



MUSICAL NOTES FROM EAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

If you want to hear some “cheesy” music, you should hear songs the kindergarten and first grade classes at East Elementary prepared for their Spring Music program on April 16. They did a new twist on an old song “The Farmer in the Dell” and new tunes “It’s the Cheese” and “Hot Time in the Cheese Town Tonight.” Clever parents prepared costumes such as wedges of cheese, string cheese, and Velveeta cheese.

The second and third grade students went to the circus as they performed the musical play “Circus, Circus” for the Spring program. There were clowns, sword swallows, flame swallows and even some ferocious lions. The students had a great time “clowin’ around.”

Imagine a road trip in the family van, hitting the beach, going fishing, camping and attending a ball game. That’s what the fourth and fifth grader students did as they performed the musical, “I Need a Vacation.” It got us all in the mood for summer vacation! Some of the fifth graders were busy as the band also made its musical debut.

The fifth graders have much to look forward to in music after the Spring music program. They will be trying out a new computer program called Digital Performer. By using this program, they will be able to play their original music into a piano keyboard attached to the computer and manipulate it to create a “Blues Composition.” They will use the keyboard to lay in individual parts for the drums, string bass, keyboard and a solo instrument such as the clarinet, saxophone, or trumpet. After the parts are recorded individually, the students will be able to hear what the parts sound like together and edit errors. It will be exciting to hear what our young composers will create!

Finally, on Tuesday, May 21, all fifth grade students will get dressed up and go to the Ohio Theater in Columbus to hear the Columbus Symphony Orchestra. We are very fortunate that Rotary is again willing to sponsor this trip. For many of these students, this will be a once in a lifetime experience.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Cindy Constien

3rd Grade Teacher at South Elementary

Years with Upper Sandusky Schools: 8 years.
Favorite Part of My Job: I love to see the energy, excitement, and enthusiasm the young people have for learning. Each day brings something different and a new challenge. I like to find ways to keep the learning fun and make the students laugh and smile!

I Love to: Play my trumpet, sing and “jam” with my kids.

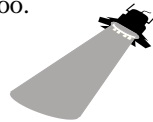
Last Book Read: “Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs.” What to expect from a third grade teacher!

Last Good Movie: “Shrek”

Favorite Hobby: Baking cookies.

Favorite Place to Visit: It’s a tie between Burt Lake in Indian River, MI or Phoenix, AZ.

Family: Hubby - Lee; Daughter - Angie; Son - Cliff; Dog - Oreo; and Cat - BooBoo.



Virginia Patrick

East School Custodian and Bus Driver

Years with Upper Sandusky Schools: 9 years.
Favorite Part of My Job: I’m a janitor (what could there possibly be?? haha! I’m a jack-of-all-trades MASTER OF NONE! All kidding aside - I love conversing with this age group - they are so innocent.

I Love to: Read, travel and collect things.

Last Book Read: “The Quilt Makers Gift” by Jeff Brumbeau. A children’s story that has quite a message.

Last Good Movie: “Pay It Forward” - It’s about one child that makes quite an impact on the world he lives in.

Favorite Hobby: Collecting Longaberger baskets, music boxes and anything of Thomas Kincade’s.

Favorite Place to Visit: Longaberger Homestead and Amish country.

Family: Husband - Ron; Children - Robert, Thomas, Rhonda, Brian, Audra and Meredith. 15 grandkids.



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USHS MARKETING STUDENTS WIN HIGH HONORS AT OHIO DECA CONFERENCE

Upper Sandusky High School marketing education students Samantha Conn (junior) and Lacie Kirby (senior) won high honors at the recent Ohio DECA Leadership Development Conference in Columbus.

Miss Conn, daughter of Herb and Dee Conn, Jr., was a top-10 state qualifier in the fashion apparel and accessories marketing competition and won the right to advance to International DECA marketing competition in Salt Lake City, Utah, in late April. Her event consisted of a written test and two role-playing marketing-related case studies presented to a panel of judges.

Miss Kirby, daughter of Gene and Judi Kirby, captured second place in the Ohio DECA “outstanding marketing student” competition. Her event consisted of a written manual outlining her scholastic accomplishments, DECA achievements, school and community involvement, and career goals. She also participated in the food marketing competition at the state conference.

“I am extremely proud of both students for their outstanding accomplishments in Ohio DECA competition,” said Wayne Thomas, Upper Sandusky’s marketing education instructor/coordinator and DECA advisor. “Participation in state competition is an honor itself; but Sami winning the right to represent Upper Sandusky High School in international DECA competition in Salt Lake City, and Lacie winning high personal honors is the ‘icing on the cake’ for our marketing program this year.”

SPECIAL EVENTS

May

4	High School Prom	16	High School Spring Concert
7	High School Music Awards Program	20	High School Honors Program
9	Middle School Honors Program	26	Graduation Ceremony, 2:00 p.m.
13	Middle School Spring Concert	30	Last Day of Class

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.



PICNIC TABLES FOR MARSEILLES SCHOOL!

We want to thank Sue Bennett and the Wyandot County Recycling Center for the new picnic tables for the shelter house at Marseilles School. The tables are made of recycled materials and look great. We also want to thank all the parents that came out and put them together. These tables will allow us to have classes outside, play quiet games at recess, or even enjoy a snack. The Marseilles community will also enjoy the use of the shelter house and tables over the summer. THANK YOU!

LEAP INTO READING

Marseilles is now an Ohio Reads school. We are implementing new LEAP equipment in the primary grades to encourage more reading practice. The students are enjoying practicing letters, sounds and spelling on the LeapMat. They work on phonics skills and assessments at the LeapDesk. With the LeapPads they enjoy a variety of books and phonics skill cards. We have really seen an increase in how much the students are reading and sounding out words. As the students improve their skills they earn books which they get to keep in order to build their own home library. Everyone is having a great time learning - by leaps and bounds!

RIGHT TO READ WEEK AT MARSEILLES

"CATCH A DRAGON BY A TALE"

The students at Marseilles Elementary School celebrated Right To Read Week during the week of April 15-19. The school centered their week around the theme "Catch a Dragon by a Tale."

Each classroom chose a fairy tale to study. Some of the activities included classroom buddy reading, daily trivia questions, an all school introduction to each fairy tale studied, kite making, and crafts. The teachers each hosted the different classrooms in the building for a make-it, take-it session that involved their fairy tale. Each classroom also wrote an alternate ending to their

fairy tale and presented it to the school.

Students kept a running log of the many other fairy tales they read throughout the week during silent reading time. There were also two occasions where the entire school got together to silent read in the gym.

The grand finale to the week came on Friday when the entire school attended a ball similar to the one that was attended by Cinderella. Each student and teacher dressed up as their favorite fairy tale character or dressed as they would to go to a ball. The gym was decorated and the students and teachers danced many dances such as the Macarena, the Electric Slide, the Chicken Dance, etc. There was even a duet sung by Mr. Lortz and Miss Gottfried! The students also enjoyed dancing to popular music and their dance moves were fantastic! Afterwards cookies, chips and punch were served to everyone.

A Parent Night was held to allow the parents to see the wonderful artwork that was completed throughout the week and to provide an opportunity for them to fly the home-made kite made by their child. As a wrap-up to the entire week the *Illusion Factory* from Akron came to the school to teach the children about the various elements involved in making and putting on a play. They presented "Oh Jack!" which was a spin off of the fairy tale "Jack and the Beanstalk." What a great week at Marseilles Elementary! Hats off to the students and staff!



SOUTH SCHOOL "SPRINGS" INTO ACTIVITIES

Kindergarten Buddies

Kindergarten Buddies has been a fun project for kindergarten and third grades at South School. The program officially got off the ground in February. Each month a theme is selected and an appropriate book is read by the third graders to their kindergarten buddy. Each student in both grades gets to take the book home to help build up their own library. An activity relating to the state course of study is then completed. February's theme was "teeth." The students read "Just Going to the Dentist," discussed healthy habits for our teeth, made giant crocodile toothbrushes and were presented with a home health tooth kit. March brought a trip to Neumeister's Candy Shoppe and our local library as we read the book about "Franklin's Class Trip." In April we discussed rainbows and weather as the book, "The Rainbow Fish" was read. Now our rooms are decorated with colorful windsocks. The month of May will bring the buddy program to a close for this year with the book "Curious George Goes to an Ice Cream Shop" and an ice cream party for the classes. The Buddy Program is supported by a Martha Holden Jennings Grant.

4th & 5th Grade Study Civil War

The 4th and 5th graders at South School combined to complete a literature study and social studies unit on the Civil War. The students participated in various activities during the unit. They worked in centers to investigate various aspects of the war. They collaborated pictures, read books, and used the computer to locate information. To help understand the different points of view from Civil War participants, the students read various chapter books and then wrote paragraphs, displayed them on a poster board, and shared them with the other students. The students enjoyed a guest speaker, Mr. Lou Pfeiffer, who told about the life of a Civil War soldier and showed them artifacts related to the war. As a culminating project, small groups worked together to create a Hyper Studio presentation, which displayed the student's newly acquired knowledge of the War Between the States. The presentation incorporated research, writing,

keyboarding and computer skills, as well as interactive skills between students. Overall, the students enjoyed working with the other classroom, gained a wide range of knowledge during an important part of our history, and learned tolerance of opinions and other races.

OLYMPIC TORCH VISITS EAST SCHOOL FIRST GRADE

First Graders at East Elementary School had a real "hands on" experience during the week of the Winter Olympics. Mrs. Nancy Kessler brought in the torch that she was chosen to carry. She ran one city block in Lima when the Olympic flame passed through Ohio last winter.

The students were able to touch the torch and examine the inscription of Salt Lake City which was inscribed inside. Each torch cost \$300. Mrs. Kessler also wore the uniform that she had on when running. Coca Cola donated the torch and uniform each participant wore.

Nancy was one of 11,000 people selected out of over 200,000 applicants to carry the torch. Mrs. Kessler, who was nominated by her husband, is a volunteer for many organizations. She is a substitute teacher for Angeline and Our Lady of Consolation Schools.

USHS DECA STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT JOB FAIR

Upper Sandusky High School senior marketing education/DECA students Wendy Bertsche, Angel Cheney, Margaret Held, Brett James, Lacie Kirby, Amanda Weatherholtz and Angela Weatherholtz volunteered to serve as hostesses at the recent Seneca-Wyandot Employment and Training Expo, held at the Fairhaven Community in Upper Sandusky on April 3. J.R. Lopez, account executive, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services in Tiffin, noted that, "On behalf of the committee for the Expo, I would like to thank (USHS) for allowing your DECA students to assist us. It's always nice to see young people involved with community events, and we hope that this will encourage them to become involved in other civic events in your community." The high school DECA advisor is Wayne Thomas, marketing education instructor/coordinator.

