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SMFHS BRINGS THE MOUSE THAT ROARED TO THE STAGE

The Stow-Munroe Falls High School Theatre Department brought laughter and entertainment to the stage with its fall production of *The Mouse That Roared* this weekend. More than 70 students participated in the cast and crew, working together to bring this family-friendly comedy to life.

The story follows the tiny fictional country of Grand Fenwick, whose young duchess devises an unusual plan to solve its financial troubles by declaring war on the United States. When things don't go quite as planned, the result is a hilarious adventure filled with unexpected twists.

Congratulations to the cast and crew on their hard work and dedication. This production was a wonderful showcase of the creativity and talent of our performing arts students!



MATH THAT MATTERS AT ECHO HILLS

Fourth-grade students at Echo Hills Elementary recently put their math skills to use in a project that also helped members of the community. Through a project-based learning activity called *Math That Matters: Blankets from the Heart*, students designed and made blankets to donate to The Pavilion at Stow.

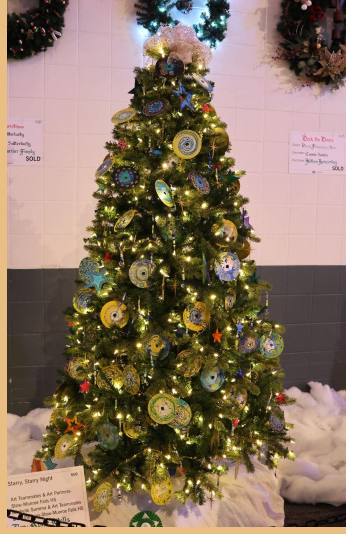
The project incorporated Ohio's fourth-grade math standards, with students making calculations and measuring to assemble the blankets. Their work used math to create something for others.



Reminders!

- **BOE Meeting - Monday, Nov. 23:** The Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. at Echo Hills Elementary.
- **No School - Nov. 25-27:** There will be no school from Wednesday, Nov. 25 through Friday, Nov. 27.
- **Thanksgiving - Nov. 26:** We wish you and your family a peaceful and happy Thanksgiving!
- **RSVP for Joshua's Holiday Buffet by Dec. 1:** Call 330-689-5213 to reserve your place for their holiday buffet on Dec. 10 and 11.
- **BOE Meeting - Monday, Dec. 7:** The Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. at Stow City Hall.
- **STUCO's Card Making Event - Dec. 8:** See below for more information.





SMF PARTICIPATES IN JSK HOLIDAY TREE FESTIVAL

Stow-Munroe Falls students were well represented at the Holiday Tree Festival at the John S. Knight Center in downtown Akron. The SMFHS orchestra performed for visitors on Nov. 16, adding to the holiday atmosphere. Watch highlights of their performance here.

The district's Art Teammates also participated, decorating a tree that earned the festival's "Most Awesome" recognition. Art Teammates is an inclusive art class program at Stow-Munroe Falls High School that pairs students with special education needs and their typical peers to create art together.

SMFHS CLASS EXPLORES THE SCIENCE OF COLOR

Students in Mrs. Payne's Psychology class at SMFHS recently explored how our eyes and brains process color, including how people with color blindness experience the world differently.

The lesson included a special surprise when Shaun Vineyard of the ROY G BIV Project donated a pair of specialized glasses designed to help distinguish certain colors. Both a student and Assistant Principal Jayson Yeagley, who also has color blindness, had the opportunity to try the glasses and experience colors differently.

JOSHUA'S HOSTS HOLIDAY BUFFET OPEN TO PUBLIC

Joshua's Restaurant at SMFHS will host its Holiday Buffet on Dec. 10–11. Reservations are being accepted now through Dec. 1 for times between 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The buffet will include items such as rotisserie chicken, pasta, flank steak, butternut squash soup, and cheesecake bites. Call 330-689-5213 to reserve.

STUCO HOSTS CARD MAKING EVENT FOR CHARITY

The SMFHS Student Council invites students and the community to join them for a holiday card making event on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 5:30 p.m. Participants will make cards for Cards for Hospitalized Kids. Click here to RSVP or visit www.stowstuco.org.



RIVERVIEW'S WORLD KINDNESS DAY CELEBRATION

Riverview Elementary celebrated World Kindness Day with a royal twist! Students and staff gathered for an assembly themed "We Are Kings & Queens of Kindness," wearing crowns they had decorated themselves. The celebration included taking the Kindness Pledge and reflecting on ways to show kindness to others. It was a fun reminder that even small acts of kindness can make a difference.



SMF WELCOMES TWO NEW COACHES





We are happy to welcome Matt Wright as head swim coach and Casey Hogan as head girls lacrosse coach at SMFHS.

Wright, an SMFHS graduate, returns to the district with seven years of coaching experience. He brings a personal connection to the program and looks forward to working with the next generation of SMFHS swimmers.

Hogan brings 24 years of lacrosse experience, including 18 years as a coach, with experience at the high school, collegiate, and club levels.



COMMUNITY MEMBERS - JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

We are looking to connect with more members of our greater community who are interested in what's happening in our schools! Whether you're a district alumnus, community member, or simply interested in school activities, we invite you to join our Community Mailing List to receive updates, event announcements, and more.

Sign up here or visit our homepage at SMFSchools.org.

Families with currently enrolled students already receive district communications through ParentSquare and do not need to sign up.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR TROY SPIKER RECOGNIZED

Athletic Director Troy Spiker was recently recognized for his contributions to Orrville City Schools' award-winning athletic program.

Orrville received the 2026 Bruce Brown Award of Excellence from the Ohio High School Athletic Association and Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. The award celebrates athletic departments for their commitment to education-based athletics.

Spiker, who joined Stow–Munroe Falls in August, was acknowledged for his leadership and contributions during his tenure as Orrville's athletic director.