

## **POSITIVE HAPPENINGS – May 8, 2023, BOARD MEETING**

### **Mr. Glenn Smith – Beaty-Warren Middle School**

Four 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Beaty won first place at the Regional STEM Design Competition in March, so now they get to compete in the State STEM Design competition on May 12 in Harrisburg. The students were Nina Woldt, Lillian Wellner, Carly Olsen and Lily Sutton.

Beaty just had 6 winners that placed in the American Legion Auxiliary #135 Americanism Essay Contest. In class II, Ashton Carrington won 1<sup>st</sup> place, Petyon Hollabaugh won 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Chloe Wiles won 3<sup>rd</sup> place. In Class III, Evan Tidrick won 1<sup>st</sup> place, Timothy Giger won 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Kaylee Falconer won 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Two Beaty 5<sup>th</sup> grade students won first place in the One Water poster contest that the Conservation District of Warren County hosted. Nina Woldt won.

### **Mr. Brian Reynolds – Eisenhower Elementary School**

Eisenhower K-5 students participated in the WQLN PBS writing competition this past month.

Eisenhower was the only school to have a placed winner in all grade levels K-5. All 6 students are invited to a special award ceremony on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> to receive their awards. All 3 1<sup>st</sup> place winners were invited that evening to read their winning stories. Please wish Cailee Williams (4<sup>th</sup> grade), Elodie Criswell (1<sup>st</sup> grade), and Lydia Carlstrom (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) good luck as they attend and read their stories for all to hear. Make sure to congratulate them as well on this amazing accomplishment. The judge emailed me to let me know that there was a total of 271 entries at all grade levels from different schools in the area. She also said that each grade level had 2 judges and that our students impressed 12 different sets of judges. Way to go Knights!

Nora Colvin in Kindergarten won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the PBS story writing contest.

Juliet Fargo in 5<sup>th</sup> grade won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the PBS story writing competition.

Cailee Williams in 4<sup>th</sup> grade won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the PBS story writing competition.

Grant Criswell in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the PBS story writing competition.

Lydia Carlstrom in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the PBS story writing competition.

Elodie Criswell in 1<sup>st</sup> grade won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the PBS story writing competition.

Juliet Fargo in 5<sup>th</sup> grade won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the One Water Poster contest for her grade band! Make sure to congratulate her for this accomplishment.

Landon Bowers in 1<sup>st</sup> grade won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the One Water contest in his grade band. Please make sure to congratulate him when you see him.

The following students won the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Eisenhower building challenge 24 competition:

RJ Frederick (5<sup>th</sup> grade 1<sup>st</sup> place), Greyson Weber (5<sup>th</sup> grade 2<sup>nd</sup> place), Carter Briggs (5<sup>th</sup> grade 3<sup>rd</sup> place), and Elizabeth Waite (4<sup>th</sup> grade 4<sup>th</sup> place). Please make sure to congratulate them and wish them luck as they head to Beaty on May 9<sup>th</sup> to compete in the district competition.

### **Mrs. Ericka Alm – Virtual Academy**

#### **Ms. Nikki Nichols – Sheffield Area Elementary School**

SAES can't believe that April is over already.

We were busy during April.

At the beginning of the month, we had spring school pictures. The kindergarten students had their pictures taken with the cap and gown that day as well.

4<sup>th</sup> grade had an opportunity to enjoy a presentation from the US ARMY Corps of Engineers.

SAES had an amazing opportunity to have the Mobile AG Lab on April 24, 25, and 26. The kids were beyond excited to have this experience. The AG Lab held an open house for families on April 25th. Kids were able to come during the evening to visit the AG Lab with their families. They met the Dairy Princess and also were given milk from Pot O Gold and cookies.

Of course, we ended the month with 3-4-5 taking the PSSA tests. The kids worked hard each morning. Grades K-1-2 were great supporters as they worked their hardest to walk quietly in the halls and be quiet in the restrooms. SAES did a great job during ELA PSSA testing!

#### **Mr. Jeffrey Flickner – Sheffield Area Middle High School**

Envirothon - SAMHS had 4 H.S. teams participate placing 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> place out of 14 total teams. 2 teams competed at the middle school level taking 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place. The second-place team missed tying for first place by one point (500-point test).

All-County Art Show opens Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Wetmore Gallery, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Warren Public Library. SAMHS has 27 high school students entering a total of 35 individual works of Art.

Art Club is painting a mural on a banner to be hung in the Crary Art Gallery in September in conjunction with the ANF Centennial celebration.

#### **Ms. Jennifer Hobbs– Warren Area Elementary Center**

It's been a busy and exciting month of April at Warren Area Elementary Center! Special spring-themed activities popped up in many classrooms throughout the early portion of the month. Students in Mrs. Keepers' second grade class learned all about symbology used in pysanky egg decoration; students created wax resists watercolor paintings in the shape of an egg. Students in Mrs. Nickerson's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class planted seeds while discussing "the life cycle of a plant"; students will follow their growth through plant observation journals. Students in Mrs. Greto's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class are currently eagerly monitoring four eggs placed in an incubator within the classroom. Numerous students in Mrs. Downey's grade-level specific enrichment program received recognitions and awards related to recent writing submissions. Students in Mrs. Downey's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade ELA Enrichment groups wrote essays for the local American Legion essay contest; three winners from WAEC were given certificates and monetary awards. Students in Mrs. Downey's K - 4<sup>th</sup> grade ELA enrichment groups wrote and illustrated stories for the annual WQLN PBS Kids Writers Content; 4 winners from WAEC will be recognized at a special reception at WQLN in Erie on May 4th. WAEC continues to celebrate "Live Bucket Filler assemblies" each month, quarterly Specials-themed PBIS rewards trips, weekly "Bucket Filler" broadcasts from rotating classroom locations, Counselor-driven "lunch bunch" groups, and numerous other F.I.R.E.-themed activities designed to continue to build and grow the positive climate and culture of the school.

### **Mrs. Amy Stimmell – Warren Area High School**

On Thursday, April 27th, 2023, several members of the Pennsylvania Department of Education visited the STRIVE program located at the Warren County Career Center. The names of those that visited are: Carole Clancy (Bureau Director of Special Education for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Education), Kerri Hartman, Amy Pastorak, Erik Lehman, Sandy Zeleznik, and Janette Fulton. Dr. Patricia Mead, Mr. Josh Vincent, Mr. Shawn Bedow, Mr. Steve Edwards, and Miss Susan Wilson were accompanied by several members of the Warren County School District, including school board president Mr. Paul Mangione, as they provided a presentation and a tour of the program. The students of the STRIVE program were the highlight of the day, as they demonstrated the skills they've gained through this program. The students provided the PDE visitors with coffee, as they took orders, made the coffee to order, and completed the transactions through the cash register. The members of PDE and WCSD received a 15–20 minute PowerPoint presentation highlighting the various aspects and benefits of the program, as well as described ways this program could be implemented in any school district in the state looking to provide students receiving full-time special education services with the highest quality post-secondary transition preparation. The afternoon finished with a tour of the program as students demonstrated their skills throughout the PAES lab, independent living, and vocational training facilities. The WCSD Office of Pupil Services and Special Education Departments would like to extend an invitation to anyone interested to tour the STRIVE program. In order to do this, please contact Mr. Steve Edwards at [edwardss@wcsdpa.org](mailto:edwardss@wcsdpa.org) and Miss Susan Wilson at [wilsons@wcsdpa.org](mailto:wilsons@wcsdpa.org) to schedule your tour.



### **Mr. Jim Evers – Warren County Career Center**

All NOCTI testing is complete

We will be holding our 1<sup>st</sup> ever Completion Ceremony on May 25.

Jamestown Business College presented job seeking/interview skills to all our seniors on April 18.

Mrs. Burroughs from Warren-Forest Hi-Ed reviewed interview skills with seniors on April 25 in preparation for Mock Interview Day on May 17.

WCSD 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be touring the WCCC on May 4-5

Beatty 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be touring the WCCC on May 26.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Kent – Youngsville Elementary School**

**Mrs. Amy Beers – Eisenhower Middle High School**

Students at EMHS celebrated MP2 honor and merit honor roll by enjoying lunch outside with music and games. We had a very successful blood drive this month in which students and faculty/staff donated. There were 8 different field trips this month that spanned the grade levels in which students participated in Trout Stocking, Envirothon, the Library Theater and Robert H Jackson presentation, and college and career trips. We finished April with the first week of PSSA testing for grades 6-8 and hope to have a strong testing season.

**Mr. Paul Crider – Youngsville Middle High School**

Envirothon- wins 1<sup>st</sup> place, back-to-back to back champs!

Middle School Envirothon- takes both 1<sup>st</sup> place and 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Baseball- off to a 7-2 start to the year.

Several YMHS track athletes have already achieved District qualifying times thus far to begin their season.

Merit Honor Roll and Honor Roll- over 175 students earned this award and participated in a breakfast catered by Nutrition group.

Perfect Attendance- 7 students achieved perfect attendance for Q3.

Several students who were part of YMHS Eagles Eye recently traveled to NYC to explore the city as part of Student Council. Mrs. Tome (librarian) was in charge and assisted in helping students fundraise and make the trip a success.

YMHS will host the Mock Crash as part of Prom on 5/12/23.

Prom is scheduled for 5/13/23 @ the Conewango Club.