



Warren Local School District

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Local Veterans Join Staff and Students in District Veterans Day Celebrations

By Liz Brown

Warren Elementary was delighted to welcome more than two hundred veterans and guests on November 6 for an inspiring patriotic performance and art show honoring those who have served our country.

During the assembly, elementary students who had invited a veteran were able to join their guests in the gym, sitting together to enjoy the program. The event featured performances by our talented third graders, who sang patriotic favorites including "Oh, I Love America," "Music Changes the World," and "On an Eagle's Wing." A memorable highlight of the program was "Battle Hymn for Gettysburg," which featured nine students reciting President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.



Continuing a Warren tradition, the program concluded with an Armed Services Tribute recognizing each branch of the military. As the anthems played, veterans proudly stood to be honored while students, staff, and guests joined in singing along.

Following the assembly, veterans and their guests were invited into the



grade-level pods, where they received warm greetings, applause, and words of appreciation from the rest of the student body.



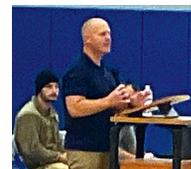
Throughout the month of November, a special art showcase titled "Peace, Love, America" featuring thousands of veterans' names will be on display in the cafeteria. This meaningful exhibit serves as a lasting reminder of gratitude and respect for those who have dedicated their lives to protecting our freedom.



By Brent Taylor

November 7 - Our middle school community came together to honor the brave men and women who have served our country in a moving Veterans Day program. The event featured inspiring performances and a special guest speaker who reminded everyone of the importance of service, sacrifice, and gratitude.

The program began with a powerful rendition of the "Star-Spangled Banner" performed by the Combined 7th and 8th Grade Bands, setting a patriotic tone for the ceremony. The 7th and 8th Grade Choir followed with "Veterans, We're So Proud of You," a touching tribute to those who have served. The 8th Grade Handbell Choir performed a beautiful version of "America the Beautiful," filling the auditorium with a sense of pride and unity. The Combined 7th and 8th Grade Bands closed the musical portion of the program with "To Honor, Thank, and Remember."



Students and staff then welcomed guest speaker Mr. Adam Wootton, who shared his experiences serving our nation. Mr. Wootton enlisted in the United States Navy in 2000, where

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A Note from WLSD School Board President, Debbie Proctor



As I step away from my role on the Warren Local School Board after eight incredible years, I do so with a full heart and deep gratitude. It has truly been

an honor and a privilege to serve this community and to witness the tremendous growth and transformation of our district.

From the construction of our new schools to the continued commitment to excellence in every classroom, hallway, and athletic field, I have been continually inspired by the people who make Warren Local so special. Our teachers, custodians, maintenance staff, bus drivers, aides, cafeteria workers, secretaries, administrators, athletic direc-

tors, and coaches each play an essential role in shaping the success and spirit of our schools.

Serving in this capacity was never something I took lightly. I prayed often for wisdom and leaned on God to guide each decision. Along the way, I had the privilege of serving beside some of the most dedicated, passionate, and caring individuals—people who always kept the best interest of our students at the center of every discussion.

Thank you to the Warren community for allowing me this opportunity to serve. I leave with immense pride in what we've accomplished together and great faith in the bright future ahead.

With gratitude and faith,
Debra Proctor ~ President,
Warren Local School Board

WLSD BOE Welcomes New Member and Announces Upcoming Changes

The Warren Local School District (WLSD) Board of Education (BOE) will see some changes in the new year. These updates will be part of the agenda at the Board's January 2026 Organizational Meeting. For the most current information regarding board and committee meetings, please visit www.warrenlocal.org.

Debbie Proctor (pictured above) will conclude her term as Board President at the end of 2025. Her leadership, dedication, and years of service to the district and community are deeply appreciated and will be remembered with gratitude.

Current BOE members **Bob Crum**, **Bob Allen**, and **Stacy Greenup** were all re-elected in early November. **Jesse Roush** continues to serve in the second year of his four-year term.

The district is also pleased to welcome **Clifford Pettey**, who was elected in November to fill a vacant seat on the Board. "It is a privilege to serve on the



Warren Local School Board," said Pettey. "One of our primary goals is to build upon the momentum generated in recent years. The Warren Local

School District will continue to provide an exceptional educational value to our taxpayers while consistently enhancing the academic outcomes of our students. I am eager to contribute to our continued shared success. GO WARRIORS!!!!"

The Warren Local School District is pleased to welcome Mr. Clifford Pettey as the newest member of the Board of Education. We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to all of our Board members for their ongoing dedication and service. Their commitment to the success of our schools, staff, and students is a cornerstone of the Warren Local School District's continued growth and achievement. We are Warriors!



VETERANS

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he was designated as a Fleet Marine Force Corpsman (Medic) until 2005. After his military service, he continued to dedicate his life to public service as a West Virginia State Police Trooper and currently serves as a firefighter with the Marietta Fire Department.



The program concluded with a solemn performance of TAPS by WHS band member Lane Wasson, honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

A very special thank you goes to Mr. Wootton and to all of the veterans and active-duty military personnel who joined us for the ceremony. We can never fully repay you for your service, but our school community is deeply and eternally grateful.



VETERANS DAY

*** HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ***



WHS Choral Department

By Jimmy Sundquist

Our year is off to a great start in the Warren High School Choral Department! We began the year with our annual Virtual Tag Day fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a great success for us!

Right on the heels of that, we had our annual Madrigal Dinner and harvest festival. We dressed in medieval costumes, and served wassail and roast beast to a sold out audience. The evening was very well received by all who attended.



MUSIC News



In early November, several of our students participated in OMEA District 9 Honor Choir at Marietta High School, and then it will be on to Christmas!

Please plan to attend our Christmas Concerts! The 39th Annual Holiday Concert featuring Bass Chorus, Treble Chorus, Bells 1, and Bells 2 will be on Monday, December 15 at 7pm in the auditorium. The 65th Annual A Cappella Christmas Concert featuring A Cappella Choir and Bells 3 will be on Wednesday, December 17 at 7pm, also in the auditorium. Both concerts are free to the public, and we would love to see you there!

Looking forward to 2026, we will be singing the National Anthem at a Cleveland Cavaliers home game on Friday, March 27. If you would like to attend the game in person to support us and see some professional basketball, reach out me at james.sundquist@warrenlocal.org for information. By the way, we get discounted prices on tickets!

“Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything.” ~ Plato



WMS Choir

By Lori Flesher

On November 4, fifth and sixth grade chorus students performed their fall program, Kid Flix; music based on the movies kids love.

Congratulations on a job well done, Warriors!

Dates to remember...

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

High School

- December 15** - Choral Department Holiday Concert
 - December 17** - A Cappella Christmas Concert
 - December 18** - Symphonic Band Winter Concert
- Time/Location: All concerts are at the HS Auditorium at 7:00pm

Middle School

- December 4** - WMS Band Concert (Grades 5 - 8)
- Time/Location: HS Auditorium 7:00pm
Doors open at 6:30pm

Elementary School

- December 9** - Christmas Around the World
 - 1st Grade - 6:00pm
 - 2nd Grade - 7:15pm
- Location: HS Coliseum





THANKFUL FOR GREAT HEALTH!

Illness Prevention

Some helpful things that you can do to prevent illness include:

Frequent hand washing; covering your coughs and sneezes; keep your hands away from your eyes, nose, and mouth to prevent germ entry.

Get enough Sleep: Aim for 7 to 9 hours of quality sleep per night, as sleep deprivation can weaken your immune system. Eat a healthy diet: Consume a variety of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins to support your immune function

BLEEDING CONTROL SKILLS

Uncontrolled bleeding is the number one cause of preventable death from trauma. The greater number of people who know how to control bleeding in an injured person, the greater the chances of surviving that injury.

School Nurse Missy Kemper, BSN, RN recently provided hands-on bleeding control training with students in Mr. McDaniel's Passion class: Preparedness in Wilderness Living Skills. Students learned the importance of calling 911, finding the source of bleeding, and controlling the bleeding. Valuable bleeding control methods including applying direct pressure to a wound, applying a tourniquet, and

Physical/Mental Health

As the weather gets colder, you can do things that can help improve your physical and mental health such as:

Stay physically active through both indoor and outdoor activities.

Get as much natural light as possible. Bundle up for walks, hikes, or winter sports to get fresh air and sunlight.

Maintain social connections. Invite friends and family for game night!

Delicious and Nutritious

Your favorite Thanksgiving foods can also fuel your body! Turkey is a great source of protein, sweet potatoes are a great source of vitamin A, and green beans are a great source of fiber.



packing a wound were practiced.

For more information on life saving bleeding control go to stopthebleed.org.



IMPORTANT THINGS HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER

National Epilepsy Awareness Month!

Epilepsy is the most common chronic brain disorder in the world, affecting people of all ages, races, and backgrounds. Nearly 3.4 million Americans live with active epilepsy. The condition is defined by a tendency to experience seizures, sudden, abnormal bursts of electrical activity in the brain that can disrupt behavior, awareness, and bodily control. Beyond seizures, epilepsy can also lead to challenges such as fatigue, memory difficulties, mood changes, anxiety, and trouble concentrating, all of which can significantly impact daily life. Visit epilepsy.com to learn more.

National Diabetes Awareness Month!

Some common symptoms of Type 1 Diabetes include the following; increased thirst and increased urination, feeling very hungry although you are eating, weight loss, fatigue, irritability or unusual behavior, and blurry vision. If you are concerned that your child may be showing symptoms of Type 1 Diabetes, please reach out to your medical provider immediately. Additional information about Type 1 Diabetes can be found at diabetes.org.



REMINDERS

Annual Vision and Hearing Screening

Undiagnosed vision and hearing problems can profoundly impact a child's learning. At Warren Local School District, The school nurses complete vision and hearing screenings each year for grades kg, 1, 3, 5, 7 (vision only), 9, and 11. Referral letters are mailed home for those students who have difficulty with the vision or hearing screening. If you receive a referral letter,

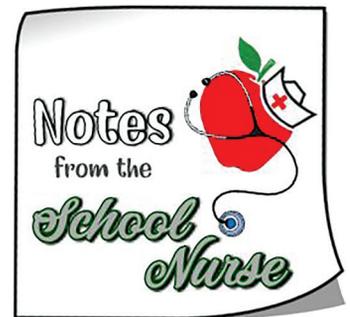
please let us know if your child was seen by a hearing or vision provider and the results of the exam. Please contact the school nurse if you need assistance with scheduling a follow-up appointment or if you need financial assistance.

Managing Medical Conditions at School

Does your child have any medical conditions that need to be managed or monitored while at school?

Does your child need to take prescription or over the counter medication while

at school? If so, please reach out to the school nurse.



VETERANS DAY

Thank you for your service



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@warrenlocalwarriors



The WLSD Food Service Department provided breakfast for Governor, Mike DeWine, and guests who attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the New Warrior Care Clinic in August. Pictured: Governor DeWine with Charlene Fronko, Food Service Supervisor.

SSP Club x ES Food Service = A Better Lunch Experience

The Students Solving Problems (SSP) Club is teaming up with the Elementary School (ES) Food Service team to make lunchtime a more positive, fun, and welcoming experience for everyone!

Goals of the partnership:

1. Encourage student interactions

2. Create a welcoming and respectful cafeteria environment
3. Foster teamwork between students and food service staff
4. Make lunchtime enjoyable and stress-free for all

Thanks to Ann Skufca and the SSP Club! Warriors helping Warriors!



Healthy Start Smoothie Cart

Warren High School Food Service received the smoothie equipment through a grant from the American Dairy Council.

Smoothies are offered once a week as a breakfast option. Apple Pie, Sunshine and Purple Cow Smoothies are offered with more options to come.

More information can be found at www.drink-milk.com.



Keep an eye on your elementary school lunch menu. A "special day" will be featured each month!



SCHOOL BREAKFAST IS A HEALTHY CHOICE

School breakfast provides students with a healthy start to the school day. School breakfast is healthier than most people realize, and can benefit kids, classrooms and communities.

HOW HEALTHY IS SCHOOL BREAKFAST?

Even though food items provided to students at school sometimes look the same as breakfast foods found in grocery stores, convenience stores or fast food restaurants, their nutritional profile is very different. Schools participating in the School Breakfast Program (SBP) must adhere to nutrition guidelines supported by science and provided by United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).



For example, General Mills' Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal Bar can be found in both grocery stores and schools. The cereal bar in schools is served as part of a reimbursable school breakfast, which must meet USDA nutrition guidelines; whereas, the cereal bar sold in grocery stores or at the corner market does not have to meet any nutritional requirements.

*DV = Daily Value

Dietary Comparison of Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal Bar		
Nutritional Content	School Breakfast	Store Bought
Calories	150	180
Total Fat	3g (5% of DV*)	4g (6% of DV)
Sugars	9g	14g
Sat. Fat	.5g (3% of DV)	2g (10% of DV)
Sodium	110mg (5% of DV)	150mg (6% of DV)
Dietary Fiber	3g (11% of DV)	1g (4% of DV)



OSHP leads bus driver safety training



Warren Local School bus drivers recently participated in a safety training session led by the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Drivers reviewed proper pre-trip inspection procedures and took

part in a hands-on emergency evacuation drill, which included practicing in a simulated smoke-filled bus to better prepare for real-world situations.

Thank you to our OSHP!

Star Warriors Bus Riders...Great job!



Annual bus safety training



Warren Local School bus drivers conduct annual safety training for elementary students to promote safe habits on and around school buses. During these sessions, students learn important safety rules such as how to board and exit the bus safely, proper

behavior while riding, and how to stay alert near traffic and bus stops. This training helps ensure that every student understands their role in keeping school transportation safe and reliable.

Safety is a top priority!



Drivers Needed

Are you interested in becoming a school bus driver? School bus drivers are in great demand. We now offer paid training while you work toward your certification. Sub bus drivers gain valuable experience, giving them a jump-start when a vacancy occurs.

Sub bus driver rates - \$17.50
Retired SERS with driver experience - \$19.25

Our next bus driver preservice class will be held February 23–26, 2026. For more information, please contact our transportation office, **740-678-2368**.

Making Mornings Count with "AA"/Homeroom Period!

By Brad Hauenstein

We are excited to announce the launch of our new Morning **Advisor Advise (AA)**/Homeroom Period, designed to provide a structured, supportive, and relaxed start to the academic day. This dedicated time, held at the beginning of the school day is about setting a positive and productive tone before the main classes begin. We recognize that the school day is demanding, which is why this period is intentionally flexible to meet diverse student needs. It functions as a vital launchpad for success. Students can use this valuable time to review notes from the previous day, get immediate help with challenging homework assignments from available staff, or organize their binders and materials for their first-period classes.

However, this period isn't only for

academics; we are also incorporating dedicated time for fun, low-stakes activities designed to build community and relax minds, such as occasional demonstrations on things like how to make pancakes or learning about hair chalk techniques.

For those who prefer to center themselves, the period offers a calm environment for quiet reflection, reading, or simply taking a few moments to transition peacefully before instruction starts. This time also allows for brief announcements and check-ins, ensuring everyone

is prepared and informed. The overall goal is to transition students smoothly into the learning environment, ensuring they enter their core classes feeling focused, supported, and ready to engage.

We strongly encourage all students to take advantage of this valuable block to set a positive trajectory for their entire day. We are confident this addition will significantly contribute to a more productive and less stressful learning experience for everyone.



The Warrior Trait in Action: Robotics Redefines Perseverance

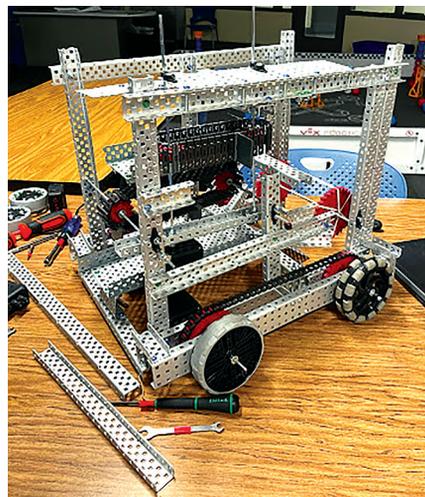
By Brad Hauenstein

If you think building a competitive robot is easy, ask one of our dedicated students! Our robotics team has been working tirelessly to design and engineer a custom machine capable of acing this year's complex competition task. For these students, "attempting" is an understatement; they are living the core principle of our school's Warrior Trait: Perseverance.

This process has been less about smooth execution and more about relentless iteration. They have pushed the limits of their knowledge, troubleshooting complex code and reinforcing mechanical designs after every failed test run. The real engineering, and the true display of perseverance, comes in the next step: when a strategy fails, they don't quit. Instead, they stop, analyze the broken mechanism or flawed logic, rethink their entire approach, and design a new strategy. This often requires them to tear down parts of

their robot, rebuild sections entirely, only to face a new challenge and fail again. They have poured countless hours into creating a custom solution, proving that dedication and the refusal to stay down after a setback is the most important component of any successful machine.

Don't miss the chance to see their brilliant work at the Zane State College Campus Center on Dec. 2 & 16, Jan. 6 & 20, and Feb. 3 & 10.



Open the Gaming Club Lobby!

Get ready to power up your Mondays after school till 4 PM! We are thrilled to officially launch the Warren Middle School Gaming Club; a dedicated space for students to unwind, connect, and enjoy some friendly gaming action. In the rush of academics, sports, and other activities, finding a space to simply relax and socialize can be tough. That's exactly why the Gaming Club was established. This is not an elite competitive team; it's a casual, welcoming community hub designed for fun and decompression.

The Gaming Club's core mission is simple: Zero Pressure, Maximum Fun. It serves as a dedicated space for true relaxation, allowing students to switch gears and forget the stress of the day, whether they've had a tough test or a great one. This relaxed atmosphere naturally fosters community building, as gaming is a fantastic vehicle for forging friendships across different grades and social circles, uniting students who share a passion for everything from complex strategy board games to fast-paced video titles. While the environment is laid-back, there's still plenty of room for friendly competition, offering opportunities for students to challenge each other in duels, team-based scenarios, or cooperative puzzle-solving, all conducted entirely in good spirits. Contact Mr. Hauenstein for more information.

CTE NEWS

Students in the Career Technical Education (CTE) courses with Mr. Carpenter have been working hard on several projects this year so far. Eighteen students in Future Engineers earned their OSHA 10 credential and twenty-two students earned their Forklift operator license. Those students earning their forklift certification, did so with the help of one of our Industry partners, EZG Manufacturing. These students participated in classroom training at the High School and performed their maneuverability test with EZG.



October 3rd was Manufacturing in Action Day held at the Washington County Career Center and several students attended the event with Mr. Carpenter.

They were introduced to several job sectors offered by the Adult Technical Center including Instrumentation, Machining, HVAC, Chemical Operator, and Welding. The students were able to get some hands-on experience

with welding and chemical operations.

Architectural Design students along with Flex Friday CTE Lab and Additive Manufacturing students visited Vitruvian Studio on October 21st. They were able to see Industrial sized 3D printers in action. Vitruvian specializes in 3D printing concrete houses. During the trip we were able to set up Pre-apprenticeships for three of our Junior class students.

Mr. Carpenter's Manufacturing Tools classes have been busy fabricating a couple of special projects. These students worked together to build picnic tables for school use and sheep feeders for a local farm. Students are using skills such as reading measurement devices, using power and hand tools, and blueprint reading to deliver quality products.



Following the tour, AOMC staff gathered with the art students to discuss this partnership and dive deeper into how they may assist in the process of creating these art pieces. The theme of the art pieces is, "The Progression of a Warrior", which will include three separate art pieces. Each of the three buildings on campus will have their own artwork starting at the elementary school and ending at the high school.

These students have taken an idea, created a proposal, spoken with local industry and artists, built a relationship with stakeholders, and will see this project through to a finished product that will be a focal point for our district.



Students Lead PD

By Amy Buchman

At the start of the school year, students at Warren High School took on a unique leadership role providing professional development for their teachers. Building on work from the previous school year, a select group of students shared findings from over 200 interviews they conducted with their peers in grades 7-12.

The student-led research focused on understanding how students feel about school, what motivates them, and what changes they would like to see in their learning experiences. Using this data, the students identified several common themes that reflected both the strengths and challenges within the school environment.



During the professional development session, students guided teachers through hands-on activities designed to deepen understanding of the student perspective. Teachers worked collaboratively to sort through authentic student quotes and engage in reflective discussions about classroom practices. The session concluded with a brainstorming activity where educators explored practical changes they could implement to enhance motivation, connection, and engagement in their classrooms.

This experience not only gave teachers valuable insights into their students' experiences but also empowered students as active partners in shaping their school community. By placing student voice at the center of professional learning, Warren Schools continue to foster a culture of collaboration, empathy, and continuous growth for both students and staff.



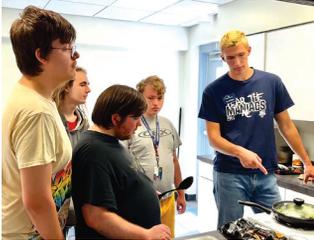
ART CLASS

Mr. Place's Flex Friday Art Lab took a trip to the Appalachian Ohio Manufacturers Coalition to discuss a partnership to create a series of permanent art installations on campus. Eight students were given a tour of the AOMC facility, and saw, firsthand, what Warren students are learning during their internships. HAAS CNC machines, 3D printing, welding, and many other fabrication methods were demonstrated by staff and Warren interns to give the art students an idea of materials and processes that can be utilized by AOMC to make their artwork come to fruition.

Lots of fun learning!

By Rebecca Jessee

Pioneer Pipeline students are off to a fantastic start this school year! Ms. Sandy and Ms. Angie represented the program at Marietta College's Involvement Fair, where they recruited many enthusiastic



college students to serve as mentors. Our students have greatly enjoyed

building connections with their mentors working alongside them in the classroom, during internships, and even in college classes.

Our students have been busy gaining real-world experience this semester through a variety of internship and ac-

ademic opportunities! Several students have started internships at Marietta Dollar General, Jeremiah's Coffee House, Wildroot, Frontier Barber Shop, Greenmeadow Veterinary Hospital, K-9 Patterson, and the Marietta College Education Department. These placements are providing them with valuable hands-on learning in customer service, business operations, animal care, education, and more.

We extend a sincere thank-you to these local businesses and organizations for welcoming our students and supporting their professional growth. Opportunities like these help our students build confidence, develop career skills, and explore potential future paths.

In addition to their internships, students have also been expanding their academic horizons by attending Marietta College classes in *Mass Media* and *Introduction to Psychology*. These courses are helping them connect classroom

learning with practical experiences, further preparing them for success beyond school.

In October, students took a trip to The Ridges in Athens, where they enjoyed exploring the area before stopping for lunch at Steak 'n Shake. As part of their life skills program, students plan weekly menus, shop for ingredients, and prepare meals together in the classroom. They've also been having a great time during swim sessions at The Betsey Mills Club.

We would like to send out a special thank you to Smitty's Pizza in Marietta for donating pizzas to our students each week. Also, thank you to Matt from



Frontier Barber Shop, for coming to our classroom to demonstrate grooming skills and how to stay nicely groomed!

Environmental Club

By Andy Biddinger

The WHS Environmental Club is off and planting early this year! The group received a donation of 19 shrubs from the FFA Department. Ten students, two guardians and Mr. Biddinger planted the

shrubs near the pond behind Warrior Stadium. It was a beautiful day to work on an outdoor project and the students are excited to see the payoff from their labor. The club is planning several activities for later in the school year including a watch party of the movie 'The Lorax.'



Mock Trial Grant

The Parkersburg Area Community Foundation held its day of giving on Tuesday, November 14th. The mock trial team filled out an application that was directed by two students on the team, Ellery Ditty and Adalyn Moreland. They were awarded a \$500 grant to explore further judicial education.



Underground Railroad Trip

By Jason Johnson

One of the great things about teaching in this community is having a community that embraces our schools and our students. One of the joys of my teaching career is being able to share the rich history of kindness for which our community has been known for a long time.

This year, we have studied the Underground Railroad Stations at Barlow and Little Hocking. The



Barlow Station was located at the Lawton Farm and the Sawyer-Curtis House served as a safe house in Little Hocking. Cindy Mallahan, the cake lady, always makes arrangements for the students to visit the farm and shares diary notes that document the family's involvement in the underground railroad. Herb Roush was the longtime owner of the Sawyer-Curtis house and wrote several

See Railroad, pg. 14.

8th Graders Visit D.C.

By Stephanie Kiefer

At the end of October, 8th grade students had the opportunity to visit the nation's capital. During their three day visit, students were able to tour Arlington National Cemetery and witnessed the changing of the guard ceremony. Students also toured the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Students were also awarded a glimpse into politics with a visit from Senator Husted on the senate building steps. (pictured below) Senator Husted talked to students about the history

of the capitol building, the roles and responsibilities of a senator, and some leadership advice.

The weather worked in their favor as students took a walking tour of the Washington Monument, Lincoln Monument, the Martin Luther King Jr. Monument, the Pentagon 9/11 Memorial, the WWII memorial and many, many, more. In total, they walked about 15 1/2 miles in one day! On the way back home, students stopped at Gettysburg to tour the battlefields and memorials.

It was an educational and fun trip for everyone involved; the students made memories that will last a lifetime.



Artists Collaborate

By Felix Secreto

Mr. Newton recently invited the Warren art departments to design centerpieces for the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) banquet, hosted by Warren High School in September.

After thoughtful planning and imaginative collaboration between the elementary and middle school art teachers and students, the project bloomed into 23 unique handcrafted paper floral arrangements. Each displayed atop a vintage book, turning every banquet table into a work of art.



6th Grade Fall Fun Learning

By Jody Martin

The sixth grade had a fantastic day on Friday, October 31, learning all about popcorn. Each core class creatively incorporated popcorn into their lessons.

In math, we "popped" up CGF and LCM (Greatest Common Factors and Least Common Multiples). Our social studies class explored the history of popcorn, and we even had a hands-on experience with a 1915 John

Deere Corn Sheller. The science classes conducted an investigation involving popcorn, while ELA used the computer program, "Frankenstories," to collectively write a story about a day in the life of a popcorn kernel.

We wrapped up the day with an exciting STEM project, where the entire sixth grade tried to build the strongest and sturdiest towers out of popcorn and toothpicks. Of course, no day focused on popcorn would be complete without a fresh batch of air-popped popcorn for everyone to enjoy!



Fun Friday Activities

By Sandy Vincent

Our Fun Friday Dog Training group, made up of enthusiastic 7th and 8th graders, has been hard at work learning how to communicate with, and train their canine companions! Students practice basic obedience skills and even explore beginner agility obstacles.



The progress has been remarkable. Many dogs have already shown major improvements in behavior, confidence, and focus. It has been an amazing opportunity for students to build responsibility, patience, and teamwork while strengthening their bond with their dogs.

We're proud of all our handlers and their hardworking pups!



Student Council visits food pantry

By Megan Joseph

October 27 - WMS student council visited Gospel Mission Food Pantry. Student council members were given a tour and got to see the behind the scenes of how a food pantry operates. This will help inspire and lead our school wide food drive next month. Members also spent time assist-



ing with various tasks at the pantry such as carrying down totes and supplies from upstairs, loading vehicles and organizing items in a storage room. We had a great time!



The Journey in Advanced Coding

By Brad Hauenstein

This semester in the Advanced Coding Class has been a dynamic and intensive experience, showcasing the incredible problem-solving capacity of our students as they tackle two very different yet complementary coding worlds: game design and robotics.

The course began by grounding students firmly in JavaScript, starting with the fundamentals of screen manipulation. We moved from the simplicity of drawing basic shapes on the canvas to the complexity of creating fully functional games entirely from scratch. This hands-on process demands constant application of logic, meticulous debugging, and an understanding of object-oriented principles. Watching students transition from writing a line of code to seeing a playable game emerge is immensely rewarding, though it certainly involves constant troubleshooting when things inevitably go wrong!

To ensure our students understand how code impacts the real world, the second major component of the class involves programming Cue Robots. This introduces the concept of translating abstract logic into physical action. Students are learning to command

the robots using both the visual, sequence-based logic of Blockly and the text-based power of JavaScript.

This dual approach is forcing them to confront real-world constraints, motor latency, sensor accuracy, and physical friction, that doesn't exist on a computer screen. Every successful maneuver, be it navigating a maze or precisely executing a timed sequence, is the result of students overcoming significant, immediate problems through careful testing and revision. Their ability to adapt and conquer these technical roadblocks is perhaps the most valuable skill they are acquiring.



Building Character and Community Through Our House Points System!

By Lori Ludwig

At Warren Local, we're keeping tradition alive while building school-wide pride through our new **House Points System!** This exciting initiative encourages students to follow our shared behavior and character expectations while fostering teamwork, school spirit, and positive competition.

Our five **House Mascots**, the **Eagle, Bobcat, Warrior, Yellowjacket,** and **Panther** are a nod to the history of our district. Before coming together on one campus, these mascots represented the smaller schools of **Barlow Vincent, Little Hocking, Cutler, Warren, and Bartlett.** Now, they've come together to represent unity and pride of our Warren family all in one building!



At the start of the year, students eagerly awaited the Pep Rally Sorting Ceremony, where a spinning wheel determined each grade's house assignment, with exception to our 4th graders who will always have the honor of being the Warriors.

4th Graders Get Energized

By Elizabeth Donahue

In the 4th-grade science electricity unit, students explored the fundamentals of circuits through hands-on activities and interactive lessons. One of the most exciting parts of the unit was when students learned how to build simple electric circuits using batteries, wires, and motors. These components were then used to create "wiggle bots"...small, motorized creatures made from cups, markers, and other craft materials. The bots would move and draw on paper as the motors vibrated, giving students a fun and visual understanding of how electricity can power movement.



The Warriors (4th Grade) – House Color: Blue

The Eagles (3rd Grade) – House Color: Black

The Bobcats (2nd Grade) – House Color: Green

The Yellowjackets (Kindergarten) – House Color: Yellow

The Panthers (1st Grade) – House Color: Red

Throughout the year, teachers award or deduct points based on student behavior, teamwork, kindness, and respect for school expectations. Each point earned moves the entire house closer to victory, encouraging students to support one another and take ownership of their actions. The house leaderboard is projected on the TVs in the cafeteria

Each quarter, the grade level student body votes on a special reward

Throughout the project, students used problem-solving and critical thinking to troubleshoot their designs. They had to make sure the motor was properly connected to the battery and that the bot was balanced enough to move in a fun and controlled way. They also experimented with different materials and designs to see how changes affected the bot's movement. This part of the unit encouraged creativity, teamwork, and persistence, as students revised their bots multiple times to improve their function.

To celebrate their learning and share their excitement, the 4th graders demonstrated their wiggle bots to a group of kindergarten students.

of their choice that the winning house will enjoy. During the first nine weeks, the Bobcats of 2nd Grade took home the top honors! Their prize was a cozy "Pajamas and Pals" Day, where students wore their favorite pajamas, brought a stuffed animal and blanket, and enjoyed a movie together. To top it off, they were surprised with a karaoke dance party during lunch with Mrs. Ludwig and Mrs. Skinner!

As we move into the next quarter, excitement is building to see which house will rise to the top! No matter who wins, every student is learning that character, teamwork, and respect make our school community stronger.

Go Houses! Let's make the next quarter our best one yet!



They explained how electricity worked in their creations, showing the young learners how energy flows through wires to make the motors move. The kindergartners were delighted to see the colorful bots in action and even asked questions about how they were made.

This culminating event helped the 4th graders take pride in their work, practice public speaking, and serve as science role models for younger students.



Local Volunteer Fire Departments Demonstrate Fire Safety Tips

Students at Warren Elementary School learned valuable lessons about fire safety, thanks to a special visit from local volunteer fire departments. Firefighters from the Barlow, Dunham, Little Hocking, and Warren Volunteer Fire Departments joined forces to teach children how to stay safe in case of a fire.

During the interactive presentation, students learned the importance of having a family escape plan, recognizing the sound of a smoke alarm, and

knowing when and how to call 911. Firefighters also demonstrated how to "Stop, Drop, and Roll," and showed students their protective gear, helping to ease fears about what firefighters look and sound like during an emergency.



The visit wrapped up with a tour of a fire engine, complete with sirens and lights, which was a highlight for many of the students. Teachers and staff expressed their gratitude to the firefighters for taking the time to share life-saving lessons in such a fun and memorable way.

The departments hope to make the program an annual event to continue promoting fire safety and community awareness among local youth.



Election Day Winner!

Miss Miskimins' kindergarten class held an Election Day vote to choose their favorite Oreo flavor! Golden Oreos won the race with 10 votes, narrowly defeating regular Oreos, which received 8 votes.

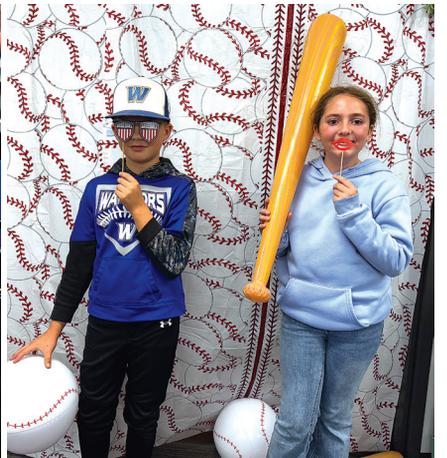


Fourth grade students in Mrs. Hanson and Mrs. Place's ELA classes celebrated the end of their first novel



"A Strong Right Arm" by participating in a baseball themed escape room. Learning is so much fun!

★ Star Warriors ★



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books documenting this historic house.

We visited many other places, including Henderson Hall Plantation in West Virginia. This trip gives students an idea of how far a person would travel to be free, literally. The students get to ride a bus, obviously the slaves did not. They had to find the station without a map, in the dark, often with bloodhounds and slave catchers nipping at their heels. This trip enables students to wrap the arms and minds around a community that has cradled strangers and students for many years.

TRUNK OR TREAT

On October 25, 2025 staff and students from Warren High School participated in Warren Elementary's annual trunk or treat event. Trunks were decorated as Cookie Monster represented by Pioneer Pipeline/High School students.



A special thanks to Michael Smith, a student who attends Pioneer Pipeline, for designing the chocolate chip cookies to go along with the Cookie Monster theme. A trunk called "The Magic of Reading" was represented by the High School Book club. They partnered with the Barlow Branch Library who donated some of the books that were given out as treats.



Students from Mr. Place's visual arts class provided face painting at the event.



FFA NEWS

By Lexus Vandergrift

National FFA Convention

At the National FFA Convention, the Warren FFA members had the opportunity to experience a variety of exciting and educational activities. We visited iconic locations such as The Bean in Chicago, the Skydeck, and Soldier Field, the oldest stadium in the NFL. Additionally, we toured Fair Oaks Farms, where we learned about dairy farming and livestock management. Beyond the tours, we participated in inspiring sessions and heard motivational speeches. We also had the privilege of celebrating the achievements of our chapter members, who were recognized for their dedication and hard work in representing our school and community.

Barlow fair, parade and chapters SAE's

This year's Barlow Independent Fair was a great success for the Warren FFA Chapter and its members. The chapter's taco stand performed exceptionally well, thanks to the dedication and teamwork of all involved. The parade was also a highlight of the event, providing an opportunity for members to represent the chapter and engage with the community in a fun and positive way. In addition, several members showcased their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects, demonstrating their commitment, hard work, and passion for agriculture. Overall, the fair was a rewarding experience for the Warren FFA Chapter, and we are extremely proud of everyone's efforts and accomplishments.

Abigail Murphy (Beef production)

Warren FFA President, Abigail Murphy, achieved an outstanding accomplishment this year by placing first in the state for her



proficiency in Beef Production. Her hard work and dedication earned her the opportunity to compete at the national level—a remarkable achievement that reflects her commitment

to excellence in agriculture. Abigail was named a Top 4 Finalist in the Nation in the area of Beef Production - Placement. This is the first time Warren has had a national proficiency finalist in 50 years! The Warren FFA Chapter is incredibly proud of Abigail and all the effort she has put into reaching this milestone.

American FFA Degrees

We are extremely proud of our two American Degree candidates this year. Earning the American FFA Degree is one of the highest honors an FFA member can achieve, and our candidates truly exemplify the dedication, leadership, and passion that define our organization. Watching them walk across the stage and represent the Warren FFA Chapter with excellence was an incredible moment, and we couldn't be more proud of their accomplishments and commitment to the values of FFA. Only 1% of all FFA members receive their American Degree.

Interview contest

This year's FFA Interview Contest was a tremendous success! Warren High School had the honor of hosting the event, welcoming around 20 schools from across Ohio. The contest featured participants in four divisions — freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior — with one representative from each school competing. Representing Warren were Danica Gates, Trindee McKenzie, McKenzie Mason, and Ryace Boyer. We are extremely proud of these students for their hard work, professionalism, and dedication to representing our chapter and community with excellence.

Congratulations to all our participants on a great day of competition and leadership development!

We are Warriors!

WHS Counselor's Corner

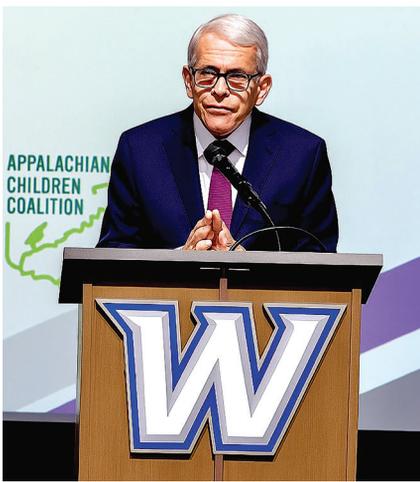
- ** FAFSA has opened. Most priority deadlines are by Feb. 1st
- ** College early action deadlines are approaching: Nov. 1st & Nov. 15th
- ** PreACT: Nov. 14
- ** Retakes for Ohio End of Course Exams Window: Dec. 1st-5th

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Dear Warrior Families,

As we prepare to take time off from school (11/27-12/2) for the Thanksgiving break, we are grateful for everyone who has helped to restore a routine for showing up to school while supporting students and families.

Daily routines are essential for reducing stress and creating a sense of security for students and adults.

Please take steps to keep your child healthy and send them to school unless they are truly sick. Every day of school is an important opportunity for students to learn as well as connect to peers and their teachers.

WE THANK:

Our students and their families who do their best to show up to class every day even when it isn't easy;

Our teachers who have gone above and beyond to help make school a welcoming learning environment where students can thrive;

Our administrators who help us work together to ensure we are healthy and safe, feel a sense of community and experience the excitement of an engaging learning

environment; and

Our many, many healers and helpers, the support staff and community volunteers who provide the extra hands and attention our children need.

May these days off be restful and healing. If your family or your child needs support, please reach out to your child's school for help.

We look forward to seeing you again when school resumes on 12/3.

Don't forget the attendance policy in the student handbook has changed for the 2025-2026 school. A student may accumulate up to 36 hours of excused absences per semester for a total of 72 hours of excused absences per school year. These excused absences include a combination of parent call offs and medical excuses, etc.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!



Sincerely, *Cathy Neehouse* ~
Warren Attendance Officer



Join us in spreading holiday cheer! To participate, please donate a new, unwrapped toy for a child, ages 3 months to 13 years. Toys can be dropped off at any Warren Local Schools location. Donations will be accepted through December 15th.

