



## Dear Quaker Community,

What a winter it has been! I hope you have been staying warm and healthy. In this newsletter, you'll find there is much to celebrate, from a new Quaker Dome floor to some incredible student achievements and awards. Here, I'd like to take a moment to talk about our facilities improvement project, and invite you to attend and participate in future meetings.

Our aging buildings are rapidly deteriorating. We are at a critical point in the planning and development process that requires us, as a community, to decide how to provide our students with adequate facilities to obtain the education they deserve.

At this time, our facilities committee is leaning toward moving forward with two new buildings. After considering the possibility of renovating older buildings, it became clear that that choice would not result in a significant cost savings. The committee is looking at potential alternate locations.

Your feedback, ideas and vision for the future of our schools are critical to helping us determine our path forward. I again invite you to join these meetings and to bring your ideas. Our next meetings are scheduled for Thursday, March 21; Tuesday, April 9; and Tuesday, April 23. I hope to see you there. After all, these are your community schools.

To stay informed and involved in this process, please visit our website at [npschools.org](http://npschools.org) where you can find detailed information about our Facility Master Planning project and upcoming meetings.

Thank you to those who have participated and shared their ideas about our future facility needs, and thank you for your continued support and partnership in helping us meet our mission to provide all students the opportunity to achieve their highest potential.

Sincerely,  
Amy Wentworth  
Superintendent

## Welty Student Council Gives Back This Winter

Welty Student Council has been on a roll this school year. This winter alone, students organized a hygiene drive that collected over 750 items for students in need and planned a volunteer opportunity at Blessings in a Backpack to feed students in our community. Welty Student Council is currently planning a tutoring program during lunch, constructing a 9-Square game for students to play at lunch, and are busy planning (and running!) school dances. Whether it's being a helping hand in our community or creating fun opportunities and activities for our students, our Welty Student Council is on top of it.



*Welty students volunteering at Blessings in a Backpack.*



## Magic, Maracas, Unite Families and School

Parents of our preschoolers were recently invited into the school to get a firsthand look at what their students get to experience each day. They had a pizza dinner before watching local magician TJ Marlatt and his daughter, who is a member of the Mugicians, perform a magic show.

Students were invited on stage with TJ to make music with maracas, and each family was sent home with a kit so they could make their own maracas and have a keepsake from the night of fun.



# Update from the Treasurer



Did you know? Ohio's school districts are primarily funded through state and local taxes, and local dollars come mainly through property taxes.

Local property taxes are taxes paid based on land and building valuation located within the school district attendance area. Every owner of private and business property must pay these taxes. Each year, in August and March, New Philadelphia City Schools receives financial settlements from the county auditor. These funds are vital to our operations and planning.

For the 2023-2024 school year, the total assessed value of all properties within our district is \$627,333,070. Of this, \$472,559,170 comes from private real estate, and \$114,619,250 from commercial business property.

Property taxes are a vital source of our revenue, contributing 50.17%, which equals \$17,257,580 for the current school year.

This amount represents a significant portion of our district's projected revenue of \$34,399,254.

While most of our funding comes through property taxes, we rely on state and federal funding as well.

We remain dedicated to transparent, responsible stewardship of resources, and, most importantly, the education and well-being of our students. Together, we are more than a school district; we are a community united in our quest for educational excellence for all Quakers.

Thank you for your continued support and trust in New Philadelphia City Schools.

Julie Erwin, CPA  
Treasurer

## Quaker Foundation Pays it Forward

The Quaker Foundation was formed in 1993 and is dedicated to furthering students' futures through scholarships, teacher grants, and more. New Philadelphia City Schools is so grateful for the Foundation's support, which has made a difference for students and staff over the last 30 years. Check out some of our statistics.



2022-2023 Quaker Foundation student scholarship recipients

**1993**  
Quaker Foundation was launched

**\$2.7 MILLION**  
Total monies given since Foundation's inception

**\$246,114**  
Total scholarships awarded to New Philadelphia students during the 2022-2023 school year

**\$402,671**  
Total dollars given in grants to teachers since Foundation began

**\$174,000**  
Funding awarded to Jackson Award recipients, which recognizes superior teaching in the district, since the award was founded

**\$40,907**  
Total grants awarded to teachers during the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years

**\$15,000**  
Dollars awarded to Jackson Award winners in 2023



Students who received Briggs and Garritt scholarships.



## Wrestlers Join “100 Win” Ranks

Three Quaker wrestlers have topped 100 wins in their high school wrestling career. They join only 18 others in the school's history to accomplish this same feat. Additionally, this is only the second time in school history that three wrestlers have reached this mark in the same four-year span. Congratulations!



## Updates from South Elementary

Students and teachers from South Elementary have been up to some incredible things this winter. Let's take a look!

Second graders at South are participating in the 2nd & 7 Reading Program with our high school athletes. We're so grateful to our high school athletes for sharing their time as our second graders practice their reading skills!

Third graders enjoyed a lovely “Breakfast with a Buddy” in November. It was so special to watch our students and parents, grandparents, and kind community members gather for a nice morning together.



South Elementary was delighted to be a special audience for the Welty Middle School band in December. Our students loved the performance!

All South students donated care package items for cancer patients at Mercy Medical Center. Our third grade class presidents assembled the bags. Mrs. Range dropped the care packages off to the hospital just before Christmas. Several patients have sent personal thank you notes to our students.



In January, Jonathan Scales' Fourchestra performed for our students, who got to learn about different instruments and their sounds. Thank you to the Kent State Tuscarawas Performing Arts Center for bringing the joy of music to our students!

The boys and girls varsity basketball teams visited in February and talked with our students about being respectful and responsible. Elementary students played a game of Knockout with the teams. Staff then played a game against both the boy's and girl's varsity teams. It seems to us we have some rising basketball stars at South Elementary!



Students enjoy reading with Mrs. Gallentine and Meah each Wednesday. Teachers recommend students to participate!

## Central Elementary Spelling Bee Competition

On Feb. 1, two representatives from each homeroom competed in our Central Spelling Bee. After 11 rounds of an intense competition, Titan Glass took runner-up and Noah Zimmerman came in first, winning with the word “wisdom.” Noah will compete at the Canton regional spelling bee in March.

We'd like to congratulate all of our stellar participants: Lexyn Weigand, Alexandra Taylor, Avery Dixon, David Lawrence, Ayden Ferguson, Sawyer Czajka, Connor Jett, Noah Zimmerman, Sophia Lightell, Victor Oxlaj-Pelico, Sandra Maculaitis, Santa Ixcoy-Calel, Hayden Armstrong, Cody Snyder, Mya Diab, Zarhanna Tilton, Mason Casimir, Shara Organista Ixcoy, Adalyn Wolfarth, Maria Lux Us, Titan Glass and Olivia Price. We are so P-R-O-U-D!



## NPHS Senior Wins Full College Scholarship

Dawson Ohl, a New Philadelphia High School senior, has won the Presidential Honors Scholarship to Walsh University. Presidential Scholarships are awarded each year to a limited number of qualified entering freshmen and are awarded in an amount equivalent to the cost of regular, full-time tuition.

We are sending a huge congratulations to Dawson for this incredible achievement. Your peers, teachers, and district are celebrating alongside you!





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## Quaker Dome Gets New Floor

Thanks to several generous donors, our Quaker Dome received a new all-purpose floor over winter break. The cost of the project was \$326,000 and the courts have been transformed into state-of-the-art, multi-sport surfaces ensuring a safer and more enjoyable experience for our students. We give tremendous thanks to the Quaker Club for their ongoing support of our district! Our students can't wait to play on these new floors!



*The boy's basketball team comes together at a Donor Recognition ceremony to show their generosity for the resurfacing of the courts in the Quaker Dome*

## Elementary Schools Celebrate 100 Days of School

Staff and students at several of our elementary schools had a great time celebrating the 100th and 101st days of school. At East Elementary, students engaged in various activities throughout the building, like using various items to count to 100, making special trail mix, and dressing up like 100 year olds.

At York Elementary, kindergarten students and teachers dressed up like they were 100 years old. First graders had fun the next day by dressing up as the 101 Dalmatians to celebrate. On top of getting to dress up, students also engaged with these numbers during some fun math activities that included practicing counting to 100!



*York Elementary teachers and students celebrate 100 and 101 days of school!*



*East Elementary students celebrating 100 days of school!*