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# From the SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK



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## CELEBRATING OUR TITLE I FAMILY NIGHT OUT ON MARCH 31

There is a unique energy that fills a school building when learning transcends the traditional classroom setting. We saw this firsthand during our recent Title I Family Night at Kimpton Middle School. The evening transformed our hallways into a vibrant hub of global exploration and community connection.

This event was designed to bridge the gap between academic instruction and real-world curiosity. By focusing on a "World Tour" theme, students and their families had the opportunity to explore different countries and participate in hands-on activities rooted in literacy and discovery.

Seeing our students take the lead—guiding their parents through interactive lessons and sharing their knowledge—is a powerful reminder of the confidence we strive to instill in every Bulldog.

It wasn't just an event; it was a demonstration of how innovative instruction can spark a genuine joy for learning across all generations.



## CELEBRATING POSITIVE BEHAVIOR WITH A SWEET TREAT FROM STOW DQ

Our high school PBIS program had a sweet boost this past quarter thanks to Dairy Queen in Stow! Their generous donation of free Blizzard coupons helped us recognize and reward students for demonstrating positive behavior and responsibility.

PBIS, which stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, is an evidence-based framework that supports students' academic, social, emotional, and behavioral growth. This reward program encouraged students to stay on top of their work. In March (Q3), our high schoolers with no missing assignments were able to celebrate their hard work with a Blizzard treat.

Small incentives like this can make a big impact in reinforcing positive choices and creating a culture where hard work and responsibility are celebrated.

We are grateful for the support of local businesses and organizations, like Dairy Queen, for helping us make positive behavior even more rewarding!



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## MARCHING BAND AT DISNEY WORLD

The sound of the Bulldogs all the way at Walt Disney World! Our talented marching band had the amazing opportunity to perform at the *Most Magical Place on Earth* over spring break. After months of preparation and hard work, these students proudly represented the district with pride, energy, and spirit.

## Important reminders!

- Monday, April 6, 2026 - **No School**
- SMF PTSA is hosting a **District-Wide Basketball Tournament** on Wednesday, April 8 at 6 p.m. at the high school. Students and staff will compete - and everyone is invited to come watch the action! Tickets can be purchased here.
- SMFHS STUCO is holding a **District-Wide Clothing Drive** now through Thursday, April 9. Clothing can be dropped off at the high school or Stow City Hall.




## HIGHLAND HOSTS SUCCESSFUL SCIENCE FAIR

Highland Elementary School students shared their creativity during their science fair, as families came to view student projects and discover what they have been learning. It was impressive to hear students share their ideas and discoveries. Principal Kish was there to join in the fun and support our students, as well!





## CENTER STAGE AWARD WINNERS - RECOGNIZING SMF TEACHERS AND STAFF

I was happy to recognize this month's Center Stage Award recipients - staff members who go above and beyond to support our school community - during the Board of Education meeting on Monday, March 30. Congratulations to Karen Dolsen, Lauren Duvall, Jennifer Justice, Jeanine Muller, Amanda Murray, Lisa O'Donnell, Mike Racano, Katrina Reitz, Kathy Ritchie, Dan Simko, and Margaret Washko.



## SMFHS STUDENTS TAKE FIRST PLACE AT FINANCIAL LITERACY COMPETITION

Congratulations to Stow-Munroe Falls High School students, Adysen Wills and Eva Thompson, for taking First Place in the Innovation Gallery at the FinMango/Kent State University financial literacy competition!

Their winning "barrier breaker" solution was to integrate financial literacy directly into driver's education. By teaching students the real costs of car ownership—from financing to insurance—while they're learning to drive they are making financial health more accessible for everyone.

The team was rewarded with a $1,250 cash prize for their creative thinking.



## JUDGE HAROLD K. STUBBS AWARD



I was truly honored to receive the Judge Harold K. Stubbs award, sponsored by the St. Paul African Methodist Espicopal (AME) Church in Akron, on Friday, March 27.

This award recognizes individuals in outstanding service in the fields of law, government, medicine, and social action.