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High School/Middle School.....	\$3.00
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Bravo!

This year, the Northwest High School Drama Department proudly presented the Broadway Classic *The Music Man* under the leadership of Mr. Conner Busby, director, and Mr. Chad Pittman, musical conductor.

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2021-22 NHS Speech & Debate Year in Review

Northwest High School's Speech & Debate team is preparing to close out its second full season. In the third year since its inception, the team continues to celebrate a multitude of firsts. Under the leadership of head coach Mr. Rick Woods and assistant coaches Ms. Lori Brown and Mr. Stephen Imler, the team has 22 active members who, combined, competed in more than 20 tournaments this season. Competing in the most competitive region in the State of Ohio, the team won accolades week after week with consistent top novice honors, top 10 performances, and steady improvement from every team member.

On February 8, Team Captain **Mary Paydock** became the first National Speech and Debate Association *Academic All American* in school history. She joins the ranks of Interscholastic Speech & Debate elite with less than 1% of all competitors receiving this high honor!

On March 4-5, we sent six Northwest competitors to the State Tournament: **Mary Paydock** – Semi-Finalist, **Abigail Meighen** – Quarter-Finalist, **Carson Fox** – Quarter-Finalist, **Abbie Thomas**, **Paige Owsiany**, and **Jacob Coleman**.



Mary Paydock

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**Bravo to
the Cast
and Crew of
Music Man
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Superintendent's Message

Greetings to all!

As a district, we are committed to improving everything we do to ensure that we are maximizing our efforts to impact student learning in the most positive way possible. As Superintendent, I am keenly aware that we must model and live this commitment from the district level. Through positivity and intentional planning with our students, faculty, staff, parents, and leaders throughout the community, we will become a stronger and more efficient school system. These steps taken will encourage us to live this commitment and have the greatest positive impact on our learners.



Over the last two months, we participated in an assessment in partnership with the Impact Group. Our meetings with school board members, faculty and staff, and parents gave us the opportunity to collect feedback on our strengths and weaknesses. We also focused on the things we are doing well and we discussed the obstacles that can impede us; while we have much work to be done, we are confidently headed in the right direction.

We are very committed to continuous improvement and holding ourselves accountable with resources to support student-centered decisions. We really do have caring, committed adults throughout all of Northwest who believe in our children and believe in the work that needs to be done to ensure all learners grow and achieve. This includes all of our teachers, tutors, aides, librarians, secretaries, custodians, cooks, and our bus drivers! Everyone is involved in helping our students become better versions of who they already are. We strive toward strengthening our partnership with parents and the community to ensure that we meet and exceed every goal.

We are quickly heading into spring; the school year has flown by so quickly!

Title I/IDEA-B Flow Thru Notification

The Northwest Local School District receives notification of their entitlement of federal funds allocated in accordance with the Title I/Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Public Law 92-142. Utilization of the funds is designated to provide services and programs for disabled students. Person who wish to comment on how to utilize these designated funds are welcome and encouraged to contact Debora Clark, Director of Instruction, at 2309 Locust Street, S, Canal Fulton, OH 44614. The phone number is (330) 854-2292.

The Music Man was produced to high acclaim! Our kids in the play performed at such high levels, I can't get the songs out of my head! Speech and Debate have also done an excellent job! We have had an amazing winter with both basketball teams and the wrestling team. Girls Varsity basketball, Freshman Boys basketball, and the Middle School Girls basketball teams were all PAC Champions! Stinson's STEM program presented at our last school board meeting. The students showed tremendous poise. Our band and choirs both participated in OMEA Contest and earned superior ratings! So many great things happening here! The list of accomplishments goes on and on. We can't wait to see what's in store this spring.

I am so proud and honored to be a part of the Northwest School District. I look forward to working with all of you for years to come!

As always, if you have questions or concerns on anything related to our school district, call me when you are able to do so. You can reach me any time at 330-573-9024.

Thank You!

Shawn Braman, Ed.D.

New Treasurer, Stef Fakelis

The Northwest family welcomes Stef Fakelis as the new treasurer for our district. Prior to coming to Northwest Local, she worked in Stark County government for over twenty years in the County Auditor's office and at Stark County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery. She is excited to be at Northwest Local Schools to help the district with accounting and finance to assure that funds are used for the greatest benefit of the students and staff. "It has been wonderful so far learning the district operations and meeting all of the individuals across the district." Mrs. Fakelis resides in Canton with her family, which includes one son who is a sophomore at GlenOak. Welcome, Stef!



Stephen Imler Awarded

Congratulations to Stephen Imler for being selected as Northwest's Rookie Teacher of the year! Mr. Imler's impact on the high school band program was felt immediately upon his arrival last year. His infectious positive energy and his talent for teaching music sent our band numbers soaring from the moment he entered the building, and it hasn't stopped since! Very well deserved!



Curriculum News

K-12 Math Textbook Adoption

During the current academic year, Northwest is reviewing K-12 Math materials with the intent of purchasing new materials for use in the upcoming school year. The materials being considered for adoption will be available in April 10th through May 20th at the Central Office for parents and community members who would like to review them. If you wish to review these materials, please contact the Central Office to schedule an appointment. Please direct any questions or concerns regarding the materials to Debora Clark at the Central Office (330) 854-2292.

McKinney-Vento Act

It is the policy of Northwest Local School District to enroll, educate, and not segregate or stigmatize children on the basis of their status as homeless. Debora Clark is the Northwest Local School's Homeless Liaison and can be reached at (330) 854-2292. Any person suspecting a child is homeless should notify Miss Clark to ensure that homeless children enroll in school and have the opportunity to succeed academically.

Title I Evaluation

Each spring, parent and teachers evaluate the Title I program. Comments and input from both are used as plans are made for services the following school year. If your child is not receiving services or you would like to provide input on the Title I program, please complete the survey that is available in all school offices or contact Debora Clark, Director of Instruction, at 2309 Locust Street, Canal Fulton, OH 44614. The phone number is (330) 854-2292. Surveys may be returned to any Northwest School Office or the Central Office.



IT'S TIME TO JOIN THE Y!
At the Y, you'll find more than just a place to work out. With opportunities to connect with neighbors and give back to your community, you'll discover a greater sense of purpose, too.

Membership
info:



Swim Lesson
info:



Or give the Schalmo YMCA a call at:
(330) 970-0123

976 Canal St S, Canal Fulton, OH 44614

Kindergarten Registration

To be eligible for kindergarten in the fall of 2022, your child must be five on or before August 1.

The online registration link will be available Monday, January 17, 2022 through Friday, April 8, 2022 on the district website.

A computer station will be available at the Central Office for those individuals who do not have online access in their homes.

Copies of the following documents must be brought to Central Office by 5:00 p.m. on April 15, 2022 to complete the online registration process:

- ✓ Birth certificate
- ✓ Proof of residency (2 forms required - utility bill and a rental agreement or mortgage statement)

- ✓ Child's social security number
- ✓ Parent's Photo ID
- ✓ Immunization record
- ✓ Custody papers (if applicable)

Please contact Megan Moore at Central Office with questions regarding registration: (330) 854-2292 or moore.m@northwest.sparcc.org.



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Kindness Week



ENTER TO LEARN

LEAVE TO SERVE

Former principal Steve Jones purchased the sign that students see every day when they enter and leave the building: “Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve.” It is a daily reminder that kindness is not simply a “theme week,” but a civic responsibility. Teachers and staff aim to instill an “attitude of gratitude,” stressing the value of students sharing their time, talents, and resources. Even our youngest students learn the joys of service. Northwest Primary students make Christmas cards for nursing homes, donate canned foods and toiletries for our local Community Outreach, participate in Veterans Day recognitions, and collect items to benefit One of a Kind Pet Rescue. A favorite fundraiser for students is bringing in change for Kiss the Pig. This money is given back to the community in several ways, including Bountiful Gifts, the Wounded Warrior Project, and Akron Children’s Hospital.

Stinson Elementary volunteers annually to be Change Makers for “Have a Heart, Do Your Part” benefiting Akron Children’s Hospital. Stinson students have been raising money for this worthy cause for the past 15 years. This year’s art classes also found a creative way to give back. Students made over 300 artwork placemats for patient trays at Aultman Hospital to brighten patients’ days during the winter holiday season. Stinson students also contribute to food drives, toiletry drives, and supply drives yearly.

This year, the students of Northwest Middle School collected an abundance of items for the Care Closet. Their collection was so successful, they were able to donate items to each building in the district to benefit students in need. They also collect money and supplies for One of a Kind Pet Rescue and hold food drives annually. This year, several students made and delivered holiday cards to area nursing homes.

Northwest High School students are also perpetually serving. Members of Student Council, National Honor Society, and Interact Club serve the students and staff at school as well as the community at large. Members of Interact Club write notes of encouragement and offer tokens of appreciation to high school staff members to brighten their day. In the community, they volunteer at the Senior Center, including serving monthly at the Swiss Steak dinners. They recently donated 40 hand-made dog toys to One of a Kind Pet Rescue in partnership with the Social Justice and Leadership Committees. Speech and Debate also recently donated two vacuums to this worthy cause. Interact Club is also partnering with Spanish teacher, Megan Brady, and her family to make blankets for Refuge of Hope Homeless Ministry. The group hopes to supply enough blankets for the needs of the 40 men currently sheltered there. Interact is also planning a towel drive for Refuge of Hope. They will be collecting new or gently used towels and hygiene products for the shelter. The club members previously built and planted garden boxes at Refuge of Hope, and they will return in the spring to plant new vegetable gardens. Interact also aims to help on a global scale. The club is spearheading an initiative to inform and educate the Northwest community about Human Trafficking. They are designing bracelets to raise funds for Safe Harbor, show support, and spread awareness about this global crisis. National Honor Society members also serve the school and their community. During the holiday season, they wrapped gifts at SPJ, delivered candy canes, and initiated a Letter to Santa program. They head the recycling program at the high school, serve as teachers’ aids and peer tutors, and they will be reading to students at the Primary soon! As part of the Adopt-a-Trail program with Stark Parks, NHS has adopted 2 miles of the Towpath Trail. They collect trash and check general maintenance of the trail four times per year. Student Council members organize four annual blood drives; this year’s last drive will be held April 27th. They have donated much-needed blood and have reached their goal of six \$500 scholarships for Northwest students, with possibly two more on the way! They also organize SWORD (Senior Work Outreach Day), a tradition that marks the end of their senior year and is a final reminder that seniors truly are leaving the high school to serve.

We are so proud of our students who serve others in countless ways. The aforementioned activities are merely a sampling of their many acts of kindness, generosity, and service.



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Northwest High School

Speech & Debate continued from page 1

At the State Tournament, Mary Paydock was selected from the 184 top Congressional Debaters in the state to be honored with the Christian Science Monitor's Award for "Critical Thinking in Congressional Debate," a scholarship awarded to only one Congressional Debater each year.

Congratulations to our six placers at the OSDA Virtual State Tournament on March 12. Northwest High School has three OSDA VIRTUAL STATE CHAMPIONS: **Kaylee Turley** - *State Champion* - Program Oral Interpretation, **Candace Doubet** and **Tamia Clark-Akers** - *State Champions* - DUO, **Will Campbell** - *State Champion* - Humorous Interpretation, **Paige Owsiany** - third - Original Oratory, **Carson Fox** - third - Congressional Debate, and **Charolette Knicely** - fourth - Humorous Interpretation.

Regardless of trophies, certificates, and accolades, our team continues to be recognized as a model of character and class. They work hard to support one another in celebrating victories big and small and are developing essential skills for life! Mr. Woods is incredibly proud to have this exceptional group of young people representing his program, and our school and is very excited to see what the future holds for this young, hard-working, and eager team.



Academic Challenge

After a year of only competing virtually, the Northwest Academic Challenge Team was finally able to travel and resume in-person matches. Northwest finished second in the league tournament on February 7. The Academic Challenge Competition Team consists of the following members: Senior and Captain **Brady Aneshansel**; Seniors **Mary Paydock**, **Colin Sokolowski**, and **William Campbell**; Junior **Connor Kilkenny**, and Sophomores **Kenna Trent** and **Jessica Aneshansel**. On February 22, three of our senior members, Brady, Mary, and Colin, were invited to compete on TV for the News 5 Nordson Academic Challenge.



Symphonic Band



Solo and ensemble participants.



Singing Vals



Singing Vals

Instrumental and Vocal Programs continue to Impress and Expand!

The Northwest music program has also found new ways to showcase student talent. The band recently added a rock band ensemble that performs at home basketball games as well as other performances. The jazz ensemble program has also restarted. As a special treat, the choir's *A CaFellas* ensemble presented singing ValenTUNES across the district on February 14th. Members meet twice a week after school, specializing in barbershop and other modern/classic music. Thank you to **Nathan Amiot**, **Luke Bahl**, **Logan Carnes**, **Parker Clark**, **Tim Critchlow**, **Robbie Matisak**, **Sam McMullen**, **Kyle Shoaf**, **Wesley Weygandt**, and **Ben Zink** for spreading cheer to classrooms and raising funds for the choral department.

On December 29, select students participated in the Ohio Music Education Association adjudicated Solo and Ensemble event held at Massillon Washington High School, walking away with many superior ratings. Band soloists included **William Campbell**, **Mary Paydock**, **Dominic Nichols**, **Carson Fox**, **Kari Hiner**, **September Forbis**, **Charolette Knicely**, **Jessica Aneshansel**, and **Emily Villers**. A special congratulations to **Mary Paydock** who was selected to perform in the OMEA Honor Band. Being selected to perform in this audition-based ensemble is a very impressive accomplishment. Representing the choir, vocal soloists included **Ben Zink**, **Wesley Weygandt**, **Brady Aneshansel**, **Lacey Bibbee**, **Ben Ricker**, and **Brendan Glauthier**.

In March, band and choir students participated in the District 8 Ohio Music Education Association Contest. All three of our choirs (Chorale, Men's Chorus, Women's Chorus—almost 100 students) earned superior ratings of 1, the highest honor possible at this sophisticated competition. Northwest Symphonic Band also earned a superior rating at large group contest and will be going to the state contest at the end of April.

Congratulations to our music department for representing Northwest with pride, talent, and distinction!

Students of the Month

Each month, four students (one from each grade) are selected as Students of the Month. Each month holds a different theme. Students are featured on Mr. Tausch's Twitter, the *Northwest News*, the announcements, and on a bulletin board in the Commons. They will also be given a premium parking spot in the front and a gift card for free drinks at the café.

Congratulations to the "Balanced" February Students of the Month

A **balanced** student is one who strongly understands the importance of balancing different aspects of their lives—intellectual, physical, and emotional—to achieve wellbeing for themselves and others. They not only recognize their interdependence with other people but also with the world in which they live.



Audrey Hall
Freshman



Matt Crookston
Sophomore



Gianna Kuhn
Junior



Mary Paydock
Senior

Congratulations to the "Knowledgeable" March Students of the Month

A **knowledgeable** student is one who is developed in using conceptual understanding to explore knowledge across a range of disciplines. They also engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.



Jaxon Gohlike
Freshman



Kenna Trent
Sophomore



**Madita (Maddie)
Ittmann**
Junior



Olivia Ellis
Senior

High School Dates to Remember

APRIL

- 15-18 Easter Break – **No School**
- 21 Algebra/ Geometry State Test
- 26 US History/ Gov't State Test
- 27 Blood Drive
- 28 Biology State Test

MAY

- 1 Bands in a Round Concert.....5:00 pm
- 5 Cinco De Mayo Concert.....6:00 pm
- 9 Honors Banquet
- 7 Prom at La Pizzeria
- 13 Choir Spring Showcase.....7:30 pm
- 15 Senior Parade6:00 pm
- Senior Sunset.....7:00 pm
- 15 Band Quarter Auction 1:30-4:30 pm
- 16 Senior Walk.....1:00 pm
- 17-19 Senior Exams
- 20 SWORD
- 23 Mandatory Graduation practice..... 10:00 am
- 23 Commencement Ceremony.....7:00 pm
- 25-27 Exams for Underclassmen
- 27 **Last Student Day**



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The Music Man was full of big dance numbers, traditional large-scale set pieces, a barbershop quartet, and musical numbers that had our audiences singing well after curtain call. At its core, *The Music Man* is a story of transformation and self-revelation; our students also found themselves on their own journeys of transformation as they developed their characters, created lifelong friendships with their castmates, and dove into the story of Harold Hill and River City, Iowa. It was a whirlwind experience with endless joy showing on our cast members' and patrons' faces each night!

We could not be more thankful for all of the community support we received for this production. A special thank you to the following individuals for their time spent helping our students build this show: Loren Sundheimer (set builder), JJ Jones (choreographer), Jodie Amiot, James Welch, Northwest administration, Skipco Auto Auction (corporate sponsor), and all of our amazing theater parents for their help in making our students' performance weekend a celebratory one. Be on the lookout for next year's musical—we cannot wait to share our theater with you again!

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Athletics - The Season in Review

On the Court . . .



The **Northwest Girls Basketball Team** made Northwest proud as “3-peat” **PAC 7 Champions** under the leadership of Coach Kevin Lower: “We had a great group of student-athletes this past season. It was a pleasure coaching these ladies. They have left a lasting legacy for the Northwest Basketball Program.” The team finished their season with a 24-3 record, the most wins in a season, including a 14-game winning streak! They were District Champions, only the fifth time in school history. **Gianna Kuhn** set school record for most assists in a season, and **Lily Bottomley** set the school record for most points in a season. **Coach Kevin Lower** was awarded PAC 7 Coach of the Year and NE Inland Coach of the Year. **Lily Bottomley** was selected as PAC 7 Player of the Year and NE Inland District Player of the Year. **Ashley Cudnik** earned 1st team honors, and **Carly Spradling**, and **Gianna Kuhn** received Honorable Mention.

The **Northwest Boys Varsity Basketball Team** finished their season with an overall record of 11-12 and a record of 9-3 in the league, earning **2nd place in the PAC**. **Alex Goddard** earned 1st team All-League honors and **Ray Stokes** earned Honorable Mention in District 4 Awards. In the PAC 7, **Alex Goddard** and **Ray Stokes** earned First Team honors, **Chase Badger** earned Honorable Mention, and **Coach Mike Lower** was named Coach of the Year. Congratulations!

The **Freshman Boys Basketball Team** were **PAC 7 Champions**, finishing with a record of 10-3. The team won their final 6 games to defeat Orrville 63-47 in the finals to become “back to back” PAC 7 Champions. Congratulations to our freshmen athletes coached by Dave Cooper: “I am proud of the effort and sacrifice this group made to rally around each other at the end of the season. Each game we had someone willing to step up and lead the team on both ends of the floor. They placed the team above themselves and finished the season strong to achieve their goal.”



Jayla Smith signs her Letter of Intent to play soccer at Walsh University.

SIGNS



Jason Greenfield signs his Letter of Intent to play football at Ashland University.

The **eighth-grade Girls Basketball Team** demonstrated a tremendous work ethic and progressed all season. This group of girls were great leaders to the middle school program and created a winning culture. Under the direction of Coach Todd Barkan, the team finished the season with an overall record of 6-9 and a record of 6-6 in league competition.



The **eighth-grade Boys Basketball Team** finished their season with an overall record of 11-6 and a record of 9-5 in the league. The eighth-grade boys season came to an end with a semi-final loss to Manchester in the conference tournament. Congratulations to our eighth-grade athletes coached by Nate Haut.



The **seventh-grade Girls Basketball Team** were PAC 7 Champions for the first time since Northwest joined the league! The season ended with an overall record of 13-3, and a PAC league record of 11-1. The seventh-grade team consisted of ten girls, four of which were first-time basketball players. All ten contributed to the successful season. Alexandra Sharrer offensively led the team with nearly 10 points per game. Congratulations to the seventh grade team coached by Michelle Cudnik and assistant coaches Todd Barkan and Caroline Kuhn.

The **seventh-grade Boys Basketball Team** finished the season with an overall record of 11-6 and a record of 8-6 in the league. Their season ended with a loss to CVCA in the semi-finals of the PAC-7 tournament. Congratulations to our seventh-grade athletes coached by Kyle Luhning.



On the Mat . . .

It was everything new for the **Varsity Wrestling Team** this year: new uniforms, new coaches and a new attitude. Under the leadership of Coach Art Kallai, the season started with a complete overhaul of practice and expectations. Following a loss to Div I Jackson, the team finished 18th out of 24 teams at the Hudson tournament. The team went back to work, and up next was a split with Division I Massillon and Copley, followed by a sweep of New Philadelphia and Mogador. That lead to a 3-2 weekend at Woodridge to finish 6th at their tournament. The team competed at Marlinton and went 2-2 in duals. The team finished 7th out of 16 teams in the Green Tournament. Many wrestlers placed in this tournament, including **Bradyn Wolfe**, **Owen Gonzales**, **Ben Schilling**, **Cody Workinger**, **Brad Garber**, and **Cody Logan**. The success at Green set the Indians up for more success at Cuyahoga Falls where they went 3-0. Senior night at Northwest was a success but costly. The Indians split with close loss to Norton and a win against Doylestown. The Indians lost several athletes to injury for the remainder of the season. The Indians finished 2-6 in their remaining duals to finish the season with a 14-13 dual meet record. The Indians finished 5th at the PAC-7 tournament lead by Bradyn Wolfe's 1st place finish. Wolfe finished 4th in the league's wrestler of the year voting. Northwest hosted sectionals and finished 9th with 6 placers: **Bradyn Wolfe**, 2nd, **Cody Workinger**, 3rd, **Josh Faris** and **Ben Schilling**, 4th, and **Mason Gonzales** and **Owen Gonzales**, 6th. **Bradyn Wolfe**, **Josh Faris**, **Mason Gonzales**, and **Ben Schilling** were named to the Pac-7 All- Conference Team.

Northwest Middle School

Students of the Month

Each month, the middle school staff honors trustworthy, hardworking students who accept responsibility and do their work promptly and efficiently. These students respect authority and their peers, demonstrating honesty and fairness. They are dependable and often do more than is required of them. Congratulations to the Students of the Month!

January

Sixth Grade



Makenna Malcolm



Evann Garber

Seventh Grade



Mallory Echelberger



Landon Wenzel

Eighth Grade



Abby Tucker



Braden Malcolm



Sixth and Seventh Graders

Stark County Math Tournament

The Stark County Math Tournament was held on Saturday, March 5 at Massillon Washington High School. Approximately 734 students across Stark County competed in various categories including team problem solving, geometry and measurement, mental computation, number sense and algebra, and data analysis and probability. Thank you to our team coaches Pam Kurz, Tom Johnson, and Amber Clark, and the volunteers Ryan Brotherton, Lori Fisk, Ashley Harper, Krista Kieffer, Mary Beth Manns, Connie Master, Cheryl Nash, Rhonda Oser, Laurie Traganza, and Becca Wirfel who made this day possible for our students.



Seventh-Grade Team

Layla Affolter, Amelia Booth, Alex Ebersole, Adalie Horsfall, Natalie Kozlosky, Kaia Noble, Elijah Schreiner, and Elijah Timmons.

Special congratulations to the following seventh graders who placed at the tournament:

NUMBER SENSE

Elijah Schreiner - 8th place

MENTAL COMPUTATION

Adalie Horsfall - 8th place

ALGEBRA AND DATA PROBABILITY

Elijah Timmons - 7th place

ADVANCED ALGEBRA

Amelia Booth - 4th place

TEAM PROBLEM SOLVING

Layla Affolter, Natalie Kozlosky, and Kia Noble - 4th place



Sixth-Grade Team

Tim Bahl, Jaxon Barna, Hayden Elzholz, Jacob Gill, Jamisyn Gohlike, Reed Griner, Lily Hajek, Lena Henson, Ethan Hodovan, Nathan Hodovan, Clayton Kovacs, Chace Lewis, Rex Li, Tyler Richardson, and Gabe Schatzel.

Special congratulations to the following sixth graders who placed at the tournament:

NUMBER SENSE

Ethan Hodovan - 2nd place,

Lena Henson - 6th place

ALGEBRA, DATA PROBABILITY

Jacob Gill - 4th place

TEAM PROBLEM SOLVING

Chase Lewis, Jamisyn Gohlike, and Nathan Hodovan - 1st place

Congratulations to all who participated!

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for the Fifth Grade Team.

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Fifth Grade Math Tournament Team

Competing in the Stark County Math Tournament on March 5 in Massillon for the fifth grade: **Ben Blankenship, Brayden Boyle, Brady Cudnik, Calvin Fagerstrom, Isabella Galart, Grant Holbrook, Clara Horsfall, Lucy Lavoie, Mallory Lowe, William Marshall, Lucas Schanz, Aubrey Sheufler, Dekon Snyder, Jovie Timmons, and Jaden West.** (For more information on the tournament, see the full article on page 9.)

Special congratulations to the following fifth graders who placed at the tournament:

NUMBER SENSE

Grant Holbrook - 2nd place, **Aurey Sheufler** - 5th place

MENTAL COMPUTATION

Brayden Boyle - 4th place, **Jaden West** - 6th place

GEOMETRY/MEASUREMENT

Brady Cudnik - 2nd place, **Lucy LaVoie** - 3rd place, **Isabella Galart** - 5th place

ALGEBRA, DATA PROBABILITY

Lucas Schanz - 1st place, **William Marshall** - 2nd place

TEAM PROBLEM SOLVING

Clara Horsfall, Dekon Snyder, and Jovie Timmons - 4th place

Sharing Stories of Hope

During National Read Aloud Day, author Kelly Yang created a contest; she asked students worldwide to write a "Pandemic Story of HOPE." Students in Mrs. Lower's and Mrs. Kurz's classes have been reading Yang's novel, *Front Desk*, and decided to participate in her contest. Students submitted their stories and the classes voted on who they wanted to represent each class. Three stories were submitted from each class, and Kelly Yang chose those stories to be published on her website. We are so proud of our students who continue to read, who are inspired to share their stories, and who continue to look for hope when things aren't going their way. Congratulations to **Jovie Timmons, Logan Tirbovich, Xyair Akers, Ad'Mir Gordon, Brynlee McBenttes, and Ryan Ramsey** for representing Northwest! Check out their Stories of Hope at <https://www.kellyyang.com/pandemicstory/>.



James Tabellion and Grant Holbrook

Check Mate!

Stinson now has a Chess Club that meets once a week for six weeks after school - Tuesdays for fourth graders and Thursdays for fifth graders. Mrs. Lizbeth Wos is heading up this new club, and her husband and other teachers are helping out. Mrs. Wos is a life-long chess player, and she was on her high school's chess team back in the 1980s. The benefits of playing chess are numerous. The game improves concentration and memory, enhances reading and math skills, fosters critical thinking and problem-solving skills, and even promotes creativity. This is a great opportunity for students to learn how to play chess and to practice playing against other students.



Stinson State Testing

FIFTH GRADE

April 12 & 13 Math
April 26 & 27 Science

FOURTH GRADE

April 12 & 13 Math

THIRD GRADE

April 6 & 7 ELA
April 20 & 21 Math

SPELLING BEES

May 18 Fourth Grade
May 19 Fifth Grade

Northwest Primary



Family Science Night

Monday, February 28 was Family Science Night at Northwest Primary. It was an evening of science, snacks, and awards! Students were eager to share their work with their peers and families, answering questions about their project choices, their research process, and their learning outcomes.

Congratulations to the following participants: **Gracelyn Freeman** – Fossil Findings, **Whitleigh Holbrook** – Water Xylophone, **Amara Boyd** – Sink or Float?, **Cameron Davis** – Gummy Bear Project, **Zeddie Weininger** – Erupting Volcano, **Todd Erickson** – Self-Sustaining Growing Eco System, **Bentley Carter** – Lava Lamp, **Tristan Pfefferle** – Classifying Lake Erie Fish, **Elizabeth Rosenberger** – Can You Guess Ellie's Animal Facts?, **Phoenix Anderson** – Snow Volcano, **Ava Barnes** – Dinosaur Tracks, **Ella Barnes** – Density Experiment, **Sophia McConnell** – Mrs. Scribble McHibbers, **Patrick Johal** – Mix It Up, **Grayson Mayher** – Water Fireworks, **Adeline Novak** – The PH Scale: Is it an Acid or Base?, **Reece Holbrook** – Phases of the Moon, **Harper Mayher** – Rubber Egg, and **McKenzy Tucker** – Air Powered Rockets. Thank you to all students and parents for showcasing their hard work and creativity!



*Mrs. Leemaster
Her kindergarten class
raised \$247.12*



*Mrs. Vargas
Her first-grade class
raised \$593.83*



*Mrs. Keith
Her second-grade class
raised \$178.11*

Kiss the Pig

Kiss the Pig is definitely a fundraising tradition that students look forward to every year! Each classroom had a piggy bank, and students were encouraged to "feed" their piggy with change. Students raised a total of \$2,527.01 this year to benefit The Wounded Warriors Project, Bountiful Gifts, and Akron Children's Hospital. The event culminated in a Kiss the Pig assembly on February 11. Students got to pet the pig and watch the winning classroom teachers give it a kiss!

100 Days Smarter!

Kindergarteners celebrated the 100th Day of School on January 31. One of the State Standards is counting to 100, so students celebrated with a variety of activities from painting, to building, to fashion shows, and more! Most kindergarten classes made t-shirts at home with 100 things on them and showed them off at school. Students and teachers even did 100 exercises. Here's to being 100 days smarter, and counting!



Northwest Primary Dates to Remember

APRIL

15-18 Easter Break – **No School**
28 Parent/Teacher Conferences..... 3:45-5:45 pm

MAY

5 Kindergarten Screening Day
6 Last day for Reading Minutes
12 2nd Grade Munchin' with Mom..... 6:00 pm
27 **Last Student Day**

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August 2022						
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Northwest Local Schools 2022-23

August

15 Teacher Day – No School
16 First Student Day

September

2 Building Inservice - No School
5 Labor Day

October

10 Teacher Day – No School
14 End of 9 weeks (41 days)

November

23-25 Thanksgiving Break
28 No School

December

23-30 Christmas Break

January

2-4 Christmas Break
13 End of 9 weeks (52 days)
13 End of semester (93 days)
16 Martin Luther King Day

February

17 Waiver Day (No School)
20 Presidents Day

March

17 End of 9 weeks (43 days)

April

3-7 No School
10 No School

May

25 Last Student Day
25 End of 9 weeks (44 days)
25 End of semester (87 days)
26 Teacher Day- No School
29 Memorial Day

Calamity Day Make-Up Schedule:
1st Day – May 26, 2023 – consecutive weekdays as needed

- Teacher Day - No School for Students
- First & Last Student Day
- No School
- Teacher Exchange Day – No School

Student Days 180
Teacher Days 184

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