

POSITIVE HAPPENINGS – January 15, 2024, BOARD MEETING

Mr. Brian Reynolds – Eisenhower Elementary School

December- Four 5th grade students competed in the Eisenhower Middle School spelling bee on December 12th in an attempt to go to the district spelling bee in February. The students were Madelyn Ferrie, Cameron Groves, Grant Ferman, and Blake Spess. Although none of them were finalists, they studied very hard and made us proud!

Mrs. Jennifer Hobbs – Beaty-Warren Middle School

There was a Christmas Dance held on December 15 for students in grades 7 and 8. Students who attended the dance had a fun evening, dancing and enjoying time with their friends.

A Christmas Spirit week was held the week of December 18; students, faculty, and staff had the opportunity to get in the Christmas Spirit each day with various themes such as: Dress Like Your Favorite Christmas Character, Ugly Christmas Sweater Day, Red and Green Day.

Mrs. Misty Weber – Virtual Academy

Mrs. Kylie Harris – Sheffield Area Elementary School

The month of December was filled with joy and forever memories at Sheffield Area Elementary School! The primary focus of the month was the annual "12 Days of Christmas" food drive to benefit the local Sheffield Food Pantry. Students and staff worked together as a school to donate a collaborative goal of 1,250 pieces of food: roughly enough to feed 65 - 75 families within the Sheffield Area. The annual drive is coordinated by 2nd grade teacher Kristine Conn and has been a tradition five-years running at SAES. As a fun incentive to add additional excitement to the annual tradition, staff asked Building Principal Mrs. Harris if she would be willing to create a "silly" goal for the children by either having to kiss a puppy or a pig. Unsurprisingly, the students met their goal and unanimously chose to "make the Principal kiss a pig". The annual project teaches students important lessons, not only about giving but also receiving. States Mrs. Harris, "Students understand that they are bringing in something to share with others. There is so much more that goes into a traditional school day over and above standard education. We are bringing up small humans and teaching them values that are going to carry with them for life. With this project, we are teaching the importance of having an eye out for others and giving something back. We are also teaching that if you come upon a hard time, there are people who are going to help you: there is a community and supports that are available". After the now-famous "pig kiss", students joined in a Christmas sing-a-long led by 3rd grade teacher Jenn Check and Music Teacher Matt McClard. The day concluded with classroom parties and a holiday snack, prepared through the Nutrition Department, and donated by the SAES PTO.

Mrs. Misty Weber – Sheffield Area Middle High School

Mrs. Liz Kent– Warren Area Elementary Center

Mr. Josh Vincent – Warren Area High School

Mr. Jim Evers – Warren County Career Center

The Welding students participated in the Elf tree at WAEC. Students purchased gifts for numerous students.

WCCC Student Advisory raised @ \$4,000 from raffle tickets. One student in HMA sold over 100 tickets herself. These funds will be used for student incentives for good attendance and grades.

The Protective Services students have been invited to participate in a seminar hosted by NPRC on January 17.

The Protective Services students continue to participate in monthly Youth Court activities.

Clubs

The following students qualified for DECA state competition in Hershey later this spring.

Drake Lawson - 1st place in Principles of Hospitality and Tourism

Kaylee Cyphert - 2nd place in Principles of Marketing

Marissa Gourley & Addyson Hannold - 2nd place in Sports and Entertainment Marketing Team

Sarah Tome - 2nd place in Apparel and Accessories Marketing

Gracie Tomassoni - 1st place in Business Services Marketing

Aubrey Carrington - 2nd place in Entrepreneurship

Charles Strickland - 1st place in Hotel and Lodging Management

David Perry - 2nd place in Human Resources Management

Samuel Smith - 2nd place in Marketing Communications

Andria Anderson - 2nd place in Quick Serve Restaurant Management

Rylan Meneo - 2nd place in Sports and Marketing

Kaylee Lundmark - 2nd place in Personal Financial Literacy and also took home the award for highest test score in any event

FBLA recently completed their district event. We will have results soon.

SkillsUSA is competing this week at districts. Again, we will have results soon.

Mrs. Amy Stimmell – Youngsville Elementary School

Below are the spelling bee winners for YES along with a blurb about each student.



Ian Lewis : Winner

Ian Lewis is the son of Carl and Melanie Lewis.

He has one brother, Wyatt which he enjoys playing basketball with. His favorite subject is Math. He also plays basketball and baseball and enjoys playing with his dog, Cocoa, video games, and hanging out with his friends.



Ella Lord: Alternate

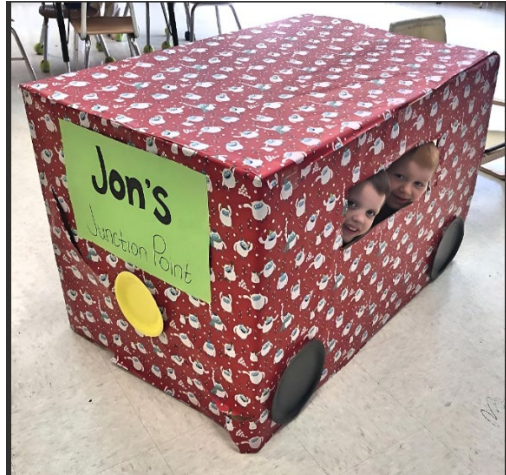
Ella is the daughter of Michelle and Jason Lord. Her favorite subjects are ELA, writing, and spelling. Softball and Cheer keep her busy. She likes to draw, paint free hand, and loves spending time with her friends. Her cat, Josie, and dogs, Darby and Hunter keep her busy at home.

Mrs. Mitchell's kindergarten class did toiletry donations instead of gift exchange for their Christmas party. All of the toiletry donations were donated to the Salvation Army. See the attached picture of her class with their donated toiletry items.



The autistic support classrooms held a 'Sensory Christmas' event on December 18th. Some of our kids can struggle with attending events related to the holidays within the community so we decided to plan events within an environment that they are used to and without the crowds, waits, etc. The SOAR ambassadors came over to help as well! We asked a couple parents what things their child may struggle with and used that to come up with activities. We made ornaments and decorated the tree, made crafts for parents and wrapped them, Santa and Mrs. Claus (Bob & Mary Passinger) came to visit, and we were able to take pictures with a backdrop. Ms. S edited the pictures and even made different backgrounds for the kids that we could not get to sit with Santa. The pictures were then printed and given to the parents in a frame. We

followed recipes to make simple snacks (trail mixes) and also frosted/decorated cookies with assistance. The SOAR ambassadors then acted as 'train conductors' and helped the kids find tickets hidden under chairs for the Polar Express. Below is a picture of one of the train cars for the kids to sit in while they watched the movie.



On 12/6, the Toy Shoppe delivered handmade toys for the 33 kids who received gifts through our Christmas program. John Last from the Erie News and his team came to interview the Toy Shoppe team and myself about that project as well as the recess toys they made for both of our kindergarten classrooms. The story was on Erie News Now's "The Last Word" segment on 12/11.

During the month of December, the number of students receiving Second Harvest Food Bank Backpack Program jumped from 12 to 52. 30 more students receiving free food provisions for the weekend is a win for YES!

Mrs. Amy Beers – Eisenhower Middle High School

The month of December was very festive at EMHS. We had a door decorating contest by advisory. In addition, the front foyer was beautifully decorated by the Student Council. By decorating the foyer, all evening visitors had the opportunity to enjoy the decor. The greatest event that we did this month was the Grandparent's (or guest) Tea. At this morning event, all students in grades 6-8 had an opportunity to invite someone special to an auditorium presentation that included musical and read selections along with snacks. Visitors could also visit the book fair with their guests. It was very well attended and received by the school community. We had traditional evening choral concerts to celebrate the season as well. Our choir also did a tour of local nursing facilities to spread holiday cheer. We have arrived back after the holidays to get back to learning with the end of the first semester fast approaching on January 17th!

Mr. Paul Crider – Youngsville Middle High School

Middle school held a spelling bee for grades 6-8, Archer Watson (6th grader) was the winner!

Winter sports are in full swing and all teams are doing well despite low numbers in several varsity/jv programs.

YMHS donated Christmas meals to 17 families, this was done as a result of staff, student and money raised at YMHS throughout the year and month of December. Families were able to come in and pick up a full Christmas meal the week before break.

The Class of 2024 was able to provide Christmas presents and gifts to 4 deserving families at YMHS. The Class of 2024 along with Mrs. Olewine identified those families who were in most need and made Christmas a success for those families in need.

YMHS students completed remediation in Biology, ELA and Math. Students are re-taking Keystone exams during the month of January.

On 12/21/23, over 150 students participated in Merit and Honor Roll Breakfast which was catered by our own Nutrition Group who provided doughnuts, coffee, and hot chocolate.

Students of the month for December, Wyatt Walters (Middle School) and Tommy Jukes (High School).