

Cardinal Experiential Learning internship program discussed at Wayne County School Board Meeting

A new inaugural year for an internship program called Cardinal Experiential Learning at Wayne County High School was highlighted at the monthly December Board of Education meeting on Thursday, December 15th, along with various recognitions of students at Monticello Elementary School.

Assistant Superintendent Brian Dishman explained that the new program helps students explore career fields they may be interested in various fields. Students spend part of their school day at the job site and shadow professionals. Some of the high school students participating in this program are freshmen and might even be able to work up to a part time paid position if they are in good standing with the employer, by their junior or senior year. There is specific criteria for students to get into this new program and complete an application. Students are required to share their experiences in a formal presentation at the end of the school year.

“This is not a substitute for a traditional co-op situation,” said Dishman. “We are trying to grow our people to better themselves in fields like physical therapy, pharmacy, and education.”

Students from Monticello Elementary were recognized regarding recent programs, as well. Art Teacher Samantha Cummings’ students had submitted their Christmas card artwork to be judged and used in the superintendent’s digital Christmas card sent to the district’s staff and education business partners. Numerous unique and colorful submissions were on display.

Fifth graders Audrey Eaton and Chloe Prince were amongst the fifth-grade school finalists from the recent Science Fair that shared their display boards describing their experiments during the meeting. They represented their peers whose projects were recognized at the school level. Audrey’s project has qualified in the Biomedical and Health Science field, while Chloe’s project has qualified in the Energy Sustainable Material Design category. The regional competition will likely be held in March.

Monticello Elementary student Tucker Bertram shared his series of booklets that he has written and illustrated. He has been featured as the author spotlight student for several months in the school library. His series is very popular amongst the students at Monticello Elementary. In fact, Tucker has started a wave of writing, inspiring other students to follow his lead.

Third graders Alex Faulkner and Korlyn Huffaker represented their classmates in Jessica Barnett’s class. They recently participated in a white coat ceremony after students concluded their “Human Body Systems” knowledge-based reading unit. It was obvious the youngsters absorbed a lot of anatomy lessons, just by the information shared in their reading lessons, as they spoke to the board members.

Prior to the meeting, a reception was held to honor outgoing board member Whitney Smith, who chose to retire from the board. Superintendent Wayne Roberts presented her with a plaque

of appreciation for the eight years she has served the students at Wayne County Schools during the meeting.

The board approved the Comprehensive District improvement Plan which is based on two themes. The plan calls for making sure the district is using high quality instructional resources. Plus, it provides teachers with training, support and the resources they need for the children to succeed. Additionally, the board approved the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan for the middle and high school which targeted extra layers to school improvements in special education.



Tucker Bertram received a certificate from Board Chairman Larry Muse



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3rd grader Alex Faulkner received a certificate from Board Chairman Larry Muse



3rd grader Korlyn Huffakker received a certificate from Board Chairman Larry Muse



(l-r) Tucker Bertram, Alex Faulkner, Korlyn Huffakker, Chloe Prince, and Audrey Eaton



Superintendent Wayne Roberts presented Whitney Smith with a plaque of appreciation as she retires from the board