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Superintendent's Message . . .

Upper Sandusky Schools does not have a separate permanent improvement (PI) fund. This means that permanent improvement expenses must be paid for through the school's general fund, and for many school systems, a permanent improvement fund means the equivalency in expenditures of anywhere from ½ to 1 mill to about 2½ mills per year. Funding permanent improvement expenditures through the school's general fund definitely puts a strain on the district's general fund budget since Upper Sandusky typically spends well over \$300,000 in expenditures each school year.

In general terms, a permanent improvement expenditure can be incurred for anything which has a lifetime and/or a usefulness of 5 or more years, and some of the more significant categories of typical permanent improvement expenditures are: textbook purchases, bus purchases, maintenance projects, equipment, and/or school renovation/construction projects.

It has been discussed by our Board whether we should have a separate permanent improvement fund. The advantages, of course, would be to have at least a million dollars more in our operating fund in a little over 3 years, but obviously, the final decision to proceed with such a request has never been decided in favor of doing so. It is significant, however, that our school system has not chosen to have a permanent improvement fund because a very significant amount of money often part of school districts' permanent improvement funds must be paid for out of a school's general fund. What are, then, at Upper Sandusky Schools, examples of the type and amount of permanent improvement expenditures that we might make in a typical school year?

Specific examples of permanent improvement expenditures might include the following:

- * 1 bus per year - around \$70,000 (is likely to be more than this amount because of new emission control devices required to be installed on buses);
- * textbooks - statistics show that over the last 6 years, the average expenditure per year for textbooks has been \$73,417;
- * summer maintenance projects at 4 different locations and sites, around \$150,000 per summer is used to renovate, maintain, or repair classrooms; parking lots; roofs; storage facilities; athletic facilities; HVAC systems; electrical systems; etc. in addition to meeting the requirements for the Ohio EPA; BUSTR (underground storage tanks); the State Fire Marshall; IDEA/ADA (handicapped accessibility requirements); and federal, state, and local boards of health and food services; bottom line: whatever such organizations require us to meet, we must meet or run the risk of having our operations shut down;
- * technology and/or equipment needs - at least \$50,000 per year but would be much, much more, had the lion's share of purchasing all the computers in our school district not come from the availability of state grant monies (sometimes made available to us locally from federal sources, federal monies sometimes being passed on to the state for distribution); now that our equipment is aging, the need for repair and/or replacement of technology equipment (including connectivity fees and renewal of software licenses, seems to become greater each year);
- * other purchases/repairs - a boiler needs replaced; a roof starts to leak; a HVAC (heating ventilating, air conditioning) motor or unit goes out; something plumbing or electrical needs added, fixed, or upgraded; playground equipment becomes worn out from use; a tractor, lawn mower, or school van needs replaced; bleachers or light poles need replaced; all of the above are legitimate permanent improvement expenditures a school district could face at any time.

But I thought you said that we spend only about \$300,000 per year in permanent improvement expenditures!?! The truth is that our qualifying permanent improvement expenditures easily exceed this amount, but most school districts, even those with permanent improvement funds, pick up the excess costs through their general funds.

Mission Statement: The mission of the Upper Sandusky Schools is to provide a safe, child-centered and developmentally appropriate environment where learning is a positive, exciting, and dynamic lifelong process.

After reading the above, community residents will hopefully have a better understanding of some of the expenditures that we and most other school districts must incur simply to keep our doors open.

Some of the other regulatory organizations whose requirements we must meet involve such acronyms as OSHA, FDA, FERPA, ESEA, HIPPA, ODE, USDE, and EMIS. Any of these agencies might very well be the reason that another permanent improvement expenditure must be made. In fact, there are many days these agencies are the primary reason I feel compelled to dial 1-800-ABLE-2-AFFORD IT!

In summation, the administrative team and I are daily faced with decisions with spending relative to qualifying PI expenses. Upper Sandusky does not have a separate PI fund to cover such expenses like many other Ohio school districts, and because of this, permanent improvement expenses pose a significant drain on the school's general fund budget. Often we are faced with making financial decisions over which we have little choice, but rest assured that we go to considerable lengths getting several estimates, quotes, and/or bids before expenditures (especially PI expenditures) are approved by me.

Feel free to contact me at anytime if I can answer questions for you. Have a super summer!

Yours for education,
Ken Doseck, Superintendent

East, South & Union Elementary News

ZOO TRIP

During May the first graders at South School were exploring and learning about the zoo. During the week they studied about many animals and their habitats. Each student wrote a ten-fact report on a specific animal. The animals reported on were elephants, zebras, manatees, whales, rhinos, leopards, lions, tigers, cheetahs and giraffes. To top off our zoo unit, we took a trip to the Columbus Zoo on May 2nd where the students were able to see all of these animals and much more! Some of the student's favorites were the monkeys, gorillas, elephants, and the petting zoo. Everyone had a wonderful day!

- Katie Leonard, 1st grade teacher for Jennifer Heilman

APPLEBUTTER DAYS WITH FFA

On Thursday, May 10th, the second graders at South had a great time at the Applebutter Days sponsored by the FFA. Students participated in various game activities such as the sack race and three-legged race.

They also got the chance to drive a "tractor" through an obstacle course and take a wagon ride driven by horses. Petting baby animals such as pigs, a puppy, a bunny, and goats, along with playing in a pool of soybeans, were other favorite activities, too. The highlight of the trip was getting to peel and core their own apple into a spiral shape and eat it! A BIG THANKS to the FFA for a great time!

- From the 2nd graders and Mrs. Harber at South

PLEASE REMEMBER!!

At South School we collect Boxtops for Education and Campbell Soup labels all year long. Please continue to save these and send them in next fall!

THIRD GRADE "BUSY-NESS" TAKES THEM INTO COMMUNITY



The third grade at South Elementary School has been very busy this April and May. Some local businesses were contacted to see if they would like to participate in a social studies project involving economics, history, and community. One or two students were assigned a business that was located within walking distance of the school. The student's job was to set up an interview at the business, conduct the interview, write a report on what was learned, create a poster about the business, and give a presentation to the class. The students did an outstanding job as they shared what they learned about the history and economics of our community businesses. Thank you to all who participated. - Cindy Constien

ALL FOUR DIRECTIONS

East Elementary 2nd graders traveled in all four directions at the end of the school year.

During our study of the westward movement, students presented projects they researched and created to show how things were different in the 1800's. Then, dressed as pioneers, they went **WEST** to the one room schoolhouse and museum. Mrs. Leeth explained life in the early days of education and students struggled with quill pens to complete their lessons. Ms. Lininger demonstrated early musical instruments and shared many of the artifacts our museum holds. Did you know the arrow heads found here, were probably not used by the Wyandottes? Hopefully, the students will visit the Wyandot County Historical Society this summer to learn more.

We had a great time when we ventured **NORTH** to the High School where Mr. Lawyer's FFA officers and students entertained the class for Applebutter Day. Everyone enjoyed the wagon ride, soybean pile, petting zoo, peeled apples, games, pedal tractors, and coloring page. We had many Kodak moments.

Kindergarten joined us when we headed **SOUTH** to Harrison Smith Park. Along the way we were treated to some stories by Miss Jill at the library, and we picked out some famous landmarks.

A fun time was enjoyed by all when we journeyed **EAST** with third grade to Mr. Harr's Putt Putt Golf. Students loved the pizza, games, prizes, and miniature golf.

Thank you to our East PTO and to Mr. Courtad for making these trips possible.

- Penny Case



STANDING ROOM ONLY AT EAST

Grandparents (and other Special Guests) were invited to join East students for lunch. 155 friends and family accepted the invitation and enjoyed a hearty meal of choices ranging from hamburgers, bosco sticks, chicken 2-fers, hot dogs, pizza, brownies, pretzels, corn, mashed potatoes with gravy, to orange sherbet, and more. Several guests reminisced about the school lunches in "their day" and gave these menus high marks. Many also enjoyed a slide show of the second grade's activities for the year and outside recess with the "youngins" on the best playground in the area.

Thank you to all of our grandparents, aunts, uncles, parents, siblings, and family friends who made the effort to attend. We are very proud of our "extended family" support of East School!

- Penny Case



Middle School Happenings

USMS ORIENTATION

USMS will try a different method of new student orientation this year. We believe our orientation is a very important part of our school year. It allows students and their parents to get acclimated to their new building, meet their teachers, familiarize themselves with the rules and regulations of a new building, and learn about various programs and activities.

This year the Middle School will host its orientation on **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, FROM 2:00-6:00 P.M.**

Now you may notice two changes. First of all, we usually have this event in the morning and secondly, it only lasts a couple of hours.

Changes will also be made to the orientation process itself. First, we want students to be able to walk their schedule in an organized manner and allow them to get accustomed to their surroundings. Students and their parents will follow their schedule from 1st through 6th periods. At each class, a teacher, administrator, or counselor will be there to discuss a specific concern. These concerns came from the surveys we distributed to all district 5th graders and their parents in May. From these surveys, we learned what concerned this group the most about entering middle school.

Among the topics to be presented at orientation will be:

- school safety (bullying, building lockdown procedures, etc.);
- academic concerns (homework, organization, achievement tests, etc.);
- service learning guidelines; and
- team building activities.

Secondly, we want a more efficient way to distribute schedules. Schedules will be distributed to students in three sections, depending on the last name. Once students receive their

schedules, they will be able to check out their lockers, walk the halls to familiarize themselves with the building, mingle with other students/teachers, and buy a school lock.

We don't mandate that all students have locks on their lockers, but we highly recommend it. If a student chooses to have a lock, it **MUST** be a school purchased lock. We ask this for a very simple reason. School administrators must have access to all locks. This is in case a student is absent and needs assignments or in case of another emergency. There have been times we have had to utilize bolt cutters to get into locker, which is upsetting to all. Finally, our locks are cheaper. We sell them at exactly what we pay for them, \$5.

In conclusion, we like our picnic at the beginning of the year. Some of you are familiar with the fact that each middle school level hosts a picnic for parents and students in late September. This year, we will be hosting our picnic on Orientation Day in our school parking lot. This will be an inviting atmosphere for all students and parents.

Please mark this very important day on your calendars as we prepare to have a very successful 2007-08 academic year.

- Jim Wheeler, Principal

SCHEDULE PICK UP

New Student Orientation- August 15

- ALL entering 6th grade students and any student new to USMS.
- Schedule pick up from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in USMS Auditorium.
- Orientation tentatively slated for 2:00 p.m.
- USMS will send letters and agendas during the first week in August.
- Watch local media and newspapers for announcements throughout the summer.
- PLEASE bring at least a \$10 deposit for your son/daughter's school fees.

7th/8th Grade Schedule Pick Up

- August 16-17
- 9:00 AM-Noon and 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- PLEASE bring at least a \$10 deposit for your son/daughter's school fees.

- Jim Wheeler

DUKES OF UNION

Dedicated Union Kids Exceeding Standards is a program designed to reward 4th and 5th grade students at Union. Students are rewarded not only for good grades but also exemplary behavior and service to the classroom or community.

One student is chosen from each class each month and is treated to an all-you-can-eat pizza buffet with the principal and a teacher at East of Chicago on the last Friday of each month. Awardees are also rewarded with a DUKE'S CHAMPIONSHIP MONTH-T-shirt! The shirt is orange and black, and perfect apparel in which to cheer on our Rams!

D.U.K.E.S. for May include:

4th Grade

Kinnear - Devin Patrick
Rose - Robert Pennington
Smith - Yajarira Ayala

5th Grade

Gelinas - Austin Frey
Miller - Dakota McClelland
Roberts - Kilee Saylor

UPPER SANDUSKY MIDDLE SCHOOL FEES . . . 2007-08

6th GRADE

\$30.00 will be utilized for:

- \$4.25 for the student handbook (down from \$6.05 last year)
- Approximately \$4 for student activity/incentive program fee
- \$5.25 for the novel for reading class
- \$7.50 for atlas for social studies
- \$8 for OGT/Achievement test calculator
- \$1 for science periodical (to be shared between 6, 7, 8)
- A decrease in ALL handbook prices

7th GRADE

\$30.25 will be utilized for:

- Approximately \$4.25 for the student handbook
- Approximately \$4 for the student activity/incentive program fee
- \$21 for Buckle Down Proficiency Math, Writing and Reading Prep
- \$1 fee for science periodical.

8th GRADE

\$30.25 to \$41.25 will be utilized for:

- Approximately \$4.25 for the student handbook
- Approximately \$4 for student activity/incentive program fee
- \$21 for Buckle Down Proficiency Math, Social Studies and Reading Prep
- \$1 fee for science periodical
- \$11 for work and family life. (Only those students enrolled in the class will have to pay this fee. Fees will be collected in W&FL class).

We ask that a \$10 deposit be placed upon schedule pick up.

ARCHIE GRIFFIN AWARD WINNERS

Each year, the OHSAA sponsors the Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award. The purpose of the award is to promote Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity in Ohio High School sports. Guidelines stipulate we give the award to one middle school male and female.

This year's winners were presented with certificates at the annual USMS Academic Awards night on May 22. Winners were: **8th grade students Macy Britton and Coty Gibson.**

We congratulate these winners as they set fine examples in their sports. Both of these students gave everything they had to their respective sports, and also set wonderful examples of integrity on the field of battle. They also gave everything they had in an academic setting.

In a sports world ripe with allegations of performance enhancing drugs, unethical behavior by athletes, and other sad displays of integrity, it is important that we celebrate sports and athletes who play for the love of the game, those who never forget they are role models and those who excel in the classroom.

Congratulations Macy and Coty! You are fine role models for all who follow at USMS.
- Jim Wheeler

SERVICE HOURS DURING SUMMER BREAK

We believe it is important for students to serve year-round and not just during the school year. We also know that summer is a great time to complete service hours. In the past, several students have completed all fifteen of their service hours in the summer. Some examples of projects are:

- assisting with vacation bible school;
- assisting with various projects at the Wyandot County Senior Center;
- working youth baseball/softball concession stands;
- helping a teacher get his/her room ready for the start of school;

- assisting in some way with Relay for Life.

There are, of course, many other ways to get service hours. Please remember to have your project pre-approved. You can do this by calling USMS Principal Jim Wheeler at the office (419) 294-5721 or at home (419) 294-5531.

USMS BOYS' TRACK

The team started out the season with a tri-meet at Bellevue after their first meet at home was cancelled. The boys placed second, losing to Fostoria by eleven points and beating Bellevue by forty two points. The team then traveled to the Ottoville Invitational, where they placed fifth. Running in the event were Continental, Lima, Leipsic, Elida, Delphos St. John's and Ottoville.

The team's first home meet was a loss against Kenton, but they did very well in individual events.

The team then moved on to the Wynford Relays and received one first place in shuttle hurdles and many second place finishes, but it wasn't enough to win, as Riverdale won it, followed by Colonel Crawford and Seneca East.

The NOL meet was the team's next challenge, and they placed fourth, coming in behind Shelby, Tiffin, and Fostoria. The team then traveled to Tiffin, placing second in a tri-meet, behind Tiffin but ahead of Shelby.

There were 42 7th and 8th Grade boys on the team this year, coached by Jeff Fett and Jason Zeller. The team would like to thank the coaches for all their time and hard work this season.

- Ty Calvin, 8th grade track athlete

USMS GIRLS' TRACK

The USMS Girls Track Team had a very exciting season. They placed fourth at the NOL meet, Hallee Stief broke the school's record for the mile, and our 4x 4 team was very successful. They are sad that the season has come to an end, but they are looking forward to next year.

The team consists of 24 8th graders and 15 7th graders. These fine athletes include Sydney Piecha, Elyse Sheck, Kaylee Hoy, Taylor Flowers, Keera Saylor, Marissa Linhart, Taylor Doughenbaugh, Ashley Clark, Michelle Webster, Chelsea Goodman, Sarah Beamer, Alli Lang, Kelsey Swavel, Alissa Gerber, Blake Harris, Kelsie Elkins, Hunter Steinbaugh, Tori Mundy, Liz Vanderpool, Danica Manns, Le Anna Smalley, Mackenzie McClain, Rachel Mattix, Shelby Caldwell, Sydney Courtad, Melissa Benjamin, Kelsey Niederkohr, Cali Perkins, Jen Easton, Makenzi Pasco, Raychelle Myers, Katlyn Beekman, Jordan Coakley, Corrine Shull, Audrey Frey, Kassi Tracy, Olivia Frey, and Theresa D'Ettore.

The coaches were Jenny Young and Andrea Bluhm.

YOUTHACT

The 2006-2007 year brought us many things to be proud of, but the greatest accomplishment was the work several 8th grade students did for Youthact.

Youthact is a middle school branch of Rotary International (of which I am a proud member). Among its many goals is to promote service to adolescents in the hope that those involved carry service over into their adult lives.

This year's group was fantastic. I asked them to not only be involved, but to make their contributions matter.

This is what they accomplished:

- raised money to send much needed supplies and educational materials to Ukraine orphanages and schools;
- worked the Rotary Ice Cream booth at the Wyandot County Fair;
- sponsored an OSU/UM Food Drive for the local food pantry;
- hosted a Veteran's Day lunch for local veterans before the USMS Veteran's Day Program.;

- hosted several Hat Days at USMS in which students paid a \$1 fine to wear a hat, the funds being used for several programs;
- ran a rummage sale;
- purchased seven gifts for needy families via the Angel Tree;
- planned and hosted a dance to purchase an AED Unit to be placed at Union School;
- purchased rattles to be given to newborn babies at Wyandot Memorial Hospital;
- distributed breakfast items to USMS students during achievement testing week.

We also planned a Hockey Night in Toledo on January 20. We wanted to work hard together and play hard together. Before the puck dropped, four of our girls sang the anthem!

If you get a chance, tell one of the kids how much you appreciate their hard work. These are the kids that will grow into adults in this community and continue to give back. We're lucky to have them!

Eli Aubihl	Katlyn Beekman	Melissa Benjamin
Macy Britton	Ty Calvin	Jordan Coakley
Ryan Courtright	Kelsie Elkins	Chelsea Frey
Olivia Frey		- Jim Wheeler

USMS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Since 1999 USMS teachers have voted on students of the month in 6th-8th Grades. Teachers vote on one boy and one girl at each level. Reasons for selection include:

- measurable improvement in academics;
- willingness to help other students and teachers;
- showing a genuine concern towards school;
- showing signs of personal improvement; and
- involvement in school and community activities.

Each May all rewarded students chaperone pre-schoolers from New Discoveries to a Toledo Mud Hens baseball game. This year's event, which took place May 16, gave students a chance to utilize their skills as role models in public.

We congratulate the following students chosen as Students of the Month as well as the New Discoveries students chaperoned:

Cale Sandridge	
Alberto Marchant	Seth Mawer
Nick Fagan	
Dylan Waggy	Garrett Thomas
Alan Gullifer	
Nick Patterson	Justin Herring
Ty Calvin	
Lucas James	Brett Montgomery
Olivia Frey	
Mackenzie McClain	Maya Collins
Sarah Smalley	
Sarah Lewis	Lyndsay Riedlinger
Logan Meddings	
Michelle Webster	Miranda Cheney
Veronica Diebert	
Lauren Racheter	McKenzie Kidwell
Brittany Gottfried	
Marissa Linhart	
Sydney Courtad	Taylor Thomas
Brittany Fletcher	
Mark Walton	
Steven Mullins	Keith Lutz
Derek Hartschuh	

Cayla Richey
Morgan Amos

Justin Miller
Adam Bills
Eddie Taylor
Tyler Burks

Nick Koehler
Stuart Young
Ian Baker

Brad Sammet
Eric Radford
Logan Newell

William Amert
Anthony Fields

Cassie Schindler
Desiree Young

Ashley Cooper
Alejandro Belteton-Soto

Lexa Cheney
Brittany Gibson

Miranda Lee
Krista Caudill

Cali Andres
Paige Miller

Braden Cano
Brayzin McDaniel
Ben Hill

Abe Hill
Evan Young

Peyton Evener
Gavin Stump

Nathan McMillan

Alyssa Newman
Paris Couch

Hunter Gottfried

Sudesh Grafmiller
Jameson Newhouse

Emily Hill
Ananlisa Clark

Each year, this trip is made possible via the generosity of several local businesses and individuals. Each donation of \$100 gets the business or individual two game tickets and their name on the back of our official Muddy Buddy T-Shirt. To date, the following have made donations to the Muddy Buddy cause:

- **Kimmel Corporation**
- **Judge Kate and Bill Aubry**
- **Russell Lee**
- **First Citizens National Bank**
- **Upper Sandusky Academic Boosters**
- **Wal-Mart**
- **East of Chicago**
- **Wilson Tire**

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Each year USMS asks students to complete fifteen hours of service learning projects. Those who complete the hours are given various rewards throughout the year, including an end-of-the-year dance. This year, all students who complete the hours were invited to the dance on May 4. It was a Friday, and after a long week of achievement tests, our kids needed some stress relief.

This year we are proud to announce that a record setting number of students completed service hours.

6th Grade - 76 students completed the hours (64% of the class)

7th Grade - 109 students completed the hours (78% of the class)

8th Grade - 95 students completed the hours (63% of the class)

Building wide - 280 students completed the hours (66% of the entire building)

Those students who completed the hours also had a composite GPA of:

6th Grade- 2.87 7th Grade- 2.94 8th Grade-3.27

Finally, each class selects a Community Service Student of the Year. This is based on a student who not only completed a lot of hours but who also had a wide variety of projects. These winners are honored with a plaque at our annual USMS Awards Night. We also keep a plaque in our building with each name on it to honor them in perpetuity.

This year's winners are:

- 6th Grade- Jenna Brocklesby;
- 7th Grade- Kelsey Collins; and
- 8th Grade- Meghan Pagnard.

High School Events

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

We are winding down the end of the 2006-2007 school year. This has been an exciting year at USHS where many of our students had an outstanding academic year and also had great success with their extracurricular activities. This summer, USHS will be offering OGT remediation classes and credit recovery opportunities for students. Summer school will be offered in reading/writing, math, science, and social studies. Classes will be June 11-29 at USHS. The first session will be from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The second session will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each day Monday thru Friday. Any student who needs to pass one or more sections of the OGT should consider summer school. Also, any student who needs to make-up credits may be considered for summer school as well. Please contact your guidance counselor for more details. Have a nice summer!

- Jim Clifford, Principal

USHS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Our congratulations go out to the students who have been selected by the high school staff as students of the month for April. These students are chosen for outstanding qualities, such as positive attitude, improved academics, academic achievement, and community and school involvement. Each recipient receives a certificate from the Lions Club and coupons from area businesses.

April

Senior: Cassie Cusick Junior: Natalie Pinion
Sophomore: Andy Griffin Freshman: Lynzi Daughenbaugh
- Jim Clifford, Principal

JUNIOR & SENIOR GUIDANCE NEWS

Even though the school year has come to an end, it does not mean that opportunities for learning have stopped. There are many things that you and your student can be doing this summer to prepare for the years ahead. The first thing that your student needs to consider is taking advantage of summer school opportunities. If students have failed a class(es) in the past, they should consider enrolling in summer school at USHS just to make sure they can keep on track to graduate on time. Along with summer school is OGT intervention. If a student still has to pass one or more sections of the OGT, this is an opportunity for them to get some extra help and to take the summer administration of the test. For more information on either summer school or OGT intervention, please contact the guidance office at (419) 294-2308.

Summer is also a great time for parents and students to begin or continue the college and/or career search. While many college campuses are pretty quiet in the summer, it is still a great opportunity to make visits. Most colleges have summer visit programs set up where you can tour campus, meet with professors, and have individual meetings with admissions counselors. Check college websites for available visit dates, and be sure to register in advance! Having some time off in the summer also creates a great opportunity to explore different careers by job shadowing. Parents should check with friends and family members to see if they would be open to allowing your student to follow them for a few hours, a day, or even longer! Have your student talk to them about what steps are necessary for them to get into that particular career so that they have a realistic view of the time and/or work commitments. Also, finding a part-time job or volunteer position is a great way to test out different work and career opportunities.

As always, please feel free to contact the guidance office with any questions or concerns you may have. Have a great summer and we will see you in the fall!!

- Cara Stevens

OUTSTANDING SENIORS

Congratulations to the class of 2007. The following seniors were recognized at our Honors Program on May 21, 2007.

The students listed below are in the top of their class. Students in the top 10 are selected by our new system of Quality Points. Students who earn the most points take more classes, enroll in higher level classes, and earn the best grades.

Students earning department awards are selected by the department teachers as the top student in their respective subject area.

Top 10 seniors:

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| 1. Liz Miller, Valedictorian | 6. Candace Pahl |
| 2. Holly Barth, Salutatorian | 7. Peter Droll |
| 3. Clinton Kuenzli | 8. Patrick Norris |
| 4. Megan Kraus | 9. Joshua Bassler |
| 5. Kelsey Stief | 10. Claude Beitler |

Department honor students:

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| 1. Social Studies | Peter Droll |
| 2. Math | Julie Stansberry |
| 3. Science | Holly Barth |
| 4. English | Liz Miller |
| 5. Foreign Language | Eric Perkins |

USHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The USHS music department is very proud to announce the success of the Chamber Choir and Symphonic Band at OMEA (Ohio Music Education Association) Large Group Contest. On March 17 both groups received Superior Ratings at District Contest at Sandusky Perkins High School. Chamber Choir received ratings of I, I, II on the floor, and a II in sight reading, while Symphonic Band received I, I, I on the floor, and I in sight reading. Superior ratings at districts earned both groups a trip to State Contest at Maumee on April 27. Again, the talents and hard work of the ensemble members earned a Superior Rating I, I, II on the floor and II in sight reading for Chamber Choir, and an Excellent Rating II, II, II on the floor, and II in sight reading for Symphonic Band. Congratulations to these outstanding ensembles and their directors.

- Rosalind Thacker, Director

NHS INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS

This spring twenty-nine new members were inducted into the USHS Chapter of the National Honor Society. The candlelight induction was held in the Fairhaven Auditorium before the families of current and new members, an event which included a pot luck dinner. The speaker for the evening was Judge Kate Aubry. Those inducted include: Seniors Jessica James and Megan Ulsh, Juniors Clare Aubry, Ben Baaske, Danielle Bachtell, Trista Baker, Jared Barth, Sara Bennett, Kelly Brocklesby, Kevin Brodman, Lauren Bruynis, Jennie Cheney, Emily Coakley, Morgan Dunnam, Travis Elkins, Jenna Gottfried, Cameron Hoerig, Emily Holycross, Chelsea Jury, Nikki Linhart, Chelsea Massie, Justine McMillan, Brittany Molnar, Jill Pelfrey, Hannah Reid, John Searfoss, Jamie Schmidt, Joe Sebenoler, and Tyler Vent. To be selected for membership these students completed an application process that included evidence of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

- Teresa Harris, Advisor



EMPLOYERS HONORED BY USHS

MARKETING / DECA



Upper Sandusky High School's senior marketing education / DECA cooperative work-study students honored their training station employers, outstanding fellow students, and marketing program supporters during their recent Employer Appreciation Banquet held at the Elks Lodge in Upper Sandusky. Fifty-five honored and special guests attended the banquet and awards ceremony, including

representatives from the local business community, school, and government officials, and students' parents and family members. Rebecca Smalley, president of the Upper Sandusky High School DECA Chapter (an international association of marketing students), served as master of ceremonies for the event.

The Pour House Restaurant, 130 N. Sandusky Avenue, was honored as the 2007 "Employer of the Year." The award was accepted on behalf of their business by Craig and Camille Swartz.

- Wayne Thomas, Adv.

FCCLA MEMBER COMPETES AT STATE

On Thursday April 19, 2007, Brittani Stutz competed at the FCCLA (Family, Career, Community Leaders of America) state competition at the Ohio State Fair Grounds in Columbus, Ohio. Brittani competed in the Focus on Children event and received a gold rating. For this event she had to plan and implement age appropriate lessons to a group of children. Brittani chose to plan lessons that would help preschoolers develop their fine motor skills. Brittani did this by going to Angeline Preschool in October and November and to Head Start in January and February. While at each of the schools, Brittani planned crafts themed around the months. She then put together a display of her work and developed a speech to present to a panel of three judges. In March Brittani competed at the Region 4 Regional Rally. She received a gold rating and had the top Focus on Children project, qualifying her to compete at State Competition. Congratulations, Brittani!

- Jessica Pohlman, FCCLA Adv.

QUIZ BOWL 3PEATS / THANKS ACADEMIC BOOSTERS FOR SUPPORT!

Upper Sandusky High School's quiz bowl team enjoyed another highly successful season during the 2006-2007 school year. The Rams claimed their third straight Wyandot/Seneca County Quiz Bowl League Championship! This year's success was due to the outstanding leadership of it's senior members. Senior members are: Clay Richey, Liz Miller, Holly Taylor, Nick Waggy, Mitchel Grenwalt, Eric Perkins, Korde Hinkle, Caroline Orians and Pete Droll. The Rams are looking forward to the challenges of going for a fourth straight championship with returning juniors Crystal Shasteen, Jacob Webb, Bailey Lohr, Ben Baaske, Jared Barth, Cameron Hoerig, Sara Bennett and Jenny Cheney, sophomores Sarah Adelsperger, John Lok, Vince D'Ettore, Clint Richey and Jenna Karg and freshmen Alec Stansbery, Jordan Patton and Lauren Miller. The Rams opened their season with their only loss, then ran off 9 consecutive wins to claim the championship and the tournament's #1 seed. In the tournament the Rams won 5 of 6 matches to claim that title as well. Results of the matches were:

New Riegel 185 ~ Upper 150
Upper 125 ~ Mohawk 120

Upper 195 ~ Carey 145
Upper 155 ~ Bettsville 135
Upper 155 ~ Fostoria 80
Upper 155 ~ Old Fort 50
Upper 150 ~ St. Wendelin 145
Upper 145 ~ Calvert 80
Upper 225 ~ Columbian 175
Upper 160 ~ Seneca East 55

The Rams then earned a trip to the 2007 Regional tournament at Defiance High School. There the Rams won 2 of their 4 matches to finish 6th out of 16 teams (the highest finish ever for Upper Sandusky).

The quiz bowl team would like to extend a big thank-you to everyone who supported us this season. A very special thanks goes out to the Upper Sandusky Academic Boosters who sponsored our team this year! Without them paying our entry fees for the league and Regionals and buying us questions to practice with, we could not have possibly been as successful. Thanks much!

- Steve Sturgeon, Adv.

USHS Athletic Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Meghan Horn and Duane Ham for being selected to the Upper Sandusky High School Athletic Hall of Fame "Class of 2007." The induction ceremony will be held on Friday, September 28th prior to the Tiffin Columbian-Upper Sandusky home varsity football game.

- Brad Ehrman, Athletic Dir.

USHS Spring Sport Briefs

The USHS varsity baseball team defeated Lexington 13-7 and Shelby 18-7 to win the sectional tournament. The Rams came back from a 7-0 deficit to win their second consecutive sectional championship and to advance to the district tournament.

The Lady Ram softball team finished with a 13-9 overall record and an 8-6 mark in the NOL. They won their first game in the sectional tournament by defeating Riverdale 6-1 but suffered a heart-breaking 1-0 defeat in 9 innings to state-ranked Colonel Crawford.

The Lady Ram track team made a strong showing in this year's NOL meet by scoring 114.5 points and finishing in 2nd place. The following athletes won NOL championships for the Lady Rams:

100 and 200 Meter Dash - Chantel Ankney

3200 Meter Run - Kelsey Stief

4 x 100 Meter Relay - Ashleigh Kline, Lauren Bruynis, Lacy Daughenbaugh, Chantel Ankey

4 x 200 Meter Relay - Emily Caudill, Lauren Bruynis, Lacy Daughenbaugh, Chantel Ankney

4 x 400 Meter Relay - Lynzi Daughenbaugh, Lacy Daughenbaugh, Annalee Frey, Lauren Bruynis

The USHS boys track team finished in 6th place at this year's NOL track championship. Jason Beidelschies led the Rams, winning the 110 Meter Hurdles.

The USHS tennis team showed signs of improvement throughout the year as the 19 Ram tennis team members competed on the tennis courts this spring. They finished the season on a positive note with a 3-2 win over Galion.

- Brad Ehrman, Athletic Dir.

PARENT ACCESS UPDATE

We hope that parents and students have found Parent Access, the web interface to grades, homework, and attendance, a powerful communication tool between school and home. To make preparations for the 2007-2008 school year, **all Parent Access accounts will be disabled and deleted** as of June 30, 2007.

Access to Parent Access for the 2007-2008 school year will not begin until the end of September. New account information letters will be mailed home or sent with your child the week after the Wyandot County Fair.

If you have any questions about Parent Access, please contact District Technology Coordinator Jim Frye at jim_f@treca.org.

- Jim Frye, Tech. Coordinator

TECHNOLOGY DEPT. CONTINUES INKJET/LASER CARTRIDGE & CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

The Technology Department continues its collection program of empty inkjet and laser printer cartridges and cell phones no longer in use. The technology department works with a company, The Funding Factory, to recycle these items, and, in return, receives points that can be converted into new technology purchases. If you have empty inkjet/laser printer cartridges or old, unused cell phones lying around, please drop them off at your child's school office, and they will be collected and sent to Mr. Frye for packaging and shipment. All models/brands are accepted. Please help save the environment and support your technology department!

- Jim Frye, Tech. Coordinator

The school district is investigating options for classroom space (1 kindergarten classroom). If you know of a facility publicly accessible and suitable for this purpose, please contact Supt. Ken Doseck at (419) 294-2306.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMP SCHEDULE

June 6-9	Lady Ram Girls Basketball Camp	
	See brochure for times	Grades 4-6
	See brochure for times	Grades 7-9
June 11-14	Lady Ram Girls Soccer Camp	
	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Grades 4-8
June 11-14	Ram Boys Basketball Camp	
	7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Grades 7-8
	10:00 a.m. - noon	Grades 5-6
June 18-21	Girls Volleyball Camp	
	7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Grades 7-8
	10:00 a.m. - noon	Grades 5-6
June 18-21	Ram Boys Soccer Camp	
	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Grades 4-8
June 25-28	Ram Boys Football Camp	
	See brochure for times	Grades 5-8
June 25-28	Tennis Camp	
	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Grades 4-8
July 31-Aug. 2	Cheerleading Clinic	
	3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Grades 1-8

*For more information or to receive a camp brochure call the high school office at 419-294-2308.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



For more information about school events and activities, please watch WRAM TV 22 or visit our web site at www.upper sandusky.k12.oh.us



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