



# CONNECTION

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*“I am always doing that which I cannot do, in order that I may learn how to do it.”*

— Pablo Picasso



## SCHOOL NEWS

### HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

- **Glen Este High School Drama is proud to present *The Matchmaker*** by Thornton Wilder Thursday, March 3 and Saturday, March 5 at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center. This is a show you do not want to miss!

Thornton Wilder’s play, *The Matchmaker*, is a farce in the old-fashioned sense. It uses such time-honored conventions as characters hidden under tables and in closets, men disguised as women, a complex conspiracy to bring young lovers together, and a happy ending in which three couples are united with plans to marry. *The Matchmaker* was itself adapted as *Hello, Dolly* in 1963 and ran for several years, ranking as one of Broadway’s longest running musicals.



Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5. We hope you can make plans to attend and support the Glen Este Drama Program.

- **On February 2, Mrs. Nancy Gandersman, counselor at Amelia High School and Mrs. Lisa Edgar, Clermont 20/20 counselor, held the second “Lunch with the Professionals.”** They invited professionals from the field of business. This field was chosen because many juniors and seniors have expressed an interest in majoring in business in college.

Three distinguished guests, Dr. Jerry Braun (a graduate of Amelia High School), a professor in the Williams School of Business at Xavier University, Dr. Vivek Chaudhury, professor in the business school at The University of Cincinnati, and Mr. Matthew Van Sant, President and CEO of the Clermont County Chamber of Commerce attended.

The 4th Annual  
AHS Music Sampler  
another success!

Brantner  
Elementary  
students study  
electromagnets

As the students enjoyed lunch, they had the opportunity to listen to the speakers discuss their experiences in college and in their professions. Additionally, the students had many questions for these gentlemen. They spent an hour and a half with the students and were very willing to give of their time and knowledge.

- **At Amelia High School BPA week is held to recognize and support Business and Career Education in school.** During the week the students participate in spirit wear competitions and a paper drive for the Clermont County Homeless Shelter.
- **Amelia High School showed their generosity yet again. The National Honor Society teamed with The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in their annual Pennies for Patients campaign.** As a school, AHS met and exceeded their goal of \$2,011, raising a total of \$2,375.03.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS**

- **The Amelia Middle School Art Club is designing and painting ceiling tiles for the art room.** The tiles are 2 ft x 4 ft. Students found designing for such a large unit size challenging. However, they met the challenge by designing on small paper first and then to scale on large roll paper. Finally they sketched their designs on the large tile. Students are in the midst of painting their tiles now and they are coming together quite nicely! It is exciting to have a permanent legacy of past art club members' art on the ceiling of Amelia Middle School!
- **Seventh grade students at Glen Este Middle School recently put their knowledge of ancient history to the test.** Students dressed the part of famous mythological figures from Greek and Roman history and answered questions about themselves to their classmates. The interactive "wax museum" gives students a chance to polish up on their presentation skills, to learn more about history, and to help educate their classmates as well.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS**

- **Fifth graders from Amelia Elementary, Holly Hill, Merwin and Withamsville-Tobasco recently enjoyed an Amelia High School music sampler program.** Fifth graders traveled to the AHS Performing Arts Center to listen to performances from the AHS Orchestra, the AHS Concert Band, the AHS Choir and the AHS Jazz Band. The younger students were able to see what musical opportunities lie ahead, and began to consider joining a musical group when they schedule classes for middle school. This was the 4th Annual Music Sampler.



BPA seniors check out the BPA poster.



Jasmine McCorvey, Anna Roe, Hannah Newcomb, Emily Klein, and Grant Lyon display their tiles.



Tyler Pilcher, playing the part of the god Hermes, speaks to his classmates, Damon Pullens and Jake Diana.



Damion Richey and Josh Drennan, members of the Amelia High School Jazz band, performed for fifth graders during the fine arts sampler.

- **The students in Mrs. Langdon’s fourth grade social studies class at Amelia Elementary have been learning about the Native American tribes from Ohio.** After spending time reading, writing, and researching the tribes the students put together presentations. Everyone was excited to share their new knowledge and all their hard work!
- **The Amelia Elementary third grade music students of Mr. John Crandall and Dr. Tim Kloth hosted an “Evening of Folk Dances, Play Parties and Singing Games” on February 15.** The students demonstrated dance figures such as “sashay,” “dosido” and “peel the banana” and then invited their parents, grandparents and siblings to join them on the dance floor. The program allowed the students and their families to get a glimpse of the type of community gathering popular prior to the invention of technologies such as radio and television.
- **Third, fourth and fifth grade students at Amelia Elementary participated in an action-packed school assembly** that promoted a bully-free school environment by encouraging students to build positive character traits and identify (and stop!) bullying behavior. It was all about challenging students to become their own “personal super heroes” and let their best traits shine – at school and at home.

The Super U! Challenge was designed after classic Kid’s TV game shows such as “Double Dare” and the current Nickelodeon smash-hit “Brain Surge”. During the 45-minute show, contestants from the audience were invited to take part in imaginative, funny, and wacky interactive challenges that involved oversize props, creative costumes, and yes ... even some slime! Each exciting challenge was based around a specific message about bullying and positive character traits that reinforces what students hear in school.

Unlike a traditional “quiz show” assembly that requires students to answer questions about curriculum, The Super U! Challenge did not put students “on-the-spot” or require that they have memorized any facts. The only requirement of the hand-on challenges was that the volunteers (and the audience!) were ready to have fun. Students from all grade levels were able to participate in the show – and as soon as they saw the wild challenges, there was never any shortage of eager volunteers.

In addition to helping kids identify bullying behavior and encouraging positive character traits, The Super U! Challenge also promoted teamwork, good sportsmanship, and cooperation among students.



Fourth grader Grace Hawthorne displays her village.



Amelia students and their family members “dosido” around the dance floor.



Amelia Elementary fourth grader Trevor Grant gets slimed during the Super U Challenge.

- **Third grade students at Brantner Elementary School engaged in an act of loving kindness on Valentine's Day**, creating notes of support for troops serving overseas. Instead of spending their time in parties, the students chose instead to bless service men and women who could not be home with their loved ones. The activity was more than a lesson in giving. The time spent writing to soldiers also served to help students practice literacy skills in a fun way.
- **The Brantner Elementary Science Club led by teacher Kathy Demougin studied electromagnets last week.** Meeting after school, students in the club learned about electromagnets and then set to work integrating their newly found knowledge with Legos. The students began collecting parts to create a Lego car powered by two batteries and an electromagnet.
- **The Brantner Elementary fifth grade students created an origami head puppet in Ms. Mansfield's art class.** To incorporate a simple scene, the students quickly sketched a background using the portable SmartBoard which travels from classroom to classroom on a rotating schedule. Placing the puppets in the scene gave the students an opportunity to see a completed project and how art and technology can be connected.



Students Kimberly Bryant, Elyse Martin and Cassie Vogel get some hints from Kathy Demougin while they design their car.



A little girl, a mouse and a cat are incorporated into a simple scene using the SmartBoard.