Bath School Community Newsletter - Spring 2018

Dear Bath Community,

It's hard to believe that we're almost through another school year! I wanted to share some highlights of experiences that our students and staff have had over the year or will have before the year is over.

In the Elementary, (1) Spring Arts Festival showcased many of our talented students in art and music (2) Science Lab provides daily hands-on experiences bringing in COSI, Imagination Station and Carnegie Science Centers (3) Showed the movie Wonder and had students complete several extension activities relating to bullying (4) Video production team of 5th graders called Newscats provides announcements weekly to our building (5) Live streaming of all music events to allow family and friends not able to attend access to watch.

In the Middle School, (1) Brought back our Veteran's Day Assembly honoring those that have served or currently serving (2) Eighth graders have one-to-one technology whereby they are permitted to take a laptop home (3) 7th grade Invention Convention in May (4) Yoga classes twice a week for students and staff before school (5) Introduction of video production to our 8th graders to give announcements and highlights of our middle school students and teachers.

In the High School, (1) Wildcat Time- a 25 minute period within the school day to help with intervention, club meetings, college visits, etc. (2) Developed an apprenticeship partnership with Procter and Gamble (3) Career Day and Yes Fest were held on our campus exposing our kids to the different career opportunities and club organizations (4) Developed a flexible schedule to help students prepare for End of Course exams as well as the ACT (5) Added Industrial Technology and a Career Based Intervention (CBI) program for next school year.

From Administration, one of our goals was to increase our social media presence through Facebook (Bath Local Schools) and Twitter (@BathWildcatSupt; @BathHS_PawPrint; @BathMidSchool; @ElementaryBath) to provide you with timely, relevant recognitions of our students and staff. We hope you have enjoyed this and if you haven't done so, please sign up and follow us. We will provide levy information on these social media outlets this month.

Finally, as we near the end of this school year we are already looking towards next year. We will be moving from our current website to a new website provider that will be more user-friendly. Moreover, this transition will also bring an exciting change in that it will have a parent portal built into it (transition of parent portal to start in January with implementation in 2019-2020 school year) that will allow parents access to all information about their student as it will merge with our current learning management system. Lastly, it will allow parents online access to all school forms giving us a quicker, more efficient communication system.

Have a great finish to the 2018 school year!

Rich Dackin
Bath Superintendent
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READ TO ME!

"May I read to you?" asked the child. "Woof!" Students in Mrs. Dickrede's and Mrs. Wiedenbein's fourth grade classrooms have been reading to Lacey (a labradoodle) and her owner, Mrs. Clapper, through the PAWS program. Twelve fourth graders are given the opportunity to read to Lacey twice a month. Two readers at a time share stories from the book series You Read to Me and I'll Read to You. This series engages students while they read to Lacey. Of course, when not reading their specific text, a lot of hugging, petting and loving is going on between the child and ever attentive Lacey. Research shows that reading to a nonjudgmental audience improves fluency, voice and creates a love for reading. Thank you Mrs. Clapper for sharing Lacey with us and helping develop our students into lifelong readers.



SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL

This year's Spring Arts Festival took place on March 23. It was huge success with student's art work displayed throughout the building, along with multiple music performances throughout the evening. Mrs. Hartzler organized a full evening of musical performances that began at 4:00 p.m. and ended at 8:30 p.m. Multiple soloists from second, third and fourth grades performed. In addition, the students who were a part of the All State Choir performed as well as each of our first, second and third grade classes. We were also fortunate to have the High School Show Choir and Jazz Band join us. The evening concluded with our fourth graders playing their recorders. A special thank you to Mrs. Roush, Mrs. Hartzler and all of the wonderful volunteers who helped make this evening a huge success.



HEADED TO STATE!

Fifth graders Emily Clark, Hailey Core and Kyla Fallis are headed to state for the state science fair. Congratulations and good luck to these three girls at state. You can find a full article in the middle school section of this newsletter.



FIFTH GRADE QUIZ BOWL

The fifth grade Quiz Bowl team took home the second runner-up trophy for the 2018 season! You will find the trophy displayed with

Wildcat Pride in the atrium of the elementary building. Congratulations to team members: Jacob Wireman, Kyle Slaght, Kyla Fallis, Mindy

Young, Evelynn Hendrickson, Leah Shields, Jaden Ryan, Hale Hensley, Abreeawna Hall, Carmen Kunkleman and Coach Wiedenbein.

LITERACY NIGHT

On April 4th, the Title One students in first, second and third grades were invited to participate in an evening of reading fun. The theme of this year's annual Literacy Night was "Camp Read A Lot." Students participated in reading games and hands on activities as they practiced and shared their skills with parents. Students read with their parents in tents and sang camp fire songs accompanied by Mr. Brunk and his wife, Tova, playing the guitar. They made s'mores and watched the reading of Flat Stanley Goes Camping on the big screen. Mr. Renner talked with parents about updates in the Third Grade Guarantee, as well as required testing in all grade levels. All Title students who attended received a goody bag, which included a new book. We want to thank all parents who brought their child to Literacy Night. We hope you found this evening to be both beneficial and enjoyable.

2018-2019 WILDCAT KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

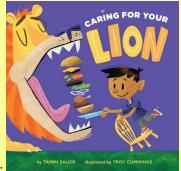
Parents should pick-up the initial information packet in the elementary office as soon as possible. Parents will also sign-up for a screening time for their child at that time. Screenings will take place May 29 and 30. The elementary office is open to pick up packets from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily.



AUTHOR ILLUSTRATOR TROY CUMMINGS

On Tuesday, May 15th, Bath Elementary will proudly present author-illustrator Troy Cummings! Troy has written and/or illustrated more than 30 children's books, including *The Notebook of Doom* series, *Can I Be Your Dog?*, *Caring For*

Your Lion, Little Red Gliding Hood, and *Mighty Truck*. His illustrations have appeared on magazine covers, jigsaw puzzles, card games, posters, cookbooks, greeting cards, and a box of fish sticks. Since most of his books are in his Notebooks of Doom series, our theme will be "The Wildcats of Doom." In preparation for his visit, all students K-5 will be hearing and reading his books and participating in projects to extend those books.



Be sure to check out the Bath Elementary website (www.bathwildcats.org/es/) to view many of the special projects students completed prior to Troy's visit. We are so excited to see the fun and unique projects our students and teachers come up with this year. Bath Elementary has annually brought an author/illustrator to visit our school for the last 23 consecutive years, an accomplishment few schools in the nation could match. The creativity of our students and staff have developed this annual tradition into a very educational and enjoyable program. Original funding for this activity was secured by a Martha Holden Jennings grant written by retired art teacher Linda Lehman. Yearly visits have been funded through proceeds from the book sale coordinated with the author/illustrator's visit and participation in the Chief's "Community Cash" program, along with donations from the Bath P.T.S.

CHANGES TO 5TH GRADE BAND AND CHOIR FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR.

Next year's 5th grade band and choir will be structured differently than past years. Instead of having the option to choose, all 5th grade students will have one semester of band and one semester of choir. Currently, we see two homerooms on a three-day rotation. The change will be that the homerooms will switch between band and choir at the end of the semester. For example, this year Mr. Liedtke and Mr. Wierman's classes come to band/choir at the same time and the students split into whatever music class they have chosen (except for students who participate in both and only spend 25 minutes in each class). Next fall, one of the homerooms will go to choir with the other going to band. At the semester change, homerooms will switch to the other music class. We have chosen to experiment with this new schedule for several reasons. We believe at the 5th grade level band and choir are exploratory classes, giving students a preview of what is to come when they move to the middle school. It also gives us teachers more time with students to teach them the subject material without having some students switch during the middle of the class period. For band, all instruments will be provided to students free of charge so that parents do not have to decide on buying/renting an instrument for a class they are required to be in. Since there will only be one set of instruments for the classroom, our demonstration concert will be live streamed during the school day and can be viewed later by family and friends. The 5th grade choir will continue to have concerts in December and May. We are excited to see if this schedule will better prepare students for their music classes in middle school without financially burdening parents/guardians who choose band. The students who choose to remain in band will have the option to buy or rent an instrument in the fall of their 6th grade year, as instruments will not be provided for everyone. If you have any questions or concerns with these changes, feel free to contact us via email/phone.

~ Mrs. Hannah Snyder, Mr. Stephen Hanhold and Mrs. Sarah Haselman



BATH ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to **Jaden Ryan** who finished in first place in the Bath Elementary School Spelling Bee and is the son of Robert and Randi Ryan. **Mindy Young**, daughter of Ron and Vicki Young, was our runner-up and **Noah Cox**, son of Troy and Melissa Cox, took third place. Jaden, being Bath Elementary School's winner, participated on February 24 in the Allen County Spelling Bee at OSU Lima against other fourth through eighth grade students from the area county schools. Jaden finished in second place in the Allen County Spelling Bee and finished in third place in The Lima News Regional Spelling Bee.

Friday, May 18, 2018– Relay for Life; each class will be scheduled a time to walk. Please watch for a schedule to come home with your student.

Friday, June 1, 2018 – A meeting will be held at 8 a.m. in the elementary to review federal programs and plan implementation of flow-thru monies for the 2018-2019 SY

SCIENCE FAIR

On Saturday, Feb. 24, approximately thirty students in grades 5-8 participated in the annual middle school science fair. Participants entered projects involving chemistry, botany, physics, medicine, microbiology, and engineering. Valuable skills such as research, data collection, and the use of the scientific method were practiced in their investigations. Students learned a lot from all of their hard work and dedication. Volunteer community members and high school physics students judged the projects. A special thanks to our PTS for sponsoring the event and to Mr. Hall for coordinating the science fair for our students. Hailey Core, Kyla Fallis, Emily Clark, Brennon Ryan, and **Grace Wood** received superior ratings. Each of them had an opportunity to participate in the District Science Fair at ONU on Saturday, March 17. Brennon and Grace both received excellent ratings at the district science fair, and **Kyla, Hailey** and **Emily** all received superior ratings for doing an awesome job! Kyla, Hailey and Emily will join approximately 1,000 students from 33 schools in Ohio at the State Science Fair on Saturday, May 12. Bath Middle School received the West Central District Science Day Award for the highest number of superior ratings at the junior high school level.



EIGHTH-GRADE RECOGNITION

Bath Middle School will be recognizing 8th grade students who successfully complete the 8th grade. The Eighth-Grade Recognition Ceremony will take place on May 30 at 1:00 p.m. in the middle school gym. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to attend the ceremony.



6th GRADE CAREER ACTIVITIES

As a part of career activities, our sixth grade classes host speakers throughout

the year to discuss different career opportunities. Pictured below is one of the many presenters we have had at Bath Middle School this year. Glen Renner is a civil engineer at Pearson Construction.

SPELLING BEE

On Thursday, January 11th, the school wide

spelling bee was held in the middle school library, where fifty middle school students competed in this event. Preliminary spelling bees were held in the individual classrooms to determine the fifty qualifiers. Anthony Parker (grade 8), son of Tim and Shandra Parker, was crowned champion. Elise Branim (grade 7), daughter of Nathan and Julie Branim, was named first runner up and Zeke Burkholder (grade 8), son of Gloria Burkholder and Andrew Burkholder, was the second runner up. Anthony went on to finish third at the Allen County Spelling Bee held at OSU Lima. He will represent Bath Middle School at the Regional Spelling Bee at the Knights of Columbus. Congratulations to these finalists and to all students who participated. Also, thank you to Mrs. Rockhold for coordination the

EIGHTH-GRADE BASKETBALL

spelling bee once again this year.

The Bath Middle School 8th grade basketball team recently completed an outstanding season. The team wrapped up their 2017-2018 season by winning the Ron Dixon Bath Invitational Tournament. This team lost only one game in two years of basketball while in the middle school. Congratulations to coach Gossard and the eighth grade team on a great accomplishment.



REAL MONEY, REAL WORLD

In January, Bath Middle School 8th grade students participated in the Real Money, Real World activity. This activity places students in the situation of having an income and expenses. They must then budget their money in order to pay their bills and meet their expenses. The middle school has been involved in the activity for several years, as it helps students to have a small sample of what it is like to develop a budget and meet their needs. Thanks goes to high school teacher Mrs. Brachok who coordinates this valuable experience each year for our students.

GEOGRAPHY BEE

Can you answer this question: "The easternmost part on the Horn of Africa is located in which country?" The correct answer is Somalia. This question was one of many given during this year's Geography Bee Finals at Bath Middle School in January. The questions were difficult, but the students did an excellent job with their knowledge of U.S. and world geography. 8th grader **Jemin Gandhi**, son of Ken and Bhavisha Gandhi, was the 1st place winner in the 2018 Geography Bee; 8th grader **Keaton Liles**, son of Sean and Andrea Liles, finished 2nd place; and 7th grader **Kira Stall**, daughter of David and Susan Stall, finished 3rd. Congratulations to all of the students that competed in the 2018 Geography Bee. Thanks to Mrs. Bourne for coordinating the geography bee once again this year.



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



BMS Students of the Month for January Madison Ripley, Conner Droll, Rachel Clark Lucas Miller, Isaac Focht, Kylie Carpenter



BMS Students of the Month for February Keagan Cox, Blessy Christian, Trey Welsch, Treg Sibert, Tierra Cortez, Mya Amstutz

YOGA AT BMS

Numerous students and staff members of BMS have been participating in yoga class since mid-March. Each Friday morning from 7:15 to 7:45, students and staff meet in the middle school gym for a half hour of yoga. There has been a positive response to the class and we hope to continue with this healthy activity. The middle school would like to thank instructor Angie Poe for leading our yoga classes. It continues to be a good experience for all and we hope to see the participation numbers increase.

8TH GRADE HEALTH CLASS UPDATES

Kaprice Pickering, a representative from Partners for Violence Free Families, recently presented a 4-day program to our 8th grade health classes. Her presentation covered the warning signs of suicide, and stressed that teens are typically the first to know when a friend or classmate is feeling suicidal. Kaprice emphasized telling a trusted adult when warning signs are present and never keeping a secret when a friend shares his/her suicidal thoughts in confidence. Ms. Pickering also shared prevention techniques, such as showing you care, asking about suicide and how to go about getting help.



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDESS

Once again, Bath Middle School celebrated Random Acts of Kindness the week of February 19th through the 23rd. Students were encouraged to show that kindness can be contagious. Mrs. Mulholland posted signs throughout the school, handed out bookmarks, talked with the students about ways they could show kindness to others, and shared a story about how one small act of kindness had changed a very bad day for her. It was an opportunity for students and staff to make someone's day a little nicer and to inspire others to do the same.



LIMA EXCHANGE CLUB WINNER

Congratulations to senior **Jordan Strange**, winner of the Exchange Club of Lima's ACE Award. The ACE Award stands for Accepting the Challenge of Excellence. Jordan received a \$600 scholarship to a college of her choice.

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STATE FARM BILLBOARD CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to **Gabe Niebel**, winner of the Lima Allen County Safe Community / State Farm Billboard Contest. Gabe created a billboard to educate drivers about the dangers of distracted driving and won! His billboard will be displayed on Elida Road and Bellefontaine Avenue during prom season. In addition, Gabe received a \$500 cash prize. Well done Gabe! Bath junior **Caylee Rieman** will also have her billboard submission on display in our area. State Farm agent Ben Anderson liked Caylee's submission so much that he is personally paying to display her billboard in our area. Congrats to Gabe and Caylee.

BHS HONOR STUDENTS (honor cord)

The following students earned at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average the first seven semesters at Bath High School:

Alexis Ball, Seaira Ball, Charis Barnes, Evan Barr, Luke Best,
Alenna Bible, Isaiah Bolon, Jeremiah Bolon, Ava Christy, Tara
Cooper, Lexi Foley, Aiyana Gibson, Sierra Gilroy, Jaidyn Hale,
Annika Heminger, Jacob Kligler, Shawn McDaniel, Gracyn Metz,
Katie Mulholland, Gabe Niebel, Alexandra Scott, Drew Spragg,
Kamryn Tomlinson, Lydia Wiechart.

LIMA NOON OPTIMIST

Nominees for the Lima Noon Optimist Youth Appreciation Program: Gabe Niebel, Katherine Johnson and Kristen Johnson.

STATE ACHIEVEMENTS: ATHLETICS

Girls Bowling – Congratulation to **Bryana Twining** for winning the Division II State Bowling Championship!

Wrestling – Congratulations to **Collin Mell** for qualifying for the Division II State Wrestling meet again this year.



STATE OF OHIO HONORS DIPLOMA

(honor sticker on diploma)

The following students have met at least seven of the eight Ohio college preparatory curriculum requirements:

Alexis Ball, Seaira Ball, Charis Barnes, Evan Barr, Luke Best, Alenna Bible,
Tristam Cheeseman, Ava Christy, Lexi Foley, Aiyana Gibson, Jaidyn Hale,
Annika Heminger, Gracyn Metz, Katie Mulholland, Gabriel Niebel, Alexandra Scott, Drew Spragg, Kamryn Tomlinson, Lydia Wiechart

LIMA AREA ROTARY

Congratulations to **Alexis Ball** for winning the Lima Area Rotary Four-Way Speech Contest. Alexis earned \$300.



LIMA EXCHANGE CLUB

Alexis Ball was a nominee for the Lima Exchange Club's "Youth of the Year" award.

FRANKLIN B. WALTER SCHOLARSHIP

Katie Mulholland was a nominee for the All-Scholastic Award.

Bath Schools are in the process of taking nominations for our first Hall of Fame Class to be inducted next school year. Please visit bathwildcats.org for the application to nominate one of our finest.

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SYMPHONIC BAND

Congratulations to the Bath High School Symphony Band for earning an excellent rating at the OMEA District 3 Large Group Adjudicated Event, including a superior rating in sight reading.

CHAMBER CHORALE

Congratulations to the Bath High School Chamber Chorale for earning a superior rating at the OMEA District 3 Large Adjudicated Event, including a superior rating in sight reading. Our Chamber Chorale also did an awesome job singing "Oh Canada" at the Toledo Walleye Hockey Game.

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE....

Our guidance counselors Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Bidlack organized Wildcat Prep Days this year. These days were designed to prepare our freshman and sophomore students for the end of course exams. Our junior students used these days to prepare for the ACT and our seniors participated in a career fair. Thanks to the area businesses for meeting with our students and participating in the career fair.

Mrs. Bidlack was the guest speaker at Rhodes State College on March 5th, presenting on college credit plus. We are fortunate to have Mrs. Bidlack and her knowledge in our guidance department.

AIR END OF COURSE EXAM SCHEDULE: Students taking tests need to be in the testing room by 8:15 a.m. Students that are not taking a test need to report to school by their first period class. Students arriving early to school that are not taking a test will report directly to the cafeteria.

Monday, April 16 – ELA I (part I) ELA II (part 1)

Tuesday, April 17- ELA I (part 2) ELA II (part 2)

*make ups April 18-20

Monday, April 23- Algebra (part I and II), Geometry (part I and II)

Tuesday, April 24 – Biology (part I and II)

Wednesday, April 25 – American History (part I and II), Government (part I and II)

*make ups April 26-27

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS: please arrive to testing room by 7:50 a.m.

Monday, May 7 – AP Chemistry at 8 a.m.

Wednesday, May 9 - AP English Literature and Composition at 8 a.m.

Monday, May 14 - AP Biology at 8 a.m.

SENIOR WALKTHROUGH

Seniors will wear their caps and gowns and do a walkthrough in our elementary and middle school on Thursday, May 17th. Seniors attending Apollo will be dismissed at 1:15 p.m. and seniors attending BHS will be dismissed at 1:45 p.m. All participating students will meet in front of the elementary at 1:55 p.m. wearing your cap and gown.

"SOUNDS OF SUMMER"

Bath High School choir proudly presents our 13th annual dinner theater, the "Sounds of Summer" on Friday, May 4th at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 5th at 6:30 p.m., in the high school gymnasium. Tickets are \$15 each and must be purchased in advance. Tickets are on sale now through May 2nd. Bleacher seats are also available for \$6 each and can be purchased in advance or at the door. Contact Mrs. Haselman at 419-221-0366 for more information or tickets.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

April 27th – National Honor Society/Student Council Grandparents Breakfast (specifically for grandparents of NHS/Student Council students - invitation only) 8:30 a.m. in Cafeteria.

May 11th – Class of 2018 obligations due

May 12th Junior/Senior Prom (8:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m.) at University of Northwestern Ohio.

May 18th – Relay for Life

May 25th – Class of 2018 breakfast (8:00 a.m.) in Cafeteria, Senior Graduation Practice (required) after breakfast.

May 26th – Graduation in Stadium (10:00 a.m.) weather permitting.



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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: CARLA KOHLS

We are honored to spotlight Mrs. Carla Kohls in this edition of our Bath School Community Newsletter. Mrs. Kohls is in her 33rd year of teaching and is grateful that all thirty-three years have been here at Bath Schools. When you spend 33 years in one place, you get "second generation kids," kids whose parents once sat in Mrs. Kohls math classes, and she finds this to be one of the perks to serving all her years in one school district. Carla says this and the long term colleagues add to the family atmosphere at Bath High School. Like many teachers with over thirty years in education, Carla notes one the biggest changes in education has been technology; students can view math tutorials at home when working on a difficult homework assignment. She shares she enjoys the high school age group and the opportunity to connect with her students, both while here and after they graduate. Receiving invites to weddings, baby showers, and notes from former students are all a part of the rewards of teaching. When asked what she hopes she has instilled in her students, Carla replied "I hope I have instilled a good work ethic in my students, and a sense of pride in accomplishing something."

Some highlights regarding our Emergency Renewal Levy:

- This is a Fixed Sum levy raising exactly \$3.7 million dollars of our \$16 million dollar budget. This renewal has been on the ballot every five years since 1979.
- This levy provides Operating monies that go into the General Fund to run the school district- pays for utilities, supplies, salaries, repairs, maintenance, etc.
- Tax credits of Homestead and Rollback (12.5%) are tied to this Renewal- these credits do not exist for a new levy
- CAUV (Current Agricultural Use Value) changes in taxes begin this year (Change in legislation from Columbus that will move some tax burden onto residents)
- TPP (Tangible Personal Property) reimbursements will continue to be phased out through 2021 (change in legislation from Columbus that will move some tax burden onto residents)