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Superintendent's Message

Winter Greetings!

As you glance through this newsletter, you will see the many accomplishments and celebrations of our Strasburg students. Our Project Lead the Way curriculum is up and running in the elementary and high school. Our high school students are preparing to participate in the Community Showcase on May 10, 2018, at Buckeye Career Center. Be sure to read the article enclosed to learn more about these programs.

Student performances are highlighted in this newsletter including the marching band's visit to Virginia along with the second/third graders' Christmas concert before break. Widows Helping Widows is a perfect testimony to the incredible support given to our school district from within our Strasburg community. Widows Helping Widows created the adorable costumes for the Christmas concert. The children wore them with pride and excitement. Be sure to mark your calendars for the SHS Drama Club's performance of *The Misadventures of the Musketeers* on March 16/17 in the cafeteria.

Also highlighted in this edition, are the variety of events scheduled for children and adults in the community. Our Grand Event showcased the amazing grandparents of our elementary students. The Veteran's Day event allowed students to show respect to a most honored and revered group of Strasburg community members. Our Student Council also championed a can food drive to help those in need.

We continue to collaborate with the Tiger Foundation and the Dover YMCA to move forward with the prospect of creating a Strasburg YMCA. Strasburg is a perfect location for this venture. If you are interested in participating in a committee geared toward fundraising, please contact me directly.

As we look toward the new year, it is perfect time to reflect and be grateful for our blessings. As author William Arthur Ward wrote,

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

On behalf of our Board of Education and our district staff, I extend sincere gratitude and appreciation to all our families and community members. We thank you for all that you have done and continue to do, to support our schools and students. We truly are better because of you!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Cindy Brown



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Project Lead the Way

Project Lead the Way (PLTW), which is a national leading provider of K-12 STEM programs, continues here at Strasburg. Mr. Rauckhorst's Introduction to Engineering Design (IED) class is busy learning engineering processes and standards with hands-on projects. Teams of students and individual students are working to design solutions to a variety of problems. Students are empowered to find solutions to real world problems and will test and present those solutions in class as well as at a Showcase on May 10 at Buckeye Career Center. The plan is for this class of students to go on to Principles of Engineering next year.



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VISION STATEMENT:

The Strasburg-Franklin Local School District will foster
Personal Responsibility In Developing Excellence



Social Justice Academy

Strasburg's Social Justice team continues to grow in numbers and gain knowledge as students continue to attend Academy days and learn about Social Justice. Co-teacher coordinators Casey Rife and Mary Fierbaugh have been attending events and working with the students through this program.

The goal of the Student Social Justice Academies, year two of an initiative of the *All In: Ensuring Success for All Students Straight-A Grant*, is to promote awareness and appreciation for ALL students, regardless of their diverse learning needs, economic status, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, cultural background, etc. Participating students identify, explore, and move beyond personal perceptions and biases to develop their own voices and implement strategies that give voice to ALL students in the school. Students learn skills to positively impact their community and ensure equity and inclusiveness in their school.

MISSION STATEMENT: The Strasburg-Franklin Local School District is committed to developing successful students who value academic excellence and are prepared to contribute positively to society.



(l to r) Front row: Robin Burkett, Veronica Spidell; back row: Wes Hostetler, Dan Donato, Kevin Harvey.

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The Strasburg-Franklin Local Schools' Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs, activities, or employment.

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The fourth and fifth-grade classes will be working on modules which started in January. Fourth grade will work on applying scientific ideas about using the conversion of energy to solve a simple design problem. The fifth graders will be working with robotics and automation. They will learn how to develop programming skills, including tablet applications and applying the robotic knowledge and skills to solve problems.

We hope to continue to build the program by adding both third grade and middle school next year. If you are interested in investing in Strasburg's students and the PLTW program with a donation, please contact the central office for the paperwork. The US Department of Commerce estimates that jobs in science and engineering will grow by double digit percentage in 2018 and beyond.

Kindergarten Registration

Strasburg Elementary is excited to offer kindergarten registration packets beginning **Monday, February 26**. Packets may be picked up in the school office from 7:45 AM - 3:45 PM or on the evenings of February 22 and February 27 until 7:00 PM. Registration packets will also be available at the Strasburg Library.



Kindergarten screening will be held on **Thursday, April 19**. An appointment for screening can be made when the packet is picked up, or by calling the school office at 330-878-6503.

Enrollment paperwork (student's enrollment form and birth certificate, and the parent's proof of residency) must be completed and returned to the school by **Friday, March 23**. Any other paperwork can be returned on the day of screening. Computers will also be available on screening day for completion of Final Forms, an online data application that collects and stores registration information, such as emergency medical forms. Parents will receive more information regarding this service prior to screening via email

Students must be five years old on or before August 1, 2018, to enroll in kindergarten. Please contact Mrs. Demuth at 330-878-6503, ext. 3 with questions. We are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to welcome our newest Tigers into our school!

Notification Requirement for Active Military Legal Guardians

The Ohio Department of Education is requiring all school districts to report students whose legal guardians are active in the Armed Forces or the National Guard. Please notify your child's school secretary if you are an active member of the Armed Forces or the National Guard. Beginning next year, this information will be included in your child's enrollment paperwork. We appreciate your assistance with this data collection.



Marching Band News

The Strasburg Marching Band had an eventful Thanksgiving break! The band, under the direction of Mr. Dan Bolen and Mrs. Beth Linerode, and many parents had a wonderful trip to Virginia. They were invited to play on the USS Wisconsin BB64 United States Navy Battleship. The ship is located in Norfolk, VA along with the Nauticus Museum. The students were educated about the US Navy and marine life. While on the trip, they stayed at Virginia Beach on the boardwalk, which was decorated with Christmas lights. They also enjoyed another learning experience when they visited the Historic Williamsburg where they visited all the houses and learned what life was like in the olden days. Next the band went to Busch Gardens and rode the rides. When the sun went down, they witnessed over a million Christmas lights throughout the park. They ended the trip on a Spirit of Norfolk cruise with a delicious buffet dinner and dance, played games, and caught spectacular views of the mighty ships and submarines of the Navy's Atlantic Fleet on the Elizabeth River. The band takes a trip every four years, and the students have fundraisers to help pay the costs. Thank you to the community, the school board, Mr. Hall, and Mrs. Brown for always supporting them.

Healthy Habits in the Cafeteria



Drama Department News

The Strasburg Drama Department's spring production of *The Misadventures of the Musketeers* by Wade Bradford will take place on **Friday, March 16 and Saturday, March 17 at 7:00 PM**. Doors open at 6:15 PM. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets may be purchased at the door. The cast includes: **Mollie Harper, Dwight McGlumphy, Isaac Snyder, Darian Davis, Zachariah Kotewicz, Trevor Shetler, Maddie Powell, Chloe Curfman, Emily Bailey, Mercedes Lopez, Jessica Cespedes, Madeline Saari, Phallon Patterson, Makayla Reiger, Liv Lauvray, Wyema Porter, Megan Snyder, and Brandon Graybill**. The play is directed by **Ms. Rachel Ripley**.

Join us for this comedic version of the Alexandre Dumas classic, *The Three Musketeers*, and learn how the Musketeers came to be the iconic trio we know and love today! Produced by special arrangement with Eldridge Publishing Company.





Student Council

Share a Christmas



December Students of the Month

Preston Davis and **Claudia Airhart** have been selected as Strasburg's Students of the Month for December. Every month, a student is selected from the Middle School and High School to receive this honor. This year, the Strasburg Lions' Club is collaborating with the Strasburg Franklin Local School District to sponsor the Student of the Month program. Preston and Claudia were recognized at the board meeting on January 10, 2018.



Preston is a senior at Strasburg and the son of Greg and Amy Davis. He was nominated by his science teacher, Garrett Rauckhorst. Preston is a member of the Scholar Challenge team at Strasburg. He is also a member of the National Honor Society. Preston enjoys playing video games in his spare time.



Claudia is an eighth grade student at Strasburg and the daughter of Charles and Karen Airhart. She was nominated by her English teacher, Carisa Pryor. Claudia is a member of the Power of the Pen team at Strasburg. In her free time, she enjoys playing the piano and reading.



Middle/High School





The second and third-grade classes entertained a large crowd on December 18 with their holiday program. The students also performed for the Widows Helping Widows Group, who created the wonderful costumes worn in the program. There was even a special visitor from the North Pole!



The kindergarten classes enjoyed decorating (and sampling!) their very own gingerbread cookies.



The PTG sponsored a pretzel fundraiser which raised over \$7,000 for needed school supplies. Students who sold two boxes of pretzels enjoyed the opportunity to Silly String the principal.



School data shows the PBIS program continues to improve students' behavior and completion of work. Incentives include Zero Club Parties, Daily Shout-Outs, Keychains, Ten-Day Rewards, and Potato Chip parties.



Over 300 "grand" guests attended the third annual event, which included lunch, poetry, and activities.



Mrs. Kendra Wolgamott was recently selected by Farmer's Insurance as the recipient of a \$2,500 grant to be used in her classroom! Congratulations to Mrs. Wolgamott!

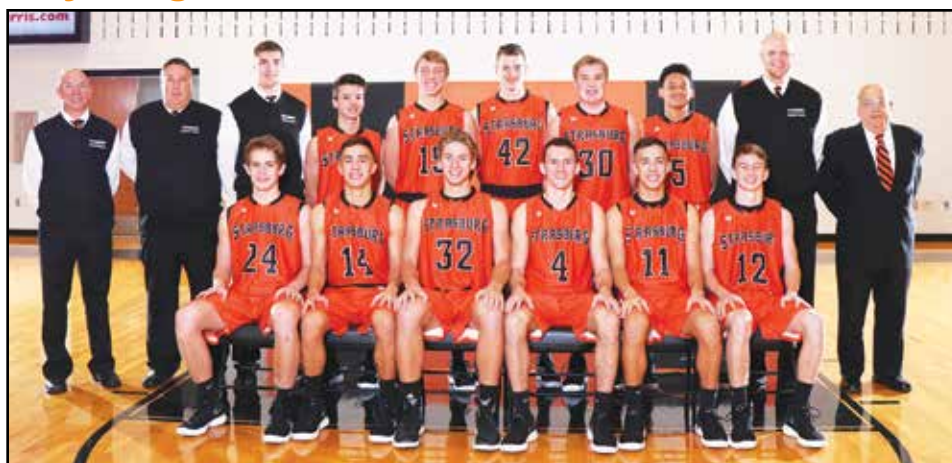
Thank You Veterans!



The elementary hosted its third annual Veterans Day breakfast and program on Friday, November 10. Over 100 guests attended. This year a large wooden flag constructed from our K-2 students' hand-prints was created, and became a permanent fixture in the building. Thanks to the generosity of our students, we also donated \$125 to Disabled American Veterans.



Boys High School Basketball Team



Girls High School Basketball Team



JV Basketball Team



Girls Eighth Grade Basketball Team



Boys Eighth Grade Basketball Team



Girls Seventh Grade Basketball Team



Boys Seventh Grade Basketball Team



High School Cheerleaders

