



CONNECTION

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“To the extent that we are all educated and informed, we will be more equipped to deal with the gut issues that tend to divide us.”

— Caroline Kennedy



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DISTRICT NEWS

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- **The National Association of School Nurses designated May 11 as National School Nurse Day.** We would like to recognize our outstanding health aides and District nurse, **Cathy Martens.**

Amelia Elementary: **Rhonda Deathridge**;
 Brantner Elementary: **Patti Hornstra**; Clough
 Pike Elementary: **Donna Tumser**; Holly
 Hill Elementary: **Mellanie Phillips**; Merwin
 Elementary: **Bev Sears and Kandi Wehking**;
 Summerside Elementary: **Cindy Robinson**;
 Withamsville Elementary: **Paula Morris**;
 Willowville Elementary: **Karen Cassidy**; Amelia
 High: **Brenda Tyminski**; Amelia Middle: **Angie
 Beach**; Glen Este High: **Barb Wilkins**; Glen
 Este Middle: **Sharon Scott**; GEHS: **Marie
 Hanke.**



Amelia Elementary health aide Rhonda Deathridge takes fourth grader Hannah Rutledge's temperature.

Willowville Annual
 Memorial Day
 Parade – May 27

“An Evening of
 Dance IX”
 May 19, 20, 21

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

- **You are cordially invited to “An Evening of Dance IX” presented by the Glen Este Dance Company.** The dance concert will take place May 19, 20 and 21 at 8:00 p.m. in the Glen Este Performing Arts Center. The admission is \$5 for students and seniors and \$7 for adults. We hope to see you there!
- **The Glen Este High School varsity softball team has continued a trend of high quality play throughout the season.** Currently, the



Front row: Kayla Gregory, John Miller, Jamie merritt, Tim Gregory, Kenzie Hall. Back row: Kierstin Gregory, Katelyn Maynard, Morgan Terry, Rachel Tracy, Kelley Benhase, Bailey Miller, Amanda Harrison, Jessie Dugan, Kaylin Stienmetz.



Back row: (left to right) Head Coach Mike Hatfield, Corey Goedde, Pete Winegardner, Michael Scholl, Chris Linneman, Ryan Fuller, Austin Rieck, Asst Head Coach Bil Boston. Middle row: (left to right) Ryan Henning, Austin Istvan, John Abrams, Matt Jones, Anthony Clark, Zach Mager, Tyler Burdick. Front row: (left to right) Adam Heming, Nate Boston, Michael Kennedy, Daniel Brock, Collin Pitman, Heath Blandford.

Lady Trojans are ranked sixth in the state and second in the city. The varsity baseball team is also ranked high in both areas, earning the ninth rank in the state and fifth in the city.

visit the AHS PAB website for information on the organization, membership and how to donate to the scholarship endowment: www.ahspab.com

- **The Performing Arts Boosters of Amelia High School are pleased to announce the second annual awarding of scholarships.** Four performing arts students at Amelia High School were each awarded \$500 scholarships on May 5 during the second Annual Performing Arts Sampler. Earning the scholarships were: **Jeffrey Hurley** (Singing), **Lauren Kahle** (Instrumental), **Taylor Olmstead** (Technical) and **William Wendel** (Instrumental).

In order to compete for one of the scholarships, students completed a scholarship application and auditioned with seven judges on May 2. Any AHS student who was involved in any of the performing arts, choir, band, drama, or orchestra at any time during their years at AHS was eligible to compete. This is the second year of the scholarship and is the first year that a new category, technical arts, was added. PAB founding member and President **David Olmstead** is working on creating a scholarship endowment and would appreciate any contributions. Please

- **Amelia High School's 7th Annual Youth Soccer Camp** will be held on June 13-16 from 9 a.m. to noon. Any student entering grades 3-8 in the fall is eligible to participate. For more information call: 513.515.3456 or email kemmer_a@westcler.org.
- **Because of the rain, The Pride of Glen Este Classic Car Show has been rescheduled for May 21** at Glen Este High School. Proceeds will benefit the Glen Este High and Middle School Bands. Car show registration is \$12 and is from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Judging begins at noon; awards at 3 p.m. Twenty six trophies will be awarded, including Best of Show, Best Ford, Best Mopar, Best General Motors and more. Dash plaques and goodie bags will be given to the first 50 registrants. There will be door prize drawings for registrants. Admission is FREE for spectators; however, donations will be accepted. This show will have something for everyone. Entertainment will be provided by DJ Kyle Adkins. There will be raffle and split the pot drawings. Don't miss out on the delicious food and great fun for everyone!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

- West Clermont’s District Art Show provided fun for all.** Beautiful art work was shown by students throughout the entire district. Proud parents and grandparents were also seen viewing the work. Area art teachers shared their talents as well; Joan Mountel (AMS) drew caricatures. Superintendent Dr. Gary Brooks demonstrated egg temptra painting, and Ms. Scott (GEHS) shared her sketches. It just goes to show you, art is for everyone!
- Glen Este Middle School teacher Chris Smith challenged his students in a behavior unit** to embrace the Glen Este Middle School expectations for student behavior. The students practiced being responsible, respectful and putting forth their best effort during the week of Ohio Achievement Assessment testing, not only during their time to test, but also during their fellow student’s time to test. These students met their goal with enthusiasm, and were rewarded by some local businesses for their effort. Sam’s Club donated a cake for the celebration, and the local McDonalds donated meals to each of the students. “I am a special education teacher that works with students that can struggle with behaviors,” said Smith. It is not hard to see how this challenge really required effort on their part. I’m really proud of my students and this accomplishment.”



Joan Mountel draws caricatures for Art Show visitors.



Front row: Brandon Woods, Zach Ericson and Ayanna Davis. Back row: Alex Apgar, Libby Hempleman, Collin May and Stevie Garrettson.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

- Mrs. Carter’s class at Amelia Elementary celebrated Right to Read Week by participating in “read a shirt day.”** The students came to school wearing t-shirts that could be read by others on Tuesday, May 17. The classrooms and hallways were swarming with reading material on this fun day.
- Merwin Elementary would like to thank Daisy Troop #40411 for planting the Colorado Spruce trees on the edge of the playground.** The girls participated in the Trees for the 21st Century Program. The Take Action Project is designed for children ages 6 to 18 and involves science-based learning. The goal of the program is to teach children about the value of the environment and improve natural resources. Daisy members who planted the trees are **Ellie Arkus, Jenna Begue, Cora Day, Jessica Day, Ciara Lukemire, Mia Madden, Zoe Naegle, Tatum Scanlon, Kylie Servitto, Norah Wilmarth, Paige Williamson, and Brianna Jeremiah.** Thank you to **Laura Naegele** for organizing the event.
- Merwin Elementary mothers were celebrated this year with a Mother’s Day Tea Party and Plant Sale.** The Merwin PTO held its third annual



Mrs. Carter’s class in their “read a shirt day” shirts.



Daisy Scouts plant trees at Merwin Elementary.

Mother/Daughter Tea on May 7 at Receptions in Eastgate. Grandmothers and Aunts were also invited to take part in the event. The celebration included a memorable slideshow presentation of mothers, daughters and other guests. Finger sandwiches, fruits, and desserts were served. PTO also held its annual Plant Sale for all students at Merwin the week before Mother's Day. We hope our mom's enjoyed being pampered in remembrance of their special day.

- **On April 27, third grade students at Holly Hill prepared for the Math Ohio Achievement Assessment** in quite an exciting way by creating and playing Math OAA Jeopardy. Under the direction of math teacher Erin Raymond, students used a list of Math OAA vocabulary words to write their Jeopardy questions and answers. They focused on using vocabulary words from number sense, measurement, and algebra since these are the strands that students typically struggle with the most. Alex Trebek would be proud of the third grade students as they played the Jeopardy game to demonstrate the skills they have learned this year in math. What a fun and unique way to review for the Ohio Achievement Assessment in math!
- **Summerside Elementary Eagles "flipped" for learning more about the Chinese culture,** as well as watched in amazement as the Chinese Acrobats performed at school. This assembly was a great way to celebrate the end of OAA testing and learn about something new. The gym was transformed into a circus-like stage in order for all the students to watch the acrobats leap, tumble, balance and spin about using each other as well as interesting props for resistance.
- **Local author Dr. Paul Mullin visited Summerside Elementary.** He shared his books, *The Day I Hit a Homerun* at Great American Ballpark and *A Birthday Wish* with Summerside students. Dr. Mullin had the students in grades 3-5 play a pretend game of baseball to coincide with his story and to celebrate Cincinnati Reds baseball season. Dr. Mullin autographed personalized copies for students who purchased books.
- **After reading several stories in the Reading Street Textbook related to adapting and overcoming obstacles,** five fifth grade girls at Withamsville-Tobasco Elementary were driven to make some changes. They came up with a plan to raise money for children who were suffering from terminal illnesses. The girls baked all kinds of goodies and sold them to teachers and students. They raised \$211 from their bake sale and donated all of the profits to help out children from the Make-a-Wish Foundation. What a fantastic way to combine learning and passion for others to make a difference in someone's life!



Holly Hill third graders play Jeopardy in preparation for upcoming test.



Summerside fourth grader Josh Svintsitsky gets to be part of the action during the assembly.



Dr. Paul Mullin with Summerside third-fifth graders.

- **All students and staff at Willowville Elementary received a special treat** from the principal for their hard work and dedication in preparing, encouraging, and motivating students to do their best on the Ohio Achievement Assessments. Kona Ice provided each person with a “snowie” treat. Students and staff enjoyed their surprise on our first beautiful, sunshiny day in May!
- **Willowville Elementary School will be holding its annual Memorial Day Parade on Friday, May 27, beginning at 1:00 p.m.** This marks the 34th year that the school has been honoring the men and women of all branches who served and gave their lives for our freedom. Dignitaries from around the area and veterans from our families and friends of the school children will be in attendance. The ceremony which consists of the Town Crier, marching, patriotic songs and speeches is a day the staff, students and the surrounding community greatly anticipate. Since the first parade many years ago, the students have learned about their many freedoms and the sacrifices it took so that we can live the way we do in our country today. Willowville is the proud elementary school of SSG Matt Maupin whom we hold in all of our hearts for his ultimate sacrifice.
- **For the third consecutive year, Willowville Elementary participated in the annual Flying Pig Kids Marathon on Saturday, April 30.** This year we were fortunate to have over 150 participants, young and old representing our school. The Kids Flying Pig Marathon was a terrific way to comply with Child Wellness requirements for our school, as well as offer a non-competitive way to develop healthy fitness and nutrition habits for life.

Each Monday after school, beginning the first of March, the students participated in Walk Club to help them achieve their goal of walking 26 miles. A teacher from each grade helped motivate the children after school by walking, singing, shooting hoops and other sports related activities. The students were also encouraged to walk and exercise at home. This club supported the health and wellness program, that our school district promotes.

All of the participants received a medal, a t-shirt and 4 complimentary tickets to the Cincinnati Reds game for all of their hard work and dedication. Everyone is already excited for the event next year.

- **On Friday May 13, Mrs. Sears’ first grade skills group at Willowville Elementary presented the Reader’s Theatre entitled, “Live: It’s Fairy Tale News,”** to their parents and other first grade students. For the past two weeks, the students have been working diligently on rehearsing their lines with



Withamsville-Tobasco students raise money for children with terminal illnesses. From left to right: Madison Sanderfer, Kayla Foerster, Hailey Lamb, Sarah Conrad and Lucy Wesley.



Students and staff at Willowville Elementary enjoy their “snowie” treat; Jordan Stock, Robbie Maines, Carter Aleson, Mrs. Kennedy, Seth Boyd, Katira Merten, Makayla Henson, and Breanna England.



Madison Brown, Mrs. Kimberly Sears, Haven Dwyer and Audrey Mills participated in the Flying Pig Marathon.

fluency, accuracy and expression, creating scenes and bringing characters to life. With the help of parents, the students were encouraged to use their imagination to create a costume for their character. The students enjoyed performing in front of 20 parents and 60 classmates. This experience allowed the students to gain confidence in their ability to read and deliver a presentation. They presented clearly and demonstrated their understanding of a fairy tale.



Row 1: Wyatt Smitty, Abby Miles, Jackson Fite, Allison Copas, Samantha Daniels and Caleb Reynolds. Row 2: Alli Laiman, Savannah Rudy, Hailey Morris, Kimmie Lanham, Izzy Stone, Kaitlyn Cox, Morgan Gregory, Nick Keating, Kylee Gillman and Sydney Taylor. Row 3: Kaden Nutter, Joey French, Nick Barber, Michael Nyam, Kailey Colyer, Cody Flanigan, Karley Burdick, and Mrs. Kimberly Sears.