage day at home, if the can is too heavy (over 40 lbs) the city will not take it, it is left.
- Place heavy items, books or magazines into small boxes and label it "heavy".
- Tie off the garbage bag when one-half full and start a new bag on top of the first.
- Tie off the second bag when it reaches the top of the container at one-half full.
- Do not overfill or compact trash in the waste container.
- Do not place sharp material or glass in waste containers.
- Use carts or dollies to move heavy loads.
- Stabilize the load with straps if necessary.
- Warn others if material is heavy or awkward so they won't try to move it. Label it as "heavy".
- Use smaller containers or boxes to lower the weight.

Don't assume that waste containers weigh the same each time ~ test the load first, get help or break it down into smaller manageable weight.

***We are all responsible for each others safety as well as our own!***

Source: Lakehead Public Schools