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FISHCREEK RACCOON RUN 5K AND 1-MILE FUN RUN

The Fishcreek community once again came together for a favorite annual tradition with this year's **Raccoon Run**. Held on Sunday, April 26, the event featured both a 5K race and a 1-mile Fun Run, with participants making their way through the neighborhoods surrounding Fishcreek Elementary School.

From the start of the morning, there was a strong sense of energy as families, students, staff, and community members gathered to take part. Whether running, walking, or cheering from the sidelines, it was a great turnout and a reminder of how much this event means to our students and families.

The Raccoon Run continues to serve an important purpose—promoting health and wellness while also supporting the students of Fishcreek Elementary School. It's an opportunity to get outside, stay active, and spend time together.





PREPARING FOR THE CLASS OF 2039: KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT

On Tuesday, April 21, we hosted our **Kindergarten Information Night**, and I want to thank all of the parents and guardians who joined us. We were truly grateful for the strong turnout and the opportunity to connect with so many families as they prepare for this next important step.

We are looking forward to welcoming the **Class of 2039** and watching these young learners grow, explore, and thrive as part of our Bulldog family.

A special thank you to our community partners who helped make the evening informative and welcoming: Akron Children's Hospital, SMF PTA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Stow Police Department/Safety Town, as well as our Child Nutrition Services and Transportation teams. Their support helps provide families with a well-rounded introduction to our schools.





Kindergarten registration is open now! To register your child, please visit https://www.smfschools.org/kindergarten.

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BEST COMMUNITIES FOR MUSIC EDUCATION

We are happy to share that Stow-Munroe Falls City School District has once again been named one of the **Best Communities for Music Education** by The NAMM Foundation—marking our 16th year in a row receiving this recognition. This honor reflects the ongoing commitment across our schools and community to ensuring that music remains a meaningful part of every student's educational experience.

Important reminders!

- The STUCO **Princess Dance** (grades K-4) is on Friday, May 1 at Stow-Munroe Falls High School from 7 to 9 p.m. Register here.
- The **American Celebration Concert** will be held on Saturday, May 2 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. This event is free to all.
- Join us on Friday, May 8 at 7 p.m. for a Scotch Doubles Bowling Tourney at Kent Lanes as we support **SMF ROX (Ruling Our eXperiences)**, a program that helps girls build confidence, strengthen relationships, and grow as leaders. Register here.
- Echo Hills, Riverview, and Woodland choirs will perform the national anthem at the **RubberDucks** game on Sunday, May 3 at 1:05 p.m.





STUCO'S DOGGIE DASH ON MAY 9

Get ready for the **Doggie Dash**—join SMFHS STUCO for a 1-mile run, costume contest, and prizes for you and your pup. It's happening Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the SMFHS back parking lot, with a $10 entry fee.

COUNSELOR JASON LEPARD RECOGNIZED AT C.A.R.E.

The **Six District Educational Compact's Chemical Abuse Reduced by Education (C.A.R.E.) Banquet** brought together those making a real difference for students and families. Congratulations to Stow-Munroe Falls High School counselor **Jason LePard**, who was recognized for his dedication and the strong relationships he builds every day.



Recipients of this award have truly distinguished themselves in substance use prevention and intervention efforts.

SMFHS SENIOR RECEIVES NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Congratulations to **Kamryn Martin** for earning the prestigious **National Horatio Alger Scholarship**—awarded to just 105 students nationwide!



Kamryn received this $25,000 scholarship as a rising senior, along with ongoing mentorship, college support, and networking opportunities. Most recently, she attended the National Scholars Conference in Washington, D.C.

ART TEAMMATES GALLERY SHOW AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

The **Art Teammates Gallery Show** at the high school highlighted creativity, collaboration, and inclusion.

The exhibit featured student artwork created through Art Teammates, an inclusive art class where students with disabilities are paired with peer partners. Working together, students explore different art techniques, build skills, and create pieces side by side.

The finished artwork reflected the connections formed throughout the process and the way students learn from one another as they create. The gallery also served as a reminder of what can happen when students are given the opportunity to work together in an environment where ideas are shared freely, support is constant, and creativity is encouraged in many different forms.







