Updates from the Wildcats

December 2023

Message from the Superintendent

2023 has been a terrific year in the Delphos City Schools. As December concludes, Wildcat Nation is excited about what 2024 will bring to our students, staff and community. The DCS welcomes new school board members Lynn Bockey and Karen Grothouse as we ring in the new year. Many thanks to outgoing BOE members Jamey Wisher and Perry Wiltsie for putting the city schools in the best position it has been in years financially and their overall service to the district. School resumes on January 3, 2024, and that is also the re-organizational meeting night for the board of education.

TAKE NOTE:

Jan 3– School Resumes

Jan 10– End of 2nd quarter

Jan 12– No School for Students

Jan 15– No School

Feb 6—2 hour delay In service

Feb 12—3rd quarter Interim

Congratulations to the Delphos FFA's Parliamentary Procedure Team who recently received a gold rating at the District Level. This contest is based on components and techniques of how to run a meeting. Members were Jamie Kill, Megan Hoersten, Alayna Wrasman, Matt Weitzel, Ella Wilson and Sheldyn Fetter. 8th grade student Sophia Bloom was chosen as the Optimist Student of the Month for the Delphos City Schools. She was honored at their Friday breakfast with a certificate and a silver dollar. Prior to Christmas Break, Franklin Elementary held their annual Teddy Bear Raffle. This program has become a staple with elementary students and parents in Delphos raising money for a great cause. On a similar note, the high school Student Council and National Honor Society should be commended for their "Toys for Christmas" drive that saw nearly 150 new toys be donated for young people in Delphos.

Winter athletics are in full force for the Jeff Cats. Denise Lindeman's Wildcat Girls basketball is off to a 7-1 start with several nice wins in their early season. Things will really start to ramp up in January with a tough stretch of games. DJHS' Boys basketball team under the direction of Jordan Jettinghoff are playing very competitively, but only have one win to show for their efforts so far. They feature a young squad that plays very hard every night. Both Junior Varsity teams are also playing very well under the direction of Abbie Violet (girls) and Mark Jettinghoff (boys). MS Boys and Girls Hoops are also experiencing positive seasons racking up several wins for the red and white. The Jeff Cat Wrestling Team has also been very busy in the young season under the direction of new head coach Matt Wiechart. Get out to see a game or match if you can in 2024. Not to be excluded, our HS and MS are blessed to have excellent cheer squads coached by Shelly Kroeger and Kyla Louigie respectfully.

As we ring in the new year we look forward to a fantastic spring. Before you know it we will be talking about graduation and the end of the school year. Our winter weather has been mild so far, but this is Ohio, and we know it can change 50 degrees overnight. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to call or email.

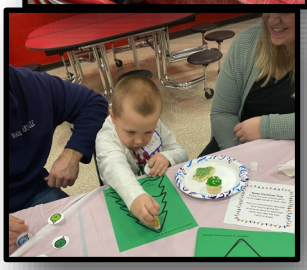
Go JeffCats!

Jeff Hobbs

Superintendent

Preschool

The Delphos City Schools Preschool students enjoyed a Holiday Celebration with their parents/guardians and preschool staff on Thursday, December 7th. The preschoolers decorated a gingerbread house, decorated a Christmas tree with ornaments spelling their name, created a snowman ornament, wrote letters to Santa, took home two holiday letter puzzles, enjoyed eating treats, and were able to sit on Santa's lap. Thanks to all those who attended and to Santa for stopping by.



The Delphos City Schools Preschool and High School Cross Categorical students would like to thank the High School Show Choir and Mrs. Tammy Wirth for stopping to perform on Friday, Dec. 15th as part of their December Performance Tour.

Franklin

December has been full of exciting learning experiences and holiday magic.

First Graders performed "The Year Santa Got Mixed Up"- a Christmas play about how Santa confused Christmas with several other holidays and traditions.

The students pictured were all nominated by their teachers for November Student of the Month.

Congratulations to Dominic Johnson, Brookelynn Miles, Brodi Radabaugh, Larkyn Brenneman, Jaxon Hines, Ezra Ditto, Myah Graham, Scarlett Richards, Piper Finn, Annabelle Fuerst, Liam Short, Aubree Gallmeier, Ainsley Eickholt, Wyatt Geier, Ayden Schrader, Kayleigh Rode, Grant Norbeck and Logan Norris.

Science Enhancement for Science Advancement (SESA) made a visit to 3rd grade to teach about rocks and minerals.

Franklin hosted a Spelling Bee for 4th Grade students this afternoon. The Spelling Bee went 28 rounds with the winning word of "fascinated" by Arianna Palomares. Chloe McDaniel was the runner up. Congratulations to all contestants.

DJMS

Sophia Bloom, an 8th grader at Delphos Jefferson Middle School was recently honored by the Optimist Club of Delphos as their November Student of the Month. Sophia received a certificate and a 1 Oz Silver Round. Pictured l to r are: Optimist President Jason Schnipke, Christine Bloom, Sophia Bloom, and DJMS Principal, Mr. Langhals

Girl's night out! DJMS 7th and 8th grade Girls opened up their season hosting Liberty Benton. Best of luck this season girls!

Delphos Jefferson Middle School is proud to recognize their November Students of the Month. Front l to r: 5th Grade-Avery Reynolds and James Ridenour. 6th Grade-Ava Gallmeier and Blaine Allemeier. Back l to r: 7th Grade-Samantha Stanton, (Logan Norbeck absent), 8th Grade- Sydnee Bayman and Shawn Hauter. Congratulations and Keep up the good work!!!

A packed house at Delphos Jefferson Middle School was treated to an exceptional band and choir concert on Wednesday night. The Middle School choir under the direction of Mrs. Wirth and the Middle School band under the direction of Mr. Reed delighted the crowd with holiday favorites. Great job everyone!!!

The Delphos Jefferson Middle School SWAG Student Council group recently donated funds from its Haunted School proceeds to benefit local Christmas community projects. The students are pictured donating to Franklin Elementary's Christmas Shoebox Project and the Delphos Community Christmas Project.

Thank you to the Allen County ESC's Extended Learning Grant; Delphos Jefferson Middle School teachers were provided with Classroom Emergency Buckets including: First Aid Kits, Fire Extinguishers, Disinfectant Wipes, Duct Tape, Hornet Spray, Snacks, Water, and other misc items. Pictured are Front l to r: Ms. Berelsman, Ms. Ryan, Ms. Brenneman, Ms. Williams. Back l to r: Mr. Harper, Mr. Stant, Mr. Spencer, Ms. Buettner, Mr. Rahrig, Mr. Fisher, and Mr. Reed.

Delphos Jefferson Middle School recently concluded their DC Soap Fundraiser. Top sellers were l to r: Maverick Plescher, Brett Rodabaugh, Nevaeh Hiegel, and Aiden Kroeger. Nevaeh was the overall top seller and received a JBL speaker from the fundraising company. Great job guys, and Thanks to all who supported the fundraiser!

The Delphos Jefferson Middle School SWAG student council recently sponsored a school-wide donation drive to benefit Heartbeat of Lima. The students collected items and made a monetary donation towards this local organization. Thank you to all who helped donate.

DJHS

Delphos FFA donates to the Community Christmas Project

The Delphos FFA recently made a donation to the Delphos Community Christmas Project. They collected numerous non-perishable food items and made a monetary donation to help ensure that everyone in the Delphos area can have a Merry Christmas.

Pictured are: (L-R front row), Delphos FFA member's Lauren French, President- Jamie Kill,

Secretary-Ella Wilson, and Vice President Matt Weitzel

Delphos FFA Competes in District Parliamentary Procedure

Delphos FFA has recently participated in the district 4 Parliamentary Procedure Contest held at Upper Sandusky 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. They placed third at the 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.