



Dear Quaker Community,

School is out for the summer, but our work is never complete. I'm pleased to share updates on our Facility Master Planning efforts. Following extensive community feedback, we've crafted a plan to enhance our educational environment by constructing two new buildings: one for PK-6 and another for middle and high school students in addition to relocating administrative offices. The proposed PK-6 building at South Elementary aims to consolidate students, enhance safety, and reduce costs.

On November 5, 2024, a combined 5.9 mill bond issue and 1.0 mill permanent improvement levy will be presented to voters. The bond issue, totaling \$72 million, would pay for the construction of the new PK-6 school. The permanent improvement levy would generate approximately \$627,000 annually to cover the maintenance and improvements of district buildings. If passed, homeowners will see a tax increase of \$20.17 per month per \$100,000 of property valuation.

Additionally, we have secured funding from the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission's Expedited Local Partnership Program for our Facility Master Planning work. We would receive 56% of the cost of both our PK-6 and middle/high school buildings back from the state once the projects are complete.

As we embark on this transformative journey, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all of our students who finished the school year strong, and especially to the graduating class of 2024. Your hard work, dedication, and resilience have brought you to this milestone moment. As you step into the next chapter of your life, remember the lessons learned and the friendships forged at New Philadelphia City Schools. We are immensely proud of each and every one of you.

To our entire Quaker community, thank you for your continued engagement as we work together to create a modern, safe learning environment for our students. Your input and involvement are invaluable as we shape the future of our district.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer and looking forward to the exciting opportunities that lie ahead for New Philadelphia City Schools. Keep reading to learn more about what New Philadelphia staff and students have been up to this spring!

Sincerely,
Amy Wentworth
Superintendent

Fostering Empathy and Community Engagement in Fifth Grade

Fifth grade students at Central have been making waves in their Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) class. Imagining the responsibilities of teachers, custodians, and other important community members, fifth graders delved into different perspectives and challenges others face. From littering to bullying to polite restroom etiquette, students designed and displayed "public service announcements" throughout the school. These displays served as a reminder to be thoughtful, respectful, and kind... and yes, to flush.





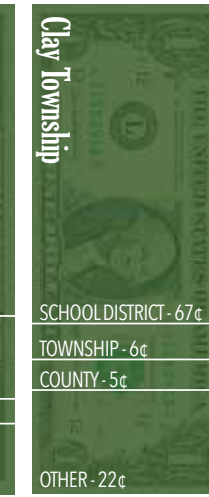
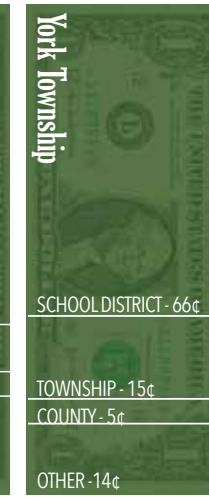
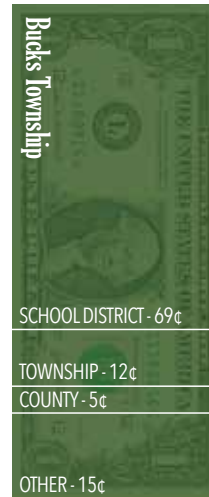
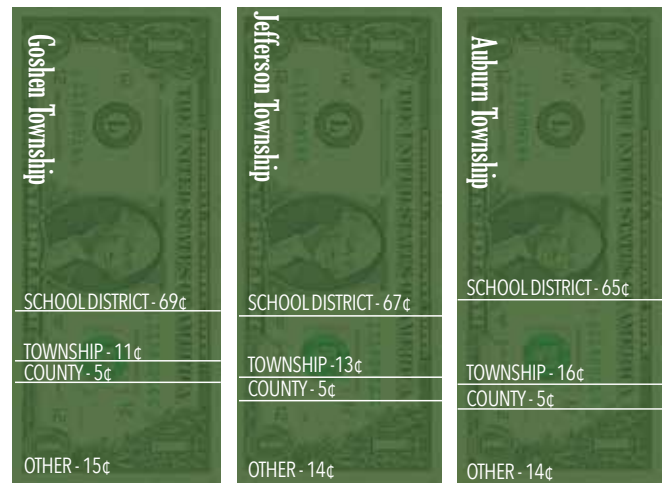
Update from the Treasurer

On this page I am using a dollar bill to symbolize how tax revenue collected from residents is divided among various organizations or entities within specific localities. Whether you live in the City of New Philadelphia or one of the many townships in our attendance boundaries, you can see the breakdown of where your tax dollars go. Each of these entities uses the funds it receives from taxes to fulfill its respective responsibilities and provide services to the community. We hope this graphic helps residents understand where their tax dollars are allocated and how they contribute to different aspects of community development, especially their school district.

Julie Erwin, CPA
Treasurer



Tax Revenue Breakdown for Townships



Special Note to Retirees Tammy Eichel & Tina Frink

After a combined service of 58 years, we bid farewell to two beloved members of our school community: Tammy Eichel and Tina Frink.

Tammy Eichel began her journey with us in 1995 as a substitute for the high school before becoming a valued member of the Food Service team. Over 28 years, her infectious smile and birthday Balloon-a-tick antics brought joy to all.

Tina Frink joined us in 1994 as a substitute for Welty Middle School, later serving our district for 30 years. She touched generations through the cafeteria window, leaving behind so many good memories and shared laughs.

As they embark on well-deserved retirements, we extend our deepest gratitude for their dedication and wish them endless happiness in the next chapter of their lives, which will include spending time with family and going on some well-deserved vacations. Thank you, Tammy and Tina, for the laughter and warmth you brought to our school community. You will be dearly missed!



Tammy Eichel (left) and Tina Frink (right) are both retiring this year!

New Philadelphia Celebrates Staff at 28th Annual Appreciation Banquet

New Philadelphia City Schools' (NPCS) Staff Appreciation Banquet was filled with gratitude and recognition for the exceptional individuals who embody the spirit of NPCCS. The event, held during Staff Appreciation Week, served as a heartfelt tribute to those whose dedication has significantly impacted the district.

A highlight of the evening was the recognition of staff members who have achieved significant milestones in their service to NPCCS. From a decade of commitment to an astounding half-century of dedication, individuals marking 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, and 50 years with the district were honored.

In addition to celebrating years of service, retiring staff members were acknowledged for their invaluable contributions to NPCCS. Retirees Heidi Briggs, Andrea Byrd, Tammy Eichel, Julia Espenschied, Tina Frink, William "Bill" Immel, Marsha Reed, Lisa Stephens, Barbara Wade, Katrina "Tina" Williams, and Vernon "Gene" Williams were honored for their retirement and presented an engraved Warther's wooden bell. Their wisdom and experience have left an indelible mark on the NPCCS community, and their presence will be greatly missed.

Among the evening's honorees were the recipients of this year's awards, recognized for their exceptional contributions to the NPCCS community. Talin Petrullo, a dedicated teacher at New Philadelphia High School known for her work with English Learners, was honored with the Charlyn Menapace Teacher of the Year Award. Donna Wayt, a paraprofessional at East Elementary, was celebrated as the Charlyn Menapace Staff Member of the Year. Greg Perkins, a custodian at York Elementary, was named Rookie of the Year.

Board Members Denver Gallentine, Amanda Fontana, Todd MacMath, Jennifer Schrock, Superintendent Amy Wentworth, and Assistant Superintendent Mr. Jeff Williams presented the 2024 awards. This event would not have been possible without event coordination by Tamra Wells, administrative assistant to the superintendent.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all honorees and each of our staff members. Your tireless dedication, unwavering passion, and profound impact are the cornerstones of New Philadelphia's success!



Cheryl Graham celebrates 50 years as a music teacher in New Philadelphia!



New Philadelphia's 2024 retirees.



Educator of the Year Talin Petrullo receiving her award.

Curriculum Selection and Training in the Science of Reading at New Philadelphia City Schools

New Philadelphia City Schools (NPCS) has fully adopted the Science of Reading requirements mandated by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. This includes selecting an English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum based on these principles and ensuring that all teachers and administrators from kindergarten through twelfth grade undergo training in the Science of Reading.

To select the curriculum, NPCCS collaborated closely with teachers, prioritizing their comfort and input throughout the process. Initially, the state's approved list of curriculum was shared, and teachers utilized the EdReports website for review and ratings. Each school building then submitted preferences, leading to the distribution of curriculum samples for classroom use over four months.

Subsequent meetings at individual buildings allowed teachers to articulate their preferences and needs regarding the new curriculum. From these discussions, the list was narrowed down to two options: Wit and Wisdom from Great Minds for kindergarten and first grade, and Into Reading (Grades 2-5) and Into Lit (Grades 6-12) from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH).

The professional development requirement for all teachers and administrators on the Science of Reading is important to the full implementation of this literacy initiative. The level of training that is required varies based on the teaching assignment for each teacher, with more hours required for ELA teachers. All teachers and administrators will be trained with this information to increase literacy support across the district. We recognize the collective effort that is required to enhance student reading skills, irrespective of a teacher's subject specialty.

Through collaborative efforts between administration and teachers, NPCCS remains dedicated to delivering top-quality education. The unified selection of curriculum and training reflects this commitment, with anticipation for the positive growth and development it will bring to students.

QUAKER FACILITIES UPDATES

Quaker Stadium Bleachers Update

Big changes are coming to Quaker Stadium! After inspections, we've removed a steel structure that didn't meet standards and have subsequently been able to ensure that the foundation and buried water lines are in good shape. We are now working to install a new steel structure and sleek black covering that will not only provide a safe structure, but will also provide an updated look for our facility. We aim to finish by Aug. 5, ensuring a better experience for all. Stay tuned for more updates, and check out some of the progress that's been made so far!



New Rubberized Flooring Enhances Quaker Dome

Thanks to the generosity of multiple donors, the Quaker Dome now boasts upgraded flooring covering three asphalt courts. As a part of the \$326,000 project to ensure safer and more enjoyable experiences for students participating in various sports, we're sending a special thanks to the Quaker Club for their ongoing support. Our students are thrilled to play on these state-of-the-art surfaces!



New Bus Garage and Maintenance Facility Update

We've consolidated our bus drivers, mechanic, supervisors, and maintenance personnel into a single building. This integration promises improved efficiency and collaboration among our transportation and maintenance teams.

As part of this initiative, we've installed a fence and gate for enhanced security, upgraded parking lot areas to accommodate our fleet, and improved lighting and electrical systems for safety and functionality.

2023 - 2024 AWARDS

Alexa Asept Receives Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Award



New Philadelphia High School proudly announces that senior Alexa Asept has been awarded the Franklin B. Walter

All-Scholastic Award. Established by Ohio's educational service center superintendents in 1989, this prestigious accolade recognizes outstanding student achievement, and only one senior from each of Ohio's 88 counties is eligible to receive this annual honor. New Philadelphia congratulates Alexa on this well-deserved honor and wishes her continued success in her academic pursuits at The Ohio State University.

Patrick Morris Honored with Ray A. Kroc Youth Achievement Award

New Philadelphia High School senior Patrick Morris was selected to receive the Ray A. Kroc Youth Achievement Award. This prestigious honor is bestowed upon a senior student who exemplifies qualities of citizenship, leadership, scholarship, and sportsmanship while earning the respect of peers and teachers. Patrick's outstanding character and contributions to the school community make him a deserving recipient of this distinguished award. Congratulations, Patrick, on this well-deserved recognition!



Reece Shuman Receives 8th Grade Ray A. Kroc Award



Reece Shuman was awarded the 8th Grade Ray A. Kroc Award. Chosen annually for demonstrating persistence, determination, hard work, and excellence, Reece embodies these qualities through his leadership, scholarship, sportsmanship, and good citizenship. Reece is the Vice President of the National Junior Honor Society, actively engages in community service, leads fundraisers for local organizations, and is involved with the arts. Congratulations to Reece for his outstanding contributions to New Philadelphia Middle School!

Christa Roberts Named Arts Educator of the Year

Welty Middle School's Christa Roberts shines as a dedicated teacher of choir, show choir, and adaptive music. She leads middle school plays and musicals, and her commitment to music education extends beyond the classroom.

Christa was recently celebrated at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) alongside Chad Roberts and Julia Kandel from New Philadelphia City Schools. This marked the 7th annual Arts Educator of the Year ceremony, recognizing her outstanding contributions to fostering artistic expression in students. Her tireless dedication and passion for the arts make her a deserving recipient of this honor. Congratulations!



Brittani Roberts with Superintendent Amy Wentworth and Principal Ryan Range.

Overcoming Obstacles Award

We're proud to share the achievements of two remarkable students from New Philadelphia, honored at the recent awards ceremony at Dover High School on April 30.

Zaya West, a first-grade student, and high school senior Brittani Roberts were celebrated for their perseverance and dedication in overcoming obstacles throughout their educational journey. The event, attended by New Philadelphia City Schools administrators and staff, including Superintendent Amy Wentworth and Principal Ryan Range, featured individual videos honoring each award recipient.

This annual ceremony, a county-wide recognition, highlights the resilience and success of students like Zaya and Brittani, showcasing the unwavering support of our NPCS community in nurturing every student's potential. Congratulations to our award recipients for their outstanding accomplishments!

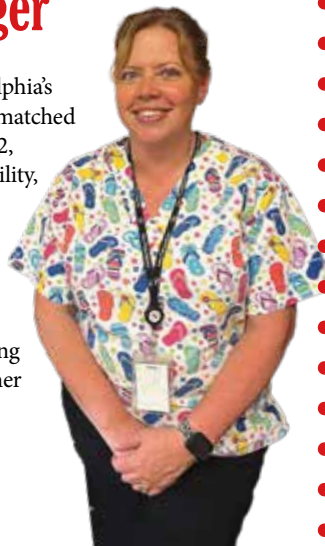
STORIES FROM AROUND OUR BUILDINGS...

Meet Wendy Carter, Food Service Team Manager

Wendy Carter is the powerhouse behind New Philadelphia's Food Service team, serving as Team Manager with unmatched dedication. Since taking on the managerial role in 2012, Wendy has been known for her punctuality, dependability, and warm smile.

Wendy ensures the count and smooth delivery of meals to all five elementary locations and Starlight—which is around 1,200 meals daily. Beyond her professional duties, Wendy eagerly anticipates becoming a grandmother soon to Baby Bennett and embracing her role as "Gigi."

New Philadelphia City Schools is grateful for Wendy's leadership and commitment!



First Grade Adventures With Wilmot Wilderness Center

First graders had an unforgettable adventure at the Wilmot Wilderness Center in late April. Students went on a hike and scavenger hunt, dipped nets in the pond to learn about the aquatic life lurking beneath the surface, and met Barnaby the Turtle! The day ended with playtime at the Nature Playground. Thanks to our friends at Wilmot Wilderness Center, our students had a fantastic day learning about local wildlife and conservation.



Fifth Grade Students Participate in County Math Tournament

A select group of fifth graders participated in the annual County Math Tournament at Buckeye Career Center. Students competed against other fifth grade students in the county. These students were selected because of their math scores in the following areas:

Dominic Migoni, Operations and Algebraic Thinking
Norah Rotunno, Operations and Algebraic Thinking
Alex Lama, Operations and Algebraic Thinking
Hunter King, Number and Operations - Base 10
Gavin Bailey, Number and Operations - Base 10
Johnny LoPresti, Number and Operations - Base 10
Junior Resendiz, Measurement and Data
Joslyn Tzip Jose, Measurement and Data
Danny Jackson, Measurement and Data
Willfred Lux-Tzip, Geometry
Nam Nguyen, Geometry
Tyson Shuman, Geometry
Connor Jett, Number and Operations - Fractions
Noah Zimmerman, Number and Operations - Fractions
Ayden Ferguson, Number and Operations - Fractions
David Ledon, Alternate



These students did a great job representing New Philadelphia Schools at the county-wide tournament!

West Elementary's Reading Buddies

Fourth grade gifted students at West Elementary pair with preschoolers as reading buddies, serving as role models and leaders.

In May, they visited the humane society to read to animals, fostering empathy and community service.



Kindergarten Explores the Amazing Life Cycle of Butterflies

This spring, York Elementary kindergarten students witnessed the magical journey of raising caterpillars into butterflies. In class, they learned all about the life cycle of a butterfly and then viewed the incredible transformation firsthand. The children made observations in their response journals, recording the changes they saw as the caterpillars made their cocoons and turned into butterflies!



South Elementary Celebrates Volunteers at Luncheon

On May 15th, South Elementary welcomed parents and community members to a special volunteer luncheon. Volunteers were recognized for their dedication and support throughout the school year. The luncheon, made possible by generous donations from the South Elementary staff, featured heartfelt appreciation and a small gift for each volunteer.

Students with volunteers enjoyed the opportunity to join their special guest for lunch, creating a memorable day for all.



Little Quakers at South Elementary Learn from High School Quakers

South Elementary students had the opportunity to spend time with their high school peers throughout this academic year. Various high school groups, including sports teams, cheerleaders, and music ensembles engaged directly with our second and third graders, discussing the importance of being Respectful, Responsible, and Safe Quakers. In order to attend the assemblies, students had to earn enough behavior points to meet their individual monthly goals. Time with high school role models provided guidance and encouragement (and some laughs!), and we're so grateful to our high schoolers for visiting!

Jim
Basketball
Jones
Inspires
at East
Elementary

New Philadelphia Girls on the Run

With a mission to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident, Girls on the Run (GOTR) offers a unique experience-based curriculum that creatively integrates running. Through lessons that incorporate running and other physical activities, girls in grades 3-5 are invited to embrace their strengths, build resilience, and form positive relationships.

Under the guidance of coaches Jillian Lundberg, Kelly O'Donnell, and Tanya Tristano, the girls came together for practices twice a week after school. They enjoyed running together to prepare to participate in the GOTR 5K and Celebration at Clay's Resort Jellystone Park, which was held in early May.



New Philadelphia Track Program Excels in Spring Season

The New Philadelphia Track program had an outstanding spring season! We'd like to extend a special thank you to our hardworking coaches, Jeremy Rodgers and Krista Ames, who have led over 200 students in grades 7-12. Under their guidance, the program hosts up to five home track invitationals annually. Despite their busy schedule, they also lent their support to the Tuscarawas County Rockets this spring.

As the season concludes, we acknowledge our student athletes' hard work this season and congratulate our new school record holders. Go Quakers!



New Phila Track wins the 2024 Legends Invite.



Marcus Adelm new 3200-meter school record holder with a time of 9:18.47.



Preston Rieger new 800-meter school record holder with a time of 1:52.41.



4x800-meter relay team of Elliot Brady, Marcus Adelman, Alec Adelman, and Preston Rieger school record holders with a time of 7:48.67.



New Philadelphia High School track team spending time with the local Special Olympics team of Tuscarawas County Rockets.

Jim Basketball Jones recently visited East Elementary, delivering an engaging assembly about kindness, making good choices, and doing what's right. Students actively participated, earning prizes and learning valuable lessons.



Author Alan Katz Visits West Elementary

West Elementary was buzzing with excitement as students met world-renowned author Alan Katz. Throughout the year, students from grades K-5 collaborated on a project inspired by Katz's novels. The project concluded with an interactive visit from the author. Ten students from each classroom received a book from Alan Katz, with many having the opportunity to get their copies signed.





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Little Learners Meet Big Helpers: Preschool Explores Community Roles

As preschoolers begin to understand the world around them, introducing them to community service people helps them grasp the concept of society and the various roles people play. This spring, students welcomed visits from Sheriff Orvis Campbell, Postman TJ Marlatt, and the New Philadelphia Fire Department.

In the classroom, our little learners had a blast playing in a pretend beauty salon, veterinary clinic, and doctor's office. Through imaginative play, they gained a deeper understanding of the roles of these helpers in our community. Thank you to our special visitors who taught us about safety, and what it means to be a good community helper!

Congratulations, Class of 2024!

Your hard work and dedication have paid off, and we couldn't be more proud of your achievements. Wishing you all the best as you embark on this new chapter of your lives. Dream big, aim high, and keep making us proud!

