

The Edison Edition

Fall 2011

From the Superintendent's Desk

Welcome to the 2011 Fall Issue of *The Edison Edition*. Keeping an open line of communication between the school and home is an essential component in raising student achievement.

Since becoming Superintendent of Edison Local Schools, I continually witness a community that is positive and supportive of its students and schools. For the second year in a row, the Edison Local School District received an "Excellent" rating from the Ohio Department of Education. I am proud of our students, staff, and parents that make this difficult feat possible.

As you probably know, the Edison Local School District is placing a 9.45 continuous operating levy on the November 2011 ballot. The purpose of this levy is to maintain the quality of education students are receiving. In the past seven years, the District has not filled 97 positions, lost \$700,000 annually from First Energy, and lost approximately \$500,000 from state budget cuts. Our teachers are definitely doing more with less. The levy means no new programs. We just want to maintain existing programs and keep Edison strong. We need your support.

Lastly, I want to congratulate Pleasant Hill Elementary, John Gregg Elementary, and Edison High School for receiving a rating of "Excellent" on the state report card. Also, Stanton received an "Effective" rating. This year, the Edison Local School District met 22 of 26 indicators, and received an "Above" value-added rating. This is not an easy task. We have the best teachers, students, parents, and administrators around. However, we will keep pushing ahead to make greater strides the coming year. High expectations create high results. Have a great school year.

Respectfully Yours in Education,



Dr. David Quattrochi, Superintendent
Edison Local School District



Go Wildcats!!!!

Edison High School



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

As the 2011-2012 school year begins, our transition to a 7-12 building has gone exceptionally well. This

is a credit to our staff and our students. Edison High School has once again been named a "School of Excellence," a title EHS has held for three years in a row. Our teachers are dedicated to preparing our students so that each student performs to the best of his/her abilities.

We currently have 70 students enrolled in our Dual Credit Program through EGCC. For the 3rd year in a row, Edison students have the opportunity to earn college credit for classes taken at the high school, absolutely free of

Principal, Matt Morrison
Assistant Principal, Mike McKenzie
Assistant Principal, Kim Wadas
Guidance Counselor, Susan Arlotta
Guidance Counselor, Leah Snyder

charge. Any student taking advantage of this opportunity could potentially get up to 44 college credit hours which is a saving of approximately \$15,000. We encourage our students to take full advantage of this program. No other school offers this opportunity to their students. Our Quality Core Program is going strong for a second year. Our students will once again be testing at the end of the school year marking their academic improvement over the course of the year.

With the integration of the 7th and 8th graders, we have instituted an 8th grade Honors Program. EHS is the only school in the area to give 8th graders an opportunity to earn a high school credit for Spanish I, Algebra I English 9 and Integrated Science. Our 8th grade Honors students are working hard and are doing a great job in the program.



We would like to congratulate our Fall athletes on their success. Our 2011 Homecoming Queen, Nhung Tran, was crowned during the halftime festivities of the Homecoming game on September 23, 2011. Congratulations to Nhung and to all the girls on the Homecoming Court. Our parade, halftime festivities, and dance, under the direction of Mrs. Granatir, were a huge success.

The EHS Band held the 6th annual *Tearin' Up the Turf* Show on Saturday, September 17th. The show featured the Heavenly Metal Steel Drum Band, the Indian Creek Marching Band, St. Clairsville Marching Band, the Thomas Jefferson Marching Band from Pittsburgh and the Edison Wildcat Marching Band. Congratulations to Mr. Sansone and the Edison band on a successful and entertaining program.



Congratulations go out to Seniors, Brittany Foit, Shawn Wilson and Zach Zdinak who auditioned and were selected to sing in the Ohio All State Honors Choir this coming winter. Junior, Josh Higgins, was selected to be an alternate. This select choir will perform at the Ohio Educators Association State Conference. Also we have Juniors, Erin Hartzell and Bryce Satowski along with EHS 2011 graduates, Devon Satkowski and Bailey Gooderl, who participated in the 2011 All Ohio State Fair Youth Choir. They were selected to be a part of the 200 member chorus that spends 18 days performing at the Ohio State Fair. They learn over 60 songs, perform in over 100 concerts and walk over 200 miles. What an honor it is to have these Edison Choir members selected to represent our school.



We would also like to congratulate the EHS Forestry team members, Taylor Grafton, Matt Stevens, Conrad Shaffer, Blaine Cline, Melody Pergi, Madison Moore and CJ Glenn, and the Soil Team members, Rachel Zimmer, Mikayla Marshall, Michael Watkins, Meghan Scott and Cheyanne Allen for their outstanding ranking at the State and the District Career Development Event Competition. The Forestry team and Soil Team both placed 8th in the State. Matt Stevens, individually, placed 9th at the state level for Forestry and Rachel Zimmer placed 10th for Soils.



We are continuing to use our technology to enhance learning in each and every classroom. The teachers are using smartboards as well as clickers in their classrooms. The students have access to Nooks through the EHS library. We will continue to use the technology we have to provide our students with a 21st century learning environment.

Seniors who participated in the Senior - Junior Powder Puff game, raising money to help those in need who are part of our Edison family.



Seniors volleyball players, Jasmyn Falasca, Kathryn Crow and Natalie Snyder pose for a picture with their Volley for a Cure t-shirts, raising awareness for Breast Cancer research.



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Stanton Elementary

Principal, Ron Sismondo

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Stanton Elementary is off to a new and exciting start to the 2011-2012 academic year. Stanton Elementary is comprised of 266 Preschool through sixth grade students. We are also designated as an Effective school by the Ohio Department of Education. Value-Added results have shown students have met expected academic growth progress for the 2010-2011 school year. We are working

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diligently as a staff and student body to raise the bar even higher to exceed last year's results. Stanton Elementary would like to announce and welcome our newest staff member: Mr. Corwin Koppelman—Art Teacher

The year began with an Open House/Orientation day on August 23. As many as 300 students and community members attended the session that included a presentation on our OLWEUS Bullying Prevention Program. The official Kickoff Assembly was held on September 23 where all grade levels participated in skits and songs to celebrate the occasion. All students will meet as a homeroom on Fridays for anti-bullying lessons and discussions. We will continue to support our students and community with many programs and fundraising activities that includes Relay for Life, The United Way Campaign, Recycling, and Box Tops for Education throughout the year. Our PTO Kickoff Fundraiser started on September 26 and ordered items pick-up will be announced in the near future. Officers have been selected: Helen Smith, President; Greg Bell, Vice President; Lindsay Wilson, Secretary; Kelly Dopp, Treasurer.

The week of September 19-September 23 was Safety Awareness Week. All students participated in all activities that included fire drill, tornado drill, and lockdown drills. Grade 3 Ohio Reading Achievement Test was administered on October 4. On September 29, K-4 homeroom students recorded the Pledge of Allegiance for WRKY 103.5 Radio Station to be played throughout the year on their morning show.

The Stanton Family Literacy Program is off to a good start with two sessions completed. This program is a literacy training for families and their 3-5 year old children. This program focuses on helping parents develop skills to assist their children in learning to read at home. If you would like to attend the remaining sessions on October 11, 25, and November 8 and 30 from 11:30-1:30PM please call the principal's office to register. There is no cost to attend.



Stanton Makes a Big Commitment

By Mrs. Dopp Third Grade

On Friday, September 23rd the students at Stanton Elementary made a HUGE commitment. They joined all the elementary students of Edison to commit to being bully free. They celebrated this commitment with a Bullying Prevention Kickoff.



The kickoff was held in the auditorium. It opened with video clips of Stanton students being interviewed about bullies and bullying. The students in the video tape answered questions about what bullying is, why bullying is dangerous, and what you should do if you see bullying at school. Each grade level came to the stage to perform a song or cheer that represented their commitment to being bully free. Sixth grade rewrote the words to Black Eyed Peas "I Gotta Feeling" to sing about bullies. Kindergarten sang an original bullying song to the tune of "This Little Light of Mine" and did sign language to the words. Every song or cheer was cute and creative! The parents in attendance were impressed. The students watched a video clip skit of fifth and sixth graders showing what bullying by exclusion meant and another skit showing how to include others. The students also review the four bullying rules. Each child left the assembly with a smile on their face and an ice cream cup donated from United Dairy. It was a positive kickoff.



So what happens next? Every Friday Stanton students will hold classroom meetings to discuss bullying and learn more about the anti bullying rules. The teachers and students are showing their excitement for the bullying prevention program by wearing their bully free t-shirts. Each student is committed to making Stanton a better place to learn!

Stanton's kindergarten is a bunch of BUSY BEES!! We are learning letters, sounds, words, shapes, and numbers. We have several students who can already count to 100. These students are "LIGHTING IT UP" in Kindergarten: Rayna Shane, Adali Earich, Lexie Reed, Faith Bell, Kylee Leishman, Zoe Board, Justus Black, Jacob Hooper, Davey Ketchum, Jaden Morris, Trinity Spencer, Isabella Thornton, Riley Stine, Haley Rudder, Sara Johnston, Alexis Smith, Stevie Miller, and Samantha Smith.

In reading we have two students who can read more than 45 letters in a minute. These students are Jaden Morris who read 105 letters in one minute and Lexie Reed who read 47 letters in one minute. Their pictures have been added to our Coconut Tree and both were able to take Alpha Bear home for a couple of days and write an adventure that they had with him. We also have more students who are ready to take the challenge. Stay tuned to the next newsletter to find out who else makes the challenge. We are so proud of all of you!



Reading is Charming - We are also happy to announce that when each kindergarten child reads five books, they get to add a book charm to his or her bracelet. We want to read 100 books by the end of the year!!! We all want to be bookworms! The children are very excited about this!

We are so excited about our **Family Literacy Program**. We are training pre-school and kindergarten parents with techniques and strategies on how to teach their children how to read at home. We are building a foundation for Reading Success!!!



Upcoming Events

Nov. 4	Report Cards go home with students
Nov. 8	Family Literacy Day 11:30-1:30PM at Stanton
Nov. 9	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00PM
Nov. 23-28	No School—Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 29	Lifetouch Picture Retakes
Nov. 30	Family Literacy Day 11:30-1:30PM at Stanton

Third Graders Celebrate Success on Fall OAA By K. Dopp & J. Kireta

Stanton's third grade students took their first Ohio Achievement Assessment on October 4th. They took the reading assessment. The students were excited and nervous to see what the test was like. They have never taken it before because third grade is the first year students take the test. One student said, "It was easier than I thought it would be!" Other students were surprised at how long the test was.

To celebrate 100% attendance the day of the test, the students were rewarded the afternoon of the test with a fall celebration. The celebration included snacks and a craft. For a special treat, each student got to make a caramel apple topped with their choice of nuts, chocolate chips or sprinkles. The students dipped the apples themselves and had to wait (not so patiently!) while the apples chilled. In the meantime, students worked on decorating small fall pumpkins. Their creative juices really got flowing! Some students painted scary faces or cat faces. Others just decorated their pumpkins in stripes or swirls. We had a lot of fun celebrating this third grade milestone. The students definitely deserved it after their hard work.

JOHN GREGG ELEMENTARY

"School of Excellence"

Message from the Principal

John Gregg Elementary was designated as an "Excellent" academic school for 2010-2011. We are striving to improve our instructional practices so our students may be the best that they can be academically.

The Family Literacy Program has started off as a huge success. This program helps parents develop skills to assist their children in learning to read at home. There is still time to register for the program. The program starts at 11:00 for lunch and ends at 1:00.

The program is for families with three, four, and five year old children.

Our kick-off for the OLWEUS Bullying Prevention program was held on Friday, September 23rd. All of the students received shirts and a wrist bracelet printed with John Gregg Elem. Bully Free.

The program featured the staff in skits portraying bullying and how we can stop the bullying. Mrs. Dinger taught the students several songs, which we enjoyed. The program ended with the students placing a thumbprint on a poster stating our school is bully-free.

The **third grade** students took the Ohio Reading Achievement test on Tuesday, October 4, 2011. I am confident that they will do well.

Our annual Festival in the Woods in Richmond was held on Saturday, October 8th. Our community enjoyed the many vendors and crafts, a variety of food and music, a talent show, and much more. We appreciate all of the hard work from our PTO. Thanks!

Congratulations! Mrs. Tally Pasiuk received the "Miracle Maker Teacher Award" from Walmart Distribution Center. She was recognized at a benefit dinner with a plaque and a monetary gift for our school. Thanks, for all of your hard work.

We sincerely thank all of you who have offered to volunteer at John Gregg Elementary to participate in PTO activities and serve as Ohio Reads volunteers. Your gift of time is sincerely appreciated.

A huge thank-you must go out to the Bergholz Community Foundation for the donation of \$1,500.00 to help us provide our students with materials and supplies. Also, Family Dollar General donated school supplies for our students. Thank You!

We appreciate all of the time and support from our families and members of our community.

Principal, Mrs. Fatima Smuck



Kayla Albaugh, Abigail Booth, Faith Loy, Kayla Wood, Lauren Ferralli, Shane Miles, Kaleb Briganti, Noah Simpson, Noah Cain, Nathan Cain, Honoring those in the September 11th Attack



Bullying Prevention Program
Logan Morrison,
Jaden Vincenzo,
Cooper Smith



Bullying Prevention Program
(Back Row) Randi Bake, Larry Crow, Bill Beattie, Dr. David Quattrochi, Fatima Smuck, (front row) Paige Furbee, Levi McCourt, Zac Evans, Drew Beebe, Rebekah



Honoring those in the September 11th Attack - Mackenzie Baker, Alexa Irvine, Keirston Long, Ellie McKee



Family Literacy Program (left) Melody and Micah Larkins and (right) Jaime and Lena Wagner



PLEASANT HILL ELEMENTARY

Principal, Mrs. Stephanie Blundon

“School of Excellence”

Message from the Principal

The 2011-12 school year is well underway at Pleasant Hill Elementary. In 2011, Pleasant Hill was once again designated a School of Excellence. This is the fourth time we have reached this designation in the last five years. As you know, we have had many changes which have prompted some adjustments to our routine this year. We are happy to have the 5th and 6th grade students and teachers as well as the addition of Art to our related arts program. In addition to this, we now have a computerized cafeteria system which allows you to pay ahead for your child’s lunch. We have kicked off our Olweus Anti-Bullying program. We have also had some improvements to our campus including a new road and new front doors. It is our goal to continue to improve and evolve in order to assure student success, safety and happiness.

I was happy to see so many of you at the Edison Rally in September, and I hope you continue to take part in the district wide events. At Pleasant Hill, we have been working to make our school an integral part of the community. One event that we offer is our PTO sponsored Family Movie Nights. These are well attended by families, and the students enjoy their time together. Because our staff and the PTO are truly partners in every student’s education, I urge you to become involved and help us make Pleasant Hill a great place to be.

The first grade students have taken the first field trip of the year to Meadowcroft Village. The students learned about life in Colonial America and compared that to our way of life today. It is always an enjoyable and educational trip for our young students. Preschool students have once again taken a trip to the pumpkin patch to see how pumpkins grow and to pick one out for themselves.

The students at Pleasant Hill are learning to be good citizens and to demonstrate responsibility and respect. We will be participating in the United Way drive, Jump Rope for Heart, Relay for Life and Red Ribbon Week as well as making donations to various community organizations at our Family Movie Nights.

Please make every effort to vote on Nov. 8th. Issue 7 is important to our schools. This levy will help us maintain our excellence.



(Pictured at right)Teachers Alicia Hartman and Debbie Bickar along with the Edison Wildcat lead the cheer “Stop Bullying Right Now” at the OLWEUS Kick-Off.



(right)The Wildcat leads cheers for the OLWEUS Kick-Off



Labors

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Sixth grade students sing the rap, “We Will Stop You.”



Mrs. McCafferty’s Kindergarten class at Pleasant Hill dressed up each day in a particular color to help with learning colors. This was RED day!

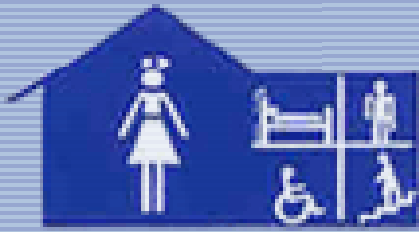


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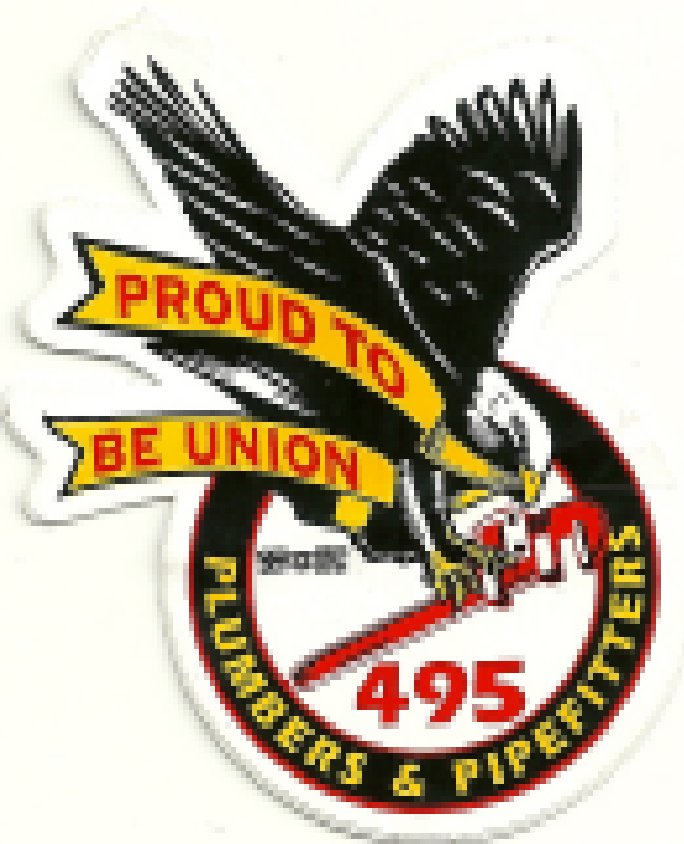


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