



## Dear Quaker Community,

The 2023-2024 school year is off to a great start! It has been a joy to see our students and staff settle in for the year ahead. I can't wait to see what they accomplish academically and socially.

This is proving to be a busy — but exciting — fall for our school community. We held our first facilities meeting on Sept. 27 where ThenDesign Architecture (TDA) shared what they learned from our recent facilities assessment. This will help us reach our goal of developing a master facilities plan as outlined in our 2023-2025 strategic plan. It was great to see so many people invested in the future of New Philadelphia Schools. Thank you to those who participated and shared their ideas about our future facility needs. Stay tuned for additional opportunities to provide feedback.

Also, we will be on the Nov. 7 ballot with a 10-year operating levy renewal. Check out our Treasurer/CFO's article on the back page for more details.

Thank you for all you do to help us meet our mission to provide all students the opportunity to achieve their highest potential.

Amy Wentworth  
Superintendent

## New Tool Helps Improve Student Services

The Student Services Department recently added Brolly to their toolkit. Brolly will further enhance the district's ability to collect data on and individualize programming for students.

Intervention specialists and related service providers have been trained on the new program and are currently using it to track services and student progress.



## Preschool Students Move Communication Skills Outdoors

Preschool classrooms at the Quaker Dome now have the ability to build on their communication skills outside the classroom thanks to a new communication board that was installed on the playground.

The project was made possible by funding received from the American Relief Plan and Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief program. Great work to local partner, Signs by Coney for their design and for installing the sign.

Here, cousins Mila and Noah Ross show how children use the communication board.





## South Elementary New and Improved

Teachers were hard at work leading up to the start of the 2023-2024 school year! To help create a positive culture, they made friendship bracelets to pass out to kids who exhibit good behavior and who go out of their way to help everyone.

Students may have also noticed a new sidewalk at the school. This addition benefits students in the modulars. Funds were provided by the Quaker Elementary PTO, concrete was donated by Pleasant Valley Ready Mix, and GorCon Construction installed the new walkway.

Teachers and staff alike are looking forward to the return of Meah and Mrs. Gallentine for their weekly reading sessions. With help from our furry friend, students are improving their reading fluency and comprehension.

Last but not least, a huge shoutout to the Beebe family for their donation of playground balls for the new school year!



## Manners Matter

Students at Central Elementary are learning about manners, why they matter, and are practicing a new manner every two weeks! Good manners are essential to success in life, leading to improved communication skills and more positive relationships, which can in turn help you reach your goals.

## Longstanding Sports Luncheons Continue

New Philadelphia's one-time Quarterback Club Luncheon expanded to include all fall sports more than 30 years ago. Now, our Fall Sports Luncheon is a longstanding tradition for the Quakers. We are thankful for our sponsors, Don Kemp and Bill Ferris, and the opportunity to connect our kids and coaches with our community. Congratulations to all of our fall athletes for their work on and off the field or court!



## Another Kindergarten Boot Camp in the Books

Mrs. Willis' York kindergarten cadets recently finished an 8-day Boot Camp! Throughout the camp, students learned how to properly use school tools including the dos and don'ts around crayon, pencil, scissor and glue use. Cadets were put to the test when they were asked to complete activities using the learning instruments. The class wrapped up their training with completion certificates, dog tags, and their very own cadet hat!

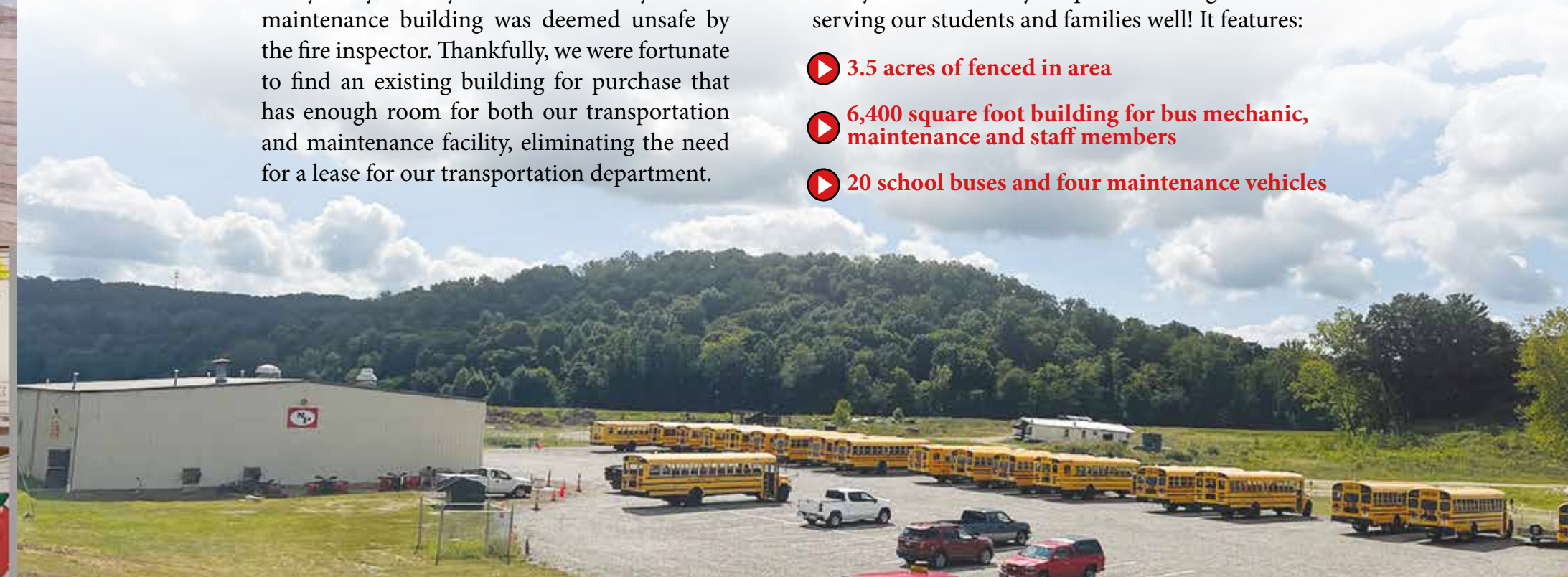


## New Transportation & Maintenance Garage Up and Running

Many of you may recall that last year our maintenance building was deemed unsafe by the fire inspector. Thankfully, we were fortunate to find an existing building for purchase that has enough room for both our transportation and maintenance facility, eliminating the need for a lease for our transportation department.

Today, the new facility is up and running and serving our students and families well! It features:

- ▶ 3.5 acres of fenced in area
- ▶ 6,400 square foot building for bus mechanic, maintenance and staff members
- ▶ 20 school buses and four maintenance vehicles





# STUDENT RECOGNITION

## Ohio Cardinal Conference Recognizes Student Leaders

Thirty-five New Philadelphia High School students will represent the district at the Ohio Cardinal Leadership Conference at Ashland University. The conference will be an opportunity for students to learn more about leadership and to network with other student-athletes in the Ohio Cardinal Conference.

Students were selected by teachers for their excellent leadership qualities inside and outside of the classroom.



## Students Receive National Recognition

Five New Philadelphia High School students were recently awarded national recognition from the College Board for their GPA (3.5 or higher) and outstanding performance on the PSAT and/or AP exams. Congratulations to Alexa Alsept, Elizabeth Dorsey, Derek Shimek, Hannah Kohler and Kira Rossi on your National Small Town and Rural Award!



## Homecoming: Saturday Night Fever

This year's homecoming was a throwback to Saturday Night Fever! A good time was had by all as our football team took on Mount Vernon on Sept. 22 and students danced the night away on Sept. 23. Congratulations to Leo Kochera and Ellie Wallick for being named this year's king and queen.



## Sixth Graders Gain Outdoor Education at Camp Muskingum

More than 150 sixth grade students participated in team building activities and hiking excursions and learned about scientific topics like animals and insects at a recent 3-day trip to Camp Muskingum.

The team building activities were the highlight of the trip for many because every student was involved, from completing tasks to solving problems. Projects included a lizard relay race, moving a marble and balancing on a teeter totter platform.





## New Senior Tradition

New Philadelphia High School is implementing a new tradition this year! Beginning Sept. 22, seniors will be allowed to paint their parking spot. The design, which must be approved by Mr. Range or Mr. Jarvis, will allow students to show their creativity and more easily navigate to their assigned spot throughout the year. Seniors are awarded parking spots based on their attendance, discipline record and GPA.



## East Elementary Celebrating Positive Behaviors

Students at East Elementary are earning PRIDE tickets for safe, respectful and responsible behaviors this school year. The tickets are placed in a raffle box in the school office and students get to place a sticker on their PRIDE ticket Parking Lot sheet.

Each morning, two names are drawn from the raffle box and winners receive a prize. Once students fill their Parking Lot sheet with stickers, their name is read on the morning announcements and they get to participate in a quarterly celebration.



## Grandmas Back in Action

Community grandmas Barb Blackwell and Mary Warfield are working one on one with kindergarteners at York Elementary this year. They have been focusing on letter formation and identification, vocabulary word sorts, and fun literacy games to reinforce reading standards. We sure do love and appreciate our grandmas!



## New Philadelphia Earns Grant, Mentorship From Author

New Philadelphia Schools is the recipient of a Martha Holden Jennings Foundation grant for \$12,867. The grant includes a classroom set of Alan Katz books for all elementary buildings for students to read throughout the year.

Additionally, the grant provides for collaborative learning experiences for students of all ages. For example, students

in grades K-5 will use Alan Katz books as a starting point for writing their own creative pieces of literature. The starting pieces will be passed from one grade level to the next, where students will further build their stories before culminating in a presentation to the author himself! The year-long partnership includes in-person and virtual visits from Alan Katz.



## Students Recognized at Board of Education Meeting

Several students were recognized at the Sept. 11 Board of Education meeting for passing the Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment administered in the spring.

Congratulations to the following students, who are now proficient in their home language as well as English!



Lincy Vicente Sanchez

Mary Garcia Herrera

Carlos Perez Ixcoy

Yoselin Pastor Miguel

William Calel Mejia

Not pictured: Bryan Jose Zacarias, Brayan Ajanel Box, Brandy Alvarado Sica, Cristian Ceto Bernal, Santa Ixcoy Calel, Juan Lux Batz, Estuardo Solis Agustin, Brandon Us Batz, and Maria Calel Velasquez.





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## Update from the Treasurer/CFO

### New Philadelphia Heads to Nov. 7 Ballot With Renewal Levy

New Philadelphia Schools is on the Nov. 7 ballot with a 10-year operating levy renewal. The levy will have a zero increase for taxpayers.

If passed, it will generate approximately \$3 million per year for the district's day-to-day operations, including teacher and staff salaries, utilities, maintenance, textbooks, and supplies.

The levy was first passed in 2014 and was last renewed in 2018 for five years. It represents 8.7% of the district's annual operating budget.

Julie Erwin, CPA  
Treasurer/CFO