



# Warren Local School District

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Spring 2023

## Warren Hosts Snack & Field Event

Washington County schools come together for a fun-filled day at Warrior Stadium



By Miss Ann Skufca

On May 12th, all of Washington County's special education students came together for a fun-filled day of Snacks & Field events at Warren Local High School. The event consisted of students from the following schools in Washington County: Ewing, Marietta, Belpre, Waterford, Fort Frye, and Warren. In total, 150 students participated in Snack & Field, which was an increase of 30 students from last year's event that was held at Fort Frye High School.

The day kicked off when school buses drove up Warrior Drive to a crowd cheering and welcoming the participants. As students got off the bus, they walked through the tunnel of high-fives and cheered participants on as they entered Warrior Stadium. To open the event, the National Anthem was performed by Warren High School Acapella students. Anticipation grew as the opening ceremonies were officially underway.

Students went to their starting

activity locations and were on a rotation schedule throughout the day. Students had the opportunity to have their face painted or create their own crazy hair for the day. One of the main attractions was the photo booth to commemorate the event to where student-participants were also able to personalize their own frame to place their event photo celebrating the event. Also located in the art section were sand art and bubbles.

In total, 75 adults and students represented Warren and Morgan High School as the main volunteers. Activities consisted of both competitive and relaxed activities designed to accommodate every student-participant and their individual needs.

Located on the soccer field, participants were able to hit a home run, have a soccer shootout, play corn hole, run through obstacle courses, enjoy the parachute, and have some fun with several water activities. Inside the track and football stadium, students tested their skills of running 100m dash, bowling, punt-pass-kick, obstacle course, parachute, and the adaptable bikes. During a lunch break, each student-participant received a FREE Kona Ice. After the break, students returned back to round 2 of

activities.

Closing ceremonies consisted of each student-participant receiving an award and recognition of competing in Snack & Field. When schools departed for the day, each participant walked back through the tunnel of cheers and high-fives for a job well done.

Warren Local Schools would



like to recognize Citizens Bank for sponsoring all of the Snack & Field participants' shirts as well as the Marietta Community Foundation and its members for awarding Warren Local Schools through their grant process. Lastly, a big thank you to all of Warren Local and Morgan School volunteers for donating their time. It's always a great day knowing the positive impact students are making in the Washington County community. Today was a true testament of that impact, as indicated by the smiles on all the faces.



## Warren Local Food Service Supervisor and Treasurer Honored at OASBO

Columbus, OH (April 19, 2022) – Warren Local Schools, Food Service Supervisor, Charlene “Char” Fronko was awarded the 2023 Outstanding Food and Nutrition Director of the Year by the Ohio Association of School Business Officials’ (OASBO) Foundation for School Business Management at its 2023 Annual Conference & Expo in Columbus.



Fronko was nominated by colleague, Melcie Wells, Treasurer/CFO, Warren Local Schools, “Char Fronko has been a dedi-

cated employee of the Warren Local School District for over 35 years. The best thing about Char is her versatility and her ability to excel not only at fixing food for our student population, but managing a successful program financially while creating an atmosphere where her staff feel wanted and respected.”

The Outstanding Food and Nutrition Director of the Year Award was created by OASBO’s Foundation to recognize the accomplishments of Ohio’s school business officials in their exceptional service to their districts, communities, and the profession. The honor also provides a \$500 scholarship for a high school senior in the recipient’s district.

“From overseeing the construction of three new kitchens during a 60 million dollar OFCC project that transformed the rural community to coordinating thousands of meals during COVID-19 times to being a leader within the District and participating in leadership summits and county-wide professional development day, Char is that person that is highly respected in her District, her profession, and her community.”

At the same event, Warren Local Schools Treasurer/CFO Melcie Wells was awarded the 2023 Outstanding Treasurer/CFO of the Year. Wells was nominated for the honor by Maria Rellinger, treasurer/CFO at Apollo Career Center. “When I think of an outstanding treasurer/CFO I immediately think of Melcie Wells. She is a huge advocate of public schools across Ohio, in her region, and in her local district. She is not just an accountant but a true leader in the industry. Melcie is a selfless Treasurer/CFO who will go above and beyond to help other school business officials succeed in the public-school sector. She looks for what is best for kids and keeps that



focus with all she advocates for.”

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by OASBO’s Foundation to recognize the accomplishments of Ohio’s school business officials in their exceptional service to their districts, communities, and the profession. The honor also provides a \$500 college scholarship for a Warren Local Schools senior.

Rellinger added, “Over the last 8 years, OASBO and public schools have been through many changes and challenges. Having Melcie involved in many of these challenges has helped ensure that public schools stay strong. She has been there to vote on the hard issues and does it from heart. She has advocated at the Statehouse to express concerns for the students in Ohio. She has been on the ground floor of OASBO’s DEI education and helped get us to where we are today. Locally she has volunteered at many events at her school, including being the MC for a formal event honoring local heroes. I could continue the list, but I think it is safe to say that Melcie’s impact on OASBO and public schools as a whole is second to none.”

About The Ohio Association of School Business Officials Founded in 1936, OASBO is a not-for-profit, professional association empowering its members by providing advocacy, collaboration, and innovative education. Its members include public school district treasurer/CFOs, business managers, transportation directors, food and nutrition supervisors, and administrative support staff.



## US Air Force Colonel Visits WHS

By Mr. Andy Biddinger

On Friday, May 12th Warren High School alum (class of 1996) and current US Air Force Colonel, James Schieser, visited our campus. Colonel Schieser has corresponded with Mr. Andy Biddinger since 2013 after James received a care package from a student project earlier that year. Colonel Schies-

er has seen a tremendously interesting career develop with many overseas deployments and tours. For a time, he was assigned as part of Air Force One’s team. He taught classes all day on a variety of topics including: his experiences and jobs available in the Air Force, US and international relations, and military powers’ influence on our society.

James said that seeing the new buildings and campus was a wonderfully rewarding experience and made him proud to be a Warrior!





# FFA NEWS

By Mr. Blake Campbell

It has been another busy spring for the Warren FFA! As students finish the school year, the hard work continues into the summer as they continue to work on their supervised agricultural experiences throughout the year.

At the annual Ohio FFA Convention, 35 students traveled to Columbus for an experience of speakers, awards, and expo center. During the convention, we watched State Proficiency Finalist, Launa Ireland, in the Equine Science - Entrepreneurship Category, earning a third place on stage. We were also recognized as a Gold Rated Chapter for our outstanding service within the community, chapter, and leadership. We are among the top 10% FFA Chapters in the State of Ohio! During the evening session, the chapter cheered on member, Haley Grace Bolden, for her proficiency in Outdoor Recreation where she placed second in the state. Tessa Haffner placed second in the area of Organic Agriculture, she also was named the State Champion in the area of Speciality Crop Production. The next day, the chapter had three chapter officers receive gold ratings at the State Level

and walk across the stage. Congratulations to members: Launa Ireland and Trent Hamrick — Reporter, Christopher Burdiss — Treasurer, and Sophie Gilliland — Secretary.

Warren had 7 State FFA Degree recipients (pictured below) walk across the stage as a result of their hard work. The State Degree requires 25 hours of community service, \$2,500 earned and invested in a Supervised Agricultural Experience, and eight FFA activities above the chapter level. Congratulations to Christopher Burdiss, Trent Hamrick, Morgan Hamrick, Sophie Gilliland, Colten Gilliland, Devin Cook, and Steven Anderson

Our chapter competed in many Career Development Events (CDE) over the spring. We started the season with Equine judging; a team of four members evaluated classes of equine and hay. They placed 18th in the State! Four more members competed in the State Dairy Judging Contest, where they evaluated dairy cattle and pedigrees; the team placed 46 in the state! Our school competed in the State Floriculture contest for the first time ever. Throughout the contest, team members had to place classes of flowers, identify flowers, and complete fertilization calculations. The team placed 24 in the State!



Over spring break, five students (pictured above) and Mr. Campbell traveled to California to visit the Redwood National Park. During the trip, students flew to San Francisco, visited another FFA Chapter, saw seals in the ocean, and hiked to see some of the tallest trees in the world!

We hosted our annual FFA banquet where we were able to recognize all of our members, community supporters and alumni through awards and recognition. It was great to host our banquet in person at school, we hosted over 380 members and guests. It has been a great school year and we are looking forward to a relaxing summer!

Below: FFA State Floriculture Team







## Summer Reminders



### 2023-2024 School Year

**Immunizations needed for senior year:** Documentation of a meningococcal (MCV4) vaccine given on or after the student's 16th birthday must be on file at Warren High School before your child can enter the 12th grade in August of 2023. This also includes students who attend the Washington County Career Center and those who take college courses.

**All 7th grade students** must have an updated tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine and a meningococcal (MCV4) vaccine before the first day of school in August.

**All kindergarten students** must have documentation of the following vaccines:

**DTap/DT** - 5 doses (Dose 5 only required if 4th dose was given prior to the 4th birthday)

**Polio** - 4 doses (Dose 4 only required if 3rd dose was given prior to the 4th birthday)

**Hepatitis B** - 3 doses (the final dose must be given after age 6 months)

**MMR** - 2 doses

**Varicella** - 2 doses (or documentation of having the disease)

**R<sub>x</sub>** If your student needs to take prescription medication during school hours or have an emergency medication available, please have your child's healthcare provider complete a medication form over the summer. The form is available on Final Forms or by emailing your school nurse at [melissa.kemper@warrenlocal.org](mailto:melissa.kemper@warrenlocal.org).

## Dental Sealants

In early spring, staff from the Washington County Health Department offered free dental sealants for 2nd and 6th grade students at Warren Local. The hygienist also rechecked sealants of 3rd and 7th grade students that were placed last school year. A sealant is a plastic coating that keeps

food and germs out of the chewing surfaces of the back teeth and protects them from cavities. Sealants are safe; they work and are easy to apply. There are no drills or needles involved! This will save money on future dental visits for fillings. For more information on dental sealants please visit <https://www.washingtongov.org/620/Dental-Sealant-Program>.



## Summer Family Activity: Plant a Vegetable Garden

Planting a home garden is a cost-effective way to grow your own food. Added bonus? Gardening is a fantastic and educational way to get kids interested in healthy

eating (and a new hobby). For more information, about gardening go to [ohioline.osu.edu](http://ohioline.osu.edu).

Have a great summer! Melissa Kemper, RN & Denise Wasson, RN





## Paying it forward



journey. WHS top ten senior, Hannah Pickens, acknowledged Charlene "Char" Fronko, Food Service Supervisor at Warren Local School District. "She is an example of a hard-working and dedicated individual who puts others before herself," Hannah said in her recognition address. "All of the banquets and dinners that we have throughout the year are because of her willingness to give praise to others and their accomplishments."

Hannah presented Char with a bouquet of roses at the event. Congratulations to both Hannah and Char for their continued excellence! Both are exceptional examples of our outstanding Warrior Nation!

Each year, the top ten seniors are honored at the Academic Awards Banquet. Traditionally, each honoree selects a person who has been a meaningful part of their high school

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HERO**



Thank you to our hard-working lunchroom staff for greeting our students with kindness and a smile every day. You are our heroes!

## Lunchroom Help Needed

- \* **Do you have great people skills?**
- \* **Do you enjoy working with kids?**
- \* **Do you need summers and holidays off?**
- \* **Do you need a flexible schedule?**

Becoming a classified substitute is a wonderful way to find a school occupation that is suited to your strengths. Classified subs gain valuable experience, giving them a jump-start when a vacancy occurs. Keep an eye on our website for employment opportunities; <https://www.warrenlocal.org/> > Quick Links > Employment. We have a wide variety of areas from which to choose: Lunchroom, Bus Driver, Custodian, Educational Aide.

Please feel free to contact Vicki Lowe at 740-678-2633, ext. 3801, or [vicki.lowe@warrenlocal.org](mailto:vicki.lowe@warrenlocal.org). She will be happy to walk you through the process. We look forward to hearing from you!



### Free Summer Grab and Go Lunch

Washington/Morgan Community Action will once again provide free grab and go meals, produce, and weekend meals for all children ages 1-18 on Warren Schools Campus. Please check our website for dates, time and exact location.

## 2023-2024

## School Lunch Prices

Elementary and Middle School Lunch - \$2.10  
High School Lunch - \$2.40  
Reduced Lunch - No Cost to all students  
Breakfast - No Cost to all students

Contact Charlene Fronko, Food Service Supervisor, if you have any questions.

740-678-2366 ext. 3810





## School Bus Drivers Needed

Thank you all for a great year. It was a challenging year as we learned the ropes of Transportation Director and Assistant. We are looking forward to making improvements throughout the summer and into the new school year.

Please be sure your child's address and busing needs are current in Final Forms. Call the bus garage as soon as possible if you need to change your child's busing information for the 2023-2024 school year; 740-678-2368.

We will have a few open routes in the upcoming school year. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a sub bus driver for Warren, please contact me at the bus garage.

We have a local class coming up July 17-20 that would allow you to be ready to drive by the new school year. The pay rate for starting sub drivers is

\$16.50/hour with a two-hour minimum. If the driver is retired from SERS, the sub pay rate is \$18.25/hour. Full time route drivers start at \$19.92/hour. Being a sub driver is convenient for individuals that have other part time jobs or just need something to keep them busy. The hours of work typically run from 5:30am-9am and 2pm-5pm, leaving extra time during the day to work on other jobs or projects.

Have a wonderful summer break!

*Alicia Jaramillo*

Transportation Supervisor

*Jill Davis*

Transportation Assistant



**Bus Riders - Great Job!**





## WMS Music News

By Mrs. Lori Flesher

Choir students in grades 5-6 performed, "Be A Star!" Students sang a variety of pop, rock and country songs from the 80's-2000's and rocked the house!



Choir and handbell students sang and played a variety of songs in their "Spring Sounds" program. Selections included several styles including spiritual, jazz, pop, folk, ragtime, Disney, Japanese and Latin. It was an hour showcasing the talents of so many students. Bravo!



## Multi-grade collaboration

By Mrs. Abby Cole

Elementary and high school art students joined together in a collaborative project. Mr. Evans' Digital Drawing and Animation Class worked with second



# FINE ARTS

## The Music Man



grade students to share some of the many diverse options that are offered in art classes at the high school level.

WHS artists visited the elementary school to see the Mother's Day projects designed by the second grade classes. The young artists then went to the high

school to see how their drawings could be converted into digital art and printed on stickers. Mr. Evans and his art students also demonstrated some of their other impressive equipment, including a first-hand look of the screen printing process.





## Robotics field trip to OU

By Mr. Larry King

April 18 - The high school Robotics class and volunteer students from physics and the technology club traveled to Athens to visit Ohio University's Russ College of Engineering. We met with Dr. Pagán, who showed us around his robotics lab and introduced us to a number of undergrad and graduate students who demonstrated their current research projects using robotic assistance. They walked us through the industrial needs, the prototyping process and the fabrication of parts, they then explained their goals and their designs for its final form.

Each step was interesting from the perspective of how engineers approach their work and how robots were a part of the process.



One project we viewed used AR-Augmented Reality, which is using Virtual Reality (VR) technology to program and operate a connected robot.... very cool.

We toured the lab and were able to operate small industrial SCARA and Articulated Arm robots. We set off many alarms of impending doom. So naturally, our first lesson was how to silence the alarms and reset the robot. Exciting learning experiences.

We then went to the Ohio University Student Expo which featured current research and projects from all the colleges on campus. One student called it, "Next level stuff!" There were hundreds of topics from Microplastics in Crawfish, to marketing techniques on how to make products appear more valuable to customers. The biotech papers featured unpronounceable names and mystifying purposes. All in all, it was a mind blowing day

that raised awareness of the future heights their education could take them.

## WHS Science Olympiad

By Mrs. Sandra Vincent

We have some exciting news to share about our high school Science Olympiad team! The team recently competed in the regional Science Olympiad competition and placed third overall, earning themselves a spot in the State competition.

The team was comprised of some incredibly talented students who worked tirelessly to prepare for the competition. In particular, the "Cell Biology" event team and the "Flight" event team were standout performers, placing first in their respective events.

The "Cell Biology" event team consisted of Preston Nichols and Jewelee Brown, who demonstrated

a deep understanding of cellular structures and functions. They were able to answer complex questions about cell biology and perform hands-on experiments with precision and accuracy.

The "Flight" event team was made up of Preston Nichols and Erin Griswold, who have a passion for aviation and aeronautics. They demonstrated their knowledge of flight dynamics and were able to design and build gliders that flew incredible lengths of time during the competition.

The entire team worked hard and



## Regional Scholars

Warren Local juniors, Ben Bishop, Makinzi Kuzcko, and Madison Lynn, qualified to attend the annual Regional Scholars Leadership Conference held at Camp Akita in Logan, OH. Gifted Coordinator, Kalee Gates, along with the other gifted coordinators of Southeast Ohio, helped to organize the event for the students to attend. WHS teacher, Samantha Benito, attended with the students as a chaperone and mentor.

Students across Southeast Ohio learned group dynamics, personality types and differences in communication styles throughout the two-day event. Students were encouraged to participate in activities outside their comfort zone. A college fair and financial aid session allowed the students to become familiar with applying to a wide variety of colleges and universities in Ohio.

At the conclusion of the event, students left with new discoveries about themselves and lasting friendships.

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showed tremendous dedication to their craft. They spent countless hours studying, practicing, and perfecting their skills in preparation for the competition. Their hard work paid off, as they were able to place third overall and qualify for the State competition.

We are incredibly proud of our Science Olympiad team consisting of Preston Nichols, Emily West, Max Himmel Dirk, Ellie Whited, Taylor Richards, Erin Griswold, Ava Johnson, Breanna Rowan, Hallie Witte, Jewelee Brown, and Hamin Kwon. They have shown

that even though the team is small, with hard work and dedication, anything is possible. Congratulations to the entire team on this incredible achievement!

We are Warriors!



## Esports News

### 2 Teams Go to Regionals

By Mr. Nathan Vincent

Our Esports Team sent two of our individual teams to regionals this year. It was another perfect regular season for our Super Smash Ultimate team. This was our first year sending a team for Valorant.

Our Varsity Super Smash Bros team was 7 - 0 for the season: Ethan Knott, Jacob Sheff, Anthony Hilliard, Noah Bungay, and Jordan Lee.

Our Varsity Valorant team was 5-1-1 for the season: Jacob Sheff, Hamin

Kwong, Branson Hoyt, Ian Southall, Madison Ritchie, and Noah Russell.

At regionals, the Warriors lost in both games of the first round. The team had a great experience, and it was exciting to watch. This is the second year in a row that Warren has sent a team to Esports Ohio's Regional Tournament.

Our program needs to keep growing, so if you are interested in joining, please contact coach, nathan.vincent@warrenlocal.org or any member of the team to set up a meeting.

**Great season, Warriors!**



## AP History Class Visits Historical Cincinnati

By Mr. Andy Biddinger

Students from the high school's Advanced Placement US History class along with a few select others attended a field trip to Cincinnati on May 11th. The visit was an historical tour of the old German neighborhood called "Over the Rhine." Our students sampled several foods that are German in origin and learned about how and why immigrants in the late-1800s and early-1900s settled in protective neighborhoods.

The group tasted goetta, waffles, pretzels, and ice cream from local merchants as they walked and heard about the history of the area.

Pictured right: (top) - Students observing music murals; (center) - Cincinnati heroes themed mural; and (bottom) - Students learning the importance of local markets in urban areas.



## Thank You!

Warren High School would like to thank the Marietta Community Foundation for their financial generosity towards Warrior Wellness and helping our students receive beneficial information to make their lives healthier.



## Talking About Civics

By Mr. Jason Johnson

The Marietta Noon Rotary held their four-way speech contest again this year. Tessa Hafner, a Warren High School senior, won first place with her four-way speech about her family's memorable camping trips. Because of her first place finish locally, Tessa represented the local rotary club at state. Tessa's stories about mishapenings on camping trips and the relationships that can be built through struggles captivated her listeners and gave her another first place finish at state. Tessa received a five hundred dollar scholarship for each contest.

Tessa also participated in the VFW Voices of Democracy contest for the third straight year. As a junior, she finished first in the District and Regional competitions. This earned her a delegate spot at the State competition. This year, Tessa placed third in the District competition.

Congratulations Tessa, and thanks for sharing your thoughts with others about civics.





## WMS Science Olympiad Team Triumphs

By Mrs. Sandra Vincent

We have some amazing news to share with our school community! Our Science Olympiad team has achieved a remarkable accomplishment by earning first place at the Regional Tournament and will move on to compete in the State Championship! This is a tremendous achievement and a testament to the hard work, dedication, and intelligence of our students.

The team consisted of a group of incredibly talented students who worked tirelessly in preparation for this event. They spent countless hours studying, practicing, and perfecting their skills in various sci-

entific disciplines, including physics, chemistry, engineering, biology, and earth science.

At the Regional Tournament, our Science Olympiad team competed against many other schools in our region, showcasing their knowledge and skills in a variety of challenging events. The competition was intense and the stakes were high, but our team rose to the challenge and emerged victorious.

Our students demonstrated an exceptional understanding of scientific principles and a keen ability to apply them in real-world situations. They earned 1st place in an amazing 13 out of 23 events! They excelled in engineering events such as "Bridge" and "Scrambler". They earned top scores in "Crave the Wave", "Codebusters", "Dynamic Planet", "Fast Facts", "Meteorology", and "Rocks & Minerals". They demonstrated their expertise in working in a scientific lab in "Can't Judge A Powder", "Crimebusters", and "Experimental Design" and came away with first place medals in every single one!

The team's success is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and passion for science of the following students: Alex Bishop, Natalie Norman, Ashlee Pate, Suzanna Whipkey, Emily Glover, Kaylon Klingsmith, Alannah Stone, Marco Orozco, Danica Johnston, Morgan Baum, Rania Singh, Maggie Evans, Jocelyn Evans, Camryn Edgell, Derek Barros, Alex Randolph, Adi Greenup, and Payton Barros.

We are incredibly proud of our Science Olympiad team and the incredible achievement they have accomplished. Their dedication and hard work have not only brought them personal success, but it has also brought recognition and honor to our school. Congratulations to our Science Olympiad team!



By Mr. Felix Secreto

Recently, students from Warren Middle School and nearby counties had a great opportunity to participate in the Arts Encounter at the Parkersburg Art Center and The Actors Guild of Parkersburg. This fun and educational field trip was made possible by Artsbridge MOV.

Students were given access to back stage areas at the Actors Guild (AG) to see how costumes for local actors are selected and modified, as well as perform a simple (and hilarious) performance from the musical, Newsies. The director of the AG explained to



the groups how auditions for shows happen and how performers are selected; we even got to "play dead" at one point to see if we'd pass our auditions!

A (very) short trip next door to the Parkersburg Art Center offered students the chance to see wonderful works of art from professional artists,

to area elementary schools on display. Groups were then separated to get their hands on some clay work, make a self-expressionistic banner and more.

All in all, it was a great experience for everybody and one that focused on students that have an interest in the arts, but may not have had the opportunity to attend or participate in such programs prior to the visit.





## STEM - Stitches

By Mrs. Sandra Vincent

Mrs. Vincent's new elective class, "Stitches," has been very busy! They have learned how to repair jeans, set a seam, and sew on a button. They are learning how to hand sew, machine sew, and use a rotary cutter. They were very excited about a recent field trip they took that provided them with hands-on learning experience. It also gave us the opportunity to incorporate STEM education into our curriculum.

Our first stop was Kreinik Manufacturing where they saw first-hand how thread is made using modern machinery. This was a great opportunity for our students to learn about the technology and engineering behind thread manufacturing, as well as gain insight into the

importance of quality control in the production process. Kreinik has supplied materials for costumes in Hocus Pocus, Game of Thrones, and even Buckingham Palace...very cool for a local company!

After our visit to Kreinik, we had the opportunity to learn from a quilting expert at Bolts and Quarters Quilt Shop. Students gained insight into the techniques and methods used to create beautiful quilts. They had the opportunity to explore different types of fabrics and learn about how to select the right colors for their own projects. Mr. McCoy, the owner, donated fabric and taught each student how to create a block that they will make into a quilt to donate to our Academic Boosters for the fall craft show raffle.

Quilting involves measuring and cutting fabric into specific shapes and sizes. This requires an understanding of geometric concepts

such as area, perimeter, angles and symmetry. In addition, quilting often involves creating patterns using different shapes and colors of fabric. This requires an understanding of mathematical concepts such as fractions, ratios, and proportions. Quilting helps students develop spatial reasoning skills, improve their ability to visualize and manipulate objects in their minds, and strengthen their problem solving and critical thinking abilities.

They learned about so many careers involved in this creative area ranging into so many different fields; small business, machinist, sales, sewing machine maintenance and repair, fabric and thread production, advertising, long arm quilting and so much more! It was a wonderful trip, and we can't thank Kreinik or Bolts & Quarters enough for this opportunity!



## OVRDC

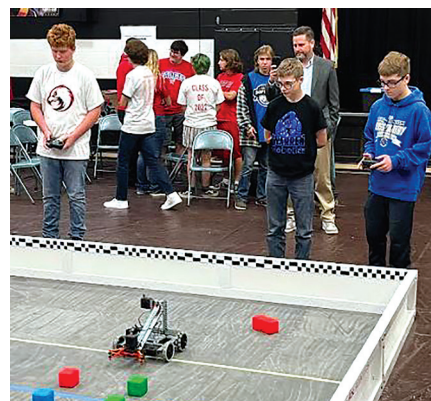
Ohio Valley Robotics and Drones Competition

By Mr. Brad Hauenstein

On May 16th, the Warren Middle School Robotics team of Ashlee Pate, Nataleigh Norman, Alex Bishop, and Nick Bishop travelled to Belpre High School to compete in a OVRDC (Ohio Valley Robotics and Drone Competition). At this competition, there were students from Fort Frye, Caldwell, Belpre, and Warren. It was an all high

school student event, except for our two middle school teams. We competed in a VEX robotics competition in the morning where Alex and Nick Bishop Won the Tier Two Bracket with their Belpre Alliance Team. Then both teams competed in their first ever drone competition, which was a learning experience with Bluetooth issues and motor problems; but they prevailed and were able to compete and have a great time. Warren Middle School was excited to be invited to this event which promotes STEM with robotics and drones. Hopefully, all

of our school programs continue to grow and expand for the benefit of our students.





## Visit to the Post Office

By Mrs. Valorie Adams

First grade students mailed letters to their parents for valentines day. The students learned letter writing skills and how to count out sixty-three

cents. They walked to the post office, purchased stamps and mailed their letters. It was a fun project and a nice surprise in the mail for their parents. Pictured: Mrs. Adams first grade class at the post office.

Learning is so much fun!



## Wonderful Worms

By Mrs. Beth Maidens

Wanda Schaad, an environmental educator for GT Environmental, shared a presentation about earthworms to our kindergarten students in early April. She discussed the importance of worms in our soil, the anatomy of a common earthworm, and amazing facts about these creatures. The students sorted through samples of soil, found worms, and examined them under magnifying glasses. Thank you, Mrs. Schaad, for this experience!



## Puzzle Problem-Solving



Mrs. Daugherty's Class - When we have a problem/puzzle to solve, it's always a good plan to put our heads/ideas together to help. We all have different ways of looking at things, and our friends might find a clue that we haven't seen yet!





## Literacy Night Let's Glow Read!

By Mrs. Lori Ludwig

Warren Elementary was glowing with excitement on April 28th as we welcomed families into the building to participate in literacy activities alongside their student. There were approximately 424 students and their families who attended this event. First grader, Eve Caprio, who attended the event with her mom said, "My favorite

part was learning how to draw a sloth by a real illustrator!"

Throughout the night, students could move between each pod participating in literacy/math activities, learn to draw book characters from illustrator, Blythe Russo, visit the Washington County Public Library booth and sign up for a library card, and visit the scholastic book fair. We would like to thank the Warren Elementary Academic Boosters for providing free food and support along the way.

Thanks to everyone who attended!



## Second Grade Activities

By Mrs. Abby Cole

Our second grade classes learned about life cycles this year by hatching chicken eggs. We set the eggs in an incubator for 21 days, and we had 26 chicks hatch!



Mrs. Cole's class went on a walking field trip to the Barlow Library. Students learned about what the library has to offer, read some books, did a craft, and got a tour of the library.



## BB2C

Building Bridges to Careers

By Mrs. Ellen Anthony

Third grade students had the unique opportunity to participate in some real world problem solving in connection with a local business.

The BB2C Makerspace is a hands-on learning space open to all community members, including students and career seekers who want to explore a new hobby, skill, or career path. Students visited the Marietta facility and engaged in some creative activities including robot coding and button making.

Students also visited the Boys and Girls Club for team building activities and to donate items to the Gospel Mission Food Pantry.

## Star



## Warriors

Third Quarter Winners

**Kindergarten** - Chloe Arman, Raelyn Delaney, Zane Lynch, Connor Morgan, Isaac Sole, Story Stahl, Rigley Young; **First Grade** - Neveah Cowan, Eliette Fivecoait, Karmyn Kehl, Sydney Thatcher, Kaisley Warren, Presley Wetz; **Second Grade** - Hadley Baker, Jairus Barrow, Mya Holbert, Serenity Lauer, Morgan Rowland, Lakyn Welch; **Third Grade** - Eliana Barrow, Layla Cardiff, Elle James-McGuire, Brynn Rehl, Cooper Stutler, Ford Swendeman; **Fourth Grade** - Weston Bauerbach, Carlos Beatty, Elliot "John" Evans, Willard Hudnall, Elliot Webb, Emily Wharton







Awesome job, Mia Janes! Paraswim 50 free - 6th place; 100 back - 7th place!



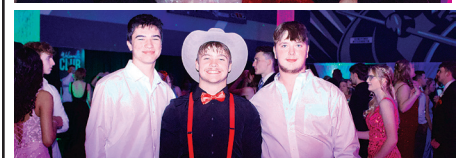
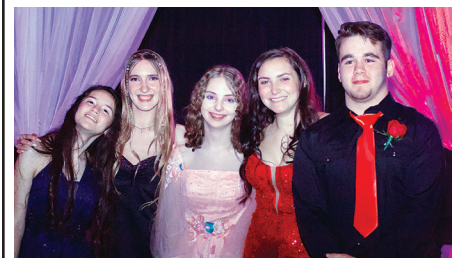
Mason Francis earns 2nd place in state swim competition!



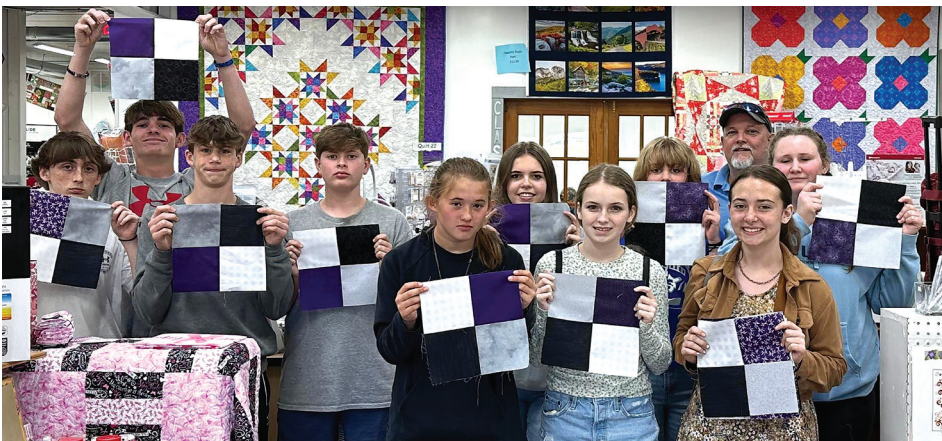
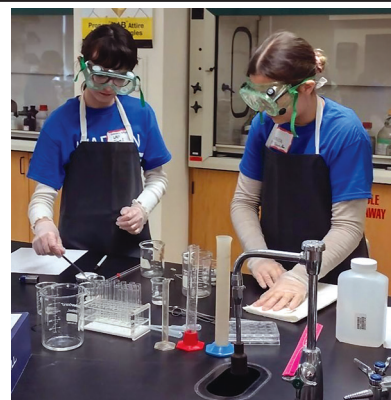
## Prom



Prom King and Queen  
Taylor Bowers and Morgan Hamrick









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### **Power of the Pen**

By Ms. Josie Bintz

Power of the Pen wrapped up its 2022-2023 season with the state tournament on Friday, May 19th at Ashland University. The competition began with 2,500 seventh and eighth grade writers from all of Ohio. Only 500 of these participants qualified for state, which included Warren Middle School's, Suzanna Whipkey.



Suzanna, an avid reader and a long-time writer, participated in three rounds of narrative writing. While there, she met Power of the Pen alum and published author, Justin Reynolds, who was also the key-note speaker. Suzanna accomplished a lot this season being the only WMS writer to qualify for all three rounds of the competition.

Thank you, Suzanna, for your hard work and dedication. WMS is proud to call you one of their own!



April 20 - Freshman, Lane Wasson, was invited to be an exhibitor at the Kraton Polymers Earth Day celebration. He enjoyed sharing his passion and knowledge of recycling to educate and inspire Kraton employees on the importance of a sustainable recycling plan to improve the environment now and for future generations. Lane encourages everyone to reduce, reuse & recycle.



WHS Softball team serving the community - These hardworking ladies continue to make us proud. Recently, they helped serve over 650 local business owners and employees during the Annual MACC Dinner held at Marietta College. Keynote speaker: Jared Orton, President of the Savannah Bananas!

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