



Warren Local School District

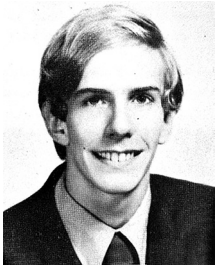
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Au Revoir, Monsieur!

By Jimmy Sundquist

Jerry Bedilion is retiring after an astounding 51 years of service to the students of the Warren Local School District! Countless students over the years have been privileged to study French under his expert



guidance. Many others had the chance to have him as an English teacher.

A lucky few have had the honor to have him as a teacher, then return to Warren to teach with him. Jerry is originally from New Matamoras, OH, and graduated from Matamoras High School in the last year before the Frontier School District was created.

He received his undergraduate degree from Marietta College, and his Masters from Ohio University. He completed his student teaching at Warren, and was hired here the next year. In his free time, Jerry enjoys gardening and doing things around the house, as well as spending time with his dog, Silas. He is looking forward to getting to do more of these things in retirement, but Warren High School won't be the same without him! His intelligence, wit, and genuine care for his students will be sorely missed by all.



If you wish to write him a note or card congratulating him on his retirement, you may send it to him at: 130 Constitution Lane, Marietta, OH 45750.

WLSD awarded \$1.3 grant for school-based health clinic



Vincent - March 2024 — Warren Local School District and Hopewell Health Centers will partner to open a new school-based health center,

thanks to a \$1,381,118 grant announced in March as part of Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine's ongoing investment in Ohio's Appalachian communities.

The Appalachian Children's Health Initiative, announced by Gov. DeWine and Lt. Gov. Jon Husted, is a more than \$64 million investment that includes dozens of projects to improve access to healthcare in 36 communities across 20 Appalachian counties in Ohio. It is the largest investment in school-based health services in the state of Ohio.

Although the design work is not yet underway, funds from the grant will allow for existing space in Warren High School's Building 6 to be renovated to house the clinic, consisting of exam rooms, a reception area, office and lab space, and an employee break space. The clinic will have a secure staff entrance and a separate public entrance.

"The district, Hopewell Health, and our other partners have chosen Fanning Howey to be the architect on the project," said WLSD Superintendent, Mr. Kyle Newton. "Fanning Howey is a great partner and they understand our district. Their attention to detail and knowledge of both K-12 and clinic construction is a great fit"

As part of the same initiative, \$575,000 has been awarded to the Athens and Ross mobile vision programs. The mobile providers will travel to area school districts to provide comprehensive eye exams to students. Warren

Local School District is fortunate to be among the six area school districts awarded to collectively receive the benefits of this substantial grant.

"The opportunity for our students to have access to vision and acute care on our campus is truly a game changer for our community," added Newton.

The grant proposal was prepared by Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus on behalf of the Appalachian Children Coalition to improve children's access to the care they need where they spend most of their time – in school. The new or expanded services, including primary care, behavioral health and preventive care, will reach nearly 375,000 youth, families and community members. Each project varies based on community needs.

"We appreciate Gov. DeWine's commitment to the health of children in the Appalachian region and are excited to be able to lead the effort to bring local healthcare services to meet their needs," said Randy Leite, PhD, executive director of the Appalachian Children Coalition. "For many children and families, the lack of access to local healthcare services leads to any number of negative health and educational outcomes. The school-based clinics and services to be developed as part of this program will provide access that is so desperately needed. We share Gov. DeWine's commitment to our children and know that our many partners in this effort do, too."

Schools can play a critical role in improving a child's health and well-being. More than 150 traditional school-based health center sites operate or are under development in Ohio, according to the Ohio School-Based Health Alliance. This project will open 16 new school-based

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Snack & Field Event

On May 10th, Warren Local Schools Cross Category students attended the Snack & Field Event hosted by Marietta City Schools. The previous year's hosts were Warren (2023) and Fort Frye (2022). The main highlight of this year's event for the students



was the petting zoo. Other events included: sensory activities, adaptable bike & scooter races, face painting, bubble, bowling,

water balloon tosses, soccer, and cornhole. Every participant received a metal and a gift bag with goodies. One of the 3rd graders that attended stated, "I could not sleep last night; I'm too excited for today. I hope that it's just like last year; that was the best day ever."

The high school Students Solving Problems group along with the middle school student council



members were buddies for fellow Warren Students. Each buddy guided participants through the events and got them to the next location of activities so they would not miss out on anything.

As we watched our students interact with each other, we could truly appreciate our amazing community. When we work in partnership with one another, everyone is stronger, and everyone achieves more.



Making a difference



On April 26th, Warren Local Schools participated in Global Youth Service Day which is a National Day for youth run organizations to make a difference in their communities. The Student Solving Problems group at the high school was joined by the SSP group at the middle school as well as the middle school student council members in a district-wide canned food drive to help restock the local food pantries for the summer months.

This was the first year Warren High School was awarded a youth service grant. With the grant funds 1,400 tote bags were ordered and split between the Barlow-Vincent Church and Gospel Mission along with the nine boxes of food that was collected. Several Warren students stated that it was good to give back to the community where they live; it's great to make a difference.



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WMS Music News

By Lori Flesher



FINE ARTS

Finally, the fifth through eighth grade band students wrapped up MIOSM with a fantastic concert of a wide variety of music including traditional marches, rock funk, and a new style of music for our

The Warren Middle School music program was busy in March for *Music in Our Schools Month*. Seventh/eighth grade chorus presented the musical, "At the Bandstand" which is reminiscent of Dick Clark's famous tv program. There were seven 50's style songs and plenty of dialogue to connect them all together.

Seventh/eighth grade handbells performed their spring concert just a couple days later. The repertoire included classical, country, Broadway and pop selections.



students. The concert concluded with an electro-acoustic piece performed by the combined seventh and eighth grade bands.

In April, three students performed at the District 9 Junior High Solo and Ensemble event. Emma Murgage performed, "The Dancer," on trumpet. Lyla sang alto on "Scarborough Fair" and played, "Chatterbox Rag," on the piano. Marco played, "Berceuse," on his flute. Each received a 1 (superior) for his/her efforts. Way to go!

Lastly, thirteen students had the opportunity to perform with the high school in the production of "Annie". It was a lot of work but finished with three outstanding performances.

Annie - The Musical

By Jimmy Sundquist

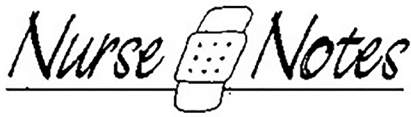
The Warren High School Choral department was busy right up until the year's end. Hot on the heels of our combined concert with the band in March, we presented the musical Annie in April. This third year of presenting a musical with the combined forces of the high school choral, drama, and band departments as well as the middle school choral department was another resounding success - we had more students participate than in any year so far, and we broke all of our previous box office totals as well. More than 1100 people came out over the course of the three nights to see Annie!



The players led by Mollie Smith as Annie, Rebecca Ball as Grace Farrell, Taylor Richards as Oliver Warbucks, and Haylee Grimm, Nick Bland, and Payge Cornell as the trio of villains, gave outstanding performances, and the excellent student orchestra provided the perfect accompaniment. We hope to see you at next year's show!

After Annie wrapped, Bass Chorus performed the national anthem at a Cleveland Cavaliers home game. Finally, we closed out our year with our Choir Finale and Bells Finale concerts - these were both very well-received and were the perfect end to a successful year for us. We hope you have a terrific summer - stay tuned for news about what's coming for next year!





Vaccine requirements for 12th grade students:

Documentation of a meningococcal (MCV4) vaccine given on or after the student's 16th birthday must be on file at Warren High School before your child begins the 12th grade on August 20, 2024. This also includes students who attend the Washington County Career Center and those who take college courses.

Vaccine requirements for 7th grade students:

Documentation of an updated tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine and a meningococcal (MCV4) vaccine must be on file at Warren Middle School before your child begins the 7th grade on August 20, 2024.

Vaccine requirements for kindergarten students:

Documentation of the following vaccines must be on file at Warren Elementary before your child begins kindergarten in August.

DTap/DT: 5 doses (Dose 5 only required if 4th dose was given prior to the 4th birthday)

Polio- 4 doses (Dose 4 only required if 3rd dose was given prior to the 4th birthday)

Hepatitis B- 3 doses (the final dose must be given after age 6months)

MMR- 2 doses

Varicella- 2 doses

Medication Reminder:

If your student needs to take prescription medication available during school hours, please have your child's healthcare provider complete a medication form over the summer. The form is available on Final Forms or by emailing your school nurse at melissa.kemper@warrenlocal.org

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Emergency Action Plan Reminder:

If your student has a serious medical condition such as seizures, diabetes, serious food allergies/bee sting allergies or asthma please have your child's healthcare provider complete an emergency action plan over the summer. Many providers have their own action plan form. Action Plans are also available on Final Forms or by emailing your school nurse at melissa.kemper@warrenlocal.org

Vision and Hearing Screening Follow-up Reminder:

Did your student receive a vision or hearing screening referral from the school nurse? Summer is a great time to schedule!

Have a safe and fun summer!

Dental Sealants



A sealant is a plastic coating that keeps food and germs out of the chewing surfaces of the back teeth and protects them from cavities. Sealants are safe; they work and are easy to apply. There are no drills or needles involved! This will save money on future dental visits for fillings.

For more information on dental sealants please visit <https://www.washingtongov.org/620/Dental-Sealant-Program>.



This spring, staff from the Washington County Health Department offered free dental sealants for 2nd and 6th grade students at Warren Local. The hygienist also rechecked sealants of 3rd and 7th grade students that were placed last school year.



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Summer EBT or Sun Bucks



New for summer 2024 - Summer EBT/Sun Bucks provides grocery benefits to low-income families with school-aged children when schools are closed for the summer. Summer EBT benefits will either be loaded to a household's Ohio Direction Card or a benefit card will be sent in the mail to each eligible child.

Families can use the money to buy food during the summer at grocery stores, farmers markets and other authorized retailers. Families will receive

a one-time benefit of \$120 for each eligible child and participation will not affect children or families' immigration status. Many families will get Summer EBT/SUN Bucks automatically if they are getting other benefits. If your household already participates in SNAP, OWF, income eligible and receiving Medicare benefits or approved for free/reduced benefits at their

school, they will automatically receive the summer benefit with no further action.

If you are not automatically enrolled, but believe that your child might be eligible, you may use the online application at sebt.ohio.gov. When applying, you will be asked to provide your child's name, school, date of birth, address and some additional details. You will be asked to report your household's income. You will not need to provide any other documents or information including social security number, proof of citizenship, or pay stubs to apply. Enjoy your summer!

Mothers Day

or mother figure than to sit down and enjoy good food, laughter and conversation. Thanks to the kitchen staff and everyone that made this event a success.

We are Warriors!

Warren Middle School hosted over 145 mothers for lunch. What better way to honor your mother



2024 Summer Feeding Program for Kids ages 1-18

Free lunchtime meal for kids Grab and Go

For planning purposes and to ensure children receive a hot meal, families should call the central kitchen **each day** at 740-373-3455 and indicate which site they will be picking up a meal. Calls should be made the day before or before 8:00 am on the day the children would like to have a meal.

Pick-up location: Warren Middle School (Sports Center)

Dates/Times: June 5 – August 9; 12:30 – 1:00 pm

Weekend Meals

Come every Friday to the Summer Feeding Program to get a meal pack for the weekend!

Sponsored by Washington-Morgan Community Action.



Contact Charlene Fronko, Food Service Supervisor, if you have any questions.
740-678-2366 ext.. 122



Summer Updates

By Alicia Jaramillo

Warren Local Transportation tested this (pictured below) extended stop arm to increase safety from drivers running the stop sign. We have noticed a significant decrease in violations with this extended stop arm and higher awareness from oncoming traffic. Our hope is to add these stop arms to all buses that

travel on high traffic roads such as 339 and 550.

Over the summer, we will also be adding ground wash lights to all our buses to increase visibility and safety on those dark mornings.

We are always hiring drivers. If there is any interest, we have a Pre-service class being offered at Warren on July 15-18. Please email alicia.jaramillo@warrenlocal.org if you are interested or have any questions about employment.

Have a great summer break!



Star Warriors Bus Riders...Great job!





FFA NEWS

By Blake Campbell

Another busy Spring for the Warren FFA! As students finish the school year, the hard work continues into the summer as they continue to work on their Supervised Agricultural Experiences throughout the year. At the annual Ohio FFA Convention, 38 students traveled to Columbus for an experience of speakers, awards, and expo center.



During the annual Ohio FFA Convention, we watched State Proficiency Finalist Steven Anderson, in the area of Agricultural Mechanics and Design Fabrication, earning a 2nd place on stage. Abigail Murphy placed 4th in the state in the area of Beef Production - Placement. Then in the area of Speciality Crop Production, Ryan Wittekind placed 2nd in the state.

Our chapter had three chapter officers receive gold ratings at the



State Level and walk across the stage. Congratulations to members: Emma Sutton — Reporter, Colten Gilliland — Treasurer, and Abigail Murphy — Secretary.

For the first time in Warren history, Christopher Burdiss was recognized on stage as a final four state finalist in his Agriscience Fair project.

Four of our members received their awards for placing 2nd in the entire state by taking the Greenhand Quiz!

Warren had 9 State FFA Degree recipients walk across the stage

as a result of their hard work. The State Degree requires 25 hours of community service, \$2,500 earned and invested in a Supervised Agricultural Experience, and eight FFA activities above the chapter level. Congratulations to Alexa Amrine, Draven Blow, Mason Hamrick, Launa Ireland, Ethan Ott, Ryan Wittekind, Emma Sutton, Madison Biehl, and Maggie Reynolds.

Our chapter competed in many Career Development Events (CDE) over the spring. Our school compet-

ed in the State Floriculture contest. Through the contest, team members placed classes of flowers, identified flowers, created floral designs, and completed fertilization calculations. We also hosted our first ever Floriculture Invitational to allow other teams and our members for extra practice. The team placed 12th in the State! Students also competed in the district Agricultural Mechanics Contest and Outdoor Power contest.

Over spring break, five students and Mr. Campbell traveled to Texas to visit the Big Bend National Park. During the trip, students flew to Austin TX, visited another school and FFA Chapter, a rodeo.

We hosted our annual FFA banquet where we were able to recognize all of our members, community supporters and alumni through awards



and recognition. It was great to host our banquet in person at school, we hosted over 380 members and guests. It has been a great school year and we are looking forward to a relaxing summer!



Graphic Arts News

By Nathan Evans

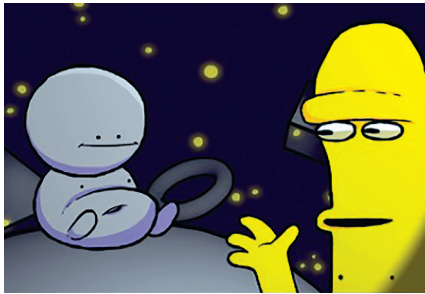
Warren Graphic Arts Students Compete in Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition

The Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition, celebrating its fifty-fourth year, focuses on supporting the educational and artistic development of young talents in Ohio. This exhibition is accessible to all 1,112 high schools in Ohio, providing opportunities for young artists to



showcase their skills, potentially earn scholarships, and gain exposure to the competitive art world.

Senior Lillian Cochran and



Junior Andre Curry participated in the exhibition, with Andre's animation making it to the top 300 entries. The competition involved thousands of students across the state.

The selection process for the State Exhibition starts regionally, with Ohio divided into 15 regions. Regional Directors oversee the selection of jurors, and in 2023, both regional and state judging took place online. Out of 8,299 regional entries, around 1,300 advanced to the state level, with 326 pieces chosen for display and 25 receiving

the prestigious Governor's Award of Excellence.

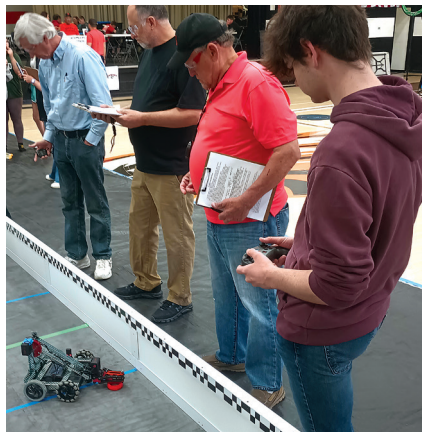
The exhibition unfolds at the James A. Rhodes State Office Tower from April to late May, culminating in an awards ceremony at the Riffe Capitol Theatre to honor the students. The showcasing of artists from Warren at the state level highlights the pride of the graphic art and art departments.

Congratulations to Lillian and Andre for their outstanding submissions. Special recognition is extended to Andre Curry for his high placement in the competition and inclusion of his animation in the state exhibit. Lillian is attending Ohio University in the fall to major in Graphic Design. Andre aspires to compete again next year with even greater success.

To view Andre's artwork, visit <https://www.govart.org/winners/2024winners.htm>



Robotics News



In late April, the Robotics and Drone Team, consisting of Jeffery Ontko, Jayden Potter, Jonathon Skeen, Haiden Barnes, Chris Bur-

diss, Ethan Knotts, and Noah Bungass, competed at the Ohio Valley Robotics and Indoor Drown Competition for the second year. In a very

close competition, Chris Burdiss took first place with his robot. Congratulations to all the competitors—well done.

Robotics

Archery News



Great news from Nationals - Our freshman girls team member, Reagan Kegley, who placed 1st at the state tournament, placed 8th for high school girls archery out of 2496 HS girls that competed at Nationals. Well done, Warriors!

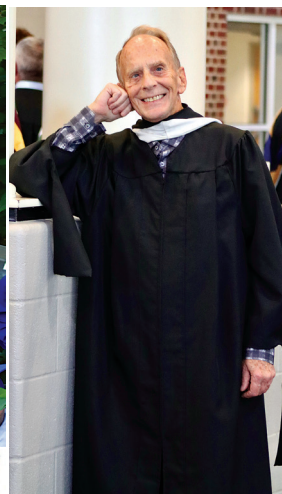


Warrior Liberty Walk Recap

By Andy Biddinger

This year, the Environmental Club sponsored the second annual Warrior Liberty Walk. This event served as a fundraiser for projects that the club have on the agenda over the coming years. The Warrior Liberty Walk took place beginning on December 7th, 2023 and ended on May 8th, 2024. December 7th marks the anniversary of the United States' entry into the war and May 8th marks the end of the war in Europe. Fortunately, the anniversary for the end in the Pacific is August 15th so we will celebrate it over vacation!

Students and staff created teams and were invited to log miles that they walked, ran, swam, or biked. Each week the team captains submitted the mileage. These miles took them on a virtual journey that celebrated and honored the Pacific Theater of World War II. Several teams took part with two making significant progress. Only one, Sci Guys and Gal, made the entire journey to Tokyo Bay. As the teams logged miles, they received email updates and photos from the war about key battles and events. The Social Studies Department and Environmental Club would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's Warrior Liberty Walk!



Outdoor Education at Camp Hervida

By Natalie Kunze

From May 8th to 10th, Warren Middle School's 8th graders embarked on an unforgettable journey to Camp Hervida 4H Camp for the annual Outdoor Education Camp. This cherished event, a tradition since the early 1980s, marks a special conclusion to the students' middle school years.



Renewable Power, FWD Country, Back to Basics Log Cabin, and the Barlow Volunteer Fire Department to name a few. These experts guided students through 11 interactive workshops, allowing them to delve into topics of personal interest.

Supervision was provided by teachers and high school counselors, the latter selected from numerous applicants for the honor of mentoring eighth graders throughout the three-day camp. These high school counselors played a pivotal role in ensuring the success of the event, leading cabins of younger students and fostering a supportive and engaging environment.

The camp offered a balance of educational and recreational activities. Beyond the workshops, students participated in a giant water balloon fight, a unique version of the Olympics, board game night, homemade

ice cream making, bonfires with karaoke, cabin skits, a fashion show, and the highly anticipated camp dance on the final night. These activities not only provided fun but also strengthened bonds and created lasting memories.

Counselors have often remarked that this experience is one of the highlights of their high school years,

emphasizing the joy and camaraderie it fosters. Teachers and staff at Warren Local Schools are committed to maintaining this beloved tradition, recognizing the unique and invaluable experiences it offers to students.

By blending education with outdoor adventure and teamwork, the Outdoor Education Camp at Camp Hervida continues to be a cornerstone of the 8th-grade experience at Warren Middle School, enriching students' lives and leaving them with cherished memories.



For the past three years, Mrs. Kunze has coordinated the camp, dedicating her time throughout the year to arrange for a variety of local and regional experts to join the program. This year's lineup included the Washington County Sheriff's Drone Unit, the Ohio State Extension Office of Soil and Water, the National Wild Turkey Federation, Thermo Fisher, Appalachian



Fifth grade students researched Mesoamerican civilizations in social studies and created newscasts to share with peers using props and videos. Students reported on the Olmec, Maya, Aztec, and Inca culture.

Advanced Art

By Felix Secretó

The Mid-Ohio Valley has a great art scene and does so much to promote creativity in our area, from the Parkersburg Art Center, the Actors Guild, to the Artsbridge. My advanced art students in 7th and 8th grade were able to experience a special day recently when local artist/photographer Michelle Waters visited our classroom. Michelle taught us that you can make some cool art prints with everyday objects such as produce, including: onions, lettuce, apples and more.

The kids loved it and enjoyed the process as well as the end result. It was a fun time and a new experience for all. We'd like to thank Michelle for her time and for sharing her creative ideas.



VEX Robotics Season Wrap-Up

By Brad Hauenstein

This past VEX Robotics season wasn't just about robots and competition; it was a journey of growth, resilience, and exceeding expectations. Our team, brimming with eager young minds, started with raw potential and a healthy dose of nervousness. The unknown world of robotics, with its intricate challenges and fierce competition, loomed large. But as the season unfolded, it was truly inspiring to witness how these students blossomed into confident problem-solvers, strategic thinkers, and passionate competitors.

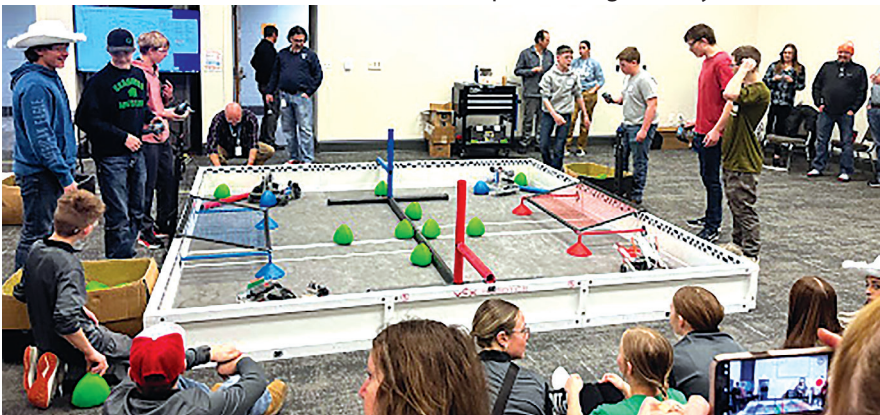
The initial trepidation soon gave way to a determined spirit. Each obstacle, each technical hurdle, became a learning experience. From mastering the intricacies of coding to strategizing robot maneuvers, the team tackled every challenge head-on. There were moments of frustration, of course, but their perseverance and collaborative spirit shone through. They learned to troubleshoot effectively, think critically, and support each other through setbacks.

And then came the competitions. The adrenaline-pumping atmosphere, the cheers of the crowd, the pressure to perform – it was an entirely different beast than practice runs. As one student confessed, "It was way more intense than I ever imagined!" Yet,

amidst the heat of competition, their months of preparation paid off. They moved with precision, their robots completing tasks with impressive efficiency. They collaborated seamlessly, adapting their strategies on the fly. Most importantly, they had fun, enjoying the thrill of the competition and the camaraderie with other teams.

While victories were sweet, the true treasures of the season were the personal transformations. Students who were once hesitant found their voices, becoming vocal contributors. Shy minds bloomed into confident leaders, taking charge and inspiring their peers. The VEX Robotics journey instilled in them invaluable skills – critical thinking, problem-solving, teamwork, and communication – that will benefit them far beyond the competition arena.

Now, as we dismantle the robots and put away the tools, a bittersweet nostalgia sets in. But it's a nostalgia mixed with excitement for the future. We eagerly await the new challenge, the new batch of students who will step into the roles of builders, programmers, and strategists. With the lessons learned and the memories made this season, we know they too will embark on a transformative journey, pushing their boundaries and discovering their own potential. So, bring on next year! We're ready to create another chapter in our VEX Robotics story; one filled with growth, passion, and maybe even a few more trophies along the way.



Junior High Track

By Coach Campbell & Rettenberger

The Warriors finished a strong season for Jr. High Track! The boys team finished the season with three meet wins and Washington County Champions! The girls were able to win nine meets, with one second place along with the Washington County Champions. Alexia Wigal placed 12th at the State Track Meet in Pole Vault.

We are looking forward to another successful season in 2025!



Campus Martius

By Meredith Morgan

In March, Warren Elementary fourth graders took a field trip to Campus Martius Museum. They were able to experience crafts of the past. They

participated in candle dipping and weaving. They explored Rufus Putnam's home and learned what pioneer living was really like. The students also toured the museum and saw many of the artifacts that they learned about in their social studies class throughout the year.



Baby chicks!

By Abby Cole

Second grade students incubated and hatched their own chicken eggs! A special thanks to Scott and Megan Elzey for donating the eggs, the OSU Washington County Extension Office for sharing their incubation equipment. Thanks, also to Seaman's General Store for donating the chick feed and bedding.



Talented Kids

By Liz Brown

The fourth-grade classes said, "I'll catch you later, see-ya, goodbye," to Warren Elementary in their end-of-the year Farewell Talent Show & Art Show. The audience enjoyed several

acts of singing, dancing, piano, violin, a mime, gymnastics, comedy, and more! The whole fourth grade performed two original parodies at the end of the show. A good time was had by all.

The show was a great success. Good luck to all at the middle school next year!

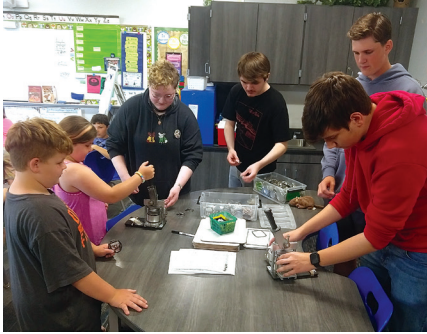


Collaborative Learning

Mrs. Cole's second grade class visited Mr. Evan's Graphic Arts Class at the high school to see what students are working on, learn about the equipment, and work on a collaborative project.



Beth Maidens' fifth grade students visited kindergarten classrooms at the elementary school and helped with a STEM lesson. The "Kinders" were celebrating the letter Zz and were challenged to build a car using their imaginations. The students, young and old, had an amazing time!



Elementary Students Dive into Read Across America Week!

By Caitlin Hanson

Amidst the busy halls of Warren Elementary, a wave of excitement washed over the school during the much-anticipated Read Across America Week. From March 4th through March 8th, students and staff came together in an exciting celebration of literacy.

One of the highlights of the week was the participation of our elementary students in themed dress-up days. Each day brought a new adventure as students embraced the fun and creativity of dressing up. From Twin Day to the energetic Sports Day, and from the roar of Animal Day to the whimsical costumes of Silly Story Day, and finishing the week off in pajamas for Cozy Up and Read Day, our students showcased their enthusiasm and love for literature in style.

But the festivities didn't stop there! Each morning began with the



suspense of guessing Mystery Readers and Characters announced over the intercom. With eager anticipation, students listened attentively, trying to unravel the mystery of who would be gracing the pages of their favorite stories.

The support and generosity of our Academic Boosters further enhanced the weeklong celebration. Students were thrilled to receive books, bracelets, and Sweet Frog Bookmark Coupons, igniting their passion for reading and rewarding their dedication to reading. Thank you again to our wonderful Boosters and another special thank you to Mrs. McFee for organizing this week of fun!

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In the words of Dr. Seuss himself, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." And as our students continue to enhance their reading skills in such exciting ways, we know that they are surely destined for extraordinary adventures and bright futures!



Here's to another successful Read Across America Week, and to the countless stories yet to be explored!



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health centers, along with mobile care services, behavioral health services, dental services and mobile vision services.

To ensure seamless implementation across the many projects, and sustained success of these efforts and investment, the project incorporates built-in technical assistance support from Nationwide Children's. Nationwide Children's operates 17 school-based primary care clinics in central Ohio and has partnered with the state of Ohio, healthcare providers, nonprofit funders, school nurses and school districts across the state to support the development of school-based health programs in over 38 mostly Appalachian counties.

"We know that children can reach their full potential in the classroom when they are healthy, live in a safe and stable environment, and have access to the resources they need," said Mary Kay Irwin, EdD, senior director of school health services for Nationwide Children's. "By partnering with schools, we are helping many children access important care they would otherwise not receive. If we want to improve health outcomes for all children, we must work together and meet families where they are."

This unprecedented \$64 million investment in school-based and community health is part of the state's \$500 million "OhioBuilds - Small Communities - Big Impact - A Plan for Appalachia" community grant program announced in 2022. The program is administered by the Governor's Office of Appalachia within the Ohio Department of Development.

About Appalachian Children Coali-

tion:

The Appalachian Children Coalition (ACC) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to enhancing the health and well-being of children across Ohio's 32-county Appalachian region. Driven by a mission to uplift children's lives through collaborative advocacy and strategic investments, ACC has forged impactful partnerships since 2020. These partnerships have enabled the redirection of resources toward a robust support infrastructure tailored to the region's unique child needs. ACC's initiatives focus on behavioral health workforce development, prevention education, school-based health services, and regional responsiveness, comprehensively addressing the diverse needs of children in the communities it serves. Operating as advocates for those serving children, ACC remains resolute in ensuring every Appalachian Ohio child has equitable access to resources for holistic development and well-being.

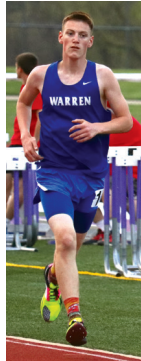
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