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HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS FILL OUR SCHOOLS WITH SPIRIT AND EXCITEMENT

Our schools were filled with excitement, creativity, and lots of Halloween spirit last week as students and staff celebrated with special activities throughout the district. Classrooms and hallways came alive with engaging activities that brought our school communities together.

Our youngest Bulldogs enjoyed festive celebrations, including the preschool Halloween parade and elementary classroom parties. Students participated in mummy-wrapping challenges, pumpkin Jenga, crafts, games, and spooky treats. Lakeview Intermediate enjoyed a full day of Halloween activities and contests, while Kimpton Middle School prepared for its after-school Halloween Ball.

These special traditions are about more than costumes and candy. They provide opportunities to strengthen friendships, build positive school cultures, and create memories for our students.

Thank you to our teachers, staff, parent volunteers, and families who helped make these celebrations enjoyable for everyone!



DISTRICT HOSTS COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ABOUT FINANCIAL FUTURE

On Thursday, Oct. 29, we hosted a community webinar titled Bulldog *Breakdown LIVE: The Facts. The Forecast. The Future.* The discussion focused on the district's financial position and long-term outlook. District leaders reviewed our Five-Year Financial Forecast, projected operating deficits, changes in state funding and property tax legislation, and the financial challenges facing our schools.

Transparency and open communication remain essential as we navigate these challenges. We appreciate everyone who joined the discussion and remain committed to providing clear, timely information and continuing meaningful conversations with our community as we plan for the future.

View the webinar here.

Reminders!

- **BOE Meeting - Monday, Nov. 2:** The Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. at the Board Office, 4350 Allen Rd., Stow.
- **No School - Election Day - Tuesday, Nov. 3:** There will be no school for students, as some district buildings are used as polling locations.
- **Junior & Senior Parent Meetings - Thursday, Nov. 5:** There will be a Junior Parent Meeting at 5:15 p.m. and Senior Parents are invited to attend *Financial Aid Night* at 6:30 p.m. at SMFHS Auditorium.
- **SMFHS STUCO Chess Tournament - Thursday, Nov. 5:** Join STUCO for their Cornucopia Cup at 6 p.m.! Students K-12 can register here.
- **BOE Meeting - Monday, Nov. 23:** The Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. at Echo Hills Elementary.



CHOIR STUDENTS SHOWCASE THEIR TALENTS

Members of the Stow-Munroe Falls High School Choir had the opportunity to participate in An Evening with Eric Whitacre at Severance Music Center in Cleveland on Thursday, Oct. 22. The event featured the Grammy Award-winning composer and conductor, providing our students with a memorable musical experience in one of Cleveland's premier performance venues. The choir also shared its talents with family, friends, and community members during their Fall Choir Concert on Thursday, Oct. 29.

KIMPTON WELCOMES SMFPL BOOKMOBILE

Kimpton Middle School continues its monthly partnership with the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library through visits from the Bookmobile. These visits give students convenient access to reading materials and help foster a lifelong appreciation for reading.

CHEER AT THE SUBURBAN LEAGUE COMPETITION

Our SMFHS cheerleaders represented the Bulldogs at the Suburban League Cheer Competition on Saturday, Oct. 31, at Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School. The event brought together cheerleading teams from across the league to showcase their skills, teamwork, and school spirit.

ECHO HILLS LITTLE DOG DASH RAISES $16,230

Congratulations to the Echo Hills Elementary community on another successful Little Dog Dash! Through the enthusiasm of students, families, and staff, the Echo Hills PTA raised an impressive $16,230 in support of the school.

Thank you to the PTA organizers, volunteers, donors, and everyone who contributed to this successful fundraiser. Your generosity and commitment make a meaningful difference for our students!



RED RIBBON WEEK CELEBRATED IN OUR SCHOOLS

Schools across the district celebrated Red Ribbon Week, promoting healthy choices, drug-free lifestyles, and positive decision-making. This year's activities encouraged students to recognize the importance of making responsible choices and supporting one another. At Lakeview Intermediate School, students embraced a superhero theme, reminding everyone that making good choices is a superpower we all possess!



MIDDLE SCHOOL PERFORMS ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Kimpton Middle School's musical production of *Alice in Wonderland* takes the stage Nov. 13–15, showcasing the talents of our student performers and production team. Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are available through the Hometown Fan app. Click here to purchase.

FISHCREEK STUCO COLLECTS FOR BULLDOG BAGS

Fishcreek Elementary's Student Council demonstrated the power of giving back by collecting 753 items for Bulldog Bags, including juice boxes and packaged foods. Their efforts will help support local students and families while reinforcing the importance of compassion, service, and community involvement.



TEN ORCHESTRA STUDENTS EARN KSU HONOR

Congratulations to 10 talented SMFHS String Orchestra students selected to participate in the Kent State University Honors Orchestra Festival on Sunday, Nov. 1! The students had the opportunity to participate in master classes, collaborate with fellow musicians, and prepare for an evening performance at Kent State University.

Our participating musicians include:

- **Violin:** Paul Loznianu, Cameron Mitchell, Milo Haren, and Annaliese Barton
- **Viola:** Hazel Smith and Gracelynn Ferrell
- **Cello:** Katherine West, Henry Lantz, and Peyton DeCarlo
- **Bass:** Conner Edwards



JOIN THE BULLDOG TEAM - WE'RE HIRING!

Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools is hiring for a variety of positions, including substitute bus drivers and special education aides! Join our team and make a difference in the lives of our students. Visit SMFSchools.org/JOBS to explore current openings and apply!

PUMPKIN DAY AT WOODLAND

Third-grade students at Woodland Elementary combined seasonal fun with hands-on learning during Pumpkin Day. Students explored scientific concepts through experiments and activities that encouraged observation, curiosity, and discovery.





MRS. MOFFITT IS NEWS 5'S TEACHER OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Mrs. Moffitt, kindergarten teacher at Highland Elementary School, who received a special surprise on Wednesday, Oct. 28, when she was recognized as News 5 Cleveland's Good Morning Cleveland Teacher of the Week!

Her recognition aired Friday, Oct. 30, celebrating her dedication to her students and the important work happening in our classrooms. Watch the News 5 feature here!

SMFHS XC RUNNERS HEADED TO STATES

Congratulations to our SMFHS Cross Country teams on an outstanding performance at the OHSAA Regional Championships on Saturday, Oct. 31! Our girls team earned third place, securing a spot at the Division I State Championships. The qualifying team includes Maddie O'Brien, Lillian Hartenburg, Ava Perrotta, Gianna Rucci, Macey Miller, Hailey Mazzola, and Claire Hagedorn.

Our boys team also delivered a strong performance, finishing sixth overall, with senior Henry Wisniewski qualifying individually for the State Championships after placing 21st. Our state qualifiers will compete on Saturday, Nov. 7, at Fortress Obetz near Columbus. Congratulations to our student-athletes and coaches on these outstanding accomplishments, and best of luck at State!



