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*Celebrating 30 Years!*



# **West Muskingum Schools Academic Fund**

**Annual Report  
2011-2012**

Huntington National Bank

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# *Enriching, Inspiring, Enlightening and Encouraging*

*For 30 years, the West Muskingum Schools Academic Fund has supported hundreds of educational programs for thousands of students.*

*Created in 1982 by a group of concerned parents, educators, friends and community members, the Academic Fund continues to operate as a separate non-profit foundation with its principal monies forever remaining on deposit. The interest earned from that principal is spent each year to partially or fully fund enriching academic opportunities for the students of West Muskingum.*

*Through the many generous donations, the Academic Fund has provided **\$212,807** in financial support for **103,650** students.*

*As the Academic Fund celebrates its 30th Anniversary, the staff, students and members of the executive committee, past and present, express their heartfelt appreciation to everyone that has provided financial support.*

*Thank you.*

## **Executive Committee:**

Nancy Barker, Deb Bennett, Elizabeth Burrier, Virginia Clark, M. Dean Cole (Emeritus Trustee), Diane Davis, Susan Earich, Debbie Georgiades, Valerie Gutridge, Lisa Hammer, William Harbron, Betty Hecker, Penny Higgins, Brad Mawhorr, John Pattison, Jenny Snode, Dr. Doug Ramsay (Emeritus Trustee), Don Riley, Sally Ruggles, Sharon Smith, Kristy Szemetylo, Molly Tharp, Blair Tom, and Jeanne Weingarth.

## **Falls Elementary Trip to the Statehouse**

*Illustration by Lauren Weingarth*

Dear Academic Fund,

Thank you for paying for our field trip. I had so much fun and learned a lot. We also got to sit on the senator chairs. It was awesome! I hope you keep paying for our field trip. You are amazing!

Your friend,  
Lauren Weingarth

Dear Academic Fund,

What the heck I learned:

- An idea for a law is called a bill.
- Lincoln made 3 trips to the statehouse.
- There are 33 senators and 99 representatives.

I couldn't have learned this without your help. Thank you for making our field trip happen.

Your friend,  
John Kelso



## Contributors from August 2011 through September 1, 2012

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Falls Elementary Student Council  
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Anna Marie Katt  
Kelvin Kreager  
Sam & Lois Laughlin  
Tim & Cindy Linn

Keith Patti & Susan Haas  
Jim & Bobbe Poe  
Dr. Tom & Sally Ruggles  
Kim Smith  
West Muskingum FFA  
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West Muskingum MS Hat Day  
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Lexa Freshly

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Carol Derry

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Betty Kilper  
John & Diane Marks

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### Mr. James Feerick

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Molly Tharp  
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David & Penny Higgins  
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Tony Lenhart & Mandy Lenhart  
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Paul & Pat Rambo

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Dr. Tom & Sally Ruggles  
Craig, Alec, Ashton, & Ayden Shook

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Wendell & Ruth Ware

### Mrs. James (Texie) Steinbrecher

Duane & Patty Brock  
Jim & Jane Hodges  
Dr. & Mrs. Joseph McElhaney  
Zanesville District Golf Association

### Mr. Wayne Tharp

Molly Tharp

### Kathryn "Kay" Wollam

David & Penny Higgins

## Honorees

### Mrs. Jim (Liz) Burrier

Mr. & Mrs. Clair Muscaro, Gahanna  
Sharon L. Smith

### Three Children, WM Graduates

Ruth Bugglin

### Mrs. David (Susan) Earich

Nancy Barker  
Lolita Burt Kominar  
Wendell & Ruth Ware

### Hopewell Staff

Diana Davis

### Sharon L. Smith

John & Diane Marks

### Mark Stubbins

Dr. Tom & Sally Ruggles

## Academic Opportunities During The 2011-12 School Year

<u>AMOUNT FUNDED</u>	<u>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BUILDING</u>	<u># OF STUDENTS</u>
\$ 350	Shen-Yun Performance	MS/HS	19
990	COSI on Wheels	Falls	440
173.09	Deerasic Park Nature Trip	WMHS	50
695	Star Lab	WMHS/WMMS	250
174.15	Putnam Historic District	Hopewell	42
252	Farm Science Review	WMHS	27
250.22	Science Research Zoo Trip	Hopewell	36
500	FBLA State Conference	WMHS	19
344	Ohio Statehouse Tour	Falls	81
207	Ohio Statehouse Tour	Hopewell	40
100	Zanesville Museum of Art Trip	WMMS	86
500	Creatures, Cultures, & Careers	WMHS	26
330	Roscoe Village Tour	Falls	73
520	Columbus Zoo Trip	Falls	69
495	The GOOD Program	WMMS	120
140	National Science League	WMMS	360
250	FFA State Convention	WMHS	8
750	"Grease" School Musical	WMHS	50
196	Anatomy Field Trip	WMHS	25
300	Zanesville Historical Tour	Falls	70
213.66	TEAMS Competition	WMHS	15
428.77	The Wilds Tour	Hopewell	50
150	Scripps National Spelling Bee	Hopewell	36
150	Mandarin Chinese Club Trip	WMHS/WMMS	7
500	Puerto Rico Trip	WMHS	20
<b>\$ 8,958.89</b>	<b>TOTALS FOR 2011-2012</b>		<b>2,019</b>

## Treasurer's Report

June 30, 2011 - June 30, 2012  
Jennifer D. Snode, Treasurer

### ASSETS

Huntington National Bank \$300,768.18

### LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities -0-  
Fund Balance \$300,768.18

### RECEIPTS

Contributions \$ 7,174.35  
Dividends/Interest 8,486.55  
Realized Gain \$ 9,102.56  
**TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ 24,763.46**

### EXPENSES

Program Disbursements \$ 7,438.70  
Tax prep fee to Huntington 400.00  
Trustee Expenses 2,930.44  
Annual Report Expenses (printing & postage) 1,898.05  
Annual fee to State of Ohio \$ 100.00  
**TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 12,767.19**

### WMMS - Star Lab



Thank you Academic Fund Grant committee. Two things I liked about Star Lab was looking at the different stars and looking at different figures in the night sky.

Sincerely,  
Zach Quick

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**Powerhouse of West M High School  
One Night Only Variety Show**

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Dr. & Mrs. Victor Szemetylo

### **Mr. John A. Porter**

Pam Booth

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Blair Tom

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### **Grandchildren**

Wilma Kreager

### **Mrs. David (Penny) Higgins**

Blair Tom

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### **WM Class of 2011**

Sharon L. Smith

*If you would like to see contributors prior to 2010, visit the district's website at [www.westmschools.org](http://www.westmschools.org). Click Our District and select the Academic Fund.*

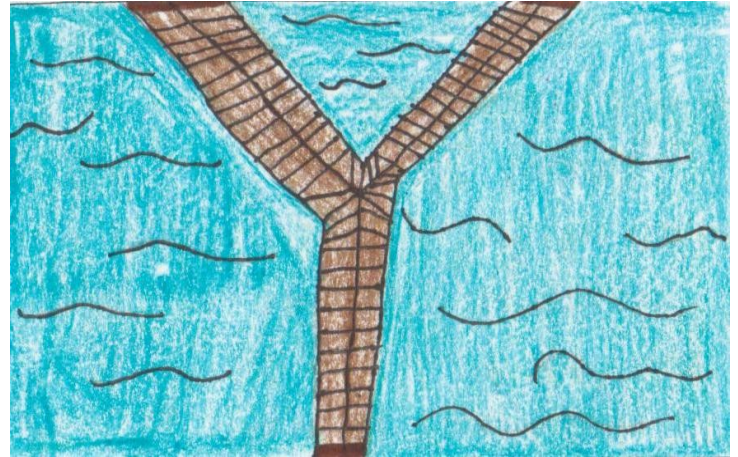


## Falls Elementary Trip to the Zanesville Historical District



Dear Academic Fund,  
Thank you for funding our Zanesville tour. I had so much fun learning about the history of Zanesville. Also my grandma was the bus driver! We started at the Pure Center and learned about slaves. At the Stone Academy I saw where they hid slaves. Dr. Matthews House had the coolest things. And we went to Kidsville for lunch.  
So thank you for our trip.

Sincerely, Dylan Wheeler



Dear Academic Fund,  
Thank you for paying for our trip. I learned at the Stone Academy the wooden Y bridge had to be rebuilt two times and then they re-built the concrete Y bridge. I had a fun time there.

Sincerely, Tanner Burchett

## Hopewell Elementary Trip to the Zoo



Dear Academic Fund,  
Thank you for our zoo trip. I learned what orangutans eat. I learned their arms are long to reach for things. I learned their feet are strong.

Your friend, Nevaeh Ritterbeck



Dear Academic Fund,  
Thank you for our zoo trip. I liked the zoo. I liked the flamingos. I liked all the animals.

Your friend, Lainey Suchland

## Falls Elementary - COSI on Wheels' Incredible Human Machine Show



Dear Academic Fund,

Thank you for paying for COSI on Wheels. I learned a lot of body parts and also not to smoke when you grow up. Also I liked the Just Dance 2 for exercise. I had so much fun. See you next year.

Sincerely, Alaura Wood



Dear Academic Fund,

Thank you for COSI. I had fun learning all of the bones. I liked the optical illusions that mess with your brain. I learned never to smoke. We saw a dead rat.

Sincerely, Dalton Hazen

## West M Middle School - Ron Derry and the GOOD Program

Dear Academic Fund,

Thank you for having Mr. Ron Derry visit us. He told us the acronym, GOOD, stands for Going On Or Defeated. He is inspirational and told all of the students to think outside the box. Mr. Derry makes our futures look bright, so I hope he can come back again next year.

Your friend, Emily Kinney



Dear Academic Fund,

Thank you for providing money to support Mr. Derry's visit. I appreciate your invitation for helping me and my fellow students learn more. Mr. Derry is very inspirational to me. I liked how he talked about perseverance. That was the most inspiring part of his whole speech for me. I would suggest asking him to talk to younger students too.

Sincerely, Bay James

Dear Academic Fund,

Thank you for providing West Muskingum with the money for us to be able to have Mr. Ron Derry. His joyous hints and intelligence were inspirational to all of school. The advice he gave us we will happily carry throughout our lives so that some day we might be as optimistic and inspirational as he is. My favorite advice that he gave us was to be perseverant and optimistic. I hope that GOOD will go on and be as inspiring to others as it was to me.

Sincerely, Doug Gatti

Dear Academic Fund,

I want to thank you for providing enough money to let Mr. Ron Derry come to our school. He is a very inspirational man. He told us to always have perseverance and always follow your dreams. He also told us to be humble, optimistic, think outside the box, and to always have a good attitude.

Sincerely, Otto Ridenour



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### Falls Elementary - Field Trip to Roscoe Village

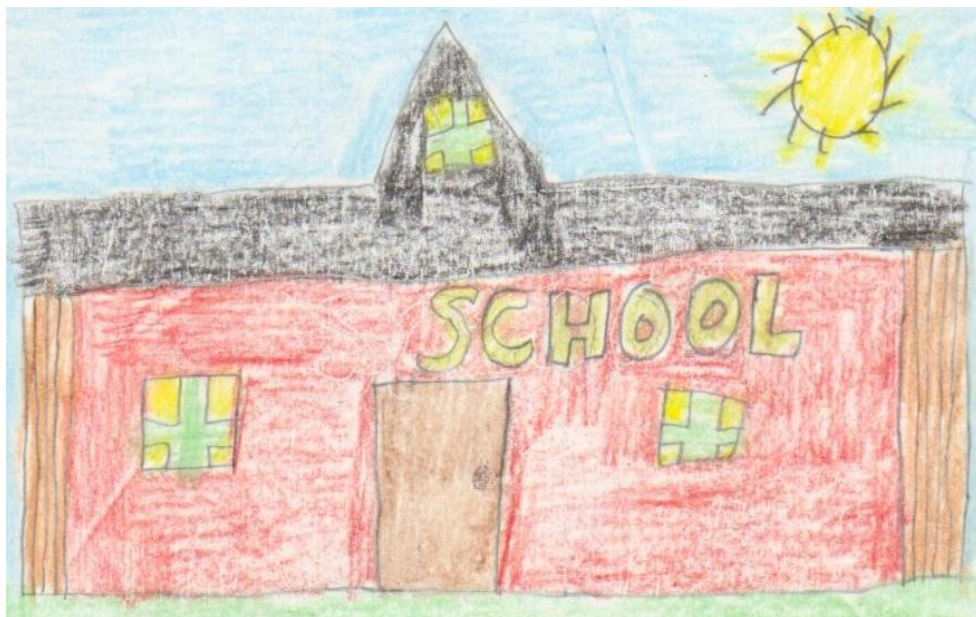
Dear Academic Fund,

Thank you for paying our admission to Roscoe Village. I learned how the Blacksmith makes sticks. I learned about the schools.

A hickory stick is used to punish people if they are being bad. I learned the people had to use the bathroom in a bucket and at night they had to dump it in the canal water where the children swam.

My friend told me that to fix your teeth it was 50 cents for a child and one dollar for an adult.

Sincerely, Bobby



### West Muskingum Schools Academic Fund Contribution Form

Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contributor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE ONE: In Memory of In Honor of Name \_\_\_\_\_

Send acknowledgement to: (amount will be omitted)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: West Muskingum Schools Academic Fund  
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Questions regarding the Academic Fund, call 455-4052.

