

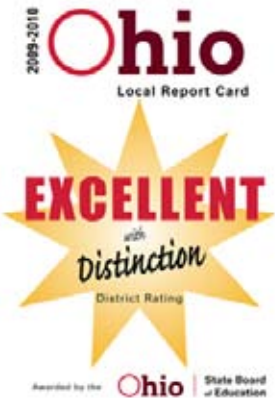


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“The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and lightning bug.”

— Mark Twain



DISTRICT NEWS

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• **University of Cincinnati President Greg Williams visited Glen Este High School** on October 28, prior to the dedication of the new UC East building. President Williams spoke to approximately 300 Glen Este and Amelia High School seniors in the Glen Este Performing Arts Center. President Williams talked to the students about the transformative power of higher education. He then answered the many questions asked by the students.



UC President Greg Williams talks with students after his presentation.

UC President Greg Williams visits GEHS

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



Samantha Calloway, Kayla Welch, Katie Whitaker, Shelby Engle, Katie Morgan, and McKenzie Mullins.

• **Six Amelia High School students (Katie Morgan, McKenzie Mullins, Katie Whitaker, Shelby Engle, Samantha Calloway, and Kayla Welch)** tested and interviewed for a Business Professionals of America state office on October 18 in Columbus. These students prepared a professional portfolio and speech to be given in front of a panel of judges for the opportunity for run for a state office. Katie

Clough Pike sets new world record!

Morgan was picked to be a candidate to run for state office! On November 17 Katie and her supporters from Amelia High School will attend the BPA Fall Conference to campaign for our candidate.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

- **Amelia Middle School students in Ms. Witte's Learning Lab** completed a dice rolling experiment to calculate probabilities. Each team of students rolled a pair of dice and recorded the sum of 36 separate rolls. Then, the students created a chart in order to compare the experimental results to the theoretical results.
- **Students in Ms. Witte's pre-algebra classes** are jumping and hopping to calculate ratios! Students timed themselves for 1 minute and counted how many jumping jacks they could do, how many times they could hop, and how many times they could say the alphabet. After collecting the information, they created unit rates for each task. Then, they created proportions to see how many of each task they could complete in 10 minutes and in 1 hour.
- **Students from Mrs. Hufford's, Mrs. Lubanski's and Mrs. Stevens' seventh grade language arts classes** at Glen Este Middle School participated in a public speaking activity recently. Students practiced using proper communication skills while presenting the elements of fiction from books they had recently read. Students spent the first few weeks of school reviewing stages of plot by analyzing song lyrics and short stories before independently identifying the elements of fiction in self-selected novels for their presentation.
- **Teachers at Glen Este Middle School are hoping to inspire a healthy lifestyle** by promoting walking/running. The staff's unofficial running club will be participating in the Thanksgiving Day 10K race, Jingle Bell Run and Flying Pig Marathon.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

- **The staff and students of three West Clermont Schools recently participated in a Food Drive for IPM Pantries.** The pantries in Batavia and Newtown serve people on the east side of Cincinnati who are in need of food and clothing. With our struggling economy, the needs of our community members have greatly increased. **Mrs. Tonya Schmidt of Withamsville-Tobasco School, Mrs. Linda Austin of Summerside, and Mrs. Cindy Leazer from Brantner** recognized the need and each held food drives in their individual schools. Their donations filled two cars and were delivered to the pantry.

Along with these schools, West Clermont's administrative staff also made a large food donation. The IPM Pantry Staff gratefully accepted the donations,



Mikey Diana (AMS) records his dice experiment results on the Mimio board.



Ryan Carpenter (AMS) does jumping jacks while Mike Gill records the results.



Josh Stotler (GEMS) presents his speech on Room One by Andrew Clements.



Shelley Miller, Barb Clark and Chris Smith (GEMS) get ready to run!

and volunteers immediately began stocking shelves. West Clermont families will greatly benefit from the donations of their school neighbors and friends.

- **Ms. Cathy's preschool class at Amelia Elementary acted out the book, *Big Pumpkin*.** All of the goblins tried to pull the pumpkin off the vine but were not strong enough. The little bat used his mind instead of muscle and asked the goblins to pull together. When they were able to work together, the pumpkin popped off the vine!



Ryan Kaninenberg, Elijah Collins, Jordan Jones, Landon Gardner, Conner Gates and Dylan Nguyen hiding behind their goblin masks.

- **Andrew Hall, a firefighter for Delhi Twp., visited first grade students at Amelia Elementary School.** Mr. Hall talked with first grade students about fire safety and showed students his firefighting gear. The students watched Mr. Hall dress in his gear from his boots to his face mask. Mr. Hall wanted students to see how a firefighter would look in full gear in case they were ever in an emergency situation. When he was in full gear, he went around letting the students shake his glove. Mr. Hall wanted students to feel safe and not be afraid to see a firefighter in full gear if the need would ever arise. When Mr. Hall was done showing students his gear each student had the opportunity to put on his firefighter coat. Mr. Hall has two sons attending first grade at Amelia Elementary, **Evan and Zachary Hall**. We welcome the entire Hall family to our West Clermont Community!



Mr. Hall wanted the students to see what a fireman would look like in case of an emergency situation.

- **Brantner Elementary PTO held their Fall Festival on October 22,** from 6-9 p.m. The evening began with Trick or Treating throughout the school. This was followed by musical performances from grades K-2 and grades 3-5 directed by **Kasey Walters**, the music teacher. The evening also provided hay rides, a straw maze, games, food, silent auction, split the pot, and student and teacher Halloween costume contest. The biggest hit of the night for many students was the fortune teller booth. The turnout was fantastic and money was made for the PTO to provide special items for the school.



Pre-school teacher, Lynn Niergarth, gives out candy to the students.

- **Students at Clough Pike Elementary School are world record breakers!** Principal **Pat Crahan** was notified recently that Clough Pike's attempt to set a world record for the amount of people in one place simultaneously patting their heads and rubbing their bellies was verified. The students were told of their achievement during a surprise assembly.



Principal Pat Crahan shows off his head patting, belly rubbing skills while West Clermont Superintendent Dr. Gary Brooks presents him with the official notice from the Guinness Book of World Records.

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- **On October 22 Holly Hill Elementary had their monthly Student of the Month lunch with Mrs. Parks.** Pizza and goodies were served and students received award certificates. Student of the Month students are nominated by their teachers for the luncheon. Congratulations to the Student of the Month recipients.
- **Holly Hill Elementary had their PTO Fall Fest on October 22.** There were games, hay rides and a haunted trail that everyone enjoyed! There was a costume contest and trick or treating. Olivia Fisher dressed up as Mrs. Parks! Frisch's was our great sponsor, donating pies, vegetable soup and paper products. Parent volunteers served popcorn, pizza, pop and water. Families enjoyed the Haunted House and trick or treating with the grade level teachers. There was a full moon and a beautiful night for the hayrides. The PTO decorated the field with spooky ghosts and goblins. It was a great turn out. Thanks to all.
- **The Merwin Elementary PTO held the Fall Festival on Friday evening, October 29.** Students gained entrance by donating canned or dried foods for the Love and Mercy Food Pantry in Amelia. Twenty-seven boxes of food were delivered on Monday! The Merwin families who attended the festival were treated to games, goodies, and dancing! A big thank you goes out to all volunteers who made this event a success!



October Student of the Month participants.



Mrs. Vaughn, Holly Hill first grade teacher, dressed up as Nanny McPhee for the Fall Fest.



(far left photo) Reagan Reynolds, Zach Twomey, Carter Reynolds, Jackson Cotner and Max Cotner pack up food for delivery to the food pantry.

Keira Ellis, Abrianna Krantz, Lillian Holston and Adison Shircliff show off their costumes.

- **Summerside third grade students in Mrs. Sloan's literacy classes extended their learning from reading class by writing letters to Mrs. Austin.** The student's letters described how these 8 and 9 year old boys and girls incorporated life skills such as saving money, setting goals, and trying new things into their daily lives. Mrs. Austin got to hear **Grace Merten** read her delightful letter aloud during a classroom observation.

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Third grader Grace Merten reads to her classmates.

- Willowville’s annual “Feed the Need” food drive has begun.** With one week down and two weeks still to go, the students and staff have brought in over 950 items to help the Batavia Food Bank. The students have been challenging each other and are very proud of their accomplishments. **Tara Reich**, third grader from **Mrs. Corotis’s** room, made a personal donation of 58 items. For her birthday last week, she asked everyone who attended her party to bring canned goods for the food drive instead of presents for herself. Way to go, Tara!
- Willowville Elementary combined two successful activities to make one awesome family event.** The building was bursting at the seams with students and their grandparents while they enjoyed both the Scholastic Night Fair and the annual PTO sponsored grandparents night. The evening included an Italian dinner, entertainment and pictures. Grandmas and grandpas came from near and far to attend this special night with their students. While dining, they were treated to a performance by Samantha Prewitt for the 5:00 p.m. seating and from the Glen Este’s singing group “By Request” during the 6:30 p.m. seating. When they weren’t enjoying their dinner, they visited the library and purchased books. It made for a wonderful night.



Tara Reich goes the “extra mile” in helping others by collecting for the Batavia Food Bank.



Willowville fifth grader Nicholas Reichardt had a hard time deciding which books he wanted his grandparents to buy.