



Dear Quaker Community,

Another school year has come and gone. The brief lull after the final days of the year always gives me a chance to reflect on all that we accomplished.

I am especially proud of our work on our strategic plan this spring. Thanks to our community's feedback and partnership,

I'm confident the plan, which will carry us through 2025, will help modernize our district and provide even more opportunities for our students to succeed. Our execution teams have already made incredible progress toward our goals and objectives, particularly our first goal dealing with our facilities.

We are kicking off our Master Facilities planning by hiring a pre-bond architect. Like with any of our initiatives, input from our stakeholders will be essential to creating a viable plan,



whether this includes remodeling, rebuilding, or a combination of both. Stay tuned for ways you can get involved and learn more about our district's unique facility needs through Community Feedback Meetings.

Some of our initial facility upgrades include the purchase of a new building to house our maintenance department and bus garage.

I'm also appreciative of our staff, students and community's efforts to continue to make safety a top priority. We received a \$317,000 Safety Grant this year. This allowed us to make several safety enhancements, including:

- Placing phones in every classroom and office
- Installing additional cameras at each building
- Setting new signage at all buildings
- Upgrading doors and locks in some areas
- Installing Halosensors to detect smoke, marijuana and loud sounds

We also continued building relationships with our local first responders to ensure our safety practices are sound.

There is always a flurry of activity at the end of the school year. I hope you enjoy learning about the many achievements of our students and staff throughout this newsletter and I wish everyone a happy and safe summer break!

Amy Wentworth,
Superintendent

Class Pets Help Students Learn Science

First graders at York Elementary recently learned about the shape and strength of chicken eggs before the chicks hatched. Thank you to Michelle Moon, a program assistant from the OSU Extension Office, for visiting the classrooms and presenting fun science experiments for our students!

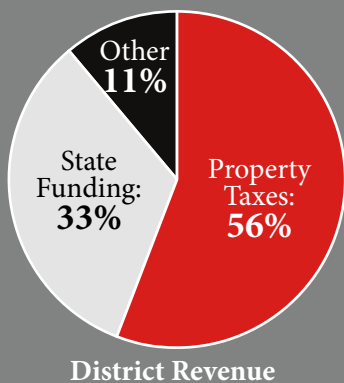


Update from the Treasurer/CFO



New Philadelphia Schools Headed for November Ballot

New Philadelphia City Schools will be on the November 2023 ballot with a \$3 million, 10-year renewal levy. If passed, there will be zero increase in taxes. The monies from the levy will help the district maintain day-to-day operations, including teachers and staff, technology, supplies, maintenance, and utilities.



In other fiscal news, the fire marshal condemned the district's maintenance building located at 915 S. Broadway earlier this year. We were able to sell the building at a public auction in April for \$363,000. The proceeds helped pay for the purchase of a new building, located at 764 State Route 416, and the district's transportation and maintenance departments will move to the new location as soon as necessary upgrades are completed.

Additionally, over spring break, a portion of our last round of ESSER (federal COVID-19 relief) funding was used to repair or replace all HVAC and boiler equipment across our campus that was no longer working or had reached its end of life. The total cost was \$1.3 million.

As has been shared in recent months, we are also kicking off a renovation project at our high school this summer that involves adding air conditioning and converting boilers from steam to water in the gym, band and choir areas. This project will also be funded by ESSER dollars.

As always, we strive to make the best use of our taxpayer dollars to provide a high-quality education and learning environment for our students.

Julie Erwin
Treasurer/CFO

Sixth graders enjoy a day in nature at the Wilderness Center.



New Philadelphia students sponsor a Quaker-themed Christmas tree at the Warther's Festival of Trees for the holidays.



Welty students enjoy a sweet treat from the Kona Ice truck for their efforts during the first nine weeks of the year.

Accelerated Reader Program Grows Students' Love of Reading

West Elementary participated in the Accelerated Reader (AR) program for the first time during the 2022-2023 school year. The program encourages students to read books matched to their reading level and incorporates personalized goals and points-based incentives to keep kids motivated.

Students were tasked with reading at least 30 minutes each night, and if they met quarterly goals, they received a part of a paper ice cream sundae that they redeemed for a real sundae at the end of the year, including the toppings they earned.

They also participated in Read Across West in May where they could read all day to earn points. They added a balloon to the school office for each quiz they passed, and many students met their fourth quarter goal. The Tuscarawas County Public Library also visited to discuss its summer reading program to keep the momentum going.

Last, students used their points at an AR auction before school let out for the summer. Thank you to the community members, businesses and other organizations that donated throughout the year to support the auction.

Welty students get pumped up during Phila-Dover week!



Middle school students receive a New Philadelphia Quaker T-shirt to end the school year!



Fifth Graders Compete at County Math Tournament

Congratulations to several of our fifth grade students, who were selected to represent New Philadelphia at the county math tournament. They traveled to Buckeye Career Center for a chance to win ribbons and other prizes.



Participants included the following:

Operations and Algebraic Thinking

Brandon Colvin, Dominic Marsh and Rex Dynes

Number and Operations

Base 10 - Arlo Bowers, Nicholas Wagner and James Reznor

Measurement and Data

Sophia Groff, Greyson Reiss and Thien Vo

Geometry

Tucker Bernard, Lincoln Newburn and Linken Nemeth

Number and Operations - Fractions

Sawyer Cronebaugh, Anthony Morales and Luke Beaver (alternate: Aidan Wright)

Class of 2023

First day of school

8.24.22

Homecoming Football Game

9.30.22

Homecoming Dance

10.17.22 - 10.21.22

Phila Dover Week (Rival Spirit Week)

10.20.22

Phila vs. Dover Pep Rally

10.21.22

Phila vs. Dover Football Game (Phila Won)

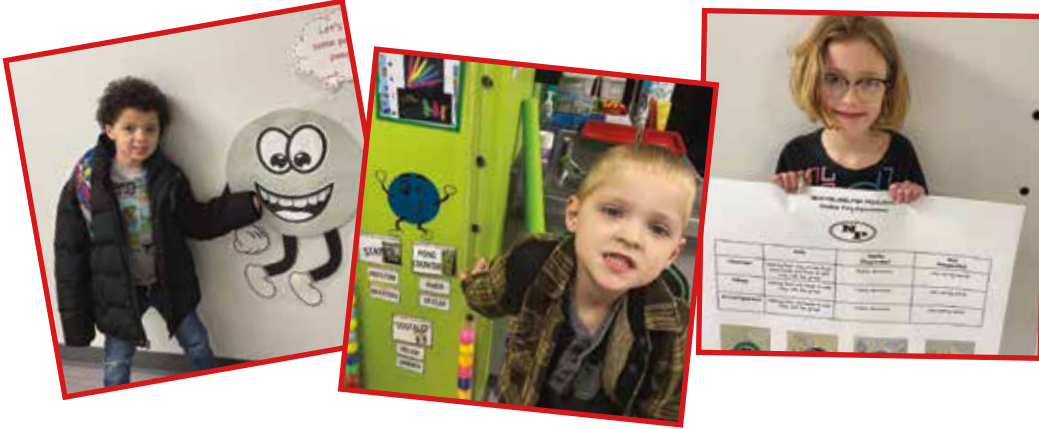
2.13.23 - 2.17.23



Preschool Program Sees Progress With PBIS Framework

More than 200 preschoolers ages 3 to 5 attend New Philadelphia's three preschools, located at East Elementary, West Elementary, and the Quaker Dome.

For the past three years, the preschool program has incorporated the PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) framework to help our youngest learners prepare for kindergarten and beyond. Teachers have created a behavior matrix that encourages students to practice safety, helpfulness and kindness. And incentives ranging from a Mr. Pong hand stamp to filling a Pong tube keep students on track. When the Pong tube is full, the class enjoys a reward they've decided on together.



Preschool Facts

200 students ages 3-5

3 locations: East Elementary, West Elementary, and the Quaker Dome

70 students with special needs

72 students receive free tuition thanks to a state grant

Year in Review

Phila vs. Dover Spirit Week

3.31.23

NPHS Talent Show

5.5.23

Quaker Foundation Scholarship Reception

5.6.23

NPHS Prom

5.8.23

NPHS Awards Ceremony

5.23.23

Senior Cedar Point Trip

5.27.23

Class of 2023 Graduation



Elementary Students Recognized at April Board Meeting

It's never too early to begin developing leadership skills. At least not for students at East Elementary! Fourteen first grade students were selected earlier this year by their teacher to be part of the Student Leadership team thanks to the leadership skills they demonstrated in the classroom and throughout the school.

The team met twice each month and worked to improve the school by providing fun items for recess. Through Hat Day, Pajama Day and Wacky Wednesday fundraisers that they promoted with posters and other announcements, they raised more than \$400. The funds helped them purchase swings, soccer nets, flag football flags, playground balls, and a large Connect 4 game.

The Student Leadership team also completed a service project this year, collecting items for the homeless in hopes that it would strengthen the community. They did a great job using their leadership skills to improve the school and community and were recognized for their efforts at the April Board meeting.



Partnership With Law Enforcement Teaches Students Important Lessons

Detective Chad Dorsey and Officer Bradley Geist from the New Philadelphia Police Department spoke to middle school students earlier this year about the dangers of drug use. Officer Geist also performed a demonstration on how his K-9 detects drugs.

This was a great opportunity for our students to learn how to keep themselves safe and healthy. It also highlighted one of the many things our local law enforcement does in our community for those who may be interested in pursuing this as a career one day.



College, High School Students Sharing Passion for Science Thanks to New Program

Students in Dr. Shannon Smith's Introduction to Computer Science courses at New Philadelphia High School are getting a taste of what college life is like - and how to mentor the younger generation - through a cascading peer-mentoring project in collaboration with Kent State University's (KSU) Advanced Telerobotics Research Lab.

The first phase of the project involved the students designing, building and programming Smart Trashcan robots while being mentored by undergraduate computer science students from KSU. In the next phase of the project, the high school students will serve as mentors to middle school science students.

This program is the result of the collaborative efforts of Dr. Smith and KSU professors Elena Novak, Jong-Hoon Kim and Lisa Borgerding. What a fun and engaging way to inspire students of all ages!



South Elementary Continues Old Traditions, Starts New

For the second year in a row, students could practice their reading skills by reading aloud to two of our favorite volunteers: Mrs. Gallentine and Meeah. Teachers sign up for 15-minute time slots throughout the year.

Through the 2nd & 7 Foundation, whose mission is to promote reading by providing free books and positive role models to kids while encouraging young athletes of the community to pay it forward, athletes from the high school Athletic Leadership Council visited second grade classrooms throughout the year to read with them. Each time, students received free books provided by The Ohio State University. The books centered around positive messages like helping others, being a good leader, and being a good friend.

Last but not least, third grade students tried their hand at relaxation and breathing techniques to reduce test anxiety for students. The program was provided by OSU Extension.





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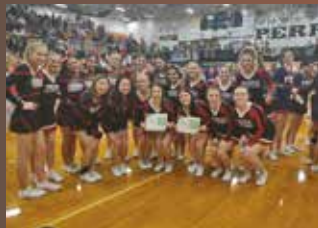


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Sports Wrap-Up

Last winter, our New Philadelphia student-athletes had several “wins.” The girls and boys’ basketball teams had not one but two wins over Dover, and the boys were named OCC co-champions. Zach Ross was named OCC Coach of the Year and Kyle Sundheimer is the OHSBCA Division II Assistant Coach of the Year. Additionally, Carter Vandall became the third all-time leading scorer in Quaker basketball history with 1,233 career points.

We can’t forget those responsible for cheering us on! Our competition and GameDay cheerleading squads qualified for the OHSAA State Competition with their stunning performance at Perry High School.



The wrestling team ended the season with a 13-6 dual record with a big win over rival, Dover. Congratulations to Ezekial Williams, who placed fourth at the Division II district meet, qualifying him for state.

Additionally, we are proud of this year’s All-Stars, including Carter Vandall, who was selected to play in the OHSBCA North v. South All-Star basketball game, and Cameron Clarkson for being named to the OHSFCA North v. South Division I-III All-Star football game.



In other news, Chris Born has retired after serving the district for 45 years as custodian. Our staff and particularly our student-athletes and their families will miss seeing his friendly face around campus. He was responsible for the high school and middle school gym activities for more than 40 years.