

# YOUR SCHOOLS

2016

Aurora City School District

## From the Superintendent

By PAT R. CICCANTELLI  
Superintendent of Schools



As we head through February it seems remarkable that we will soon finish the 3rd quarter of the school year and be looking forward to spring. It has been a calm winter and it makes me thankful to not have to battle the elements and to not have those early morning decisions as to whether to have a "snow day!"

I am continually amazed by the generosity of our students, staff and community. There have been so many examples of people from our school community providing financial support, and outreach to folks in need. Our students have an amazing heart for service and community outreach. This past spring they raised nearly \$3,000 to purchase a special bicycle for a young boy with a significant disability. In the fall numerous students raked leaves of residents who are elderly or physically unable to complete this job for themselves. This winter the HS raised over \$8,000 during the holidays and donated it to three charities, including a local family that has suffered significant hardships. Our high school French students provided a terrific service by reading a letter that was written in French acknowledging the heroic feats

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## AURORA SCHOOL DISTRICT SAVES \$514,000 IN ENERGY COSTS Earns National Environmental Excellence Award



The Aurora City School District has achieved significant savings in energy costs by consistently engaging in energy efficient behaviors and has earned national recognition as a result.

The Aurora City School District achieved a 22% cost savings totaling \$514,374 over a 39-month period. The Aurora Board of Education was presented with an Environmental Excellence Award on November 16, 2015 by the national energy conservation company, Cenergistic.

"Reaching this level of savings at this stage of the program is a significant achievement. The Aurora City School District has done an excellent job of implementing Cenergistic's organizational behavior-based approach to energy conservation and maintaining productive efforts at all levels of the organization. The administration and all staff members are to be commended for clearly fulfilling their commitment to being good stewards of the organization's

energy dollars and the environment," said Dr. William S. Spears, Chairman and Founder of Cenergistic.

Aurora Schools' Energy Specialist, Melissa Foster, tracks energy consumption — including electricity, water, sewer, natural gas and fuel oil — using energy-accounting software. She then compares current energy usage to a baseline period and calculates the amount of energy that would have been used had conservation and management practices not been implemented. By tracking consumption and analyzing energy use, she can quickly identify and correct areas that need immediate attention.

"Strong support from everyone involved in the organization has created an atmosphere of cooperation that should continue to grow and ensure even greater success well into the future," Dr. Spears said. "I am extremely pleased to present Aurora City School District with our Environmental Excellence Award."

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*Cenergistic representative John Lampas (center left) presents a certificate representing the \$514,000 saved by the district to Aurora City Schools' Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Operations, Sal Arquilla (left); Superintendent Pat Ciccantelli (center right); and Energy Specialist Melissa Foster (right)*

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## STAFF SPOTLIGHT



**SHAWN REILLY**

Harmon School Computer Technology Instructor, Shawn Reilly, is starting his 9th year working in the Aurora City School District. He currently teaches, 6th Grade Industrial Art Technology, 7th Grade Industrial Arts, 8th Grade Woodshop, and is the Tech Club advisor for all grades.

Prior to his employment in the district, Reilly worked for 27 years in different capacities at various print shops. His educational background includes a B.S. in Technology Education from Kent State University, which he explained, "it took [me] 13 years to earn my degree going part time while working full time."

Reilly said, "I feel very fortunate for getting a teaching job in Aurora City Schools. When I started my degree, a lot of school systems were dropping Technology Education from their curriculum to save money. I didn't know if after spending all this time getting my degree would even land me a teaching position in my field of study. Aurora is one of the few districts that know the importance of Technology Education in a child's education. My class is all about working out problems and finding solutions. There is plenty of failure happening in my classroom. Not everything goes as planned with their

ideas, just as in life. I believe we learn a lot when things don't go as planned. When we finally do succeed it has more meaning. In the end we realize it was worth all the effort. Hopefully the kids will learn that in my classroom."

In his 6th and 7th grade classrooms, Reilly teaches all problem/inquiry based learning. He explained, "The students are posed with a design problem and are given limited supplies with defined size limitations; they then solve it by making something. In the end we test it to see if it worked. In this process they are investigating, brainstorming, and designing their creation." Some of the 6th grade projects include making an aerodynamic Maglev car, making something out of paper that can be tested, ie: boats to race, egg drop containers, and Canstruction, where students design a structure out of canned goods that are voted on by the student body and then donated to the Aurora food shelter.

The 7th graders are challenged to make a Crash Test Car incorporating safety features in them using an egg to determine if it worked, and a Balsa

Tower to hold as much weight as possible.

His 8th grade classes take wood shop. They safely operate and use various tools and power equipment. One project consists of creating a Catapult/Trebuchet where students design and build a catapult or trebuchet out of wood to hit a target 30' away with a marshmallow. All of these classes are on a 6 week rotation with Art and Computer Tech.

Reilly added, "On occasion, a class or I will make something for a need in the district. A teacher or student may need something for their classroom, (Standing Desks, Stander, Elevated Light Table, Multi-sensory small space, etc.). These are real life problems. Some students have many challenges they face, often things we take for granted. If we/I can lighten their load in any way and take the burden off someone and try to make their lives easier and better, then I'm all in. When we/I come up with an idea and it works after repeated attempts; it's very gratifying. For me, there is nothing more rewarding than that."



## ELEMENTARY PARADES



*“Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail”*

*~ Ralph Waldo Emerson*



## YOUR SCHOOLS

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## WWII VETERAN'S STORY TRANSLATED BY AHS FRENCH STUDENTS



*Hook enjoyed lunch with the AHS French students*



*Hook and the French students who helped with his article translation*

Aurora City School District students were instrumental in helping an area WWII Veteran, Ken Hook, 93, translate an article that had been written about him in French. Hook, who currently resides at Independence Village in Aurora, struck up a friendship with another WWII Veteran employed there. Hook revealed that he had been a paratrooper during the war and had landed in France on D-Day. Three days later he was taken as a prisoner by the Germans and then held in captivity for thirteen months. During that time he survived abuse and starvation and was able to save many fellow prisoners.

The French people thought so highly of Hook, that a newspaper dedicated an article to his service, which detailed his heroic feats. As a result of the article, Hook was reunited with the helmet that he had lost during his D-Day landing. Unfortunately, Hook could not read the French language and therefore was unable to understand the article. A former student of Barb Cooks, who

knew the employee at Independence Village, contacted Cook for help in translating the article. Apparently, a translator the family found wanted a large sum of money for translating the article. Cook told her former student that the students in her French 4 and AP French classes were skilled enough to do the translation.

Cook explained, "We chunked the article and they worked on it together via Google Docs." Cook added, "The students said they really wanted to meet him [Hook] in person when we present[ed] it to him." Independence Village arranged a luncheon for Hook, his daughter Cheryl, and the other WWII veteran who also lives there. The students met Hook and had many questions for him. He opened up to the students and was willing to share more about his time spent overseas. According to Cook, "he [Mr. Hook] became emotional many times, especially [while] talking about being held by the Germans and he cried often. It was quite powerful for the kids to see and we learned from each other." To honor Hook, Harmon School Instructor Paul Frankmann laid a wreath in his name during the 8th grade Washington, D.C. trip last fall.

Below are some of the student impressions of this translation experience:

*"I really enjoyed translating the article about Mr. Hook; It made us feel like we were doing something really important, and it made me feel great that he was now able to read about the contributions he had when he wasn't able to before. I felt as though we were using our French knowledge for something very special."*

~ **Brittany Hawthorne**

*"Translating the article for Mr. Hook was one of the best experiences I have been a part of as a French student. The fact that choosing to learn a new language in school can provide such a rewarding experience is a true blessing."*

~ **Daniela Munoz**

*"Not only was this an enriching learning opportunity but it was also a great way to give back to a veteran in our community."*

~ **Emma Frankmann**

*"Hearing Mr. Hook's story gave us a unique look into the past and into, arguably, one of the most significant battles of the worst war in American history. It was an irreplaceable learning experience."*

~ **Natalie Briggs**

*"I enjoyed the experience immensely because each and every student worked hard to translate the article even though we received nothing in return but the satisfaction of knowing that our work was truly appreciated."*

~ **Apoorva Vallampati**

### DONUT DELIGHT

Aurora elementary school students started their morning with a delightful donut breakfast last November.



## Who's Who & What's New

The **LEIGHTON SCHOOL YEARBOOK COVER WINNERS** for the 2015-16 school year were: **REECE EMRICK** (Front Cover) and **EVAN FISHER, DIYA GEHLAUT, ALLEN KARLON, AVERY SCOTT** (Back Cover).



The **LEIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROBOTICS CLUB, INFINITY 318**, held a used battery drive in November. Boxes

were set up at each grade level hallway. What a great way to help our Earth. **Thank you for recycling!**

The **AURORA ROBOTICS** program and **EASTER SEALS** sponsored a "**FILL THE TRUCK**"



clothing drive in December 2015. They collected clothing, blankets, towels, shoes, purses, stuffed animals, cloth lunch boxes, and backpacks to raise funds for the Robotics program. Thank you to all who donated the items, all of which were reused, resold, or recycled.

**JEN SIMMERMAN**, along with **STEPHANIE DUNCAN**, and **NHS** kicked off the "Aurora For Others," campaign last holiday season in which they sponsor a dodge ball tournament, a coin war, and a winter assembly to support charities! They raised over \$8,000 in only a few weeks and donated it to several very worthwhile charities.



### NEW ODE NEWSLETTER LINK **TEST TALK FOR PARENTS ON WEBSITE**

The Ohio Department of Education has created a new newsletter for parents to help them understand Ohio's state tests. The newsletter, entitled *Test Talk for Parents*, will be an ongoing series of updates, "to keep families informed about what their children are expected to learn in school and the state tests that show

us if they are reaching their learning goals." The bi-weekly eNewsletter "can help families understand how statewide learning standards guide locally chosen curriculum and what to expect from Ohio's 2015-16 state tests." Interested readers can sign up to receive newsletter updates and will also be able to find a permanent link to this newsletter on our district website homepage under Quick Links - Departments - Academic



The **SMART COOKIES ROBOTICS TEAM** won the First Lego League Solon Competition. They also appeared in a promotional article from The University of Akron that featured their solution to the competition requirement to choose a piece of trash and identify and solve a problem with the way it is currently handled. The Smart Cookies proposed that schools solve the problem of paper waste and polystyrene tray usage by shredding paper trash, blending it with water and placing it in molds to produce lunch trays.

Students were introduced to **NERO**, Aurora's newest police officer. The German Shepard toured the buildings with Aurora Officer **DALE RILEY** so that students could meet the canine officer.



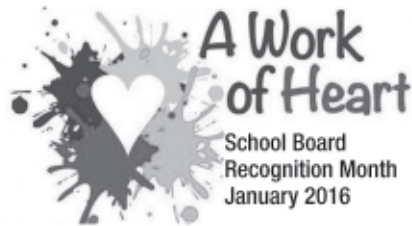
## HARMON 8TH GRADERS VISITED WASHINGTON D.C

Harmon School students took their annual Washington, D.C. trip in October 2015. The class trip allows students to see our Capital and participate in ceremonies that created memories that will last a lifetime.



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Superintendent Pat Ciccantelli said, "It's very gratifying to see the level of cooperation continue to rise throughout our organization. We work diligently, day in and day out, through the year to reduce energy waste. All of our employees and students should be lauded for their conservation success as we continue to eliminate energy waste and preserve savings for our classrooms and students throughout the district."



The month of January is designated by the Ohio School Board Association as School Board Recognition Month. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Board members, Gerald Kohanski, President; Pam Mehallis, Vice President; Beverly Kuch; Annie Grohe and Zena Elliott, for their selfless service to our students and district. Their invaluable gifts of leadership, vision, and caring have made this district one of the top districts in the State of Ohio.

**BOARD MEMBERS SWORN IN AT ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ~**  
January 6, 2016



**Most Recently Elected Board Members – Zena Elliott (left) and Annie Grohe (right)**



**Gerald Kohanski is sworn in as Aurora Board of Education President**



**Pam Mehallis takes her oath as Aurora School Board Vice President**

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of a local WWII hero who had been unable to read what was said about him due to the language barrier. Students at Harmon wrote letters of encouragement to a young girl that lost her entire family and was severely burned in a fire. I could share a dozen more stories about the kindness and generosity of our students and staff. I am very proud of the giving culture in our district!

Did you know that we have several graduates who have gone on to make it big in the bright lights of theater and television! I am not sure there are many public schools in the country that can match our success. One of our recent graduates, Kaley Ann Voorhees was cast in one of the most coveted roles on Broadway as Christine Daae in the Phantom of the Opera. Also, Sean Grandillo made his Broadway debut in Spring Awakening, a Tony winning musical, and has appeared on the hit television show Law and Order. Daniel Sovitch was cast in a TV series

with Kathryn Heigel called Doubt, and Caitlyn Houlahan was featured on NBC's Peter Pan Live that recently aired on national television. On the other side of the camera, Michael Monaco is working on a documentary on country music star Luke Bryan. Exciting stuff; congratulations to these students for their amazing success!

January was national Board of Education Recognition Month. Our elementary students wrote cards and produced a video thanking the board members for their dedication and support. I also want to thank the five board members, President- Jerry Kohanski, Vice President- Pam Mehallis, Beverly Kuch, Annie Grohe and Zena Elliot for everything they do for our students and staff!

There are many great things happening in our district, but we do have some challenges ahead in the near future. We will have to continue to be resourceful with our dollars due to the changes in state funding from the Governor's

**THANK YOU VETERANS**

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY HOSTED VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST**

The Aurora High School National Honor Society showed area veterans just how much they appreciate their service by hosting a Veterans Day breakfast on Wednesday, November 11, 2015. The veterans and families were treated to a breakfast, along with special readings and music from AHS students. The Aurora City School District would like to join them in thanking our veterans for their military service.



**NHS Students Welcomed Veterans ~ Ericka Richards (left) and Jacqueline Caputo (right)**



**Pat and Bob Bennett at the NHS Veterans Day Breakfast**

budget that causes us to lose the equivalent of 1 mill in revenue or over \$600,000 from our budget. Combined with cuts over the past several years, we now receive 1.2 million dollars less from the state than we did just a few years ago. Also, as we are seeing more families find this as an attractive location, we anticipate some growth over the next several years, which will also provide new challenges. We look forward to working through these challenges with your continued support. Our school system is truly great because of the supportive parents and greater community that we serve!

## CLASS ACTS

Congratulations to former Aurora Schools' Superintendent **RUSS BENNETT** who received an **ADMINISTRATOR APPRECIATION AWARD** from the **OHIO SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (OSCA)** on November 5, 2015 during the **ALL OHIO COUNSELOR CONFERENCE**.



**RUSS BENNETT** received his **OSCA** award and was joined by Counselor **TAMMY MAZZELLA** (left) and Miller/Craddock Principal **JULIE TROMAN** (right)



**NATIONAL FAMILY PARTNERSHIP** is a nonprofit organization and leader in drug prevention education and advocacy. They sponsor an annual

**RED RIBBON CAMPAIGN** "to raise community awareness of the killing and destruction caused by drugs in America." During their **RED RIBBON WEEK 2015**, October 23-31, **CLEVELAND DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION AGENT** and Aurora resident **KEITH MARTIN** brought the **SUMMIT COUNTY MOUNTED UNIT** (horses) and several of his agents for the 2nd grade classes to meet.



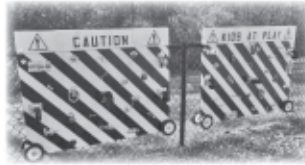
Left to Right: **ZEKE, OFFICER LORI, ADDISON MARTIN, KEITH MARTIN** and **LUCKY** were on hand at Craddock as a part of **Red Ribbon Week 2015**

**ROMAN HARDETSKY, ALEX SWEGAN, and RYAN GALLAGHER** loved meeting **LUCKY** and **OFFICER LORI**



A big "Thank You" to **JUDY** and **ROY DOLEZAL** for creating and installing "**WONDER WALLS**" on the Miller School playground fence. The interactive boards have moving pieces

and parts allowing students to use their senses while exploring the different items. These are a wonderfully engaging and extremely fun addition to recess time.



**AHS Excel TECC** students **JOSH FRIEDLER** (left) and **DAKOTA GRAY** (right)

each received **THE OHIO NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION'S PHIL KOZEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE YEAR 2016 on January 11, 2016**. They were awarded \$500 each and can reapply for another round next year. Congratulations to both!

**SHANNON GAGEL** took 12 students to the **YOUNG ASTRONAUT DAY** at the **NASA GLENN RESEARCH CENTER**. Gagel entered into a lottery and Leighton School was chosen to attend. The students heard an astronaut speak about how important teamwork and collaboration is when working for NASA. She explained that even though some of the brightest people in the world apply for jobs there, unless they demonstrate they are a team player during interviews, they wouldn't be considered for the position. The students then participated in several competitions including, designing a water rocket, designing a quieter airplane engine, wing design and more.

AHS Service Learning Class Co-Instructor, **MELISSA FOSTER**, said, "The **SERVICE LEARNING CLASS** has been a fabulous addition to our curriculum. In October, **MR. RUBIN** taught the students about homelessness. We did our 'sleep out' in the stadium and I found a guest speaker, Angelo, who was homeless for 8 years



The **SERVICE LEARNING CLASS** visited the **LAKESIDE MEN'S HOMELESS SHELTER** in Cleveland

in Cleveland and now works at the Lakeside Men's Homeless Shelter. He shared many personal stories. The students then collected money from staff and students to donate." The students also created a "hygiene drive" and were able to make over 250 hygiene kits that Angelo said were needed for the shelter. They then delivered the bags to the shelter, toured the facility, and served lunch to 102 homeless men. Additionally, since the shelter rarely gets fruits and vegetables, Mazzulo's of Aurora donated cooked green beans and the class purchased fruit cups. Foster shared that, "Even our Aurora bus driver came in and helped serve food - it was an amazing experience. The students met veterans, disabled people, addicts and mentally ill men - all in hope of recovery. Many students didn't want to leave, wished the whole class could have gone, and asked if they could return. I explained to them that they don't need a 'field trip' to volunteer - the true meaning of our class-service to others. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be a part of this class and for approving such meaningful field trips."



**CRADDOCK SCHOOL LUNCH TALK ~ You Never Know What They'll Say**

The following is a humorous excerpt from a lunch time conversation between Craddock School Principal Julie Troman and a student: **Principal:** That chocolate pudding looks really good. Do you think you should take a break and have some of that healthy stuff? **Child:** Oh, I can't. I'm allergic to the healthy stuff. **Principal:** Wait. What? ALL of it? **Child:** Yes, every healthy thing. **Principal:** Hmm... so, if I call mom, what will she say? **Child:** Weeelll... she doesn't really know yet. **Principal:** Really? **Child:** Yeah. The doctor and I are trying to decide how to break it to her.



**REPRESENTATIVES FROM GE** made a visit to 2nd grade classes to see their **Chromebook grant** in action. The students are **MASON VANRAEPENBUSCH** and **SOPHIA LACORTE**.

## SPORT REPORT

Runner **SAMANTHA GROHE'S** seventh place individual finish in the Division I regional meet earned her a trip to National Trail Raceway. There, in the Division 1 State Cross Country Girls' Race, Grohe finished with a 64th place finish in 19:35.1. In last year's State appearance, she finished in 18:59.7 and vowed to return next year with a focus on her time and not her place finish.

Aurora 10th grade varsity hockey player **JOE CAPRETTA #21** was nominated as the **OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE OF THE WEEK NOMINEE FOR ICE HOCKEY** by JJHuddle/Bucknuts.com. Congratulations.



**DISTRICT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR PAUL POWERS and SAMANTHA GROHE at State Sendoff**



**BOYS' VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM 11TH STRAIGHT PLAYOFF APPEARANCE!** Congratulations to **HEAD COACH BOB MIHALIK**, his coaches, and team members for another outstanding season.

**HARMON SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS** won a first-place trophy at the **CHALKER CHEER OFF CHALLENGE**. Team members include: **MIRA CATANIA, ALISON CRAVENS, ASHLEY GROSSMAN, MORGAN VIANI, TORI SMITH, SAMANTHA FINKENTHAL, MADELINE GRIPPI, KYLIE PALIAN, TAYLOR SAMODELL, ALYSSA VIANI.**



**BUBBA ARSALANIAN JUNIOR BUBBA ARSALANIAN (5-11, 190, LB-RB)** was recognized as part of the **2015 AKRON BEACON JOURNAL FOOTBALL ALL-STAR TEAM.**

Arsalanian helped Aurora reach the playoffs and finished his junior season with 59 solo and 81 assisted tackles, 13 tackles for loss, two sacks, one interception, two fumble recoveries, four forced fumbles and two defensive touchdowns. He rushed 45 times for 247 yards and also had nine receptions for 89 yards offensively.

Congratulations to our **FALL ATHLETES** who had an impressive overall **GPA of 3.51**. 80% of the student athletes earned a 3.0 or better and 29% earned a 4.0 or better.

## Holiday HIGHLIGHTS

### KEY CLUB SANTA BREAKFAST HELPERS

Our Key Club Advisor, **AMY WILLIAMSON**, received a note from **PAUL KOSTANSEK** (Rotary Club of Aurora) saying, "Wanted to let you know that the Key Club students who worked Breakfast with Santa this Saturday were wonderful! They were enthusiastic, helped with all the children, and cheerfully did all that they were asked to do. Several of the students stayed after the first session to instruct the students who came in to work the second session. It was great! Thank you for sending some of Aurora's finest!"

### HOLIDAY BUS COMPETITION ~ ANTLERS VS. SANTA HATS

A friendly holiday bus competition ensued over the holiday season. Two buses - Bus #16 with Driver **DIANE SOGOR** & Bus #20 with Driver **ANNA JOHNSON** - competed to see which bus could wear the most holiday hats. Bus #16 chose Santa hats while Bus #20 donned Antlers (or elf ears). Bus #20 was the winning bus, but Johnson vowed that next year, "Game on!"

**Antlers Vs. Santa Hats Bus Competition ~ Bus #16**



### HOLIDAY SHOP

The Craddock School Holiday Shop was priceless!

**Evelyn Oakley (left) and Lila Bultrowicz (right) were great shoppers.**



### MILLER/CRADDOCK GIVING TREE

**Miller/Craddock School Giving Tree Truck Loaded Up**



### UNACCOMPANIED MINORS CHORAL PERFORMERS

The **AHS UNACCOMPANIED MINORS** had a very busy schedule over last holiday season. Not only did they perform their school choir concert, but they also had three performances throughout the community before the concert and one following day. Their love of singing and dedication was evident by their willingness to give up frequent evenings and weekend afternoons.

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**LEIGHTON SCHOOL  
 DOG TREAT SALE**



Leighton School Intervention Specialist, **EMILY HILKER**, along with **GINA MUCCI, MILKA BEGOVIC, JEN BULONE, KAREN FLEMING** and **JEANNIE LOFERSKI**, holds a yearly dog treat sale to raise money for their own field trips and specialized equipment purchases for their students. The field trips to movies and restaurants allow the students to practice social skills and everyday activities, such as the exchange of money. The students created fliers advertising the sale and posted them throughout the school. The students then took a shopping list to Marc's to purchase their own supplies. They proceeded to make the treats by reading recipes, measuring ingredients, rolling

dough and cutting them into shapes. They are then baked in the cafeteria ovens. The final step is the decorating and bagging of the treats. The student's favorite part of the sale is taking the telephone orders. They then deliver the purchase and exchange the money.

**HOLIDAY CARDS**

Harmon Spanish and Technology Teacher, **JESSICA MATOUSEK**, and her students created personalized holiday cards and sent them to a girl named Safyre, who was severely burned in a fire and lost her entire family. Her wish was to receive holiday cards. Using their Chromebooks, Matousek's students created the cards and sent them to support and comfort Safyre.

**FIRST GRADER'S "DONATE DECEMBER" HOLIDAY**

**MISS MCARTHUR'S FIRST GRADERS** came up with their own "holiday" called **DONATE**

**DECEMBER.** Class families and students collected food and gently used clothes, toys, books and more and then donated them to the **AURORA FOOD PANTRY/VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA.**

**PRESCHOOL HOLIDAY CONCERT**



**Nathan and Lexie Tice** after the show.



**Anna Bolbach and Olivia Heiskell** smile for a photo.