



Warren Local School District

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Fall 2024

Honoring our Veterans - Thank You!

Warren Middle School Hosts Veterans Day Celebration

VETERANS DAY

Thank you for your service

On November 8, Warren Middle School welcomed students, staff, veterans, and military personnel, to the 2024 Veterans Assembly. Coffee and donuts were provided as guests made their way to their seats. To get things started, WMS principal, Mr. Brent Taylor, welcomed the crowd to stand and join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The audience remained standing for the "Star-Spangled Banner," performed by the combined seventh and eighth grade bands.



"The sacrifice of these brave men and women allows us the right to gather here and honor all veteran," began Mr. Taylor. "Today, there is, and

perhaps there always will be, conflict in the world. But the United States fortunately enjoys peace and freedom. Like other things of great value, this security did not come cheaply. Part of the cost has already been paid by the Americans who answered the call of military duty when their country needed them," said Taylor.

The program continued as the choir sang, "Let Freedom Ring!" Next on the agenda, the handbell choir performed, "Yankee Doodle," followed by, "Battle Hymn of the Republic," by the combined seventh and eighth grade bands.

Chief Master Sergeant Bob Crum, served as the quest speaker for the assembly. Mr. Taylor introduced him by first reading a list of Mr. Crum's numerous military accomplishments.

Mr. Crum entered the United States Air Force in 1966 and retired from active duty in 1989. Bob was a crewmember on an AC-130 Gunship flying combat missions out of Thailand in 1968-1969. He was involved with Project Speckled Trout out of Andrews Air Force Base from 1973-1981 and was assigned to aircraft to the Chairman of The Joint Chiefs of Staff and Air Force



Chief of Staff. Mr. Crum has also been responsible for the electrical systems on Air Force One and the backup. Chief Master Sergeant Crum has also been an advisor to the Egyptian Air Force for 120 F-16 Fighter Jets.

Mr. Crum retired as NCOIC flight line Operations Langley Air Force Base. He received the Vietnam Combat Medal with 3 Stars; Meritorious Service Medal with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters; Presidential Citation with Oak Leaf Cluster; and Air Force Commendation Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters.

Approximately 30 veterans and military personnel were in attendance. Each guest of honor introduced themselves to the audience, including their name, branch, and years of service.

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Warrior Excellence in Football

1960 - 1965 football players, cheerleaders, coaches and managers take the field in 2024



Warren Athletics honored "Warrior Excellence in Football" during the varsity football game versus Paintsville, played on September 20. Welcomed back for this special event were the 1963-65 Pioneer Valley League Football Champions, including coaches, managers, and cheerleaders. Members of the inaugural football team of 1960, and others from 1961 and 1962 were also honored at the event.

The 1963 squad led by head coach, Ron Rice, and assistants, Eldon Malling

and Jack Watkins, won the first of three consecutive League Championships. They finished the season with a 9-1 record and outscored their PVL opponents 125 to 6. The Warriors repeated in 1964, compiling an overall record of 6-4 under coach, John Jay, who took over the reins of the program for a season while Coach Rice pursued his master's degree. In defending their PVL title, the Warriors outscored their PVL opponents 145 to 12. Coach Rice returned in 1965 and

led the Warriors to a 9-1 season and their third consecutive PVL title.

In addition, members of Warren's inaugural football team (the 1960 squad), led by head coach, Vince Scragg, and assistant coach, Eldon Malling, were recognized. The team played a mixed schedule of JV and Varsity teams in their initial season, coming away with one win, but they helped set the foundation for the growth of Warren football through the years. We are Warriors!



Ohio Attorney General, Dave Yost, has selected Warren High School's, Lane Wasson, to serve a one-year term on the teen ambassador board. The Attorney General's Teen Am-

bassador Board gives Ohio's teens an unparalleled opportunity to engage in government and law. Students will address some of the greatest issues facing our state and develop solutions to improve the lives of Ohioans. Ambassadors will have the opportunity to receive training on important and pertinent matters, meet with elected officials and interact with Assistant

Attorney General.

Previously, the Board met with the Ohio Attorney General, members of the Ohio Senate and House of Representatives, toured the Ohio Supreme Court and met with Supreme Court Justices, and spoke with senior administrative staff, employees, and BCI scientists of the Attorney General's Office. What an honor for Lane!

Recognizing Warrior Nation

The 2024-2025 school year started by recognizing the longevity of some of the many faces that make up Warrior Nation. It takes many hands from various departments working hard to make the district successful. Warren would like to thank all staff for their many years of dedicated service.

5 Years of Service (2019)

David Bennett, Amanda Gilliland, Kayla Johnson, Kristin Kidd, Sierra McFee, Amanda Parman, Courtney Stackpole, Angela Wittekind, Rachelle Yost

10 Years of Service (2014)

Elizabeth Donahue, Tara Freshour, Shelley Hamrick, Missy Kemper, Vicki Lowe, Kim McDermott, Catherine O'Donnell, Ginny Price, Robin Roberts, Ashley Skinner, Jody Turner

15 Years of Service (2009)

Barbara Augustine, Theresa Sauer

20 Years of Service (2004)

Stacey Eddy, Leigh Husted, Kristi Sams

25 Years of Service (1999)

Neil Brague, Rod Padgett, Julie VanDyk, Amy Walters, Trina Yost

Top Three Years of Service

1991- Angie Erb-Gentile, Julie Huffman; 1989- Chris Vannoy; 1987- Charlene Fronko

We would love to expand upon our employee appreciation programming. If you would like to sponsor future appreciation events, please contact Lori Ludwig at lori.ludwig@warrenlocal.org or 740-445-5300, extension 4108.



Warren Athletic Boosters
300 Club Dinner
March 15, 2025 – 5:30 pm
Marietta College
Dyson Baudo Recreation Center

Tickets go on sale December 1. For tickets, to sponsor, donate, or additional information, please contact the Warren Athletic Boosters at 740-350-5737. Must be 21 to attend.

Toys for Tots: Make a Difference

The Students Solving Problems team at WHS will be collecting toys for the Toys for Tots program. This year, there will be donation boxes at all schools on campus.

If you would like to make a donation, please bring in a new, unwrapped toy for ages ranging from 3 months to 13 years old. The toy drive will run through December 10.



August 12 - Warren Local Schools held a free school supply pick up for those families and students who were in need for the 2024-2025 school year. This drive helped over 80 families with school supplies for the school year.

A special thank you goes out to The Shelly Company for donating notebooks, paper, disinfectant wipes, tissues, pencils, glue sticks, and folders.

Thank you, Warriors!

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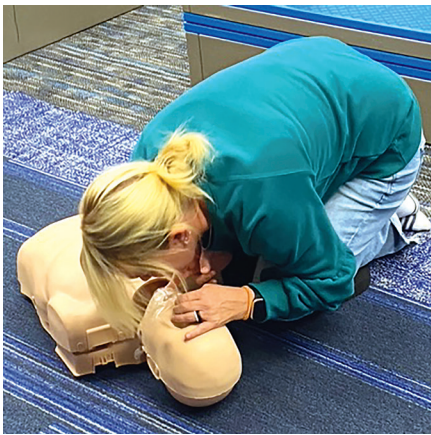


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Teachers at Warren Local Schools Renew CPR/AED Certification

Nurse Notes

As part of the recent professional development day, teachers had the opportunity to obtain/renew their American Heart Association (AHA) CPR and AED certification. This essential training equips educators with life-saving skills and reinforces a culture of preparedness within the school community.



Importance of CPR/AED Training

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) are crucial skills that can significantly impact emergencies, particularly in a school setting where children are active and accidents can occur. The AHA emphasizes that immediate CPR can double or triple a person's chance of survival after cardiac arrest. With their specialized training, teachers—who often engage with students during various activities—play a pivotal role in ensuring a safe environment.

Comprehensive Training Program

The renewal process involves a comprehensive review of CPR techniques, the proper use of AEDs, and protocols for responding to various emergency situations. The AHA's curriculum is designed to be hands-on and interactive, allowing teachers



to practice techniques in a supportive environment. The training covers:

Adult, Child, and Infant CPR:

Understanding the differences in technique and approach based on the age of the individual.

AED Usage: Learning how to effectively use an AED, including how to assess a situation and follow the device's prompts.

Choking Relief: Techniques for assisting someone who is choking, which is critical in school settings where students may be eating snacks or lunches.

Fostering a Safe School Environment

By obtaining/renewing their certifications, our teachers enhance their personal skills and contribute to a broader safety culture. These educators are often among the first re-

sponders in any emergency involving students, making their training vital. The knowledge they gain empowers them to act swiftly and confidently, potentially saving lives.

Moreover, this training fosters a sense of community and shared responsibility among faculty. When teachers are prepared to handle emergencies, it creates an atmosphere of trust and safety for both students and parents.

By equipping educators with these vital skills, the school not only enhances its emergency response capabilities but also instills confidence in the community. As these teachers complete their training, they set a powerful example of leadership and responsibility, ensuring that the well-being of every child remains a top priority.



Thank you - Mr. Bee Potato Chips!

Huge Shout Out to Mr. Bee Potato Chips - Students were treated to free bags of flavored potato chips. Mr. Bee is the only Potato Chip Company operating in West Virginia; shop and support local!



Warren Elementary lunchroom staff served Yummy Mummy Dogs for Halloween.



Encourage your little mummy to start their day with a school breakfast.

SAVE THE DATE

WMS Grandparents Thanksgiving Luncheon
November 25, 2024
Cost is \$5.00

Did You Know ?

School Fee Waivers are still being accepted. Contact Charlene Fronko, or your school secretary, for an application or more information.

Charlene Fronko, Food Service Supervisor: 740-678-2366 ext. 3810

Celebrating Grandparents Day at Warren Elementary School

By Jessica Smith

The kindergarten classes opened their doors to a very special group of guests. Grandparents Day is a fun day for both the students, and their grandparents. This interactive visit allows grandparents to engage directly with students' education, sparking discussions about the importance of lifelong learning.



nied with icing and sprinkles ready to decorate. There was a lot of laughter and smiling faces as they decorated their cookies. Needless to say, there wasn't much to be saved but crumbs. A few students saved a cookie to give to their sibling and others licked their plates clean.

Special thanks to Mrs. Smith's mother, Ruth Cramer, for baking the cookies and preparing the sprinkles and icing in containers. This is the second year

she has done this and it was even more special this year because her grandson is a student in (her daughter) Mrs. Smith's class. Once everyone was done decorating cookies, the students led their grandparents to their classroom to give them a handmade craft and show them their classroom. Students were so proud to show their special spots in the classroom as well as their artwork that hung on the walls.



Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Cochran's event began with the children finding their grandparents in the cafeteria. How fun it was to see the excitement on the student's faces to find their grandparents sitting at the tables. At their seat, they found cookies accompa-



Grandparents Day was not just a day of fun; it was a celebration of love, connection, and the importance of family. The event reminded everyone that the bonds we share with our grandparents are a vital part of our lives and should be celebrated regularly.

Our grandparents are Warriors!



Thank you to our bus drivers for teaching our little Warriors all about bus stop safety!



Be Prepared



The safety of children is always a top priority, and school bus drivers are essential to maintaining that safety. CPR and first aid training equips them with

the knowledge and skills necessary to handle life-threatening situations, while waiting for professional medical help to arrive. By ensuring that school bus drivers are CPR-certified, school districts create a safer environment for students, reduce the risk of harm, and potentially save lives. This essential training keeps drivers prepared for emergency situations.



Annual school bus evacuation drills are essential for ensuring the safety of students while traveling to and from school. These drills provide students with the skills and knowledge they need to respond appropriately in an emergency, helping to prevent panic and minimize injuries in the rare event of a bus-related incident.

By regularly practicing evacuation procedures, school districts not only comply with safety regulations but also foster a culture of preparedness, empowering students to take charge of their own safety. In the end, the practice of safe evacuation procedures can make all the difference in an emergency, potentially saving lives and preventing tragedy.

Bus stop safety doesn't just involve the children waiting for the bus to arrive, but also their behavior while crossing the street or interacting with the bus. Whether the child is waiting for pickup, exiting the bus, or walking to and from home, it's essential to take extra precautions to reduce the likelihood of accidents and injuries.

Our transportation department engages in hands-on activities to ensure that students are both prepared and safe at their bus stops. Let's all work together to keep our Warriors safe!



Star Warriors Bus Riders...Great job!



FFA Fall News

FFA Hosts Petting Zoo for Elementary Students

By Blake Campbell

October 29 - Warren FFA chapter welcomed elementary students for a hands-on petting zoo experience! Held at the elementary school, this event allowed young students to meet and interact with a variety of animals, including goats, ducks, chickens, and even a few rabbits. FFA members led the event, sharing interesting facts about each animal and teaching students about their care.

This petting zoo provides a wonderful educational experience for younger students, sparking their curiosity and fostering a love for animals and agriculture.

The Warren FFA looks forward to hosting similar events in the future to continue connecting students with the world of farming and animal care.



FFA Tailgate Event

By Blake Campbell

September 20 - Warren FFA held its annual tailgate event before the football game. Students enjoyed a fun evening filled with games, food, face painting, and camaraderie. Members of the Student Council, National Honor Society, Choir, and Advanced Art students contributed to the festivities. Our students eagerly anticipate this event every year! A big thank you goes out to everyone who attended and participated!



National FFA Wool Judging Contest



The Warren FFA chapter recently marked a significant achievement, placing 6th in the nation at the National FFA Wool

Judging Contest! Competing at the national level, the team demonstrated their dedication, knowledge, and skill in wool judging—a unique competition that requires expertise in fiber quality, fleece characteristics, and marketable traits of wool.

The contest tested each participant's ability to analyze various qualities that determine the value of a wool fleece, including fineness, yield, staple length, and overall appearance.

For Warren FFA, this competition was not only about technical skills but also the chance to represent our community on a national platform. Hours of preparation and guidance from advisors helped each team member excel in critical aspects of wool assessment.

Congratulations to our Warren FFA members on this incredible accomplishment!

WE ARE WARRIORS!

Visiting a piece of WWII history

By Andy Biddinger

September 12 - High school sophomores visited the LST-325 in Marietta, with over 130 students exploring the World War II transportation ship. LST stands for, Landing Ship Tank, and these vessels played a crucial role in the amphibious invasions during WWII and the Korean War. Notably, this ship took part in the D-Day invasion at Normandy, France. LSTs were essential for transporting tanks, weapons, supplies, and personnel to the front lines, serving as a vital logistical resource.

Students explored various areas of the ship, including the cargo hold, engine bays, galley, and crew quar-

ters. Tour guides shared fascinating stories about the ship's history and the role of LSTs. The students even had the opportunity to sit in the anti-aircraft gun seats and practice using the aiming controls. Mr. Biddinger, a history teacher at WHS, was allowed to "fire" the rear guns, which used a compressed air system (with no shells involved) during the tour.

Many students expressed how impactful it was to see a real artifact from history, particularly from World War II. This experience provided a valuable learning opportunity as they prepare to study WWII events later in the school year. Engaging with history in this way, truly enhances their understanding of the past.



Fall fun!

By Ashley Ditty

Our students at the Marietta College Pioneer Pipeline Program took advantage of the beautiful weather in September and walked down to the Sternwheeler Festival. They enjoyed exploring the many activities, including various vendors, food trucks, and especially the classic sternwheeler boats on display.



Building Picnic Tables

By Chris Carpenter

We were asked by the Barlow Fair Board to build some picnic tables for the fairgrounds. Students in our machine tools classes worked with measurement tools and power tools. They followed a written procedure to prepare and assemble each table. The students did a great job!

The Fair Board supplied all the materials necessary for the tables.



THANK YOU VETERANS
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

WHS Counselor's Corner



September 19 - Warren High School held their first annual College & Career Fair. Over 60 colleges/universities, and local businesses participated. Warren hosted Morgan High School, Waterford High School, Federal Hocking High School, Frontier High School, and Belpre High School. Over 1000

students had the opportunity to meet with college representatives, talk with local businesses, and make career connections. We are excited to make this a Warrior tradition every fall!

Upcoming Important Dates:

Dec. 1st: FAFSA Opens

Dec. 4-6th: End of Course Exam Retakes

Feb. 25th: ACT for all Juniors



2024 Homecoming King and Queen:
Dawson Staley & Holly Swaney



Seniors: Back row - Nick Cressey, Jacob Sealey, Dawson Staley, Mason O'Donnell; Front row - Mackenzie James-McGuire, Lilli Turner, Holly Swaney, Alexandra Jack



Underclassmen: Back row - Carson Vandergrift (9), Jackson Fairbanks (10), Grant Gilliland (11); Front row - Brooke Walters (9), Lilly Pettit (10), Haley Wharton (11)

African American History Class

By Jason Johnson

October 31- The WHS African American History Class visited Henderson Hall, a former slave plantation, and several stops on the Underground Railroad. We visited Colonel Stone's House in Belpre and several locations close to Ephraim Cutler's House that honored him.

Many of us know Cindy Mallahan as, "The Cake Lady". The students were able to visit her family farm, a known Underground Railroad site and her stories about the Underground Railroad from her family's diaries. Many students stated they did not know about the Lawton Farm or the family's role in history.

The young historians were also treated to the Underground Railroad Exhibit at the Belpre Historical Society and marveled at all the artifacts at the Society and Henderson Hall. What a privilege to accompany this group of scholars as they learned about our community.



Journey to the Final Four

By Coach Ann Skufka

When coaches begin the start of their seasons, they focus on the little things. This year, the Warren Volleyball team did that throughout their historic season. On August 1st, you have players who are eager to begin the season, where they come in ready to go. In the month of August, the Warriors were undefeated going 6-0 for the month and had the longest winning streak of the program; 10 before losing to Marietta. The loss did not stop the Warriors. They bounced back and ended the regular season with another 8-game winning streak, taking a road win in the last game of the regular season to beat Marietta in a thrilling game. The volleyball team finished up the regular season 18-1 and earned a bid back to the OVAC tournament at the #2 seed.

Even though Warren lost in the OVAC semi-final game, players were already preparing for the OHSAA State Tournament. The Warriors were seeded as the #1 seed and played in the sectional championship game versus Waverly. After the Warriors won the sectional championship, they advanced to the district semi-finals and played against Logan Elm, a team they played against in the regular season. Warren continued to focus on the main goal of doing the little things to be successful. Now on a roll and winning again Logan Elm, going to the District Championship was amazing. These girls were focused on making history. In the District Championship versus Circleville, we kept telling each other, what do we have to lose...let's go out and play our game. They did just that. The next day at school, I found out who the coach was of

Warren's last District Championship. It was Sheila Coffman. I asked for her to come and speak with the girls and as a coach always does, she said yes. I informed the girls that we were going to have a special guest come and talk to them at practice, and they could not figure out who I was referring to. Then, Mrs. Coffman came into the locker room. All the girls knew her from being their middle school teacher, but never knew she was the last District Championship Coach.

Advancing onto Regionals was an amazing experience for these girls after just making Warrior history. With the long, two-plus hour bus rides on a school night and getting back at 11:30pm, that did not stop them from continuing greatness. These girls continued to step up and earn victories against Meadowbrook and London to earn the first ever Regional Championship in school history making their way to the Final 4. Even though the team did not advance past the final 4, all these players were able to be proud of themselves for doing the unthinkable. They made volleyball history. As for the seniors who started this process as sophomores, they embraced a change and culture, and they departed the program as champions.



Coach Skufka was recently named Division IV, District 13 Coach of the Year! Congratulations, Warriors!

Robotics class competes at Zane State

Middle School Robotics Class

By Brad Hauenstein

We're excited to share some updates from our robotics class as we gear up for the upcoming VEX V5 High Stakes Competition! Our students have been hard at work building and programming their VEX V5 robots, and their creativity and teamwork have been truly inspiring.

This year, we have three dynamic teams, comprising a total of 11 enthusiastic students. Each team is tackling the challenges of designing their robots to compete against 29 other

teams from various middle and high schools in the area. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to showcase their skills and learn from others in the robotics community and refine their robot's performance.

The High Stakes Competition will take place at Zane State, and we are looking forward to this exciting event. Our teams will demonstrate their robots' capabilities in various challenges, applying the engineering principles they've learned throughout the semester. This competition will allow them to apply their knowledge of science, technology, engineering,

and mathematics in a real-world context. This event not only tests their robots but also fosters collaboration, problem-solving, and sportsmanship among participants.

We encourage families to support our students by attending the event! Your presence can boost their confidence and excitement.



Let's make this year's High Stakes Competition our best one yet! Use the QR code to watch a video of the game objectives.



Career Mentoring

BECOME A CAREER MENTOR VOLUNTEER!

The BB2C Career Mentor Program has worked with Warren Local Schools since Fall 2016. Each year, mentors are invited to give their Career Pathway Story to students in order to increase student knowledge and awareness of careers in our local community.

Shown left, Barb Schafer, Career Mentor Coordinator, explains the program to students before introducing several mentors to the class.

If you are interested in becoming a BB2C Career Mentor, please, contact BB2C at the following: info@bb2careers.org or call 740-370-6399.





By Baylee Garrett

From October 30th to November 1st, the eighth-grade class took an unforgettable trip to Washington, D.C., our nation's capital. During their visit, students explored some of the country's most significant historical sites, including Ford's Theatre, the Capitol

Building, Mt. Vernon, the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, the 9/11 Memorial, and Arlington Cemetery.

When asked about the highlights of their experience, one student shared, "It was amazing to be away from home and see all the history around us," while another mentioned, "the memories made with my friends."

The staff and chaperones who accompanied the group praised the students for their outstanding behavior and respectfulness throughout the trip- demonstrating what it means to be a Warrior.



YES Day at WSCC

By Miki Rowland

October 14 - The 7th grade science students participated in Y.E.S. Day at Washington State Community College. Y.E.S. stands for Young Engineers and Scientists. Students were able to see presentations from local



science-related careers in our local community.

Marietta Times Contest Winners

By: Stephanie Kiefer

During October, students in seventh and eighth grade had the opportunity to submit scary stories or artwork to The Marietta Times Halloween contest. Two winners in the seventh grade category were Brooklyn Garrett, taking third place with her story, "The Ghoul-York Times," and Isabella Yoho won third place in the artwork category for her untitled drawing. Two winners in the eighth grade category

were Zaine Norman, taking first place with his story, "Untitled," and Cayden Hendrickson, taking third place with his story, "In A Flash." All the winning stories and artwork were published in The Marietta Times on October 30-31. Zaine Norman read his story for WMOA, the local radio station, which aired on Halloween.



Veterans

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In closing, Mr. Taylor offered a very special thank you to all the Veterans and Chief Master Sergeant Bob Crum for being a part of the assembly. "We can never repay you for your service to your country but we want you to know we are eternally grateful," said Taylor.

A moment of silence was observed to honor those who have fallen and have paid the ultimate sacrifice. "TAPS" was then played by WHS student, Lane Wasson.

As the crowd was dismissed, the combined seventh and eighth grade choirs sang, "America the Beautiful on Parade."



Warren Local Schools would like to offer our most sincere appreciation to all veterans. Your bravery, sacrifice, and commitment to our country are deeply appreciated. You've fought for our freedoms and inspired generations with your courage. We honor your service and are grateful for all you've done. You are truly heroes and Warriors! Thank you for your service.



Hands-On Learning

By Abby Cole

Our second-grade class recently explored the fascinating world of magnets. Students investigated various items in their desks to determine which were magnetic and which were not. They also discovered how magnets can repel one another.

The class enjoyed a walking field trip to the Barlow Library. Miss Carrie introduced them to the joys of reading



by encouraging everyone to smell the books! She also highlighted the many resources and activities the library has to offer.

In September, Amanda Hamrick, from the Back to Basics Log Cabin store, came to show students how to make Chapstick. She shared her knowledge about the different natural materials she uses to make it and each student was able to take a Chapstick home with them. Thank you, Amanda, for sharing this experience with us!

A is for Apple!

By Jessica Smith

We had such a fun couple of days with apples! We made apple shirts with our hand prints and added apples with our fingerprints. On the first apple day, we had the help of our occupational therapist, Carrie Neil, and speech therapist, Carley Tewanger, to run centers. Carrie made apple pie scented playdough while Carley read an apple story to another group. The other two groups had a chance to play with their playdough and make apple pies with pie pans, cinnamon sticks (twigs) and pom poms.

On the second day, we had center rotations with building a STEM apple tree with pom poms, popsicle sticks and paper towel rolls, building caterpillars to match the number, and two fine motor apple crafts. Parent volunteers helped this center day run smoothly! To top off the day, we made apple crisp in the crock pot. We had the best apple days!



Lunch Bunch: Celebrating Responsible Behavior

Approximately every two weeks, our dedicated second-grade teachers select students who exemplify responsible, respectful, and safe Warrior behavior. These chosen students get to join our special "Lunch Bunch," a celebratory event that includes a shiny medal, a special snack, and the opportunity to dine at a beautifully decorated table alongside a guest of honor from our community.



The Lunch Bunch not only provides a fun break from the usual lunch routine but also reinforces the importance of being a responsible and respectful member of our school community. It's a wonderful reminder that good behavior deserves celebration, and we're proud of our young Warriors for their efforts!

Keep shining, Warriors! Your positive actions are making a difference.



Julie Renner, second-grade teacher at Warren Elementary, initiated Lunch Bunch this year as a way to motivate students to showcase exemplary behavior. "I started Lunch Bunch to encourage student behavior," she shared.



Dates to remember...

ELEMENTARY 
CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

December 10th – Kindergarten

December 11th – First Grade

December 12th – Second Grade

All concerts will be held at the high school auditorium. Doors open at 6:00 pm; performances will begin at 6:30.

Exploring the Scientific Method

By Elizabeth Donahue

In 4th grade, science class opens the door to a world of exploration and discovery. Recently, students participated in a lab that introduced them to the scientific method—a crucial process that scientists use to investigate the mysteries of the world. This hands-on experience not only made learning fun but also sparked curiosity and honed critical thinking skills.

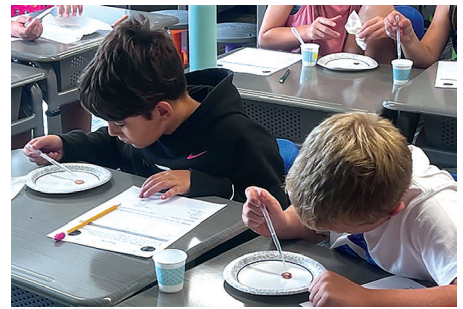
During the lab, students were challenged to pose questions and formulate hypotheses. One of the standout experiments involved figuring out just how much water a penny could

hold. This hands-on activity helped students see their theories in action, providing a visual and practical understanding of the scientific concepts they were learning.

They learned that science is not just about getting the “right” answer, but about asking questions, experimenting, and learning from the results.

Engaging with the scientific method in this way fosters not only a love for science but also essential problem-solving skills. As students explored, they learned to think critically, make observations, and draw conclusions based on evidence.

Overall, the lab was an engaging way for students to interact with scientific concepts, turning science into an adventure. The students loved experimenting!



Below: Local volunteer fire departments teach fire safety. Thank you!



Farmers Market Visit

September 17 - Our fourth-grade classes visited the Washington County Junior Farmers Market. During their time at the market, the students got to participate in many fun and educational activities.

The students were able to shop for fresh fruits and vegetables, sample fresh salsa, taste test recipes made with different vegetables, taste honey

from local beekeepers, learn about soil samples, and how plants grow and discuss the difference between healthy and unhealthy drinks.

At the end of their visit, each student was able to take home some fresh produce that they had picked out themselves at the market. Overall, everyone had an engaging and educational experience learning about local agriculture and healthy eating.

Learning is delicious and fun!



4th Grade ELA Baseball

Escape Room: Students from Mrs. Hanson’s and Mrs. Place’s classes participated in five, fun, comprehension

tasks as a celebration after finishing the novel, *A Strong Right Arm*.



Preschool earns a GOLD rating



Warren Local School District partners with the Ohio Valley Educational Service Center to provide preschool classrooms and special education services to our youngest learners.

Recently, the Ohio Department of Children and Youth issued Step up to Quality ratings for the licensed preschool education programs in the state. SUTQ is a rating system that recognizes programs that go above and beyond the state preschool

standards. The program standards are based on national research identifying standards which lead to improved outcomes for children.

All of the OVESC Bright Beginnings classrooms earned the highest honor of GOLD!

Our district is excited that we can support this partnership and is proud to offer these services to support our families and community. Look for the GOLD banner to be displayed soon on our campus!

If you are interested in preschool for your child or would like more information about the program, please call 740-373-6669.

Pictured: Warren Bright Beginnings preschool shares Halloween with the middle school students! The young Warriors also had their picture taken with the new WARREN sign.



Third grade students honor our Veterans





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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 un-

less 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 would like to 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 help-

ers - the support staff and community volunteers who provide the extra hands and attention our children's needs.

I hope the upcoming days off will 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 after Thanksgiving break on December 3.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

Cathy Neehouse
Warren Attendance Officer

