

POSITIVE HAPPENINGS – May 9, 2022, BOARD MEETING

Mr. Shannon Yeager – Beaty-Warren Middle School

Beaty has recognized three students with a Golden Ticket for displaying respect to their peers and teachers. All students who are awarded a golden ticket will receive a special prize in June.

Mr. Brian Reynolds – Eisenhower Elementary School

May is Better Hearing and Speech Month!

Mrs. Amber Trask is the speech language pathologist, SLP, at Eisenhower Elementary and Middle/High School. Mrs. Trask would like to share some information regarding speech, language, and hearing for the month of May.

Speech and Language:

Speech and language disorders are among the most common disabilities for which students receive treatment services in schools-more than 1 million schoolchildren nationwide do so each year. Speech Language Pathologists can help children meet their full academic and social potential-and help them be confident communicators. This sets them on a course to success in school and in the future. Here are some areas where SLPs help students: speech sounds (articulation), spoken and written language, stuttering (fluency), cognition, social communication, voice, augmentative, and alternative communication, feeding and swallowing.

Hearing:

As our world continues to become louder, please take care of your hearing! Did you know that roughly 15% of school-aged children (6-19 of age) in the US have some degree of hearing loss in one or both ears? Children with mild to moderate hearing loss may fall one or more grade levels behind in school if they don't receive support services. All children should be screened for hearing loss on a regular basis-and taught to protect their hearing. Sounds at 70 decibels (dBA) or lower are generally safe to listen to for an extended period of time. Sounds at 80 dBA (for adults) or 75 dBA (for children) can lead to hearing loss if you listen to them for more than 8 hours at a time. The louder the noise, the less time you can listen safely. 14 minutes of listening at 100 dBA and 2 minutes of listening at 110 dBA can damage your hearing. Protect your hearing by: wearing hearing protection, download a sound meter app, keep distance of 500 feet or more from loud noises, keep the volume to half when using earbuds, take listening breaks, heed the warning signs, and leave a noisy place if you have pain, ringing in the ears, or difficulty hearing.

How loud is too loud:

30 dBA= whisper, quiet library

60 dBA= typical conversation, dishwasher, clothes dryer

70 dBA=group conversation, alarm clock

94 dBA=hair dryer, kitchen blends

100 dBA= tractor, listening with earphones

112 dBA=maximum output of some MP2 player, rock concert, chainsaw

120 dBA= plane takeoff, siren

130 dBA= jackhammer

140 dBA=firearms

First graders learned to show empathy toward others by drawing pictures for Ukrainian refugees. They learned how to write the words "Friend" and "peace" in Ukrainian. We sent the pictures with Diana Elmquist as she volunteered her help with the Ukrainian Refugees in Poland. The pictures were added to food supplies and treats presented the Ukrainian families to help them celebrated Easter.

Mrs. Ericka Alm – Eisenhower Middle High School

The first week of PSSA testing went well last week for Grades 6 - 8. Middle school students will finish up this week May 3 - 6.

Three student athletes were able to attend the Chautauqua/Cattaraugus Sports Symposium this last Friday with Mr. Hair. The students participated in team building and positive student athlete activities with other male and female athletes across the area. The students heard a positive message from keynote speaker Nick Sirianni (Coach of the Philadelphia Eagles) during the day.

The building is looking forward to their activities next week focused on Mental Health Awareness.

Ms. Nikki Nichols – Sheffield Area Elementary School

SAES Was very busy during the month of April. We were busy working through our final PSSA push working in small groups for ELA and MATH in grades 3, 4, and 5.

Kindergarten made colorful umbrellas for our April Showers to be followed up with May Flowers. First and Second grade worked on recycling projects to celebrate Earth Day on April 22.

Our halls are filled with the sounds of songs and musical instruments thanks for Miss Grabigrel and her music class. The kids are learning songs to sing for a concert and the students in band will be demonstrating what they have been working hard on with their instruments in a concert as well.

The STEM lab is a huge hit with the kids at SAES. The 4th graders researched bridges and then used materials found in the STEM classroom to build bridges. There are some future architects in those classes. Second grade classes did several different things recently in the STEM lab, but the huge hit was the solar oven and making SMORES. SAES gets excited when we bring Science to life, and we are so thankful for our amazing STEM lab.

SAES also enjoyed the Spring Book Fair. Kids were able to shop at the book fair to purchase new books. There were definitely some excited kids reading new books.

It's hard to believe we are winding down for the 2021-2022 school year at SAES because we have so much more to learn this year. Any chance you have to come out and visit would be welcomed. We love showing what we are doing and all the great things happening at SAES!

Mr. Glenn Smith – Sheffield Area Middle High School

The SAMHS students enjoyed a wonderful time at their prom on April 30th. There was plenty of food, dancing, and comradery. Matt Borkowski and Kaylee Grubbs were crowned king and queen, respectively.

The SAMHS Envirothon team had a great experience at Chapman's Dam. They competed with other schools and learned a great deal about the environment and the area itself.

Mr. Josh Vincent – Virtual Academy

Virtual:

Currently serving 570 school district students in full time, part time, enrichment, and credit recovery options. Summer school information is available on the district website and is free this year for all students currently in grades 6-12.

AEDY

The program has served 24 district students this year, with two students fully exited from the program and an additional 9 students successfully in the transition phase back to the regular school environment.

Ms. Jennifer Hobbs– Warren Area Elementary Center

Students in Mrs. Nickerson's 2nd grade class at WAEC celebrated Earth Day on Friday, April 22nd. The purpose of these activities was to help encourage students to be responsible for themselves and their school environment. Students worked hard on improving the amphitheater by edging the gardens with their own hand painted rocks, adding hand-made bird feeders on the shrubs, and cleaning up the leaves. Mrs. Nickerson reports that students had been working throughout the day on Earth Day activities in the classroom to prepare for these outdoor Earth Day projects. In math, the class completed an activity where the students needed to describe the properties of their rock and measure it. Upon completion of that activity students were then able to paint their rock. Students also enjoyed creating their hand-made bird feeders using Crisco, bird seed, and a toilet paper roll. At the end of the day, students were able to put their hand painted rock along the edge of the gardens near the amphitheater.

Mrs. Amy Stimmell – Warren Area High School

We had Sara Tonks from Erie News Meteorology come to STRIVE and give a presentation regarding weather and jobs related to weather.



Mr. Jim Evers – Warren County Career Center

FBLA - The WCCC is sending 3 students to the FBLA National Championship in Chicago at the end of June.

Macey Eyler - 1ST PLACE JOB INTERVIEW

Christian Green - 2nd place Human Resource Management

Mitch Rossman - 4th place Hospitality and Event Management

NOCTI testing is complete (except for a couple make up tests)

Results will be reported ASAP

WCCC Manufacturing is moving along nicely

WCCC is hoping to run a 2-week summer session again this June. Waiting for confirmation regarding transportation.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kent – Youngsville Elementary School

PSSAs are going smoothly, and students and teachers are optimistic. We recently completed our building Math 24 contest and have 4 students heading to the district competition.

Gifted is looking forward to several end of year field trips to the Erie Maritime Museum and Chapmans Dam.

Mrs. Amy Beers – Youngsville Middle High School

Congratulations to your winning teams listed below! There were many submissions this year, and the team at IU5 felt that these projects rose to the top. You will be receiving information regarding the state competition from Amy Davis McShane from IU3. Thanks again for your continued participation and please send our best wishes to your students. If you want to touch base before states, please reach out. Attached are certificates of recognition. Please feel free to print and share the news!

First Place winners moving on to states:

4-5th Grade winners: Speed Controlled Car from Fort LeBoeuf Waterford Elementary School, Advisor Kristen Dahn

6-8th Grade winners: Fire Hydrant Helicopter from Warren County Youngsville Middle High School, Advisor Traci Vile

Carsyn Branstrom, Aeden Patch, Joshua Pikna

The “Most Creative” category goes to:

4-5th Grade winners: Filtered Freeway Fast Travel from Fort LeBoeuf Robison Elementary School, Advisor Kristen Dahn

6-8th Grade winners: Floating Car for Safety from Warren County Youngsville Middle High School, Advisor Traci Vile

Caitlyn Pikna, Peyton Kent, & Emelyn Moore