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"Great moments are born from great opportunity"



From left to right: Summa Speaker for Academics, Ishika Mahajan; Summa Speaker for Athletics, Parker Timken; Summa Speaker for the Arts, Joe Jocas; and Arushi Badola, Class President.

In her Hoover Commencement speech, Parker Timken quoted this line from the movie, *Miracle*, as Herb Brooks addresses the U.S. men's hockey team before the game against the Soviet Union at the 1980 Winter Olympics. Parker, a six-time state champion in swimming, used the movie and this quote as motivation before meets. The statement by Brooks applies to more than athletics though. The Class of 2019 has distinguished itself in a number of areas, and their determination to succeed has led to numerous achievements:

- At least seven seniors have been offered full or nearly full scholarships to college.
- One National Merit Finalist and eight Commended students are in the class.
- Thirty-five seniors have already received designation of AP Scholar (or greater) based upon AP performance in grades 10 and 11.
- One hundred sixty seniors are graduating with an honors diploma.
- Fifteen seniors have earned the new Ohio Seal of Biliteracy.
- Total scholarship aid offered to the Class of 2019 as reported by students: \$2,997,443.

Schneider and Friedl headed to Service Academies



Two members of the Class of 2019 will be attending service academies. Will Schneider will enter the Merchant Marine Academy in Kingsport, New York, July 3. Unlike the other service academies, the Merchant Marine Academy is a four-year program with no active duty following graduation. In exchange for the college degree, midshipman must serve eight years in the reserves which he will enter as an ensign. Will can choose from six majors while attending the academy, all of which relate to the maritime industry, deck or engine mechanics, commerce, and transportation of the military. Nominated by Congressman Bob Gibbs, Will was contacted by the academy because of their interest in his swimming success. Will, who had a distinguished swim career at Hoover, was a member of the 200-yard medley relay which finished third, the 200-yard freestyle relay which finished second, and the 400-free relay which finished tenth at the 2019 state swim meet. While at Hoover, he was enrolled in the pre-engineering program and praised teachers Todd Alkire and Lauren Maxwell for their dedication to the program.



Nick Friedl started in the pre-engineering program at Hoover but changed to business management, which has proven to be an excellent choice for him. Nick was elected CEO of Simple Starters, the Junior Achievement company that was selected to compete nationally in Washington, D.C., from June 17-20, 2019. One week later, on June 27, Nick will begin Induction Day for Plebe Summer at the U.S. Naval Academy. "You wear civilian clothes in, and they take everything from you. Then they give you everything you need. Plebes have no phones, and I've been limiting my screen time to prepare," explains Nick. "You're up at 5:30 every day. You learn to deal with adversity because they train you physically and mentally, and you grow into becoming a naval officer someday." In the meantime, as CEO of the student-run business, he has already learned some leadership skills. As Nick puts it, "If the company fails, it's on you." Nominated by former Congressman Jim Renacci, Nick plans to pursue a career in engineering or intelligence. He will have five years of active service upon graduation.

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School-based Mental Health Counseling in NCCS Completes First Year

Dave Pilati
 ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

With the 2018-19 school year coming to a close, so has the first year in which each of the K-12 buildings in North Canton City Schools were able to provide mental health counseling services to students in need of such services. This is a service that has expanded into almost every Stark County School district in the past couple years as well as districts throughout Ohio and the country. Additionally, this service does not replace, but instead supplements, the many services outside of mental health counseling that school counselors already provide to students.

Thanks to grant funding secured by Stark County Mental Health Addiction & Recovery (otherwise known as StarkMHAR), which covered the vast majority of the costs, the North Canton City School District was able to establish a partnership with CommQuest. CommQuest is a service provider who employed a team of three different mental health counselors who served our district and were present in buildings ranging from 1 to 4 days per week. This partnership provided students with access to a licensed mental health counselor when students and families chose to take advantage of such services. Having such a partnership in place eliminated barriers such as coordinating transportation and finding the time to participate in counseling as students were able to meet with a counselor during the school day.

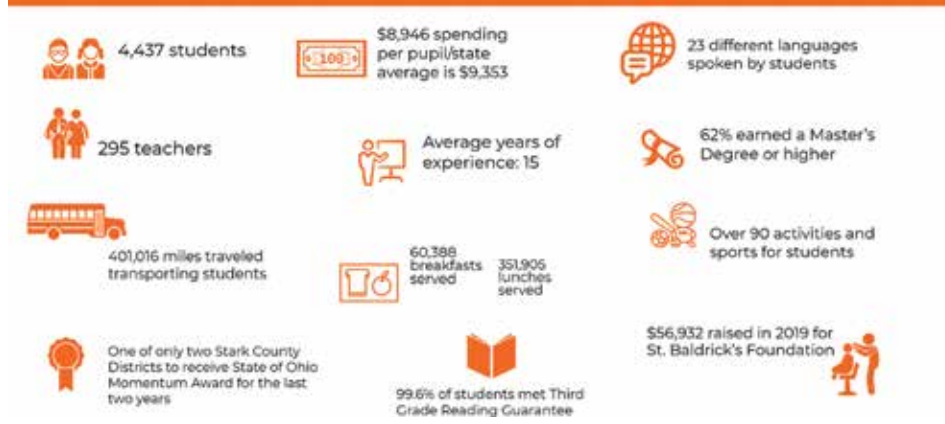
Plans are in place to continue this partnership in the 2019-20 school year. Along with the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System that was launched in November 2018 for middle and high school students, the launching of the Securly online monitoring system this past spring, and the introduction this past school year of two full-time school resource officers, we continue to do our best to provide for the safety, security, and well-being of all of our students.

1-844-5-SAYNOW



The Securly Student Safety Program and the Say Something warning system will not be monitored by school personnel during the summer months. Notifications from the Say Something Anonymous Reporting will be sent to local police and emergency personnel. Parents or guardians dealing with a crisis situation should call 911 or contact the appropriate Stark County service, such as the Crisis Intervention team of the Stark County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery program.

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Training in Science of Reading

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Thanks to a Martha Holden Jennings Foundation grant, the North Canton City School District is providing its teachers in grades kindergarten through second grade with new literacy training and with new resources to support the implementation of new evidence-based teaching practices to better instruct elementary students the science of reading.

Recipients of the grant are NCCS Director of Instruction Michelle Hostetler and Gifted and Talented Coordinator Denise Cooley. The grant will provide all K-2 educators with David Kilpatrick's book, *Equipped for Reading Success*, as well as a series of training days. All teachers and leaders will have an opportunity to be engaged in a sustained study and inquiry of Kilpatrick's research in instructional strategies that are supported by the science of reading.

The results of the study will include improving the current literacy plan for the district, conducting case studies of students with reading difficulties, and the monitoring of student growth on foundational reading skills.

The following served as motivation for the district to apply for this grant:

- 2.6 million students in the United States are classified as learning disabled and 80% of those students get the classification because they have not learned to read. (Ed Week 2010)
- Research has shown the best predictor of future education achievement is reading ability. (Pearson 2015)
- New studies on literacy instruction have proven current reading practice to be beneficial for only 60-70% of students, while 30-40% of students will remain poor readers. (Kilpatrick 2016)



New studies in the science of reading from leading researchers is reframing how reading instruction has historically occurred and therefore will help the vast majority of students who often in the past have experienced reading difficulties. Once immersed in the new studies and sciences of reading, NCCS educators will make the necessary adjustments to current literacy instruction and curriculum to, not only narrow the achievement gap that exists in reading among some students, but also to improve reading instruction for ALL students.

North Canton by the Alphabet



The North Canton City Schools District Office has a few remaining copies of *The ABCs of North Canton*. This book, written by Judy McLaughlin and illustrated by Vince Marazita in 2004, shares the history of the North Canton with short historical references to each letter of the alphabet. Publication of the text was made possible through a grant from the Education Endowment, and proceeds from sale of the book go to the organization to fund new grants.



Summer Facilities Projects

Todd Henne
DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS

June is a busy month as the district is able to invest money into our buildings and grounds, much of which would not be possible without the community passing the operating levy in May 2018. The LED lighting projects at Hoover and the North Canton Middle School are now complete, and the savings is already easy to see on the monthly electric bills. Contractors are now on to projects that need to be completed with students on summer break. At Hoover High School, a new roof will be installed over the main gym, and new air conditioning units will put in place for the main and auxiliary gyms.

The band and choir rooms, also constructed in 1996, will have new heating units in place prior to school opening in August. The units will be much more energy efficient than the ones they are replacing as the new units are fueled with natural gas instead of electricity. Also, in an effort to save money on utilities, other heating units that are approaching end of life will be replaced and converted from electric to natural gas, further reducing the district's monthly utility costs.

At the middle school, the work will be much more evident to the community members driving through the neighborhood. New windows will replace the original ones from the 1950s. No longer will the air conditioning units hang on the front of the building. New, more efficient units will be placed on the roof and tied into the classroom. In addition to the utility cost savings and the aesthetic improvements from the outside, this forced air will be much quieter for the teacher and students in the classroom since all the noise generated from the compressor will now take place on top of the roof rather than just outside the windows. The units will be placed on the school's automated HVAC controls, adding another layer of energy savings.

At Greentown Intermediate, the asphalt will be replaced in all lots except the south teachers' parking lot. Hoover High School will also receive new asphalt in their southeast lot, which is our busiest. Students and staff park there during the day, the marching band uses it as their practice field, and finally, it is the first lot to fill for athletic events in the gymnasium and arts events that take place in Hoover Hall or the North Canton Playhouse.



Dr. Roden receives Lifetime Achievement Award



At the annual Education Celebration hosted by the Stark County Educational Service Center, former NCCS Superintendent and current board of education member, Dr. Bob Roden, received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

A retired educator, Dr. Roden worked as a teacher and principal in Canton City Schools as well as North Canton City Schools, where he also served as the superintendent of schools. Dr. Roden was an associate superintendent at the Stark County Educational Service Center and Canton City Schools and interim superintendent in various Stark County districts. In addition, he was Hartville Elementary School Principal and Dean of Students at the Portage Collaborative Montessori School.

Dr. Roden has helped with third and sixth-grade leadership development at Portage Collaborative Montessori School, and he serves on the CHARACTER COUNTS! Committee in North Canton. He volunteers as a pianist for the residents at House of Loreto nursing home and an organist, a pianist, and a choir member of his church. Other activities include dog therapy at Aultman Hospital, Stark Parks Trailblazer and North Canton Public Library Board.

Mrs. Cindea named to All-County Teaching Team



Mrs. Tina Cindea was named Educator of the Year for North Canton City Schools. Mrs. Cindea teaches Honors Algebra II and Honors Calculus and has been with the district for 29 years. She brings passion to the classroom and inspires students to work beyond their expectations. She supports students and explains concepts so students can remember them beyond one test. Tina teaches learning skills that students can transfer to other classes as well. She models a good work ethic, encourages students, and shows students that she cares. She strives to teach students perseverance and to remain positive. She is Department Chair, Lead Math Teacher, Curriculum Council Team member, and Mentor, as well as serving on the Grading and Reporting Committee. Tina has been on many other committees during her tenure. Through these roles, she has been able to take best practices from colleagues and teachers from other districts. She spends her free time attending Hoover High School events to support her students. Mrs. Cindea is retiring this year, and she will be missed by her students and colleagues. Last spring two of her students created a video entitled *The Cindea Quotient*, which is available on YouTube, about her impact on the students in her classes. Her interactions with students, parents, and fellow staff members showcase her core values of honesty, integrity, dedication, respect, and empathy.

Mrs. Kelsey Rataiczak of Clearmount Elementary was named Rookie Educator of the Year. Mrs. Rataiczak is in her first year teaching at Clearmount Elementary School.



Congratulations to NCCS third-year Resident Educators

Congratulations to all thirteen of North Canton's third-year teachers for passing the Resident Educator Summative Assessment (RESA) on their first attempt! The RESA is a performance test that involves video recording themselves teaching a lesson and answering questions about it. Passing the RESA is a requirement to advance from a four-year Resident Educator license to a five-year professional license that they will have throughout their careers. Shirley Dobry serves as the mentor to these teachers.



Katie Barber
Middle School



Amanda Chaney
Northwood



Ania Cook
Greentown



Heather Dressler
Hoover



Amanda Fuller
Greentown



Sarah Gregory
ECC



Amy Hanson
Greentown



Mellissa Keim
NCMS



Alicia Martin
Hoover



Shannon Morgner
Orchard Hill



Nick Stroemple
Hoover



Alyssa Wise
ECC



David Wolf
Greentown,
Orchard Hill,
Hoover

Hunger: The Bus Stops Here



North Canton City Schools once again participated in Hunger: The Bus Stops Here, an initiative by the Stark County Educational Service Center to encourage member school districts to collect food items for families in need. Each school district collected donations from students and staff, and a caravan of school buses transported the donations north on Route 77 to the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank April 29th. Volunteers from Synchrony Financial unloaded the items in record time. We are proud to announce that the participating school districts collected 28,725 pounds of food which will provide 23,938 meals.

NCCS supports St. Baldrick's



The St. Baldrick's event Sunday, March 10, at the North Canton Racquet Club was a huge success with a total of \$266,000 in donations, thanks to the efforts of nearly 600 "shavees." NCCS raised over \$55,000 of that total for research into childhood cancer.

Career Tech: Traveling Tri-Star hits the Road



Hoover High School's culinary arts program recently purchased a food truck, the Traveling Tri-Star. The Traveling Tri-Star is named after the Tri-Star Cafe that the culinary arts students operate inside Hoover. Students can now take their talents on the road.

The culinary arts program prepares students for work in the food industry, and operating a food truck is another viable opportunity. There are not many high schools who can boast that they have a food truck. In fact, we know of only a couple in the state of Ohio. Our students are excited about this opportunity to hone their food preparation skills in an intense environment. They are also excited about creating various menus for customers. One student has been put in charge of much of the operations.

Several organizations and companies have contacted us about partnering with them for various events. Although the food truck will only visit a few community events, they are looking forward to opportunities that may arise. Events have already been booked. The food truck made its debut June 12 at GlenOak High School and July 20 for a private event at MAPS Air Museum. The Traveling Tri-Star will frequent other events after school is back in session. The food truck will participate in Food Truck Friday at WKYC in Cleveland on Friday, August 23. Look for our food truck at area events this fall.

Career Tech: Business Management

Students in the business management program competed in regional competitions in April. Three companies in Hoover's business management program competed, and each company won prize money in at least one of these competitions. In fact, one company, Simple Starters, earned the privilege of qualifying for a national competition through Junior Achievement (JA). Five student leaders from Simple Starters will travel to Washington, D.C., from June 17-20 to compete in the National Student Leadership Summit. Student companies from the business management class have qualified for this distinguished honor each of the last five years. Only 15 companies nationwide are selected to participate in this event. Last year Beelieve, a Hoover JA Company, was selected as the National Junior Achievement Company of the Year.

Missing Purse discovered Six Decades later



One morning North Canton Middle School custodian Chas Pyle heard a loud noise in a side hallway by the gymnasium. When he investigated the sound, he discovered that a piece of metal trim that covers a narrow opening between a set of lockers and the wall had become detached and fallen to the floor with a loud clang. As Pyle worked to reattach the trim, he noticed a red object at the bottom of the narrow opening, a purse covered with about six inches of dust. Pyle believes that since the building was opened in 1957, some of the trim may not have yet been attached, and the purse could have fallen off the locker down into the narrow crevice. He pulled out the red clutch purse and carried it to the office where he and a few secretaries opened it. To their surprise, the purse contained a wallet with a student identification card dated 1957 as well as ticket stubs and athletic schedules for the 1956-57 school year. The owner of the purse was identified as Patti Rumfola, a 1960 Hoover alumna. The investigation to locate Patti began, and the district posted about the find on Facebook. One person shared Patti (Rumfola) Michele's obituary from 2013. A classmate, Sally Krum Roden told us that she and Patti performed in the Hi-Lows together, and she called Patti "one of the sweetest girls I've known. Everyone loved her. She had a beautiful character."

Career Tech: Project Lead the Way



Hoover High School participates in a program called Project Lead the Way (PLTW). Hoover offers PLTW courses in biomedical sciences and engineering. Students can take a variety of coursework with this curriculum. Last school year, PLTW began offering an award for high schools that have students who have excelled with this curriculum. Hoover is one of two high schools in

the state of Ohio that has won this Distinguished High School award two years in a row To meet this criteria, schools must qualify by:

- Offering at least three PLTW courses;
- Having 25 percent of students or more participate in PLTW courses, or of those who participated in PLTW, at least 33 percent took two or more PLTW courses during their high school tenure; and
- Having 70 percent of students or more earn a proficient or higher on PLTW End-of-Course Assessments.

Hoover is proud of our students who have performed so well, and of our teachers who spend hours tailoring this curriculum specifically for their students.

Career Tech: Medical Technologies

Every senior in Hoover's medical technologies program takes the State Tested Nurse Aide (STNA) licensing exam, which involves a written exam and a rigorous performance test. Hoover had a 100% passage rate this year, which means that every senior in the program could work as an STNA during the spring semester. Many of the students



went into the field and gained valuable experience while earning a higher than minimum wage rate of pay. Some of these students have continued to work into the summer months which allow them to save up for college or continue their training for future careers.

One of Patti's close friends, Marilyn Riehl, said "We were very lucky. We had a good childhood. We spent a lot of time together. We were always laughing and carrying on. We weren't afraid to laugh at ourselves." She said Patti never mentioned losing a purse, but she would only have carried the clutch purse for special events such as a dance or dressy function, not for daily use.

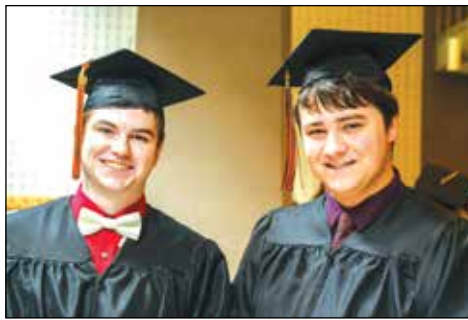


Patti Rumfola

Because the obituary listed her five children, the search for them began, a search that would give them a small glimpse into the life of their mother as a sophomore in high school. Through social media, we were able to locate one daughter, Stephanie. She was incredulous that a purse lost for sixty years was found. The purse and contents arrived a few days later, and her daughter wrote, "I cannot THANK YOU enough . . . We really appreciate all the care and effort you and others have put into this. It truly is a snapshot of life of the average socially involved teenager. My sister and I were looking through everything and we agreed that Mom would have been SO excited if she could see all of this. Would have made her smile so hard to know this had been found and reminisce about a day in the life of her old self."

Building News

Hoover Commencement June 2, 2019
Canton Memorial Civic Center



Top Colleges for the Class of 2019:

Top Majors for the Class of 2019:

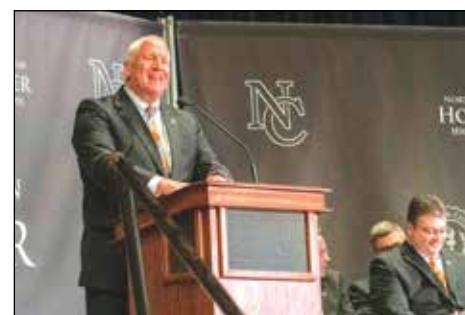
1. Kent State University
2. The University of Akron
3. The Ohio State University
4. Ohio University
5. Stark State College

1. Business-related field
2. Nursing
3. Science (Biology, Chemistry)
4. Engineering
5. Education

In the Class of 2019, 321 are planning on attending a four-year college, 18 are planning on attending a two-year college, 20 are planning on pursuing a trade school/apprenticeship and 19 are planning on entering the workforce or the military.

“Look around at the teachers that inspire you, the parents that believe in you, the friends that encourage you, and the classmates that always inspire you to be your best. The impact we have had on each other is astounding to say the least.”

ISHIKA MAHAJAN , SUMMA ACADEMIC SPEAKER



Seal of Biliteracy



The Seal of Biliteracy has only been awarded in Ohio for the past two years. In that period, Hoover has had 42 Spanish, one French and three German students earn this honor. Language Department Chair Lindsay Johnson says the test results are used to improve classroom instruction, “We use the data to strengthen and modify our teaching methods and it has created great discussion in in-class activities that are most helpful in different areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening.”

Seniors receiving the Seal of Biliteracy in 2019

In German: Grace Grissett
 In Spanish: Lily Bair, Bobby Crawford, Shiv Dewan, Hallie Hunt, McKenzie Ile, Logan Martens, Ceila Martin, Logan McNutt, Ashton ORosa, Taylor Rothman, Maya Sanchez-Strauss, Meg Stokey, Brooke Stout, Cassidy Wendell, Moriah Wood and Parker Timken.

Juniors receiving the Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish in 2019

Ryan Christensen, Maiori Conrad, Kaylee Corruthers, Logan Corbit, Caylee Croskey, Jack Earvin, John Evans, Amy Getz, Bella Hayward, Alexis Hogsed, Cade Houston, Catherine Kish, Sarah Kocher, Jonah McCartney, Alex McCoy, Kyle Morgan, Sydney Morrison, Ricky Park, Kevin Reed, Lauren Roncon, Pedro Tula and Pasindu Wanigarathne.

Logan Martens named “Teen of the Year”



The Canton Repository “Teens of the Month” were honored at the Education Honors Banquet held at Skyland Pines Event Center. Out of the 18 outstanding seniors, two were selected as “Teens of the Year.” The male student was Logan Martens, a senior at Hoover High School. The female student was Averii Allison of Canton McKinley High School. Martens and Allison were selected by the members of the Canton Repository’s Teen Board, all of whom are represent each Stark County High School. Hoover’s Teen Board representative was Anika Krishna. Other “Teens of the Month” from Hoover High School were Zachary Oatley, Sachi Chaudhari, Joe Jocas, Shiv Dewan and Hallie Hunt.

**Watch
 “The State of the Schools 2019”
 on
 the North Canton City Schools
 YouTube channel.**

Sixth-grade ChickQuest 2019

In 2018 the sixth-grade North Canton Middle School science teachers, Sara Steigerwald, Sarah Clouse and Anne Aston, attended "Chick Quest" during a professional learning day.

ChickQuest is a Science Alive 4-H School Enrichment Program sponsored by the Ohio Soybean Council that challenges youth to use science, technology, engineering, and math skills to investigate the life cycle of an embryonic chicken egg. As a result, our sixth-grade sciences classes ended the school year by going on a journey through the lifestyle of chickens! This unit began with students waiting patiently while the embryos in the eggs developed in incubators located in the science classrooms. The students monitored temperature and humidity levels daily. Then, the hatching of a live chick was videotaped and put on Schoology for all to observe. A brooding habitat was set up in each classroom so students could observe, research, and learn more about Animal Body Systems and compare those to the other Kingdoms of Life they had been studying. Over a four-week period of time, the students observed and cared for the chicks.



These lively activities encouraged our students to collaborate and communicate while providing them with an unforgettable experience. The focus of this project was to develop an understanding that all living organisms, at all levels of development, demonstrate the eight characteristics of life. The learned about the levels of "organization" within organisms: cells, tissues, organs & systems and the diverse body plans that contribute to their survival. This was a great way to end our year as all students enjoyed watching the celebration of the life cycle!

PBIS Rewards Program

For the 2019-2020 school year, North Canton Middle School will be implementing a school-wide, positive behavior reward system. By implementing a school-wide approach, all stakeholders will be able to approach rewarding students for positive behavior within a unified system without diminishing teacher autonomy. Using either the browser-based version or the mobile app, teachers and administrators may award points to individual students, groups of students and staff members seamlessly, as the program tracks and compiles individual point totals. Students will then have the opportunity to use their points within the school store to obtain items or specific opportunities as a benefit to their positive behavior. School and program administrators will have the ability to analyze school reports to identify trends based on points awarded, and to better support the program overall.

By using a school-wide approach, North Canton Middle School will have a greater capacity to celebrate the performance of students across all grade levels and teams, while infusing the district values of Respect, Grit, Relationships and Integrity.

Northwood Students consider Summer Safety

Following the bike safety presentation from Aultman, students in Christine Victor's class at Northwood read lots of fiction and non-fiction, including *Scholastic News Magazines*, on safety. The class watched the animated version of Officer Buckle and Gloria and did a jigsaw activity where small groups of students looked at books and discussed safety at the pool, the park, campgrounds and in outdoor activities such as hiking and biking. Each group became the experts on the problems that may occur, and the students shared a set of safety tips to help avoid trouble. After making a list of all the safety tips, the students chose one topic and created a poster.

Where Everyone Belongs (WEB)



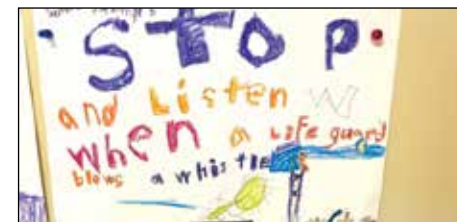
North Canton Middle School's first year of WEB was a success! WEB is an orientation program for our incoming sixth-grade students. It is a mentoring program that provides eighth-grade mentors to sixth-grade students. The eighth-grade students complete a selection process to become a mentor and spend several hours during the summer training. We were excited to have our new WEB mentors for the 2019-2020 school year lead the tours for our fifth-grade students when they visited NCMS in May. The first day of school for sixth grade (August 20) will have them go through the various team building activities in the WEB program, as well as getting to know each other better as two buildings combine into one. This program is important for the transition to middle school to help relieve the anxiety that may occur, and sixth-graders are supported with an older peer as a mentor.

End of Year Celebrations for Eighth-graders

Eighth-grade students celebrated the end of their middle school years with a dance sponsored by the NCMS Student Leadership Council (SLC). The theme for the evening was Black and White. Mrs. Bourlas and Miss Clouse (SLC advisors) along with the SLC students transformed the gym into a dance floor. Students also enjoyed a photobooth and yard games (cornhole, Jenga) set up in the gym. The students had a blast dancing the night away!



On the last day of school, a recognition program honored the academic, athletic, and artistic accomplishments of students. The top academic awards, The Presidential Award for Educational Excellence and The Presidential Award for Educational Achievement are signed by Principal David Eby; Secretary of the United States Department of Education, Betsy DeVos; and President Trump. There were 131 students that received the Excellence Award while 84 students received the Achievement award. Students also received awards for the Artist of the Year and top World Language students, American Citizenship Award, participation in Social Justice, Academic Challenge, WEB, MathCounts, Viking Teen Ambassador, Spelling Bee, and Geography. Two female and two male students received the Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award and National Federations of High Schools (NFHS) Awards of Excellence. Congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 2023.



Class of 2032 ready for Kindergarten

Preschoolers from the Mary L. Evans Early Childhood Center enjoyed a graduation on the last day of school, and the teachers of the ECC have prepared them well for the next step in their educational career.



Early Childhood Center Preschoolers perform above Stark County Averages

Did you know that our very own preschool, the Mary L. Evans Early Childhood Center, has over 120 students, and that 64 of them will transition to either Clearmount or Northwood Elementary next school year? Recently, our preschool teachers administered to those 64 students an assessment of skills that research has shown are helpful in order to experience a successful start to Kindergarten. Below you can see how the 64 North Canton preschool students compared to the group of 2,512 such students in Stark County who were administered the same skills assessment. Special thanks to the Stark Education Partnership for funding the administration of these assessments across Stark County and to the Early Childhood Resource Center and State Support Team 9 for providing guidance to teachers in the process. Lastly, thanks to our ECC preschool teachers for what they do every day with our preschoolers!

Domain	Description	% Students On-Track in North Canton	% Students On-Track in Stark County
Approaches Toward Learning	Children work/play independently, follow classroom rules and participate in group settings.	84%	80%
Social Emotional Development	Children develop appropriate social skills and self-regulation. Students understand emotions and manage changes and conflict.	86%	72%
Language & Literacy Development	Communication and literacy skills form the foundation for reading, writing, and understanding texts.	67%	47%
Cognition & General Knowledge	Children develop a number sense (counting, comparing & sorting). Children also know shapes, colors, and can find solutions to problems.	73%	63%
Physical Health & Motor Development	Children develop large motor skills for movement; fine skills help with pencil grip and scissor use. Students also learn self-care and hygiene.	83%	88%



The Art and Science of Reading Instruction at Clearmount Elementary

Matt Ile, Clearmount Principal

As we enjoy these summer months, the Clearmount staff wishes to thank our entire community for making the education of our children a priority. The long standing traditions of academic excellence in our community and a completely committed staff at all levels creates an incredible recipe for success that is sustainable across generations.

When it comes to reading instruction, one might argue our teaching truly is an art form. Our teachers are extremely creative and passionate; two attributes of every artist. With real time instructional data now at our fingertips, our teachers look at reading success much like an engineer would measure a successful project in any scientific field. Our children are so much more than numbers on a spreadsheet to be analyzed though. Educating children today requires the skills found in both the most rigorous of science fields as well as the beautiful creations found in the arts. It most definitely is an exciting time in the field of education!

North Canton City School children in kindergarten and first grades are assessed three times a year using MAP for primary grades. A K-2 diagnostic assessment, we use the data received to measure growth in early reading and make predictions for future reading success. Teachers analyze this data, comparing it to formative feedback during classroom instruction. Instructional decisions are made at the individual level and appropriate interventions are deployed.

This year, 97% of Clearmount kindergarten students met their end of the year growth targets set by the district, and 97% of first-graders met the Ohio Department of Education's target goal to be considered on track in reading. Our second-graders take the grades 2 - 5 reading assessment. The test is designed to assess reading growth for children through fifth grade, and 89% of our second-graders met their growth targets.

At Clearmount, we will not be satisfied until 100% of our students are completely successful. Extensive research, daily collaboration and study as well as ongoing professional development continues. As a community, we take great pride in our many successes. Our staff is fully committed to ensuring ALL children have the foundational knowledge and skills to be successful in any academic course or future career path. A strong reading foundation is the key component. Our future success for ALL students starts at the primary level of instruction. Thank you for your support of the work we do at Clearmount. We are a professional learning community.

Three days of *Epic* Fun with the Library

JULY 11
at 6 p.m.

JULY 12
at DUSK

JULY 13
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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AT THE LIBRARY

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THE LOCKE BOYS
AND THE
CHEEZYLICIOUS
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IN WITWER PARK
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THE MIDDLE AGES:
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HOW THEY FOUGHT
WHAT THEY WORE
... AND MORE!

MEDIEVAL STORY TIME
FOR CHILDREN AGES 2-6
AT 10 A.M.

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Right to Read Week

Clearmount and Northwood Elementary Schools inspire student readers with unique activities that show them that reading is indeed fun. Clearmount second-graders had the opportunity to show off their reading skills to a special guest. Every child had a friend or family member come to school to surprise them and enjoy good books as well as a few treats that were provided by second-grade families. Guests left simply amazed at how well the second-graders at



Clearmount can read. Some children even shared their own published work. Needless to say, the children were very proud to share their accomplishments with loved ones. The week ended with three Sunshine Therapy dogs and their owners visiting with the children.

Northwood Elementary students enjoyed two weeks

of Right to Read activities with guest readers such as former Northwood Principal Benny Griffiths and former Superintendent and current Board of Education Member Dr. Bob Roden, and spirit days, culminating with the annual Character Parade.




Kindergarten Career Day at Clearmount and Northwood



Northwood Elementary held its second annual Kindergarten Career Day, May 16th. Speakers included Joshua Miller of Goodyear Blimp, Airship Operations; Jacquelyn Miller, a Laboratory Scientist; Lauren Farmer and Abby, Dance teachers, owner, and costume design from On Pointe Arts, dance teachers, owner, and costume design; Cory Kessler, a pilot; and Lisa and Alan Frank, owners of SOL Pie Pizza.

Clearmount students listened to Dr. Troy Larson from The Veterinary Wellness Center of North Canton and his Whippet, Chase, taught students about being a veterinarian. He even brought each student a bouffant and showed how to prepare for surgery. Other speakers included Mrs. Lauren Farmer, owner of On Pointe Arts Dance Studio; Mr. Michael Munoz, the Vice President of Youth Football and Character Development at the Pro Football Hall of Fame; and Regina Donovan and her team of designers from Little Tikes.

Marcia Martino
Fifth grade, intervention specialist, tutor
Orchard Hill Intermediate School, North Canton City Schools
— Nominated by Mary Lynne Zahler

"Martino is an absolute gem! Our 11-year-old daughter has severe dyslexia and has struggled in school since first grade. Martino has been her private tutor for the last few years and she actually makes our daughter WANT to read and LIKE learning. She says she wishes all her teachers would teach like Martino because she explains things so simply and easily, and also helps our daughter have the confidence she needs to keep trying progressively more difficult problems, books, writing and other academic work. Martino is kind, sweet and empathetic, and she also has a great understanding of students with learning disabilities and how to reach them where they are. Martino goes way above and beyond in her teaching and in her personal life, as well."

Marcia Martino "an absolute gem"

Mrs. Marcia Martino was recently honored in Northeast Ohio Parent Magazine for her extraordinary work as a tutor for an Orchard Hill student. We appreciate Mrs. Martino and Mrs. Zahler's special praise of her work.

Orchard Hill Sensory Room

Shannon Morgner is the Emotional/Behavior Intervention Specialist at Orchard Hill Intermediate School. She works with students who qualify for Tier III Emotional and Behavior support in the district's Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) Program. Shannon, along with her former Orchard Hill Principal Renee Manse,



School Psychologist Heather Kuhns and District Behavior Specialist Sam Salswimmer, collaborated on writing an Endowment Grant and received \$700 to help fund the needed supplies and equipment for the sensory room. The equipment includes weighted balls, trampolines, a massage rocking chair, and other devices. The

sensory room was designed by Shannon Morgner in coordination with Denise Waldman, the district's occupational therapy director, to provide an environment which supports all students regardless of their ability, disability, emotional, academic or sensory needs aiding in gross and fine motor skills, de-escalation and a quiet academic space in which to work. Morgner also provides social and emotional lessons (SEL) for students who struggle in the areas of social anxiety, team/ group work, frustration and anger control using a district approved Zones of Regulation Curriculum. She explains that the sensory room has many benefits.

"Sensory rooms are unique in schools across the nation; however, districts and administrators are realizing the benefits of incorporating them into schools. Across the nation today's young population of students are dealing with increased amounts of trauma, anxiety and stress. Due to more recent inclusion and least restrictive laws, there is a definite demand in school systems for students with physical, sensory, and emotional needs. The room provides a safe, therapeutic place. Even students who do not qualify for special education services may need an occasional break from the high academic demands of today's classroom. North Canton City School District is blazing new trails with the latest resources to help young students."



Zoe wins Essay Contest



Zoe Wolfe, a fifth-grader at Orchard Hill Intermediate School, was one of ten students nationwide and only two in Ohio who won an essay contest sponsored by Scholastic Books and Major League Baseball. The theme of the contest was "Breaking Barriers: in Sports, in Life." The essays commemorated Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier 72 years ago. Zoe received books written and autographed by Jackie Robinson's daughter, "Breaking Barriers" t-shirts for her class, and a laptop computer. Zoe and the other winner, Rebekah Lane from Lake Center Christian School, were honored by the Cleveland Indians at a recent game.



Three Award-winning Poets at Orchard Hill

Three Orchard Hill students were winners in the Youth Poetry Cafe contest that was sponsored by the Stark County District Library. Each student received a journal as well as a certificate recognizing their achievements.

(L-R) Teacher Sarah Mallamaci, Mykala Lewis, Kaylynn Smith, and Kat Genevish

Orchard Hill "Sends off" Fifth-graders

Orchard Hill Intermediate celebrated the end of the 2018-19 school year with a variety of activities to acknowledge student accomplishments and look forward to new opportunities in the coming school year. The rising third-graders from Clearmount visited the building on May 17th where they chatted with the fourth-grade "upperclassmen" and met their new teachers. They toured the building, and had a chance to learn more about the daily routine at their new school. They reported back that the playground was their favorite stop on the tour, and they exited the building with a new cinch sack depicting the positive behavior expectations of their new school. The departing fifth-graders completed the year with a traditional awards ceremony followed by "The Amazing Race Into Sixth Grade," which was an awesome party hosted by fifth-grade parents. During the last few minutes of the school year, the fifth-graders were led by graduating seniors as they made their final walk through and around the school building. They were "sent off" by students, staff, and parents. As the Orchard Hill staff sheds a tear or two in memory of the exiting class, we look forward to new students coming in August.



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Carys Eynon, Luke Hillyer, Juliana Kreareas, and Parker Seeman



Danielle Fatigati, Carys Eynon, Addison Ile, and Mallory Stutzman



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Greentown fifth-graders earn PE awards

Students in Mrs. Fleishour's class were recognized for success in physical education.

Fifth-graders Scoring Advanced on Ohio Physical Education Assessments

Avery Allman, Addison Blanford, Stella Somers, Lauren Clark, Aydan Ricketts, Jillian Lakota, Alison Janson, Chayse Horning, Julia Frantz, Mason Lewis, Aiden Friedlein, Preston Coblentz, and Evan Fuller.

Fifth-grade Physical Education Awards

Coco Bender, Ryan Wilkinson, Josh DeVore, Reagann Dooley, Braden Cureton, Kayla Boylan, Bella Johnson, and Braiden Keim.

Battle of the Brush at Greentown

On Tuesday, May 7, Greentown Intermediate Art Teacher Denise Boyd, held a Battle of the Brush competition. It was a fun, friendly, family-oriented painting event where participants were given 60 minutes to paint one of three given themes and compete for prizes. It was an evening filled with the most creative ideas and the best artistic talents in North Canton. It was a battle to the finish!

First Place in the Celebration Category

Team Watts Family



First Place in the Beauty Category Team Brushmasters

Criss Family



First Place in the Love Category Team Art Attack

Burkett Family



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District Calendar for 2019-2020

August 2019						
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North Canton City Schools 2019-2020 Calendar

August
16 Staff Work Day
19 Convocation/Staff Meetings
20 First Student Day, Grades 1-6 & 9
21 First Student Day, Grades 7-8 & 10-12
26 First Day Kindergarten & Preschool
30 Staff In-service Day

September
2 Labor Day

October
2 P/T Conferences, HHS
3 P/T Conferences, NCMS
10 P/T Conferences, Greentown & O. Hill
14 Prof. Development Exchange Day
17 P/T Conferences, Greentown & O. Hill
24 P/T Conferences, Clearmont
25 End of 1st 9 Weeks
30 P/T Conferences, Clearmont

November
6 P/T Conferences, Northwood
7 P/T Conferences, ECC, NCMS, & HHS
14 P/T Conferences, ECC & Northwood
27 Conference Exchange Day
28-29 Thanksgiving Break

December
2 Conference Exchange Day
23-31 Winter Break

January
1-3 Winter Break
15 End of 2nd 9 weeks/1st Semester
16 Professional Learning Day
17 Staff Work Day
20 Martin Luther King Day

February
5 P/T Conferences, NCMS
6 P/T Conferences, GT, O. Hill, & HHS
14 Professional Learning Day
17 Presidents' Day
20 P/T Conferences, CL, GT, & O. Hill
26 P/T Conferences, Clearmont
27 P/T Conferences, ECC & HHS

March
3 P/T Conferences, NCMS
5 P/T Conferences, ECC
11 P/T Conferences, Northwood
19 P/T Conferences, Clearmont
20 End of 3rd 9 Weeks
23-27 Spring Break

April
10 Good Friday

May
25 Memorial Day
29 Last Student Day
End of 4th 9 weeks/2nd Semester

June
1 Staff Work Day

July
1 Staff Work Day

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- No School Students & Staff
- No School Students Only
- First & Last Student Day

	Student Days	Teacher Days
1 st 9 Weeks	46	50
2 nd 9 Weeks	44	48
3 rd 9 Weeks	42	43
4 th 9 Weeks	43	44
TOTAL	175	185

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Four Spring Student-Athletes qualified to State Competition



Four Hoover student-athletes qualified to state competition this spring. Two girls on the track team qualified in field events. Peyton Davis finished eleventh in the long jump (17' ¾") and Kelsey Kinsley finished seventh in the shot put (40 feet 2 inches).



The tennis doubles team of Jacob Wood and Matt Warburton lost in the first round to the defending champs from New Albany.

Eight Hoover Student-Athletes named "Best of Stark"

At the fourth annual Best of Stark Gala this spring, the "Best of Stark 2018-2019 Players of the Year" were announced. Eight Hoover High School student-athletes were recognized.



Parker Timken was named the Best in Girls Swimming as well as the Female Athlete of the Year.



One of the winners of the Zach Herrera Memorial Scholarship was **Michael Robinson**.



Boys Soccer
Aaron McFeaters



Girls Soccer
Lesley Kiesling



Girls Tennis
Laurel Utterback



Gymnastics
Madeline Berrey



Boys Tennis
Matt Warburton



Boys Lacrosse
Chandler Mittas

Junior-Senior Prom Court



The 2019 Hoover High School Junior-Senior Prom was held at LaPizzaria Saturday, May 25. King Colin Jenkins and Queen Lesley Kiesling reigned over the event. The MVP of the evening was Kim Cooksey, who is retiring this school year.

Resident to compete in Senior Olympics



You may have spotted Ray Russell in the field in front of Hoover High School as he practices to compete in the shot put, discus, and javelin at the Ohio Senior Olympics in Westerville, July 26. NCCS is always willing to allow local residents to use our outdoor facilities when possible. The district keeps the walking track at Memorial Stadium open from the spring through the fall, dawn to dusk for those interested in walking or jogging on the track. During the school year, residents are permitted to use the indoor-walking at Hoover High School by signing in at Door 1 in the front of the building. We are always appreciative of the support given to us by the North Canton community, and we try to return the favor at every opportunity. We wish Ray the best of luck.