



Warren Local School District

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Winter 2024

11th Annual Warrior Hall of Honor

Presenting the Class of 2023 - Inductees Honored at the WHS New Coliseum

The 11th annual Warrior Hall of Honor Ceremony was held December 15, 2023, in the New Coliseum at Warren High School. Assistant Principal, Kara Pinkerton was the master of ceremonies for the event. After a lovely dinner, provided by the district's lunchroom staff, the honored guests were introduced by the person who nominated them to the Hall of Honor committee for consideration. Each honoree spoke to the audience in acceptance of their award. Following the formal event, inductees and their guests moved to the new high school gymnasium. The Class of 2023 was recognized between the junior varsity and varsity basketball games. Kara Pinkerton, and Superintendent, Kyle Newton offered congratulations to each honoree as they were announced to the cheering crowd.

Thank you and congratulations to the Class of 2023 for paving the way to excellence. These individuals, like the previous inductees, have and/or continue to positively impact and represent what makes Warren Local Schools so great.

Mike Brant - Outstanding service to the school and the community as a teacher; introduced by Charles Wentz.

Mike is a 1966 graduate of Warren High School where he was involved in National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Student Council as well as being a 3-sport athlete. Mike received his Bachelors in 1970 and Masters in History in 1980 from Ohio University. He was drafted into the US Army serving from 1970 to 1972 including a



tour in Vietnam. Mike began teaching at Warren High School in 1972 in the Social Studies department starting the African-American History class and a Social Science class to help freshman receive state graduation requirements for those attending Washington County Vocational School. He also started the grade school and junior high wrestling program, coaching from 1974 until 2000. Mike sponsored four Vietnam Veterans that attended Bartlett and Warren High School who died in combat for the Belpre Area Purple Heart Ceremony.

Connie Kaufman - Outstanding service to the school and the community; introduced by Sally Maddox.

Connie is a 1974 graduate of Federal Hocking High School, receiving her Associates degree in Secretarial Science in 1976 from Ohio Valley College. Connie began her employment

with Warren in 1994 as a secretary at Barlow Vincent transferring to Warren High School in 1998 as the attendance secretary. Connie was a dedicated employee who had a positive impact with students and staff. She was often a nurse, counselor and mentor and always had a smile on her face. Connie served as assistant WHS track coach from 2007-2023. Connie and her husband Mark reside in Belpre, OH.

Kimberly Murnieks - Distinguished graduate with exemplary accomplishments; introduced by Melcie Wells.

Kimberly is a 1989 graduate of Warren High School. Kimberly received her Bachelor's Degree from Marietta College and her Master of Public Administration from The Ohio State University's John Glenn College of Public Affairs. On January 14, 2019 she was appointed Director of the Office

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of Budget and Management by Governor Mike DeWine, serving as the Chief Financial Officer for the state of Ohio. Director Murnieks also serves as the President of the National Association of State Budget Officers and was a member of the Federal Advisory Committee on Data for Evidence Building.

JoEllen Yoho - Outstanding service to the school and the community; introduced by R. Logan Yoho.

JoEllen is a 1982 graduate of Decatur Chapel Academy. JoEllen began volunteering with Warren Local School District when the first of her 3 children started kindergarten at Little Hocking Elementary. She chaperoned, volunteered and worked at almost every event for the choral department, giving of her time post-graduation of her children. JoEllen was more than a volunteer for the school district and students, she was a mentor and role model. JoEllen and her husband Bob reside in Little Hocking, OH.

The Warren community has many individuals that have positively contributed to our District's enduring success or represented our District with great pride and distinction. It is the mission of the Warrior Hall of Honor committee to identify such individuals and recognize them for their lasting impact on our community. For additional information, please contact Warren High School. The Warrior Hall of Honor bylaws, selection criteria, and nomination process can be found at www.warrenlocal.org/warrior-hall-of-honor.

We Are Warriors!

Thank you



On Friday, February 9, Warren Local Schools and Porterfield Baptist Church hosted the Mid-Ohio Valley Night to Shine sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. On this night, WLS joined 724 other sites in all 50 U.S. states and 56 countries around the world to celebrate individuals with disabilities.

With assistance from St. Ambrose Church and the Belpre Church of Christ, we were able to host over 160 individuals and their care takers to

a night of joy! An event of this size could not take place without the help of approximately 400 volunteers (including many Warren students, teachers, coaches, and administrators) along with a community of individuals and businesses willing to donate money, time, talents, and services to this awesome event!

We look forward to hosting the Night to Shine for the 7th time in February 2025!



Coffee with the Principal

Ashley Skinner, Brent Taylor, and Lori Ludwig met with parents and community members in January to discuss a variety of topics related to their child's education. Some topics discussed were Portrait of a Warrior, reading initiatives, and career and elective options on campus. This was an informal conversation and the community's opportunity to ask any questions on their mind.

Another Coffee with the Principal event is scheduled for May 7th at 9:30 AM. Warren Local Schools would like to thank the Barlow Vincent Church of Christ for their warm hospitality.



Students show their support to Tusky Valley

Many schools around the state joined together to pay honor to the victims of the tragic event that struck Tusky Valley School District in November 2023. Warren students did their part by wearing red and black (TV's school colors) to show kindness and empathy for the entire Tusky Valley community. Tusky Valley Strong!



Toys for Tots

Warren Local Schools strives to help families needing assistance throughout the school year, but also through the holiday seasons. This year, with the help of the Warren Community partners, 29 families were able to have a memorable Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday. From December 1st to the 15th, students supported Toys for Tots by dropping off new toys, filling six boxes. We would like to thank the Barlow-Vincent Fire Department, Porterfield Baptist Church, Barlow-Vincent Church of Christ, Belpre Elks Lodge, AMVETS Post 1788 of Marietta, Barlow Methodist Community Church, St. Ambrose Church SSND Group, and Washington County Sheriff's Office-Shop with a Cop program. Thank you again to all of the members from the Warren Community.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the levy on the ballot in the March primary?

The emergency levy on the ballot is a renewal levy for operating expenses in the amount of 4.2 mills. This levy, if approved, will not add any property taxes to a property owner within Warren Local School District as it is a renewal.

Is the levy on the ballot new or a renewal?

The emergency levy on the March

19, 2024 ballot is a renewal of a levy originally passed in 1995. It has been renewed 4 times since and was last renewed in 2014.

What has this levy been used to fund?

This levy has been used to fund day-to-day operational expenses such as utility costs, transportation fuel and supplies, textbooks, classroom supplies, etc. This levy has not been used to pay for salaries or benefits.

How much money does this levy raise for the District?

This millage rate for this levy is set to collect \$1,755,600 each calendar year. This dollar amount has remained the same since 1995 with no inflationary growth.

Thank You!

Warren Local Schools would like to thank People's Bank for awarding Warren Elementary School's Cross Cat Class as this year's recipient of their Fall 2023 Grant cycle. The grant funds will be used for monthly educational field trips utilizing each student's talents through hands-on learning. These experiences provide students with social interaction opportunities within and outside of their communities.



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The 2024-2025 school year will be here before we know it!

- ** Are you interested in a teaching position or becoming a substitute?
- ** Are you interested in a classified position or becoming a substitute? (school bus driver, lunchroom, custodian, educational aide)
- ** Keep an eye on our website for up-to-date information regarding employment opportunities and posting details for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year: www.warrenlocal.org
- ** Feel free to call 740-678-2366, ext. 3801 or email vicki.lowe@warrenlocal.org if you have any questions. WE ARE WARRIORS!

Outdoor AED Available 24/7 on Warren Local School District Campus

Warren Local School District recently installed its first outdoor, publicly-accessible automated external defibrillator (AED). An AED is a light-weight and portable medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm. In addition to the AEDs available inside Warren school buildings, the outdoor AED is another step in creating a safe environment for our students, staff, families, and community.



Located at the Warrior football stadium, the new outdoor AED is housed in a specially designed, climate-controlled cabinet known as a "SaveStation." This cabinet keeps the AED warm in the winter and cool in the summer. The technology built into the SaveStation also allows for 24/7 monitoring of the AED to ensure it is always "ready for rescue" and will alarm and take a picture when the cabinet is opened.

AEDs save lives. They are an important part of responding to a person who is experiencing cardiac arrest. A person's chance of surviving drops by 7% to 10% every minute a normal heartbeat isn't restored. The non-medical bystander can help save a life by calling 911, starting chest compressions and using the AED. Using an AED may sound intimidating to those without medical training, but they are designed to walk users through every step of the process. Once the AED is opened, it provides audible instructions that can help save a life.

For more information about AEDS and CPR go to the American Heart Association website at www.heart.org.



Nurse Notes



Does your child need an eye exam or glasses? Your school nurses may be able to help connect you with financial resources! Call 740-445-5300 extension 4807, or email melissa.kemper@warrenlocal.org.

Immunization Reminders for Fall of 2024

Parents of current 6th grade students: Documentation of an updated tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) booster and a meningococcal (MCV4) vaccine must be on file at Warren Middle School before your child can enter the 7th grade in August of 2024.

Parents of current 11th grade students: Documentation of a meningococcal (MCV4) vaccine given on or after their 16th birthday must be on file at Warren High School before your child can enter the 12th grade in August of 2024. This also includes Warren students who attend the Washington County Career Center, Washington State Community College, and other colleges.

Please review any records that you have to see if your child has received the required immunizations. If your child needs immunizations, please contact your child's healthcare provider, the Washington County Health Department (740-374-2782), or the Marietta-Belpre City Health Department (740-373-0611) to schedule an appointment.

Please send a copy of the above required immunizations to school as soon as possible. Records can also be faxed to 740-445-5301 or emailed to melissa.kemper@warrenlocal.org.





Coming Soon to Warren Food Service: Hydroponic Gardening

What is a Hydroponic Garden?

“Hydro” comes from the Greek work which means water, and “ponos” means work. The water does the work to deliver nutrients to the plant roots.

Plants need water, sunlight, carbon dioxide and nutrients to grow. In a traditional garden, plant roots seek out nutrients in the soil. In hydroponic gardens, nutrients are dissolved in the water that surrounds the roots. Plants have easier access to the nutrients they need and tend to grow big and beautiful very quickly. A growing cycle will take around six weeks.

Warren Food Service anticipates using a garden tower at the elementary cafeteria where students will be involved in planting, watching the growth, and finally eating the harvested product. The food service team is looking to partner with the WHS Agri-



science/ FFA program to provide produce for the community and the food service program. Members of each of these groups attended a demonstration at Meadowbrook Schools of their

Fork Farms hydroponic gardens.

To read more about Fork Farms and hydroponic gardening, visit: forkfarms.com.

Learning is so much fun!



Contact Charlene Fronko, Food Service Supervisor, if you have any questions: charlene.fronko@warrenlocal.org or 740-678-2366 ext. 3810.



Warren Middle School students enjoyed sharing a meal with their grandparents in December.



Looking for up-to-date Warren Local School District news and information? Check out the new features on our website:

www.warrenlocal.org



Star Warriors



Bus Riders - Great Job!



School Bus Drivers Needed

Have you ever considered becoming a school bus driver? School bus drivers are in great demand. We offer our own bus driver training program at no cost to you. Sub bus drivers gain

valuable experience, giving them a jump-start when a vacancy occurs.

We would be happy to answer any questions you might have to get you started. Please contact our transportation supervisor, Alicia Jaramillo, at 740-678-2368, ext. 5805.



Be Alert!



HAULING Precious Cargo



By Jimmy Sundquist
Vocal/Handbells Director

MUSIC News

The Warren High School Choral Department had a busy Christmas season, and we're already back to work!



In December, Bells 3 and A Cappella Choir performed for the Washington County retired teachers, while Bells 3

and Treble Chorus gave a lunchtime concert in the Ohio State Capitol Building. You can still see this concert online at the Ohio Channel website if you would like at this address: <https://ohiochannel.org/collections/state-house-holiday-choirs>.

Our two annual Christmas concerts in the auditorium were well attended and well received.



Upon returning from Christmas break, we began preparing for OMEA Solo and Ensemble Festival. On February 10, several choral department students travelled to Meadowbrook High School to perform solos for adjudication. Becca Ball, Joe Harvey, Keegann Hendrix, Mason O'Donnell, Taylor Richards, and Mollie Smith earned superior ratings, while Sophie Boothby, Payge Cornell, and Jerry Mosier earned excellent ratings. Also in February, several of our students participated in state and regional honor choirs. For two years in a row,

we had six singers accepted into the Ohio All State Choir - more than any other school in the state, except Indian Hill High School in Cincinnati. Becca Ball, Nick Bland, Sophie Boothby, Liam Nuzum, Mason O'Donnell, and Taylor Richards joined with over 100 students from around the state in Columbus from February 1-3. They were led in rehearsal and in concert by

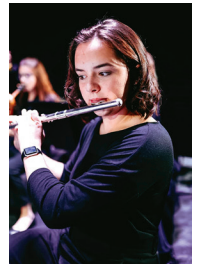


Dr. Hilary Apfelstadt, retired professor of choral activities at the Ohio State University.

The following week, from February 7-10, Liam Nuzum joined with students from all over the Midwest region of ACDA to participate in a Tenor-Bass Honor Choir in Omaha, Nebraska. This ensemble was led in rehearsals and in concert by Dr. Giselle Wyers, professor of choral activities at the University of Washington.

Next on our list are our March concerts. We will present a Winter Bell Pops Concert on March 1 at 7pm in the Commons at the high school, and we will join with the band for a Music in Our Schools month concert

on March 14 at 7pm in the auditorium. On March 16, Treble Chorus, Bass Chorus, and A Cappella will travel to OMEA district choir contest in New Concord. On March 19, we will be holding an Outback Giveback Night fundraiser. If you eat at Outback Steakhouse in Vienna that evening and say you're with the Warren Choral Department, we get 20% of the cost of your meal that evening! We hope to see many of you there!



On April 12, Bass Chorus will make our annual trip to sing the national anthem at a Cleveland Cavaliers home game. If you are interested in coming to the game to watch us, send an email to james.sundquist@warrenlocal.org and we can get you the information. We get reduced ticket prices! Also, our spring musical, Annie, will be presented on April 19, 20, and 21 this year; a bit earlier than normal! Look for ticket information on the Warren High School website in mid-March. We hope to see you there!



Graphic Arts News

By Nathan Evans

The graphic arts department has been buzzing with creativity this winter. The students in the Advertising and Communications class took on the exciting challenge of creating Super Bowl commercials. This hands-on project provided them with valuable insights into identifying a target



audience, managing budgets, and catching the attention of their peers for their product.

Meanwhile, Lillian Cochran showcased her design skills by creating captivating graphics for both the high school and middle school. From measuring and designing to printing and installing, she skillfully oversaw every aspect of the graphic production process.

Additionally, a group of photography students had the opportunity to contribute their talents at Night to Shine. They lent their skills in photography and videography to make the event even more memorable. The graphic arts department truly

embraced the winter season as a time for growth, creativity, and community involvement.



Mock Trial

By Jason Johnson

On January 26, Warren High School students participated in the 41st annual mock trial district competition at the Washington County Courthouse. The event attracted seven teams from four schools: Warren, Belpre, River Valley, and Gallia. Only three teams moved on. Prior to the trial, students wrote and practiced cross-questions, direct questions, opening statements, and closing arguments. Then, on the day of the trial, they delivered their materials before a panel of judges. The judges scored each lawyer and witness, and the team with the highest combined score wins.

Both Warren teams faced stiff



competition from Gallia High School but performed well. Katiana Alvarado and Allison Glover received the Outstanding Attorney award and Amanda Rauch received the Outstanding Witness award. At the end of the day, Warren Team 2 won both of their trials. Since the district competition, students on Team 2 have worked hard editing their materials and attending practices and look forward to competing at the regional competition on February 16th.



DID YOU KNOW?

Counselor's Corner

- ** March 8: Warrior Wellness Day
- ** March 13-15: Course Selection for Grades 9-11
- ** March 19-21: Course Selection for 8th Grade
- ** April 17-18: Ohio State Tests: ELA and Algebra
- ** April 25-35: Ohio State Tests: History, Biology, Government

Art Exhibits

Warren High School Annual Visual and Digital Art Exhibit will be held at the Parkersburg Art Center on Market Street April 6-13. Tentatively, the student artwork will be immediately moved to the Grand Central Mall for Public Display. This exhibit will contain work from Art 1, Art 2, Ceramics, 3D Design, Graphic Design and Digital Media, Advanced Studio Art, and Photography/Digital Editing. We hope you can join us!

Student Appreciation - Donuts and Cocoa Day 2023

By Amy Buchman

Warren High School staff showed their appreciation of students by serving donuts and hot chocolate on the morning of December 14. Students selected from a variety of donuts from JR's Donut Castle and hot chocolate with toppings. Students and staff alike enjoyed festive music and selfie stations.

Students were also treated to

their second Robot Rumble, where students in Mr. King's class assembled and programmed drones, which transported objects to a tree, then landed on the tree. A student raffle was held, as well. Students won free coffees from our Warrior Bellator Cafe, free admission to an athletic event, and various gift cards. WHS hosted its second student appreciation day on February 23. The theme was, Blues Breakfast!



Annual Warrior Liberty Walk

By Amy Biddinger

The Environmental Club at WHS is sponsoring the second annual Warrior Liberty Walk. Using the voluntary 'walk' as a fundraiser, the club is taking students and staff on a journey across the Pacific Ocean, virtually visiting battle sites of World War II in the Pacific Theater. There are seven teams taking the trip. The teams track miles that members walk, run, bike, or swim and report them each week. As the teams build miles, they will 'visit' the battles. The visits include an email describing key aspects of the battles, results, and some pictures. The journey began with registration on December 7, the anniversary of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The goal is to journey all the way to Tokyo Bay on or before May 8, which is the anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe. Fortunately, we will all be enjoying summer break when the anniversary

of the surrender of Japan ended the Pacific war in August, 1945!

Below, is one of the first site pictures taken in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.



FFA NEWS

By Emma Sutton, FFA Reporter
We are excited to see students back for the second semester of this school year. Many FFA students took their Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE) to the next level to apply for state degrees. This year, we have a total of nine state degrees, six American Degrees, and five proficiency awards being sent to the state level for evaluation.

Many students competed in Career Development Events over the past couple months. Colten and Grant Gilliland competed in the Agricultural Power and Diagnostics contest at district level. Five of our members, Dustin Vandine, Colten Gilliland, Abby Murphy, Launa Ireland, and Libby Swaney, competed in the Food Science Contest. Contestants participated in a wide range of events, including

See FFA on page 14.

STEM

By Beth Maidens

My 6th grade PLP group created WiggleBots during our STEM work. They used the materials from the Warren Middle School TeacherGeek Cart and their imaginations. The students shared their projects with each kindergarten classroom at the elementary school. These faces are priceless! The kinders begged us to come back!



ART CLASS

Eighth grade students in Mr. Secreto's Art 1 class enjoyed getting their hands dirty while making creative coil pots. The students learned the process of slab building, as well as learning the proper techniques for a successful, handmade sculpture. In addition, the artwork created is functional and can be given as a gift.



Students Visit Appletree Assisted Living Residents

Two of Warren Middle School's AA (Academic Advisory) groups visited Appletree Assisted Living in December to give gifts and encouragement. Mrs. Mayle and Mrs. Turrill's groups also sang Christmas carols outside of each resident's window, showing what it means to give to and lift others' spir-

its. Items presented included fuzzy throw blankets, games, puzzles, socks, arts and crafts, hard candy, and adult coloring books with coloring utensils. Thank you, students for reaching out to community members and sharing a bit of your time and effort in giving and caring for others!



Spelling Bee Winners Move Ahead



WMS Spelling Bee took place on January 24th. These students will also advance to the Regional Spelling Bee in March. Good luck, spellers!

VFW Essay Contest Winner

By Lisa Turrill

Middle school sixth grade student, Brooklyn Garrett, won the Regional VFW Essay Contest called, The Patriot's Pen. The topic was, "How Are You Inspired by America?" She competed against applicants from sixth through eighth grades from other schools around the region. Brooklyn and her family were honored at a banquet in January.

Her paper was then submitted to the state level contest, as one of the top three in the region. What an accomplishment and honor for both Brooklyn and Warren Middle School! Congratulations, Brooklyn!



Working Together is Fun!

Various fifth and sixth grade students from Warren Middle School visited all the kindergarten classrooms and helped with decorating gingerbread houses before Christmas. It was a "sweet" way to begin the holiday season!



Retired Teacher Visits WMS

Mrs. Rita Rodgers, retired WLS D teacher and current substitute teacher, shared a presentation to fifth grade students about her trips to Belize. The students are studying Mesoamerican civilizations in social studies. She discussed the Mayan culture and ancient ruins that are still standing. Mrs. Rodgers visits Belize almost every year to help build homes for families.



Third grade students receive A+ Award!

By Liz Brown

The Director of Education at Ideastream Public Media, Northeast Ohio's NPR and PBS member stations, contacted Ms. Brown a couple months ago. They produce a weekly news program for students in grades four through six, called NewsDepth. They wanted to feature Warren Elementary's third grade students in an upcoming episode's A+ Award segment to commend their excellent

singing for Veterans in the community. The A+ Award is included in every episode and highlights the work of students in and out of the classroom across Ohio. Numerous classrooms in Ohio tune into this program every week; what an honor!

Search for "NewsDepth Songs to Say Thanks" on YouTube to watch the video! Interviews with three of our students, Hailey Dixon, Levi Rittenhouse, and Tripp Payne were also included in the segment.



You Can Make a Difference!

By Ellen Anthony

Third Graders recently read an uplifting book entitled, *Start Now! You Can Make a Difference*, by Chelsea Clinton. In the book, they learned about young people who saw problems in their world and worked to solve them.

One example is a 9-year-old boy named Felix who started planting

trees to reduce carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Another young girl named Mattie Maretoli, started a walk to raise money for water wells in Africa.

Inspired by these stories, third graders proposed and voted on a project they felt would make a difference. In December, they collected personal hygiene items to donate to local shelters. Congratulations to these young leaders for making a difference!



Building Bridges to Careers

Fourth grade teacher, Miss Huffman, partnered with Building Bridges to Careers (BB2C) this year for their Real-World Problem-Solving Scenario. Working together with Kasey Harris from Ohio Academy of Science, a fourth grade STEM speaker series was established. A handful of different people in various STEM careers from the area volunteered to speak with students about their careers and the importance of STEM and problem solving.

To kick off the series, students participated in the hands-on presentation on the Engineering Design Process. Students got to work on designing new prototypes and improvements to bubble wands to see which could make better bubbles!

The series will continue with at least seven more speakers from local area businesses on the schedule. These generous individuals will provide students with details of their own experiences and information about their STEM careers.



Elementary Holiday Happenings

By Keith Richards

December brought lots of Christmas joy and spirit to the entire district with the kindergarten, first grade, and second grade Christmas concerts along with our very own elementary Christmas carolers! Second grade kicked off the holiday performances with For King and Country's, *Into the Silent Night*, with soloists, Jayla Turner and Gatlin Morris. Fourth graders, Layla Cardiff, Ashtyn Coffman, and Ford Schwendeman added their talents to the traditional Christmas carol, *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*. Closing out the Christmas songs was the ever popular, *Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)*, with our own "Mariah Carey singers," Brooklyn Kunze and Kennedy Mahoney.

Kindergarten shared their holiday spirit the following night with

their opener, *Jingle Bell Parade*. They continued with the traditional pieces, *Ring the Bells*, and *Jingle Bells*, all while using their wrist bells! Students, and audience members alike, were taken by surprise when Santa appeared from off stage. He took time to talk with every child and met with them after the concert to give everyone a free candy cane. Thanks, Santa! Kindergarten ended the night with a crowd-pleasing performance of *The Reindeer Pokey!*

The last night of concerts brought out our 170 first graders. Starting where the kindergarten left off, the

first grade let the audience know how excited they were for this time of year with Cyndi Lauper's, *Early Christmas Morning*. The audience participated with the first grade song *Glow*, sharing their colors to brighten up the auditorium with a dazzling light that made the students' faces light up. The amazing three nights of performances ended with the traditional, *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*. Thanks to all the teachers from K, 1, 2 and administration for all their help in making the rehearsals and performances a success! And to all the parents and community that came out to support our littles; you guys rock!

The Christmas spirit didn't end there! For the last 2 weeks before the Christmas break, fourth grade students carried the holiday spirit from classroom to classroom with their Christmas carols. The carolers were excited to share their talents, singing throughout the elementary school and even making an appearance at the middle school!



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2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Kindergarten Registration And Screening

MAY 2ND & 3RD, 2024



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Time TO LEARN



Mrs. Cole's 2nd grade class enjoyed decorating gingerbread houses. Learning is yummy and fun!

Collaborative Event

December 15, 2023 – The Students Solving Problems (SSP) group at the high school visited the elementary school to read Christmas stories to all kindergarten and first-grade students.



The SSP class decided it would be a kind thing to do for the holiday season. Many of the WHS students remembered this activity from when they were

younger, thus deciding this would benefit the kids, and create lasting memories to cherish.

A wonderful time was had by all. The teachers commented that the

high school readers were stellar and classes were engaged as they listened to the stories.



FFA

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evaluating different aromas, taste testing, lab equipment identification, and math problems. The team placed 6th in the district. Congratulations to McKensie Mason, Ryace Boyer, Madison Biehl, and Steven Anderson, for taking their skills to the next level by competing in the District Job Interview Contest!

Four of our eighth-grade members competed in the State Middle School contest. Great job representing Warren! Team members were Lexus Vandergrift, Josiah Jenkins, Alexander and Andre Winters.



high school, where students were able to anonymously shop for clothes and take them home. The remaining clothes were then donated to a local food pantry. Members also completed the annual tie-blanket making project for the EVE's Women Shelter. Over 30 blankets were handmade by our students and delivered to the Women's Shelter.

We are looking forward to another busy spring as we wrap up our Spring Sale Fundraiser and begin to plan new events. Thanks for helping us celebrate National FFA Week, February 20-23. Our Degree Ceremony was held February 13, and our annual Parent/Member Banquet is being held on March 9 at 6pm. Thank you for supporting the Warren FFA and Agricultural Education!



Many community service projects were completed throughout the winter, with the biggest being the annual Clothing Drive. Students were asked to bring in gently used clothes to be donated to local area food pantries. Our members then sorted the clothes and set up a clothing store within the



Building Snowman Traps

Miss Miskimins' kindergarten class had so much fun building snowman traps! Students read the story *How to Catch a Snowman*, and built traps to catch their own snowman! Learning is so much fun!





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Students Solving Problems

By Alayna Martin

Freshman SSP student member

The Students Solving Problems club (SSP) is a high school club run by students working to solve problems in the school and Washington County community. Currently, the SSP club has 22 members and is growing. Our most recent community outreach projects came in January where we partnered with Marietta High School and Fort Frye to replenish local food pantries. On January 25th, at the Warren girls basketball game vs. Marietta, attendees generously provided 72 canned food items and \$220 in monetary donations. Proceeds went toward purchasing additional food to support the Gospel Mission Food Pantry. The SSP students chose the Gospel Mission Food Pantry because both Marietta and Warren families utilize the pantry for residents in need. When the SSP students delivered the food items to Gospel Mission, their staff was so ap-

preciative of the outpouring support from the Washington County community. In total 272 items were donated to help hungry families. We thank everyone from both Marietta and Warren schools for donating to a great cause.

On January 30th at the Warren home boys basketball game vs. Fort Frye, the SSP students held another food drive. This time focusing on the Barlow Vincent Food Pantry, located between Warren Local and Fort Frye Local schools. On this night, Students Solving Problems received 194 non-perishable food donations and \$192 in monetary donations.

Upon delivery of the donated items, staff mentioned how great the need was for this vast donation amount, as the shelter was running low after the holiday season. The SSP club at Warren High School would like to thank everyone in our community who made a donation. No matter how big or small the donation was made, our community worked together to help each other.

SSP Update – April Food Drive

On April 26th, Warren Local Schools will be holding a canned food drive to help restock the local food pantries in our area before the school year comes to a close. With the restocking of food pantries items, families would have access to food necessities throughout the summer months. The Sodexo Grant funds will be used to supply a tote bag to families that need help carrying food each time they access the food pantries as most pantries do not have an abundance of bags or boxes on hand.

