



Updates from the Wildcats

November 2023

Message for the Superintendent

The weather has changed and it is beginning to feel like winter in Ohio! We have been fortunate to see mild temperatures through October and November, but Mother Nature has decided it's time for winter coats and toboggans. Winter sports have begun with boys' and girls' basketball in full swing. As well, wrestling has just finished its first week of practice and our cheerleaders have been hard at work for several weeks. We are super proud of all our Wild Cats! If you get the opportunity to attend a game the kids would appreciate your support. The Lady Jeff Cats opened the season by defeating St. Johns in both Varsity and JV basketball.

"Service Above Self" are traits that we teach our young people and they have not disappointed us over the last couple weeks at both the MS and HS levels. Different groups from each school raked and removed leaves for citizens of Delphos as a service project. Both school's Student Councils are highly involved in doing projects like this that give back to the community. I am happy to report that our Positive Behavior Programs in all three of our schools have caused the numbers of disciplinary referrals to decrease this school year. We are very blessed in Delphos to have outstanding young people and a teaching staff that sets the bar with high expectations. This along with excellent communications between the home and school makes for a great working relationship to help our students excel while making us proud.

The district has recently hosted some very cool activities of note. Mr. Tony Wiechart and his classroom at Franklin hosted a Thanksgiving Feast for their students and the building staff last week that was well received. Mrs. Rebekah Dubey has restarted the Quiz Bowl Team at Jefferson High School and has seen successful matches early this year. While at Delphos Middle School Mr. Whitney Harper held his annual Veteran's Day Assembly for our 5th grade students. They hosted six veterans ranging in age from 25-75 to share their experiences while answering questions for our young people. Mrs. Tammy Wirth led the 5th Grade Choir in a salute to the Veterans with a musical montage.

Delphos is a unique community with great family values and small-town support. The Delphos City Schools are quite proud to be a key cog in the wheel that is Delphos. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out or call.

Go JeffCats!

Jeff Hobbs

Superintendent

TAKE NOTE:

Nov 28—Interims

Dec 21— 1:30 Dismissal

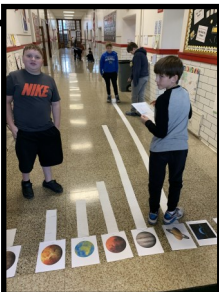
Dec 22— Jan 2 No School

Jan 3— School Resumes

Jan 10— End of 2nd quarter

Jan 12— No School for Students

The 5th graders in Mr. Jettinghoff's science class have started learning about Space and our solar system. Students completed an activity to demonstrate relative distance of our 8 planets in our solar system from the Sun. 1 sheet was roughly 19 million miles and Neptune needed 150 sheets of toilet paper to complete!



Mr. and Mrs. Spencer update the Board of Education on the growth and progress of the STEM programs at the Middle and High School.

Delphos Preschool



The preschoolers enjoyed trick-or-treating with the high school National Honor Society, yearbook, student council, choir, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, cheerleaders, Sophomore class officers, Senior class officers, FFA, Wildcat Warriors, cafeteria staff, high school office staff, and administration office staff. The Wildcat mascot even escorted the preschoolers through the building. Thanks to everyone for making this a successful event.



Franklin



OSU's Mobile Design Lab made a stop at Franklin to boost student's digital skills with coding education.



First Grade students took a trip to MVP Dairy Farm to learn all about dairy cows. They learned about sustainable farming, soil health and how much hard work it takes to raise dairy COWS.



Halloween would not be complete without the Franklin Costume Parade. Kindergarten and First Grade students were able to show off their spooky and silly Halloween costumes to the rest of the school with a parade around the playground.

SESA (Science Enhancement for Science Advancement) made a visit to teach second grade students about animal habitats. They learned how animals and plants interact with each other, their habitats, and their survival depend on each other.



Franklin would like to congratulate their students of the month for October. Congratulations to August Maycock, Quinn Strawn, Delaney Rigdon, Isabella Rahrig, Quinn Short, Hannah Wheeler, Paislynn Garrison, Aliyah Kimmet, Michael Mack, Lucas Rode, Weston Kriegel, Roman Jefferson, Ariel Wreede, Dax Carder, Gracie Wagner, Riley Burgei and Arianna Palomares.

DJMS



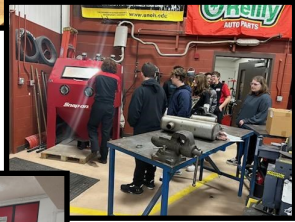
The 6th graders at the Middle School enjoyed a hands-on presentation from our friends at SESA the other day to wrap up their unit on Minerals and Rocks. Students reviewed how the different rock types are formed, and then were the geologists digging and finding different rocks and categorizing them.



On Friday, October 27th the Middle School Student Council hosted their very first Haunted School House. The Haunted School House ran from 7:30pm to 8:30pm and was busy from start to finish. Student Council president, Sydnee Bayman layed out a game plan and the student council members were busy setting everything up and scaring the attendees. The event was a huge success. The haunted fun carried over to Tuesday, October 31st when the students hosted the school Halloween Dance. Students enjoyed dancing, games, dressing up and the scary decorations. DJMS would like to thank the DJHS National Honor Society students who volunteered their time. The student council members would also like to give a huge thank you to Westrich's and Celebration's for all their donations and support.



8th graders had the opportunity to visit Vantage Career Center and explore all the available programs! Thank you Vantage and Thank you Mrs. Buettner, Mrs. Ricker, and Mr. Lindeman for chaperoning the trip!



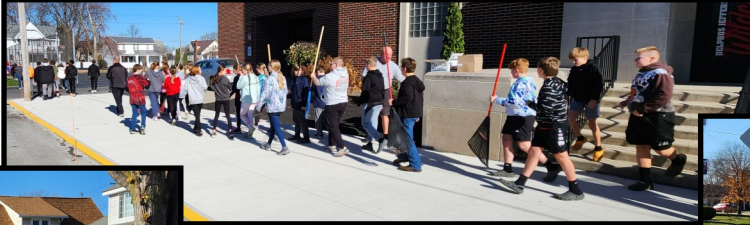
5th Graders were honored to participate in a Veteran's Assembly hosted by Mr. Harper, with music provided by Mrs. Tammy Wirth. THANK YOU to all who have served this great country.



D J M S



Students appreciate the community's support all year long. As a way of saying thank you, the students spent a Tuesday afternoon raking leaves for neighbors and friends.



D J H S



The Lady Wildcat cager won their season opener versus St Johns on November 24. Lyv Lindeman led the team with 35 points! The girls played New Bremen on **November 28** and will play @ Kalida on **November 30**.



Members of the DJHS Student Council and other students are volunteering their time to help with Mike's Food on Us @ the Delphos Eagles On November 28!



The Boys basketball season opener is @ Wapak on December 1!
Go Cats!!

FFA

The largest gathering of FFA members, recently took place, and 23 Delphos FFA members were part of it. Over 70,000 members, parents and guests gathered for the National FFA Convention which was held November 1-4 2023 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The purpose of this convention is to gather FFA members from across the nation to celebrate the achievements that have been made of the past year, broaden the horizons of members by exposing them to new places, and motivate them to continue to reach their goals.



Delphos FFA members boarded a charter bus on Wednesday morning with the Wapak and Waynesfield FFA chapters. The first stop was a tour at Tyson Foods in Logansport, Indiana where they process over 16,000 pigs a day. The second stop was a tour in Lebanon, Indiana at Reproductive Specialty Group where they specialize in small ruminant animal reproduction. They perform different types of procedures on sheep and goats like embryo transfers, laparoscopies, cloning and a variety of other reproductive procedures. That evening members attended a rodeo. On Thursday the group attended the

first general convention session highlighted by guest speaker Juan Bendana and had the opportunity to visit the Career Show at Convention.

National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education. Today, there are 945,988 FFA members in 9,163 chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. As the highest degree achievable in the National FFA Organization, the American FFA Degree shows an FFA member's dedication to his or her chapter and state FFA association. It demonstrates the effort FFA members apply toward their supervised agricultural experience and the outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement they exhibited through their FFA career. American FFA Degree recipients show promise for the future and have gone above and beyond to achieve excellence.

The Delphos chapter in its strong 73-year history had 9 members receive this honor. This is the most in one year ever. Over the country less than 1/2 of 1% of members receive this honor each year.



Delphos FFA Competes in SubDistrict Parliamentary Procedure Contest

Delphos FFA has recently participated in the sub district Parliamentary Procedure Contest held at Delphos Jefferson High School. This Career development event is based around the components and techniques that are used to properly run a business meeting. All Delphos FFA members are taught these components in class as freshmen, and have the option to continue to build and practice these techniques through this contest. The Delphos chapter had an advanced and novice team.



Novice Team members: (Front Row, L-R) Krysten Haehn, Jacob Trentman, Haley Sherman and Braxton Suever. (back row l t r) Tessa Meyer, Trevor French, Jacob Aurand, and Keira Ray. They placed 1st at the subdistrict contest and received a gold rating.

Advanced Team members (Front Row, L-R) Jamie Kill, Megan Hoersten, Alayna Wrasman (Back row L-R) Matthew Weitzel, Ella Wilson and Sheldyn Fetter.

They placed first at the contest as well and received a gold rating.

