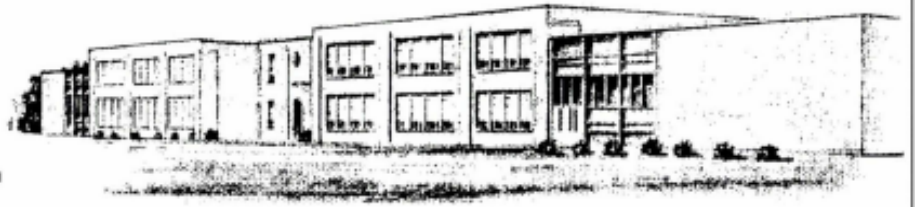


# Your School



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## From The Desk of Geoff Palmer, Superintendent

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As the 2004-2005 school year hits the home stretch, I continue to be amazed at the level of support our community provides for the school! Current and former members of the community provide support ranging from donations for the recent office and library renovation, to memorial and honorary scholarships, to donations from our various booster and PTO groups, to the donation of time through volunteerism. I could fill several pages if I listed each of the specific items received by the district from these sources over the past school year. Our most sincere gratitude and appreciation go out to our entire community—what you do makes Hopewell-Loudon special!

There is a whirlwind of activities in and around the school at this time of year. As this article goes to print, the senior class has produced this year's play, our sports teams are in the midst of league competition and, at the same, preparing for their tournament season, musical programs are being planned, fields are being prepared for planting, and—oh yes, our staff and students are moving through their final chapters, heading for final tests and exams.

While all these end of year tasks are going on, the staff, supervisors, and administration are busily preparing for next year as well. Budget proposals have been submitted and will be reviewed, adjusted as necessary and approved in order to allow for adequate time for purchases to be made and deliveries received prior to the return of our students on August 23.

The principals and teachers are working on adjustments to the academic programs we offer. One very exciting possibility being considered right now is the expansion of our Talented and Gifted (TAG) Program to include 7<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts for next year. Currently, TAG serves students only through the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and high performing 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are able to enroll in high school level courses in math, foreign language and band. The expansion of TAG to 7<sup>th</sup> grade will successfully fill the gap between the 6<sup>th</sup> grade program and acceleration at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

As this wonderful school year winds down, please consider stopping by the school to enjoy our students as they showcase their numerous talents!

If you know of someone who would like to receive "Your School" or if you have a correction for the mailing list, please call the school at 419-937-2216.



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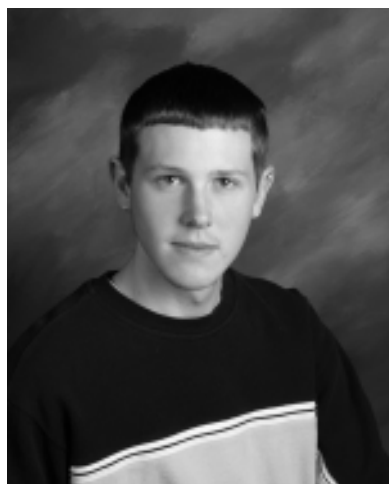
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**Michael T. Bryant**  
Feb. 2, 1987 - April 5, 2005

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Hopewell-Loudon student Michael Bryant. Mike was a member of the Class of 2005 and a student in the electrical trades program at Sentinel.

He is survived by his father Danny, mother Susan, and siblings Rich, Melissa and Matthew.

Mike will be sadly missed by the students and staff at Hopewell-Loudon.

## Open Enrollment

Any persons currently attending Hopewell-Loudon under the Open Enrollment option are reminded that the applications for the 2005-2006 school year will be available starting the week of April 25, and must be returned **directly** to the Hopewell-Loudon Board office beginning May 2 - May 31 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. If you know of someone who is not currently living in the Hopewell-Loudon Local School District and would like to attend Hopewell-Loudon Schools under the open enrollment option, please have them contact the Board office for an application.

## FFA News

Several members of the Hopewell-Loudon FFA Chapter have been busy in various competitions. Zach Dunn, Ashley Nichols and Deanna Nichols competed in the Ag. Mechanics Contest. Ashley and Deanna also entered a public speaking contest where they recited the FFA creed. In the same contest, Lorretta Hoschar gave her prepared speech on therapeutic horse riding and went on to the district level where she earned 3rd place. Dan Kuzma, Jason Hoover and Ivory Stull placed 10th in the District 4 Small Engines Contest with 40 teams participating.



Congratulations also go to Lorrel Clouse who will receive her State FFA Degree at the Ohio FFA convention to be held on May 7.

Once again, the Hopewell-Loudon FFA has received a \$1000 grant to continue the reflective tape and fire extinguisher project at the Bascom Elevator this summer.

The Hopewell-Loudon FFA Alumni Group was formed last November. This organization is affiliated with the State FFA Alumni and offers support to the local FFA chapter. Persons interested may contact any of the following officers: Mike Obarr, President; Andre Tiell, Vice-President; Travis Hohman, Secretary; Brad Fruth, Treasurer. You need not be an alumni of FFA or Hopewell-Loudon to be a member. Upcoming events include National FFA Alumni Day at Michigan Motor Speedway on August 20, 2005, and the raffle of a storage shed built by the H-L FFA Chapter to raise funds to benefit the family of FFA member Michael Bryant. For more information on either of these events, please contact an alumni group officer or Hopewell-Loudon FFA Chapter Advisor Jerry Boes.



## HOPEWELL HAPPENINGS



Spring is finally here and the high school and junior high students have been busy.

I would like to congratulate all of our students on a successful third nine weeks. Special congratulations to all students who have achieved honor roll status for this grading period.

I would also like to thank all of the winter sports athletes, cheerleaders, band members, coaches and parents for making our winter sports season such a success. It was a lot of fun and I encourage our students to continue to show their Chieftain Pride during events.

March was very busy with testing. It seemed as though each week one group or another was taking a test. Our students did an outstanding job and worked very hard trying to do their best. Just to give everyone an idea of what occurred during March the following is a list of dates of tests students were involved with:

### March 7-11

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Proficiency Test for 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Achievement Test  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math & Reading Achievement Test

### March 14-18

OGT Test

March 21-24 our seniors attended their class trip to New York City. Mrs. Young and Mr. Weaver accompanied the students this year, so my comments come second hand. Everyone that I spoke with has said the trip was a great time. Our students conducted themselves extremely well. Next year's trip planning has already begun, and Ms. Coleman as class advisor has been doing a great job of preparing for next year. I'm sure the trip will be another great success.

Students in grades 8-11 have completed the on-line registration. The process was very quick and easy to do. Students who did not participate in the scheduling have been registering through the guidance office. Seventh grade students who were eligible for high school courses as 8<sup>th</sup> graders were notified through letters mailed home to parents informing them of courses available and the pre-requisites needed to be met for high school credit. As the registration process culminates the process of completing the master schedule for the 2005-2006 school year will begin.

There have been many activities taking place recently. On April 15 & 16, the senior class play, "Murder at the Goon Show" was held in the auditorium. The seniors and Mrs. Parkins worked very hard at putting on a good show. On April 19 the FFA Banquet was held in the cafeteria. On April 29, Hopewell-Loudon welcomes State Supreme Court Justice Terrence O'Donnell to visit with our students and staff.

As we wind down to the end of the year, awards ceremonies will be conducted differently, being held on two separate evenings. On May 3 we will honor the achievements of our senior class. Tentatively, the Lion's Club has again agreed to serve dinner that evening. Our underclassmen will be recognized at a separate ceremony on Monday, May 9. Both evenings will be open to parents and public to attend and will begin at 7:00 pm.

The junior/senior prom will again be held at Meadowbrook Park on May 7, from 8:00 pm - 12:00 am. After prom will begin at 12:45 am and be held here at school. Ms. Coleman and the junior class prom committee has arranged for a variety of activities that should be a lot of fun for those in attendance. I don't want to give away too much, but everyone should plan to be here.

Graduation ceremonies will take place on Friday, May 27 at 7:30 pm in the gymnasium. We welcome all families and friends of our graduates to attend this great day.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our student of the month winners. January award winners were the brother and sister team of Jordan and Melia Reinhart. February winners were Kory Bishop and Andy Biddle.

**High School Students of the Month****January**

Melia Reinhart    Jordan Reinhart

**February**

Kory Bishop    Andy Biddle

***DID YOU KNOW?***

Did you know that students in Mrs. Carla Young's anatomy class will be participating in an interactive live open heart surgery via Hopewell-Loudon's newly constructed Distance Learning Lab? The surgery is to be performed at Mount Carmel Hospital in Columbus. The Surgical Suite experience begins with an overview of heart disease risk factors and a short video of how the patient is prepared for surgery. For the next two and a half to three hours, the students watch the surgery occur. Students can ask questions of the surgeon, nurses, etc. while the surgery is performed. Anatomy students have completed pre-surgery activities and will have post-surgery activities to complete in the classroom.

Thanks to the technology in the Distance Learning Lab, and the cooperation of the Northern Ohio Educational Computer Association, students are able to take advantage of many educational opportunities such as this, where the world is their classroom!

**Parenting Class Preschool**

The Parenting Classes wish to invite area 3-6 year olds to our preschool, to be held from Monday, May 16 through Friday, May 20. Our morning session will last from 8:45 until 10:10 a.m. The afternoon session will be from 11:45 until 1:10 p.m. Each session will be limited to 12 children. Children are not required to attend each day. For an application, please contact Teri Miller at 419-937-2216 ext. 211.

**High School/Junior High School Honor Roll****All A's**

**Grade 7** - Codee Adams, Elizabeth Bentz, Alyssa Cleveland, Justin Fox, Morgan Hill, Adrienne Hohman, Alexandra Hossler, Aaron Kapelka, Mary Ellen McAllister, Matthew Painter, Dustin Reinhart, Brianna Richey, Stephanie Smith, Megen Snyder, Daniel Steyer, Ryan Wood

**Grade 8** - Alexandria Bishop, Mitchell Dandurand, Randi Dewald, Madison Herman, Jessica Lynch, Monica Otte, Amber Perrine, Daniel Romanko

**Grade 9** - Nicole deVlugt, Nicole Dull, Alexandria Herman, Eric Hohman, Alisha Hoover, Mariel Huss, Megan Kapelka, Katelyn Lang, Brianna Lucius, Megan Reinhart, Jessica Schetter, Stephanie Scholl, Nathan Siebenaller, Audrey Smith, Patrick Sulken, Abby Yoakum, Matthew Zoeller

**Grade 10** - Kaylee Adams, Kory Bishop, Doug Bouillon, Faith Brickner, Seth deVlugt, John Fruth, Garrett Hetzel, Kimberly Hohman, Emily Kuhn, Nikkole Malone, Jay McAllister, Bethany Miller, Emily Morrow, Carrie Ritzler, Courtney Ritzler, Laura Spangler

**Grade 11** - Haili Arbogast, Rachel Brown, Jenna Dandurand, Andrea Engelmann, Theresa Guay, Janelle Kimmert, Jill Kreais, Laterha Lear, Dustin Lucius, Jordan Reinhart, Melia Reinhart, Hailey Saalman, Jill Schumm, Jordan Siebenaller, Charlotte Tiell, Natasha Weiker, Nicole Wilcox

**Grade 12** - Emily Bodart, Jenna Brenamen, Shannon Brickner, Aaron Brickner, Meaghan Dandurand, Amanda Fruth, Sarah Gosche, Ashley Hammer, Amanda Hohman, Rachel Johnson, Cory Lang, Paul Mates, Nicole Nichols, Jonathan Reinhart, Travis Whipple, Derek Williams, Heather Zoeller

**A's and B's**

**Grade 7** - Lauren Bair, Brandi Boes, Krystal Brant, Matthew Brickner, Brandon Burns, Brittany Egbert, Cody Feathers, Joshua Fox, Alexa Frank, Ethan Fuller, Samantha Gosche, Kaitlynn Kirkpatrick, Brook Kracher, Carli Maldonado, Ashley Miller, Megan Risner, Rachael Saldusky, Stevie Shook, Hudson Smith

**Grade 8** - Colin Andrews, Ashley Benner, Matthew Bouillon, Heath Brickner, Tyler Brown, Amanda Cholodewitsch, Alexander Cramer, Bradley Daniel, Paul Fruth, Stephanie Harper, Joshua Hoover, Taylor Hoschar, Zachary Ickes, Spencer Kirby, Ian Kuhn, Nathan Richey, Nouran Salem, Samantha Siebenaller, Nicholas Steve, Jay Yost

**Grade 9** - Brittany Armbruster, Amanda Ballash, Joseph Biller, Anna Bodart, Sarah Brenamen, Ethan Brickner, Melissa Brickner, Kaitlyn Covert, Jose Degollado, Jennifer Fox, Jacob Frisch, Joshua Hammer, Kelly Hopple, Alex Martishius, Kaitlyn Ranker, Anthony Reinhart, Danielle Reinhart, Molly Risner, Matt Ritter, Mandy Saalman, Lukas Schalk, Nicholas Steyer, Janelle Tanner, Troy Weaver, Nicole Wood

**Grade 10** - Lauren Chapman, Kimberly Clouse, Samantha Daniel, Randi Hossler, Carrie McGee, Shawnisty Poole, Derek Reinhart, Derick Romanko, Derek Schleter, Tyler Smith, Amber Smith, Kristen Stahl, Kyle Tanner, Zach Yost

**Grade 11** - Tim Brickner, McKenzie Brickner, Lorrel Clouse, Kara Jesse, Adam Kessler, Donnie Ray, Stephanie Seibert, Melinda Singrey, Ryan Smith, Stefan Tiell, Jessica Ward, Dennis Weaver, Kerry Wertz, Cayla Zender

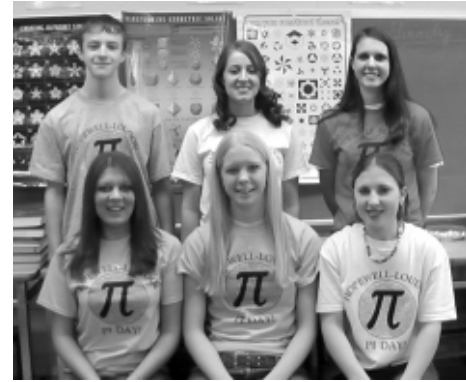
**Grade 12** - Craig Brickner, Andrew Brown, Brian Cover, Jason Donaldson, John Frankart, Adam Frankart, Scott Gerritsen, Nikki Harper, Doug Kelbley, Kyle Killam, Sarah Lowery, Jeremy Lucius, Chris Mack, Amber Molineaux, Jason Painter, Jacob Phillips, Duane Posey, Amanda Raitz, Brandon Reinhart, Karim Salem, Aaron Schreiner, Nathaniel Shellhouse, Mattie Smith, Danie Jo Smith

**SIXTH ANNUAL PI DAY!**

The students pictured below were winners in the “Pi Day” poster contest and the recitation contest. Recitation winners were recognized for being able to recite the most digits of pi. All received “Pi Day” t-shirts. Students in grades 7-12 enjoyed pie and math activities. While everyone enjoys the desserts, students have fun while learning. Congratulations to all participants!



Front: Nicole deVlugt, Janelle Kimmet, Sarah Gosche  
Back: Nikki Malone, Rodney Brickner, Tim Brickner

$$\pi$$


Front: Lindsay Hartsel, 71 digits; Katie Jacobs, 121 digits;  
Shannon Brickner, 121 digits  
Back: Zachary Ickes 192 digits; Nicole Wilcox, 81 digits;  
Laterha Lear, 96 digits

**From the High School Guidance Office****Time Management**

Most students are aware that to be successful in today’s high school environment necessitates greater focus on their own individual time, energy, and resources. The fact remains that there are still only 24 hours in a day to address all of the personal needs that students must consider in maximizing their potential for academic and social/emotional success.

**Know Yourself**

Students should take time to know more about their needs and interests. They should keep a log or inventory of how they spend their time. For example, set an alarm clock at 15 or 30 minute intervals. When the alarm sounds, they should list everything they’ve accomplished during that time. Students might want to rate each activity as vital, important, or low priority. It’s important that students become analytical with their time in order to identify time wasters. Students then can determine their “prime time” when their energy level is highest and schedule important tasks during that period. This process can lead the way for establishing long-range, mid-range, and short-range goals. Setting priorities and keeping a daily planner will become more critical as students complete their journey through each grade level.

**Having a Plan That Works for You**

For many students, planning should be flexible. Some planning experts feel that planning 60% of each day and leaving 20% for any unanticipated developments and another 20% spontaneity is most productive. Some students may require more structure in their day, while others may need less. Students need to understand at a young age the idea of pacing themselves during their tasks and to transfer any unfinished tasks to the next day. Write down those projects that were not finished and commit to completing them as soon as possible. Students need discretionary or recreational time, and we as educators and parents encourage participation in wholesome activities such as choir, band, sports, cheerleading, club activities, and hobbies after school. There are times when students will need to say “no” to certain peer activities if priorities are to be taken seriously.

**Avoid Procrastination**

Students who struggle with complex tasks should ask for help with breaking down those tasks into more manageable steps or phases beginning with the easiest one. If a student lacks self discipline or dislikes the activity or subject, create a reward system for the student as an incentive to follow through with required tasks. Try charting a work in progress and maybe posting it on a home bulletin board or refrigerator. Strive for excellence, not perfection. Learn how to decide when “enough is enough.”

**Organization**

Students need to understand that planning is an ongoing process for at least 15 minutes each week. The weekend is usually the best time to plan for the following week. Remember to prioritize and plan enough time to accommodate both work and play! Make sure your plan is adaptable and realistic for you.

**ACT/SAT Testing**

The next ACT test is June 11 with the registration deadline on May 6. The basic fee is \$28.00. Students can go to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) for online registration. Credit card payment is required. The next SAT test date June 4. Registration deadline is April 29. Late registration is May 11. See the guidance office for more information.

**Scholarships**

There are several scholarships still available in the high school guidance office for seniors. Some pertain to juniors. Many of the scholarships require an essay. This is an opportunity for students to apply their writing skills to earn valuable dollars for college tuition! Good luck!



**Read All About It!**  
News From the Library Media Center



Winter months are great times to stay inside and read! Our students took advantage of our expanding library during these months, and circulation continues to grow each day. Hopewell-Loudon students are reading more and more! Teachers are seeing students carry books into their classrooms and actually reading them in their spare time. This is a great thing! The more they read, the more they become lifelong learners. This is supported when they see you, as parents, modeling, by reading books, newspapers, and magazines. Great job parents!

At this time, while extending our sympathy to the friends and families of Emery Whitman and Robert Sendelbach Sr., we would also like to sincerely thank the contributors to the Library Media Center's memorial fund in memory of these community members. Because of these men and their families' interests, they have requested Cleveland Indians, Ohio State Buckeyes, and Nascar materials to be purchased.

*Memorials for Robert Sendelbach Sr. and Emery Whitman were donated by:*

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| Pauline Reinhart                          | Ryan Sendelbach               |
| Zelda Adelsperger                         | Melisa Sendelbach             |
| Diane Strausbaugh                         | Bob & Linda Sendelbach        |
| Mike & Irene Burd                         | Mary Meyers                   |
| Tracy & Elaine McCoy                      | Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Studer      |
| Dave & Brenda Burns                       | Tom & Deb Clouse              |
| Sharon & John Boes                        | Penny Jacobs                  |
| Keith & Jody Scaife and family            | Fred & Diane Hay              |
| Wayne and Jeannie Brickner                | Ethel Wickert                 |
| Kevin & Dana Sendelbach and family        | Mary Lucius                   |
| Chad & Hollie Sendelbach and family       | Dawn & James Jones and family |
| Scott & Stephanie Sendelbach and family   |                               |
| The residents of Clinton Mobile Home Park |                               |

We would also like to thank Lorraine Kavaschitz for the box of assorted, current books she donated to the library for the student's enjoyment, and Lloyd and Denise Powell for their monetary donation for elementary library books in memory of Donald F. Smith.

We appreciate those who have chosen to support your school community by donating to the new Library Media Center, and we hope that you continue adding to its growth.

April 25-29 is designated as Right-To-Read Week for Hopewell-Loudon. Our theme this year is "Extra, Extra, Read All About It." The library media center will be busy with activities surrounding all aspects of media, including broadcasting, storytelling, and media handouts. The week will conclude with the book fair that is tentatively scheduled for Thursday and Friday, and we will also be the host for our special guest speaker on Friday, Mr. Dave Carlson from Toledo 11 News. This, plus numerous other activities throughout the week, promises to be very exciting and educational.



**News From the Red and Grey Cafe**

It's hard to believe it's April! The cafeteria staff has had a busy year. We serve approximately 116,000 lunches throughout the school year. Cafeteria prices have not increased since 2000. There are several ways that costs are kept at a minimum in the cafeteria, including purchasing government commodities, and state and federal reimbursement. We strive to keep labor costs low as well. The cafeteria also caters several banquets, staff and student events.

It is our goal to serve your children nutritious lunches as economically as possible and we look forward to doing so.



**Notes From The Music Department**



All parents of students in grades 5-12 are members of the Hopewell-Loudon Music Boosters. Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the high school choir room. Please come and support the excellent music programs at Hopewell-Loudon.

The Hopewell-Loudon Chieftain Jazz had the opportunity to perform at the Ritz Theatre on April 14 for the Ohio Jazz Summit. The event culminated with the Tia Fuller Quartet performing that evening. The opening act for the quartet was the District II Honors Jazz Ensemble. Hopewell-Loudon was fortunate to have four participants in this group: Mike Ritter, Jessica Ward, Kory Bishop, and Patrick Sulken.

**Upcoming Events**

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|---------|---|
| 4-29-05 | State High School Adjudicated Event: H-L 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Choir<br>The Freshmen Preparatory Choir will be performing at the State Large-Group Adjudicated Event to be held at Lima Bath High School on Friday, April 29. The Group qualified for this event by receiving a superior rating at the district level held at Oak Harbor High School on March 11. |
| 5-12-05 | High School Spring Concert at 7:00  |
| 5-16-05 | Music Honors Banquet at 6:00  |
| 5-17-05 | Junior High Spring Concert at 7:00  |
| 5-19-05 | Elementary Spring Concert at 7:00   |
| 5-23-05 | Traveling Ensemble Tryouts  |



**Good luck to all performers in the upcoming months!!**



**Parent Educational Meeting**

Sponsored by the Seneca-Wyandot Parent Mentor Program of the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center and the Seneca County Help Me Grow Family Support Specialist

**Tuesday, June 21, 2005 - "Special Family Night in the Park"**

Potluck supper at 5:30 p.m. with FREE swimming, weather permitting, to follow until 8:00 p.m. Please bring a dish or two to share.

All parents and professionals are welcome! No charge for meetings. If you need further information, please call the Seneca-Wyandot County Parent Mentors, 1-800-221-8106 or 419-443-1600.



### From the Desk of Elaine Nye, Elementary Principal

Our proficiency testing concluded on March 18, 2005. We expect our results back in late May. Thank you parents for doing everything you could do to ensure that your student came to school prepared to perform their best. I would also like to thank the PTO for their ice cream donation. On Friday afternoon each student was treated to ice cream to celebrate the end of testing.

April 25 – 29 is Right to Read Week. Our theme this year is: “Extra, Extra, Read All About It.” The Right to Read Committee has some wonderful events planned for the students. We will be taking field trips, having guest speakers and doing variety of other fun-filled activities.

Field Day will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2005. We are still looking for one or two people to help us out with this event. If you are willing to help, please contact the school to let us know.

Bakery Bingo was held on April 22, 2005 in the cafeteria. There were some GREAT prize packages raffled off for this event. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Outdoor School. Thank you for your continued support!

The Hopewell-Loudon Outdoor School is again sponsoring a Spring Flower Sale! The price per flat is still \$10.00. Vouchers can also be purchased from any fifth or sixth grade student. Vouchers can be redeemed at Barb & Dick’s Berry Farm on Saturday, May 7. For more information, please contact Deb Weaver at 937-2804.

### Elementary Honor Roll

\*Denotes All A’s

**Grade 4** - Aubrey Affholder, Allison Andrews, Ozsha Armstead, \*David Beleny, Katelyn Brickner, Kailey Coleman, Kevin Coppus, \*Annette Cramer, Emily Dewald, \*Logan Frank, Erin Gilbert, Jenna Gosche, Alec Gregg, Hailee Hill, \*Cassandra Hohman, Shelby Hulse, Eva Hunter, William Jones, Kaleigh Kessler, \*Kyrsten King, Marissa Kirian, Robert Kniss, Aaron Maxwell, Tyler McConaha, Nick McCormack, Gabe Mullholand, Sam Painter, \*Marissa Reinhart, Dillion Risner, Ciera Roe, \*Alayna Rowell, \*Tyler Ruble, Haley Schreiner, Arion Tiell, Lauren Trumpler

**Grade 5** - Stephen Benner, \*Robin Bloom, A.J. Burns, Rachael Cowell, \*Emily Cramer, Macy Dell, \*Eric Depinet, \*Jessica Dull, \*Kali Fittro, Richard Fox, Alicia Frank, Samantha Greenwell, Dominic Guzman, Deana Halcomb, Katie Hale, Austin Harrison, \*Zoe Keckler, Logan Kirby, Amanda Kirkpatrick, \*Austin Kuhn, Justin Leiter, Alexa Ley, Kaylee Loy, Aaron Lucius, Becca Mock, Jennifer Molotla, Matt Preble, \*Joe Ranker, Skylar Reffner, Cassandra Reinhart, \*Jordan Reinhart, Trevor Risner, \*Logan Sendelbach, Dylan Shellhouse, Kasey Siegel, \*Eric Tanner, \*Eva Tanner, \*MaKenzie Watkins, Kendra Welly, \*Miriah White, Brandon Wise, \*Leanne Wood

**Grade 6** - Erica Adkins, \*Frank Begue, Taylor Bishop, Jocelyn Black, \*Josh Breidenbach, Lucas Brickner, Sarah Brown, \*Joe Coppus, Rachel Covert, Cole Fittro, Kyle Foos, Kyle Frank, Annie Fruth, Emily Gilbert, \*Mitch Gosche, Lauren Hartsel, Macey Heslet, Cody Ickes, Kourtney Jesko, \*Julia Jordan, Andrea Kuzma, Darren Loreda, Jenny Lucius, Chelsey Miller, Ashley Mock, \*Tyler Parkins, Meghan Scherger, Tyler Wise, Maggie Yost

### TAG News

Celebrating the fun that comes with learning is one focus of the TAG (Talented and Gifted) program. This year students have enjoyed learning about the election process, flight, and famous artists, as well as working on enhancing their mathematical skills. They are currently reading and writing mysteries to track down villains, study character development, and analyze clues. Our “Moms, Muffins, and Math in the Morning” event was a fun way to showcase some of the higher level math games to the moms, aunts, and grandmothers of students in TAG. In May, fathers, uncles, and grandfathers are invited to come and solve a mystery with their family members for the annual “Dads and Donuts in the Detective Lab.” Parental involvement is an important element in fostering a love of learning. Thank you to all of the parents who support and promote learning both at home and at school!

### Elementary Students of the Month

#### February



Darien Tey



Row 1 sitting: Michael Preble, Raven Spencer, Marcus Vela, Eddie Bosler  
 Row 2 kneeling: Josh Breidenbach, Layne Bosler, Bryce Gorrell, Raelynn Six, Blayne Depinet  
 Row 3: Macey Heslet, Leanne Wood, Erica Adkins  
 Row 4: Kaylee Loy, Miriah White, Cassandra Hohman, Amanda Martinez  
 Not pictured: Joey Brandt, Chaneice Jones, Gabi Brandt

#### March



Andrew Swanagan and Makenzie Bouillon



Row 1 sitting: Hudson Hill, Julian Juarez, Alic Davis  
 Row 2 kneeling: Jason Keller, Tommy Pryor, Alec Gregg, Allison Arnold, Garret Sendelbach  
 Row 3: Lauren Trumpler, Weston Hill, Justin Leiter, Brett Cassidy, Amanda Kirkpatrick  
 Row 4: Tyler Wise, Skylar Reffner, Ashley Mock, Julia Jordan  
 Not pictured: Brianna Schindler

**Board of Education Meeting Highlights**

Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 9 & 22, 2005



**Classified Staff Approved:** Maria Reffner, sub. bus driver/aide; Kathleen Wise, sub. secretary/aide; Donna Gosche, elem. prof. test prep. aide; Nathan Brickner, JV baseball; Charlotte Brickner, sub. cafeteria; Carol Vaughn, sub. aide; Judy Hossler, ticket taker/seller; Michael Ruhlen, jr. high track asst.; Dennis Dull, JV softball; Wes Smith, asst. varsity softball; Joni Wilhelm, boys jr. high track; Bob Gase, freshmen girls basketball; Unpaid volunteers: Helen Coleman, Paul Jones, Doug Brickner, indoor track; John Schuld, David Brown, jr. high boys basketball; Don Spangler, softball; Josh Schalk, jr. high boys track; Jennifer Roe, Tim Smith, track

**Classified Staff Retirement:** Jane Meisner, cafeteria

**Certified Staff Approved:** Brett Arnold, Spec. Ed. attendant and home instructor; Jackie Parkins, sr. class play director; Intervention teachers: Amy Akers, Lisa Gelinas, Roma King, Joyce Sarver, Jennifer Seigley, Barb Shine, Deb Steinhauer, Deb Weaver; Marie Coleman, indoor track unpaid volunteer; Joni Jordan, sub prof. tutor; Gloria Warrington, sub. teacher

**Donations Accepted:** Used refrigerator to Athletic Dept. from Tim Zoeller; \$100 to Athletic Dept. in Memory of Rick Herge from Eric Slosser, Tim Souder, Kyle Hohman, Todd Huss; stone valued at \$220 for drive to pole barn from Dean Berrier Excavating; \$400 to Boys Basketball from anonymous donor; \$1200 to girls basketball from the H-L Athletic Boosters; \$295 to Library Media Center in Memory of Emery Whitman; \$20 to Library Media Center in Memory of Robert Sendelbach, Sr.; \$105 to Athletic Dept. from Dr. Beidelschies

**Other Action:** Agreed to pay Hopewell Township 7% of the revenue received from the VH-1 property tax abatement agreement; approved the agreement for services received from the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center; approved the 2005-06 school year calendar; approved the HS/MS Program of Studies; waived the required forty-five (45) day notice period for the tax abatement applications for both Seneca Medical, Inc., and KELCO Corporation in order for them to have their application acted on by Tiffin City Council as soon as possible, and entered into a donation agreement with Seneca Medical, Inc. and KELCO Corporation to offset tax collections lost in the tax abatement.

**Scenes from the Senior Class Play, "Murder At The Goon Show"**



**From the Desk of Veronica Reinhart, Treasurer**

**Tax Abatements**

Recently, tax abatements within our district have been a topic of board action. Many people question why the board would want to grant a business the ability to not pay taxes. Hopefully, the following will help you understand the impact of tax abatements for our district.

According to law, most tax abatements can happen without the local school district getting involved. However, and luckily for the school districts, most county and city officials want the school district to get some benefit from an abatement, so the school does get involved. At a certain abatement percent – for the City, it is over 75% - the school district is asked to approve the agreement, and also work out what is called a side deal. The side deal allows negotiations between the school district and the business being abated. This 'deal' is an agreement that the business will pay directly to the school a percentage of the taxes that they are abated. For instance, in a recent side deal, the abated business agreed to pay Hopewell-Loudon 50% of the TOTAL taxes that they were abated (not just the local school district taxes). It is important to remember a business can have a portion of their taxes abated and not have to involve the school. Therefore, our school would truly lose out on a financial opportunity in those cases.

In years prior, tax abatements were granted, but the school district was not allowed to participate in the process and recoup possible revenue losses. We do still have a few businesses in our district under old abatements that neither pay taxes nor do we receive 'side deal' money from them.

The financial impact of a tax abatement for the district, now however, is almost always a positive. Usually, the side agreement is calculated on the following:

- Total taxes the business would pay in the county
- Multiplied by:
- A percent - the most recent abatement is a 50% factor
- Result – district gets a check from the business for this amount

The district receives this check for the length of the abatement – usually 10 years.

This 50% payment, though, isn't quite as much as we would collect from them in taxes for the year. But, there is another side to the equation that has a significant impact on us. When a business receives an abatement, their assessed taxable valuation (the value of the property \* 35%) is not reported to the state department of education as a property value in our district. By not reporting this (since it is not taxable), the values of the district's property do not increase. Whenever the value of our property increases, the amount of money we receive from the state decreases. That calculation is simplified to say that we take the number of students \* state support per student (this year at about \$5000) LESS .023 \* our assessed property value. This difference is what the state gives us in state aide. So, as you can see, when the local property value goes up, our finances from the state goes down! In the case of the latest abatement we entered into, we will actually come out ahead with our 'side deal' than if we collected taxes because of the impact those property values would have on our state finances.

If you have any further questions on tax abatements and their affect on our district, don't hesitate to ask!

**NATIONAL TEACHER AND STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 1 - MAY 7!**

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