

Welcome to Spotlight News & Upcoming Events! Each month, we'll share the latest news, student and staff accomplishments, and memorable moments from across Yellow Springs Schools, along with important upcoming events and dates to keep our school community connected and informed.

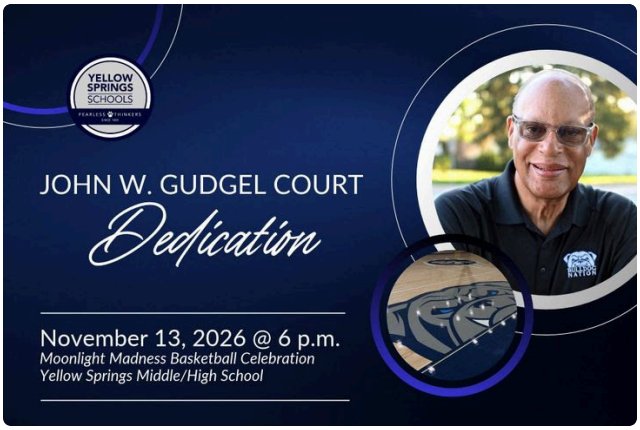
Here's to a year of learning, growing, and moving forward together as Fearless Thinkers, thinking boldly, caring deeply, and advocating courageously!



Ribbon-Cutting Ceremonies

We're excited to celebrate the completion of our new and renovated school spaces with ribbon-cutting celebrations and open houses at both Mills Lawn and the Middle/High School on Friday, November 6.

The YS Middle/High School celebration will begin at 3:30 p.m., followed by the Mills Lawn celebration at 4:30 p.m. We look forward to celebrating this exciting milestone with our school community!Join us as we mark this exciting milestone for Yellow Springs Schools and our community.



John W. Gudgel Court Dedication

Join us on Friday, November 13, at 6 p.m. as we celebrates the dedication of the John W. Gudgel Court during Moonlight Madness Basketball at the YS Middle/ High School Gymnasium.
For 46 years, John Gudgel has dedicated his life to Yellow Springs Schools as an alum, teacher, principal, counselor, and coach. His impact reaches generations of students, families, athletes, and colleagues, and we are proud to honor his remarkable legacy with a space that will serve our students and community for years to come.

Investing in Our Seniors' Futures

For the second year, Yellow Springs High School seniors are participating in Gifted Savings, gaining hands-on experience with saving, investing, and planning for their financial futures through their own investment portfolios.

Learn more on the Bulldog Blitz Podcast featuring Josh Landay, Dr. Megan Winston, and YSHS senior Austin Thomas.



Board of Education Awards for October

We were excited to honor four students for their academic excellence and two employees for their dedication to the students and staff at the Board of Education Regular Monthly Meeting.

Congratulations to all the October recipients.

MILLS LAWN SCHOOL...



Kindergarten Field Trip to Peifer Orchards!

Our fearless kindergarten students enjoyed a fun fall field trip to Peifer Orchards! Students explored the pumpkin patch and practiced noticing the many differences in pumpkins, from their size and color to their shapes.

They also enjoyed a wagon ride through the orchards, took in the sights of the season, and wrapped up their adventure with lunch together. What a wonderful way to take learning outdoors and experience fall firsthand!

Thank you to Peifer Orchards for hosting!



A Fall-Filled Visit to the Library!

Our third graders visited the Yellow Springs Community Library, where they explored the signs of fall, discovered fall-themed books, and put their observation skills to work with a fun scavenger hunt!

Thank you to the Yellow Springs Community Library for welcoming our students! Photo Credit: Megan Feola



Meet Athena!

Mills Lawn students met Athena, our sweet new therapy dog who has been visiting classrooms!

Students were excited to read to Athena, spend time with her, and even teach her a little math! Photo Credit: Megan Feola



Naming Rights at Mills Lawn School

Make a meaningful, lasting impact at Mills Lawn School through our Capital Campaign Naming Rights Program. Your gift can support student-centered spaces across our building, helping inspire learning and community for years to come.

Naming contributions may qualify for **tax-deductible benefits when applicable**. View naming opportunities on our Capital Campaign Webpage.

YS MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL...



Learning is better outdoors!

Our fifth-grade students took their learning outside as Mrs. Berlo taught them the ins and outs of fishing, from tying a fisherman's knot and practicing fishing safety to learning about different types of bait and how to cast.

Then they put their new skills into action with a walk to Ellis Pond, where they enjoyed fishing and practicing catch-and-release.



Pumpkin Science!

Students got hands-on with a seasonal experiment as they scooped out pumpkins and combined vinegar, dish soap, and baking soda.

They watched a chemical reaction in action as their pumpkins bubbled, fizzed, and created a fun, safe, and exciting result! Science is always better when you can see and experience it! Photos by Autumn Hart



Designing the Future of Downtown Yellow Springs!

Sixth graders in Mr. Richardson's STEM class explored architecture, 3-D design, and 3-D printing. As part of the unit, students developed a business idea and designed a building and surrounding space that would fit naturally into downtown Yellow Springs.

They brought their ideas to life as they presented their designs and showcased their 3-D printed buildings! We love seeing our Fearless Thinkers combine creativity, problem-solving, and real-world design skills.



Leave Your Legacy at YS Middle/High School

You can make a lasting impact on our middle and high school building through the **Capital Campaign Naming Rights Program**. Gifts support key spaces like classrooms, performance areas, athletic facilities, and student gathering places.

Your contribution helps shape the future for generations of YS students and may qualify for **tax-deductible benefits when applicable**. View naming opportunities on our Capital Campaign Webpage.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

November Events

Week of Nov. 1–6

Sun, Nov. 1 – Daylight Saving Time Ends – Move clocks back one hour
Sun, Nov. 1 – Native American Heritage, National Veterans, and Military Families Month Begins
Tue, Nov. 3 – Election Day
Tue, Nov. 3 – MS/HS: Band Concert (Gr. 6–12), 6 p.m.
Wed, Nov. 4 – MLS: Fall Bike Bus
Wed, Nov. 4 – MS/HS: Orchestra Concert (Gr. 6–12), 6 p.m.
Thu, Nov. 5 – MLS: Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences, 3:30–7 p.m.
Thu, Nov. 5 – MS/HS: Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4:30–8 p.m.
Fri, Nov. 6 – NO SCHOOL/Parent-Teacher Conferences
Fri, Nov. 6 – MS/HS Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House, 3:30 p.m.
Fri, Nov. 6 – MLS Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House, 4:30 p.m.

Week of Nov. 9–13

Mon, Nov. 9 – MLS: Picture Retakes
Tue, Nov. 10 – MS/HS: Instrumental Concert (5th Grade)/Combo Music Class Concert, 6 p.m.
Wed, Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
Wed, Nov. 11 – MLS: Fall Bike Bus
Wed, Nov. 11 – MLS: Veterans Day Recognition
Wed, Nov. 11 – Board of Education Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Fri, Nov. 13 – MLS: Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day, 7:30 a.m.
Fri, Nov. 13 – John W. Gudgel Court Dedication, 6 p.m.

Week of Nov. 18–25

Wed, Nov. 18 – MLS: Fall Bike Bus
Mon, Nov. 23 - Fri, Nov. 27 – NO SCHOOL/Fall Break

