



# Warren Local School District

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Fall 2023

## Warren Local Schools Honor Veterans

Warren Elementary School hosts second annual "Tribute to the Armed Services" assembly

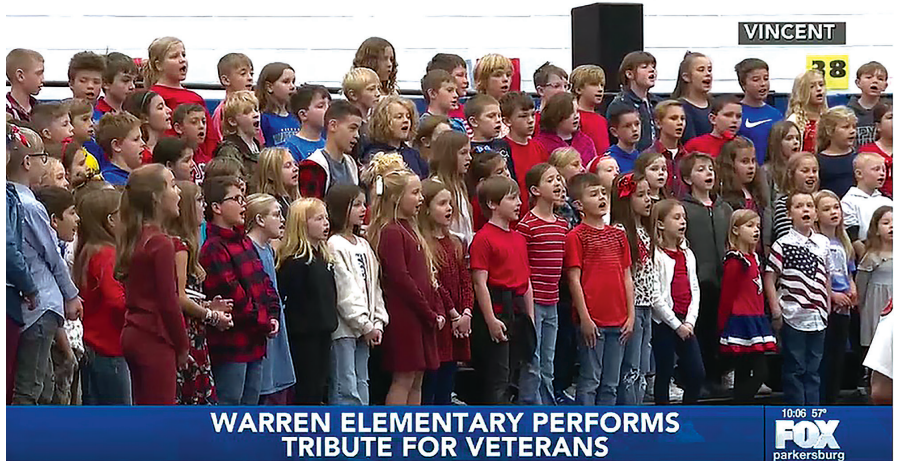


By Liz Brown

Warren Elementary staff and students were delighted to welcome over two hundred Veterans and guests to our building on Friday, November 3, for an engaging, patriotic performance. The second annual "Tribute to the Armed Services" assembly was a great success, and even enticed the news crew at WTAP to be present.

During the assembly, students in the elementary school who invited a veteran, were able to come to the gym to sit with their guests and enjoy the performance together. Third graders serenaded our guests with songs including, "Veterans, We're So Proud of You," "Allegiance Rap," and "A Candle for Remembering." To keep up with tradition, the show concluded with an Armed Services Tribute that recognized each branch of the military; the students' favorite medley.

Proceeding the assembly, Veterans

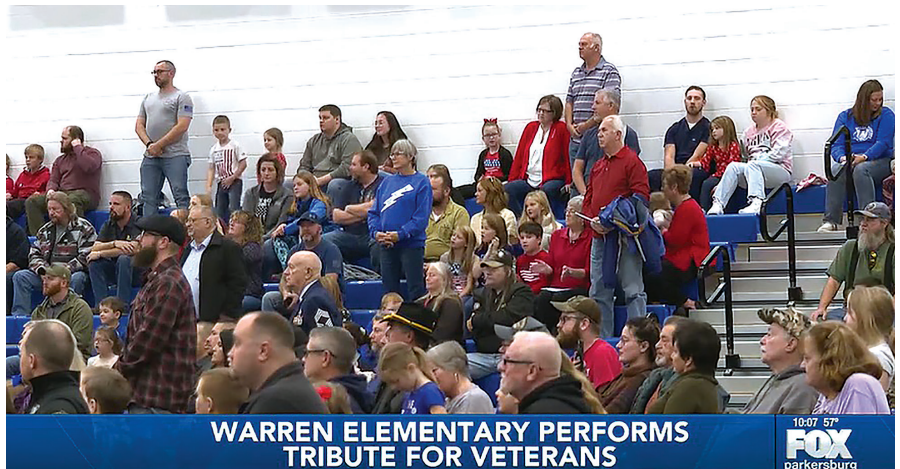


and their guests were invited out into the grade level pods, to be further celebrated by the rest of the student body.

Banners of stained-glass candles, made from vibrant colored paper, will be displayed in the Warren Elementary cafeteria during the month of November. These candles display 2,000+ names of Veterans, brought in by the

students.

Note: Special thanks to WTAP for covering this event. Two of the pictures are stills from the WTAP news report. To view the WTAP video clip, showcasing the event to honor our Veterans, visit: <https://www.wtap.com/2023/11/04/warren-elementary-school-students-sing-songs-veterans/>.



# Board of Education members will see changes in 2024

As the year 2023 nears its close and 2024 is on the horizon, Warren Local School District (WLS D) Board of Education (BOE) Members will see some changes in the new year. These changes will be on the agenda for the January Organizational Meeting of the WLS D BOE. For up-to-date information on board and committee meetings, visit us at [www.warrenlocal.org](http://www.warrenlocal.org).

Long-standing member, Mr. Sidney Brackenridge, will say good-bye after serving 3 terms on the Board. *"I will have served for 12 years as a member of the Board of Education for Warren Local. I went to school in the old brick elementary school and helped my father apply the oil to the wooden floors for dust control. I was in the graduating class of 1965, which had all four years in the old "California Style" high school. I look at our new schools, and I am pleased with the much-improved learning environment of our facilities. It is a vast improvement with everyone on the same campus, the career tech opportunities, the efficiency of operation, and the brighter, more upbeat atmosphere. I believe the district has given our children a great place*



*to go to school, and I appreciate the opportunity to have served on the School Board of Warren Local."*

WLS D extends our best wishes and utmost thanks to Mr. Brackenridge for his years of dedicated service to our district and our community.

Mr. Jesse Roush was elected in November to fill the vacant seat on the Board. *"As a K-12 product of Warren Local with three young children in the district, I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve Warrior Nation in my new role. With two decades of experience in the public and private sectors, my skill set includes community relations, finance, operations, planning, policy, and project management. I intend to provide positive and thoughtful support for all our district's stakeholders and am eager to do my part to ensure successful outcomes for staff and students alike."*



Mrs. Debbie West ran as an incumbent, and was re-elected in November. She will be embarking on her 6<sup>th</sup> term as a WLS D BOE member. *"I'm very grateful to the*



*Warrior community for their support and honored to serve another term. I will continue to work hard to represent our district and together with the other board members, I'll work with our administration to be good stewards of our tax dollars to provide the best possible education and support for our young people. The Warrior Nation is on a positive path and we want to continue to be the district where everyone wants to be."*

WLS D would like to welcome Mr. Jesse Roush as our newest BOE member. We would also like to express our appreciation to all of our current school board members, and recognize their year-round commitment to this District. They are dedicated individuals who are committed to the continuing success of our schools and students. The men and women currently serving Warren Local School District are: Bob Allen, Sidney Brackenridge, Bob Crum, Debbie Proctor, and Debbie West.



## Welcome to Parent Café


As a parent/guardian, are you having a tough time communicating with your student? Do you need suggestions to make this school year successful? Did you know that you are not the only parent/guardian going through the same thing? If so, we invite you to attend our Parent Café to learn ideas to benefit you and your student.

Our next Parent Café will meet Tuesday, December 12, at 6:00 pm, at the elementary school in the first-grade pod. Future meetings will be held the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Free child care

and free meal will be provided.

For more information, contact Ann Skufca, Student and Family Engagement Director, [ann.skufca@warrenlocal.org](mailto:ann.skufca@warrenlocal.org).



Looking for up-to-date Warren Local School District news and information? Check out the new features on our website:  
[www.warrenlocal.org](http://www.warrenlocal.org) 

## Warren Local Schools host Common Professional Development Day

October 27 - For the second year in a row, Warren Local School District hosted the Ohio Valley Educational Service Center's (OVESC) Common Professional Development (PD) Day. This collaborative event allowed teachers from different districts to interact and to share ideas with one another. Eight school districts from around the region came together for this cooperative PD; Belpre City, Crooksville EVS, Fort Frye, Frontier, Marietta City, Washington County Career Center, Wolf Creek, and host, Warren Local.

*"Warren Local School District (WLS D) is extremely excited that we got to host again this year. It means a lot to our staff to be able to show off our facilities and everything wonderful that is going on in our district,"* said WLS D Superintendent, Kyle Newton.

To kick off the event, an estimated 600 – 700 teachers/administrators filled the high school commons area and mingled over a continental breakfast, provided by the WLS D lunchroom staff. Participants moved to the gymnasium for the opening greeting from Dalton Summers, OVESC Superintendent, and honored guest speaker, Dr. Jim Mahoney. Dr. Ma-

honey is an educational leader, entrepreneur, and renowned expert on school leadership, culture, and staff and student engagement. (Battelle for Kids)

Utilizing the elementary, middle and high school buildings, participants were offered a variety of pull-out sessions held throughout the campus. Sessions were led by guest speakers, fellow teachers, and local administrators.

Crooksville EVS Superintendent, Kevin Smith added, *"This day has been very beneficial to Crooksville and its staff. The collaboration with all of the other school districts, and learning from*



*the master teachers of other districts, has been a phenomenal experience for us. We are extremely fortunate to be a part of it. We would like to thank the OVESC for hosting and organizing the event, and WLS D for their hospitality, as well."*

*"I really believe that we set the bar pretty high last year, in the sense that we had good feedback and good participation from our districts,"* said Dalton Summers, OVESC Superintendent. *"This year, we had even more. I couldn't be happier with the way things turned out."*



## Ohio State Report Card Results

At the September 28th Learning, Instruction & Assessment Committee and public board meeting, the district reviewed academic results from the 2022-2023 school year by analyzing the Ohio State Report Card. Overall, the district is incredibly pleased with their performance and found themselves the top performing school in numerous areas when compared to 14 surrounding districts. As always, there are areas of focus wherein we can improve. Those areas have been identified and targeted with a plan of action based on the data received from the State of Ohio.

Board member Debbie West said after the review, *"Warren schools are performing very well compared to other schools in the area, as well as at the state level, thanks to the hard work by our students and their teachers. Warren's teachers and administrators care deeply about our students and their success, and it shows. Our curriculum director and her team are already putting together plans to continue improvements for next year. Great job Warriors!"*

Each year, the state will rank all schools across the State of Ohio based on their performance index. Out of 872 districts throughout Ohio,

Warren is ranked 241st meaning we perform higher than 72.4% of the schools across the state. Board President Bob Crum had this take away from the report card overview, *"State report cards reflect the hard work of all of our Warren employees, our awesome students and parents. Together we are all Warrior Nation, may God continue to bless us."*

All report card data can be found at <https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/>. If you have questions about the report card and/or the academic results coming from Warren Local Schools, please contact Lori Ludwig at [lori.ludwig@warrenlocal.org](mailto:lori.ludwig@warrenlocal.org).

## Nurse Notes

### Why Kids and Teens Should Avoid Energy Drinks

#### What is an energy drink?

A beverage that typically contains large amounts of caffeine, added sugars, other additives, and legal stimulants such as guarana, taurine, and L-carnitine. Unfortunately, energy drinks often target children and adolescents advertising that by drinking them you can “increase your energy, decrease fatigue, and enhance concentration and mental alertness.” However, the stimulants in these drinks can have a harmful effect on the nervous system.

#### Some of the dangers of energy drinks include:

1. Dehydration (not enough water in your body).
2. Heart complications (such as irregular heartbeat and heart failure).
3. Anxiety (feeling nervous and jittery).
4. Insomnia (unable to sleep).

#### What are healthier drink options for kids?

Thankfully, the best-choice beverages are really simple: water and plain milk. Plain water provides the hydration all of us need to live. Milk provides calcium, vitamin D, protein, vitamin A, and zinc—all essential for healthy growth and development.



### Annual vision and hearing screening

Vision and hearing screenings are being conducted by the school nurses 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. Because vision can affect learning, it is important that students who need glasses wear them while in school.

Please contact the school nurse if you need assistance with scheduling a follow-up appointment or if you need financial assistance for glasses.

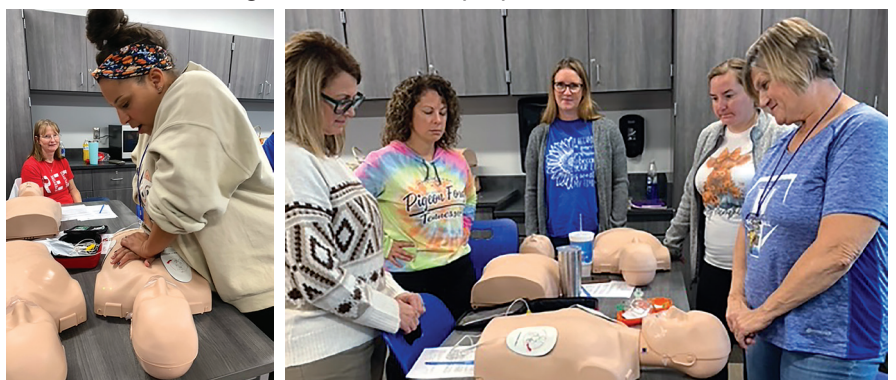


### First aid training professional development

October 27 – First aid training was offered during the staff professional development day. Training sessions were led by Missy Kemper, RN and Denise Wasson, RN who are both American Heart Association Instructors. District paraprofessionals (educational aides) participate annually in first aid training. Hands-on CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and AED (Automated External Defibrillator) run-throughs were offered as part of the day’s instruction. Practical instruction allows participants to learn from experiencing the step-by-step actions of both procedures. Other basic lifesaving information

was also covered in the day-long training.

CPR is an emergency lifesaving procedure performed when the heart stops beating. CPR manikins, adult and infant models, were used to simulate the real-life feel for administering CPR, and the AED process. AEDs are available in all buildings on campus, and are used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. Being able to practice these lifesaving techniques will enable our staff to be prepared to quickly assist those in need of immediate assistance. Seconds count when emergencies arise; being prepared saves lives.





Energize your day! Eat school breakfast! Some mornings it's tough to find the time to make sure your kids are eating a nutritious breakfast. On those days, why not send them to the School Breakfast Program? Each meal meets government nutritional guidelines and standards.

Schools are required to provide a breakfast meal that includes fruit, whole-grain rich items, and low fat or fat free milk.

Breakfast at school is affordable, too. Warren Local Schools provides over 785 breakfast meals daily at No Cost to all students. Cooks, teachers, aides and custodial staff work hard to provide all students a nutritious breakfast. It truly is a team effort.

So, help your child start the day right with school breakfast!



James Caleb Jackson used graham flour to create the first breakfast cereal in 1863; he called Granula. He took the graham flour, mixed it with water, baked it, took it out, broke it up, baked it again, and came out with the first breakfast cereal, which was to be eaten soaked in water or milk. Some years later, John Harvey Kellogg invented his own cereal version, eventually calling it, "Granola."



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



## Don't Forget— Breakfast is Brain Food!





**Bus safety** - Elementary students learn hand signals from the bus driver and how to cross the street to get on the bus.



Please be aware of buses with yellow and red flashing lights, and come to a complete stop. Students are crossing the roads between the hours of 6:00 - 9:00 am and 2:30 - 5:00 pm.



**Star  
Warriors**



**Bus Riders - Great Job!**



# Portrait of a Graduate / Portrait of a Warrior



In a recent interview, seniors, Rebecca Ball and Ethan Knotts, sat down with WHS principal, Mr. Ryan Lemley, to discuss the details of Portrait of a Graduate and Portrait of a Warrior. The question and answer (Q & A) type interview was intended to answer questions, and to promote awareness and understanding of these initiatives.

**Q.** So, people have been hearing about the Portrait of a Graduate and Portrait of a Warrior and we are just curious of exactly what it is.

**A.** The "Portrait" is a set of skills or traits that we want students to have by the time they graduate from Warren. It's a variety of characteristics; it includes Empathy, Integrity, Communication, Perseverance, and Responsibility (non-academic skills). There are actually two more, Critical Thinking and Creative Problem Solving (academic skills), but I feel that those are covered more on the academic side (Portrait of a Graduate). We were not doing much with the other traits (Empathy, Integrity, Communication, Perseverance, and Responsibility). We thought those were important traits for our Warrior to have, so Portrait

of a Warrior was formed.

**Q.** How, exactly, did you develop these standards?

**A.** The Portrait of a Graduate was developed in 2019 by a committee made up of parents, community members, students, teachers, administrators, and representatives from higher education that live in our district (Washington State Community College; Marietta College). As things were wrapping up in March of 2020, COVID hit, and things kind of went to the back burner as we dealt with COVID restrictions. As we finally got back to doing what we do educationally, the Portrait began to become public at that point. I think it is very important that these are the traits that our community picked out that they wanted out of our graduates.

**Q.** Why do you believe that is important to everybody?

**A.** There are a couple of things that happened last year that I thought were particularly important. I was actually at a meeting last school year with local employers from Washington, Athens, Noble and Wood Counties. As they spoke to us and Marietta City School representatives, they said that what they needed from employees had very little to do with actual skills, but had more to do with what we sometimes call, "soft skills." Soft skills like, empathy, (like if I am relieving

you on shift work, that I show up on time so you don't have to stay); responsibility (showing up for work on time; doing what you are asked to do). I was also given some employer data for the entire state of Ohio. The top five things employers wanted from their employees were soft skills related. Now I don't want this to be considered all soft skills, but it is along those lines.

Ohio also has some Social/Emotional Learning (SEL) standards. Part of the Portrait is based, and ties back into those SEL standards. We are also required by law to implement a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) system. Since we had to do that anyway, and the Portrait was already created, we actually put a team of staffers together, including the middle and elementary schools. We met in groups and rolled the Portrait out as sort of a "behavior report card."

But, if there had been any doubt that we were headed down the right path, I was at a national conference in Washington DC over the summer, and the keynote speaker was talking about the changes in education. He noted that the top five skills that kids need, according to national employers, included; empathy, responsibility, and the ability to communicate effectively;

**See PORTRAIT, page 14**

**THE HEART OF A WARRIOR**

**EMPATHY**

A WARRIOR ACTIVELY DEMONSTRATES AWARENESS, COMPASSION, SENSITIVITY, AND RESPECT FOR OTHER'S FEELINGS, OPINIONS, BELIEFS, AND EXPERIENCES.

**WARREN WARRIORS**

**INTEGRITY**

A WARRIOR HAS DEVELOPED AND CONSISTENTLY ADHERES TO THEIR OWN SET OF CORE VALUES THAT ARE EVIDENT IN THEIR CHOICES AND BEHAVIOR.

**THE MIND OF A WARRIOR**

**CRITICAL THINKING**

A WARRIOR APPLIES DISCIPLINED STRATEGIES AND A CLEAR, RATIONAL, OPEN MIND TO RECOGNIZE THE BIGGER PICTURE AND INVESTIGATE THE GREATER IMPACT OF ALTERNATIVES.

**WARREN WARRIORS**

**CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING**

A WARRIOR NOT ONLY REALIZES WHEN A SITUATION NEEDS A SOLUTION, BUT ALSO KNOWS HOW TO COMBINE DIFFERENT IDEAS, POSSIBILITIES, AND INSPIRATIONS TO DETERMINE BEST PATHS FORWARD.

**THE WILL OF A WARRIOR**

**COMMUNICATION**

A WARRIOR CREATES UNDERSTANDING BY EFFECTIVELY LISTENING AND CLEARLY ARTICULATING THOUGHTS AND IDEAS THROUGH ORAL, WRITTEN, AND NONVERBAL FORMS.

**PERSEVERANCE**

A WARRIOR EXHIBITS GRIT, LEARNS FROM FAILURE, CONSISTENTLY STRIVES TO SUCCEED, AND ENDURES DESPITE DIFFICULTY OR OPPOSITION.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

A WARRIOR ACTS HONESTLY, EXEMPLIFIES CARE, HONORS COMMITMENTS, AND RECOGNIZES THE IMPACT OF THEIR OWN DECISIONS AND ACTIONS.



Students in Ms. Wells' Employability Skills class have the opportunity to practice workplace skills while in the school setting. These Warriors operate Café Bellator, assist the custodial staff, and provide valuable services for the athletic department.

*"Cross Cat students washed football uniforms all season, opened Café Bellator, clean the cafeteria every day, take mail runs, stock vending machines and so much more! We are off to a great start!"* said Ms. Wells. Learning life-long skills; the Will of a Warrior!



## FFA News

By Emma Sutton  
Warren FFA Reporter

The Warren FFA students have been very busy this fall and school year. We are excited to have our monthly meetings along with the monthly lunch in the Ag Room, which gives all our members a chance to see each other. Our members had a great showing at the three fairs within the county. We would like to thank everyone that helped support our members by purchasing livestock animals or by stopping and supporting our annual Taco Stand at the Barlow Fair.



Recently, 16 of our members attended the National FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis, IN. Members who attended the convention were offered many sessions, which included listening to guest speakers, attending workshops, going on tours, as well as watching a rodeo and much more. It was great to reunite with other FFA chapters for the National FFA Convention.



We are preparing our members to compete in the Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems online exam, the Job Interview Contest, and Food

## Science Contest.



Our annual clothing drive is happening during the month of November. If you have any clothing that you would like to donate, please bring items to the school to be sorted and donated to those in need around Washington County through local food pantries. We are also accepting pet food, toys, and anything else pet related for the local Humane Society during the clothing drive.

We will also be holding the Eve's Tie Blanket event, once again this year, in the month of December! We make very warm blankets and donate them to the local Eve's Women Shelter.

The Warren FFA would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the agricultural education program as well as our students.



Pictures: 16 members at National FFA Convention; 5 American Degree Recipients; Launa Ireland and Emma Sutton receiving Gold Rated National Chapter Award at National FFA Convention; District Job Interview contestants; FFA Officer Team working the District Soil Judging Contest.



## Esports News

By Nathan Vincent

Hello Warren Warriors! - The Esports season is upon us, and we are looking for new recruits to come try out. We started open labs on November 13; this is where you can come play with your friends and our players informally. We play in the Esports Ohio League and are now considered an OHSAA official sport! So, you can now earn a varsity letter when you play in one of our varsity titles. The games that we can currently compete in are: League of Legends, Overwatch 2, Super Smash Brothers Ultimate, Valorant, Fortnite, Clash Royale and Rocket League. The league adds games every year that have gained enough interest; currently either FIFA or Madden will be added, potentially next year.

It is not too late to join. If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to me. My email is [nathan.vincent@warrenlocal.org](mailto:nathan.vincent@warrenlocal.org) and my extension is (740) 678-2393, ext.1715. Hope to see you try us out!

## WHS Counselor's Corner

Stay in the know: Check out the Guidance Website: <https://whs.warrenlocal.org/guidance-department>

Join the Class of 2024 Google Classroom - Join Code: y5quq7x - Updated information on Scholarships, Graduation Requirements, and More.

College Representative Visits: College reps often visit during lunches and PLP. All visits will be included in the daily announcements and posted on the TVs in the cafeteria. A link to sign up for visits during PLP will be included in your school email.

FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid) opens in December 2023; Priority deadline is February 1, 2024.



## NHS News

By Laney Tullius

National Honor Society kick-started the year at freshman orientation.

On a mid-August afternoon, the familiar sound of rustling papers and chatter filled the commons as members passed out schedules and provided tours upon request to the incoming freshmen and their families. Then, a few weeks later, members set up a booth at the Warren Tailgate. Amidst



the steady crowd of spirited students, fumes of smoky sausage-dogs, and smack of beanbags against corn-

hole boards, National Honor Society sold a variety of sweets. Among the goods we sold were a heap of pastries, a cooler of ice-cold sodas, and slushies for every color of the rainbow.

In addition to our participation in community events, National Honor Society is proud to continue Warren High School's



recycling program. Earlier this year, a special committee filmed an instructional video on what and what not to recycle. The video was broadcast on the Monday morning school news and marked the start of our recycling program for the 2023-2024 school year. Of course, all National Honor Society members continue to collect and transport the school's recyclable waste to our local recycling post.

Our new officers took office at the beginning of this year and have worked hard to lead the aforementioned club activities. Our class officers are as follows: Allison Glover as president, Rebecca Ball as vice president, Teresa Harris as treasurer, Madison Lynn as secretary, and Laney Tullius as historian.



In the upcoming months, National Honor Society plans to instate new projects as well as reinstate old projects. In October, the club conducted the usual Halloween candy sale and participated in the Jim Roberts Memorial Walk. On the subject of future activities, president Allison Glover states, *"I'm excited for this year and the number of people willing to participate to make our school and community a better place."*



show to a sold-out audience. A great time was had by all! Later in November, seventeen of our choristers will attend OMEA District 9 Honor Choir. They will spend all day at Marietta High School with a guest clinician and students from our area working together to prepare an evening concert.

We will be out in the community bringing Christmas cheer to the Washington County retired teachers in December; additionally, we have been invited to perform a lunchtime con-

## MUSIC News

By Jimmy Sundquist

The Warren High School Choral De-

partment was thrilled to learn earlier this fall that, for the second year in a row, six of our singers were selected to participate in the OMEA All State Choir! This is more than from any other single school in the state except for Indian Hill High School, and tied with Miami East High School! Rebecca Ball, Sophie Boothby, Nick Bland, Liam Nuzum, Mason O'Donnell, and Taylor Richards will attend a massed rehearsal in January, and then spend three days in February rehearsing with students from all over the state to present a concert at the OMEA State Convention. This year's guest conductor is Dr. Hilary Apfelstadt, retired professor of choral studies at both The Ohio State University and The University of Toronto.



cert in the Ohio State Capitol Building on December 8 at noon. This concert is open to the public, so feel free to come to Columbus and see us!



Our annual Christmas concerts will be in the Warren High School Auditorium. The 37th Holiday Concert is on Monday December 18 at 7pm, and the 63rd A Cappella Christmas Concert is on Wednesday December 20 at 7pm. Please come out and join us!

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas from all of us to all of you!

## JASON Learning

By Sandy Vincent

This past summer, a group of dedicated Warren Local teachers enhanced their teaching skills, and will bring fresh, engaging learning experiences to our students. They did this by participating in professional development through JASON Learning, a renowned organization dedicated to inspiring and educating young minds through immersive STEM experiences.



Our teachers attended JASON Learning's workshops and training sessions, which were designed to empower educators to create innovative and interactive learning environments. These sessions covered a wide range of topics and teaching techniques that will undoubtedly have a positive impact



on our classrooms. From the wonders of coding with Arduinos to the mysteries of oceanography, JASON Learning provided our educators with valuable tools and resources to ignite curiosity in our students.

They now have access to cutting-edge technology and resources that will engage students in their pursuit of STEM knowledge. We are confident that these experiences will enhance the educational journey of our students, fostering a deeper love for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

We thank our teachers for giving up the last few days of summer, for their commitment to continuous learning and their passion for inspir-



## Robotics News

Warren Middle School robotics teams are up and running. Mr. Hauenstein has two teams that will be competing this year in a VEX robotics competition league held at Zane State College Campus. The first few weeks, students had to get the arena set back up; then had to build the game arena for this year's Over Up Challenge. Once finished, they started building their robots. Mr. H believes they all thought it would be easier to build a robot than what it actually has been for the teams. These teams have built,

taken apart, built, fixed, and repeated about 100 times already, but that is the nature of this class.



and improve. The team has already taken their first trip to Zane State for an informational meeting and to meet the other teams and to clarify

This class has the engineering design process built into the class where the students ask, research, imagine, plan, create, test,

ing the next generation of thinkers, problem solvers, and leaders.

Stay tuned for more exciting updates and events during the 2023-2024 school year. We can't wait to see the positive impact of our teachers' JASON Learning experiences on the education of Warren Local Schools students!



Pictured above: Workers put the finishing touches on the new wall wrap at the middle school, featuring the Portrait of a Warrior attributes. Graphics designed by: @grafx4athletics.

any rules. They will go back on December 5th for their first competition. At that point, the teams will probably realize that they will need to improve their robot in some way or another for the next competition. The students that are competing this year are Jerod Hall, Nikolas O'Neal, Will Hutchinson, Owen Eller, and Dylon Gallagher.



## STEM Challenge



Fifth grade STEM students were asked to build a boat holding a predetermined amount of weight as cargo. They could only use materials the American Colonists would have had on hand; this included wood and twine. The winning entry from Sugar Cube Boat Builders was Ella Lambert and Gracelyn Shutts. Theirs was the only boat that floated and held the cargo. Nice work! We are Warriors!

## Family Night - Families working together



At the middle school's Family Night, students from Mrs. Maiden's STEM class were challenged to save Fred, a gummy worm that had fallen off his raft. Using only 4 paper

clips, Fred had to be placed into a round float (a Life Saver Gummy). Teamwork made the challenge much easier!

Learning together is so much fun!

## Retired WLSD teacher publishes book

Retired WLSD teacher, Tracy Jones, shared her published book, *"I'm not Afraid of THAT Sound"* with

Thank you, Mrs. Jones, for sharing such a touching story with our students.

Ms. Joseph's and Mrs. Eddy's fifth grade PLP. Jones read the book aloud, shared her personal story, and explained the writing and publishing process.



## WMS Warrior Wellness Day

This year's Middle School Warrior Wellness Day took place on October 26th. The purpose of Warrior Wellness Day is to provide our students with tools and resources for them to be successful. Jeff Tucker, a pastor at MOV church, a mentor through Building Bridges to Careers, father, husband, and an active member of the Warren Community, kicked off the event. Community participation was a key factor in providing our 7th & 8th graders with resources right here in Washington County.

Warren Local Schools would like to thank the following community based organizations for their generous participation in Warrior Wellness Day: Lauren Copen, Erica Chidester and current sport med/nursing program students with Washington County Career Center, Aaron Coffman with Mountain River Physical Therapy, Hopewell, Lamar Dowling, Jeff Tucker, Deputy Ellie Reynolds, and Warren Local School Students (Sophie Boothby, Mya Stemple, Sydney Starcher, MaKenna Long) and Administration/Teachers (Ashley Ditty, Jimmy Pey-

ton, Blane Maddox, Carrie Ramage, Brent Taylor, Haley Sargent, Heather Miller, Stephanie Kiefer).

A post event survey reported that 92% of students enjoyed Wellness Day as a variety of skills were available for students to participate and attend. Several students stated the hands-on learning approach taught them real life tools they would actually utilize and enjoy. A special thank you to Chris VanNoy - Warren Middle School Guidance Counselor, and Ann Skufca - Student & Family Engagement Director, for their time organizing Warrior Wellness Day.

## Elementary students enter artwork in AMVETS coloring contest

In honor of Veterans Day, kindergarten and first grade students participated in the Marietta American Veterans (AMVETS) Post 1788 coloring contest in October. During art class, students worked on coloring the American flag. On November 3rd, contest awards were handed

out to the best class, runner-up best class, as well as an individual, overall winner for both kindergarten and first grade students. The first-place classroom winner for kindergarten: Ms. Schaad. Kindergarten runner-up classroom winner: Ms. Anderson. The overall best color for

kindergarten: Judah Shepard. The first-place classroom winner for first grade: Ms. Rinard. First grade runner-up classroom winner: Ms. Sallee/Ms. Spindler. The overall best color for First Grade: Gwen Wolf. Congratulations to these students and classes.



### Fire Safety

Mrs. Cole's second grade class participated in fire safety demonstrations. Students learned the functions of an ambulance, what to do if there is a fire in their house, and what a firefighter looks like when dressed in their full gear.



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**Kindergarten** - Andrew Crock, Gus Evans, JoyAnna Farnsworth, Raelynn Parsons, Parker Schaad, Jolie Smith, Mia Stollar; **First Grade** - Serenity Moss, Isaac Prime, Sarah Richards, Ace Taylor, Morgan Toncray, Wren Westerman; **Second Grade** - Neveah Adams, Ben Evans, Logan Giddings, Chipp Metz, Adley Ollom, Emeri Osborne; **Third Grade** - Justin Burd, Sydney Hall, Devon Parsons, Tatem Shepard, Lydia Tewanger, Paisley Tippie, Avery Winters; **Fourth Grade** - Mariah Benedict, Harper Cameron, Alexander Chisolm-Huffman, Cheyanne Cline, Arianna Franklin-Greuey, Gwen Staley, Jacob Swiger, Angel Venham, Linny Webb, Weston Welch, Sophia Williams



### Kindergarten Fun!



Pictured above: Kindergarteners building apple trees on Johnny Appleseed's birthday!!!

Pictured below: Miss Miskimins' kindergarten creepy carrots!!!



### Staff Pink-Out!



## Junior Farmers Market comes to Warren

September 21 - Warren Elementary fourth grade students participated in the Washington County Junior Farmers market program. This was a hands-on learning experience for students as they "shopped" at the local produce market, practiced yoga, learned about the honey

process, tasted salsa, and learned about seed composition. Several local volunteers ran the stations, such as WildRoot, River City Farmers Market, and other local agencies.

It was a wonderful experience for everyone involved! Outdoor learning is so much fun!



## Train the volunteer night

September 12 - Warren Elementary School hosted, "Train the Volunteer" night for parents and community members. During this time, volunteers were able to spend time in the building getting acquaint-

ed with the building layout, copiers, and laminators, etc. Staff members provided hands-on activities and support to these volunteers. We look forward to this collaboration throughout the school year!



## Celebrating grandparents

Kindergarten students invited their grandparents to celebrate Grandparents Day. The event was held in the cafeteria, where students sang two songs before joining their grandparent(s) to decorate cookies. Mrs. Smith's mom made the cookies. Everyone enjoyed adding icing and sprinkles in Warren Warrior colors to their cookies. Then, it was time to taste! We think there may have been some tasting going on as they decorated!

Lastly, the grandparents were invited to see our classrooms, where students gave them a craft gift. A wonderful time was had by all!



## Portrait

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these are so important and they do not appear anywhere on our report card.

All of these skills that we are talking about are transferable to anything that you are going to do later. Developing the five, non-academic skills in the Portrait would be very important.

**Q.** How is the POW going to be used to specifically benefit the students?

**A.** We created a rubric: meeting the expectation; needs improvement; not meeting the expectation (struggling). We are going to score kids using that rubric, and it will be on their report cards, but we took it a step further. It might be very difficult to define empathy; what does empathy look like in a classroom? So, a rubric was created to define what empathy looks like in a classroom. Some of it covers group-work, and how a student interacts; if a student does not participate or make others feel welcome, you will not score very high in empathy. If it comes to responsibility and you are constantly on the missing assignment list, you will not score very high in responsibility. If it comes to integrity and you have been caught cheating three times this semester, you are probably not going to score very high in integrity. The rubric is scored by teacher, by class, so you will get a score from every teacher/ every class. The most important part for students, parents, and community members to know, is that a copy of the rubric will be provided to everyone. We are going to provide copies of those Social/Emotional Learning (SEL)

standards to everyone. I will share employer data from the state of Ohio, as kind of the reason why, and how it will benefit kids this year. I think it is important that we give those examples of what it will look like in the classroom.

**Q.** So, with the whole scoring method, what does it actually look like to get scored in integrity, and stuff like that.

**A.** As I said, we have a rubric related to that, so you will see exactly where you are: you meet the expectation; you are progressing; and finally, you are not meeting the expectation. It will be on your report card. Every WLSD student, because it is K-12, will get a score on how they did on the Portrait. I will say that we did really focus on 5-12, the elementary has pieces to this, but theirs is just a little bit different. Students scored themselves for the first grading period. This gives a little bit of a baseline; it allows students to see the rubric and what the teacher sees. The other three grading periods will be scored by the teachers. Rubric scores will not appear on transcripts. I think it is a good method to communicate to parents, how their kid is, as a person, here at school, other than just grades. It is just another way for us to give feedback to parents. We are not going to score Critical Thinking and Creative Problem Solving. I feel like that is part of the educational approach. So, it will just be Empathy, Integrity, Communication, Perseverance, and Responsibility.

To hear more about the Portrait, the actual interview can be viewed, in its entirety at:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Qb-CzC7kPtK7ucjAPZ0h6KYjcQ\\_8zsq6a/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Qb-CzC7kPtK7ucjAPZ0h6KYjcQ_8zsq6a/view?usp=sharing).

**Homecoming Court** - Girls left to right: Emersyn Alloway, Courtney Emrick, Katie Markley, Helen Spung, Haylee Grimm, Holly Swaney, Anna Boothby. Boys left to right: Chase



Pinkerton, Ben Bishop, Carson Gandee, Ethan Holbert, Grant Anthony, Dawson Staley, William Stiers. King and Queen: Ben Bishop and Katie Markley. Congratulations to all!

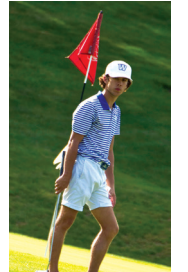


## Campus-wide parade

September 22 – To kick off homecoming week, students at the high school organized a homecoming parade, involving all three buildings on campus. The event was held during the school day, giving students at all buildings the opportunity to participate.

The parade began at Driveway 2 between WHS and the student parking lot. It followed in front of the WHS entrance and looped around the entrance of the middle school, elementary school and back parking lot of the elementary school to the football stadium. High school sports teams, marching band, and homecoming court, were among those who performed, sported floats, and gave high-fives as they moved along the parade route. The weather was beautiful, and our students all got to show some school spirit.





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## Learning to Fly



Photos taken by Trent Hamrick, featuring an aerial view of the WLSO campus. Trent is a senior at WHS who is training to obtain his pilot license. Trent will be attending college to obtain a commercial pilot license as well as becoming a certified flight instructor. After college, Trent plans to become a full-time commercial pilot.



## County-wide first responders lock-down drill held at WHS

October 10 - Thank you to area first responders, as well as our students and staff, for a very successful, county-wide first responders lock-down drill. This multi-faceted event was conducted at Warren High School. These hands-on drills help everyone to work together as a team, and to be prepared for a variety of emergency situations.



*Thank You!*

