



Green Local Schools

“Drive to Excellence”

2015-2016 Smithie Newsletter Issue #5

VISION

“Preparing Students for Life
through
Excellence in Education”

MISSION

Educate Everyone, Everyday

WE BELIEVE

- ◆ All students can and have the opportunity to learn
- ◆ All students matter and their best interest is the foundation of all decisions
- ◆ In continual improvement and the ongoing pursuit of excellence
- ◆ A quality education is the shared responsibility of family, schools and community
- ◆ Resources are finite, and we must use them responsibly
- ◆ Safe and healthy facilities promote positive learning experiences
- ◆ The values of the community are important to the learning process
- ◆ Good communication is open, honest, and timely

Open House for Berkey Fieldhouse State of the Schools Update

**Wednesday, May 25, 2016
5:30 pm to 7:00pm**

Come see the renovation work in the locker rooms, painting in the gym, family restroom and remodeled band room. Board members and administrative leadership will provide an update of the school district's strategic plan and discuss future financial and capital needs.

Please join us!



**Congratulations to Treasurer, Mark Dickerhoof and his staff for earning the Auditor of State's Award for exemplary financial reporting!
Thank you!**

Advocating for Literacy

One area of academic achievement that teachers are passionate about is creating strong literacy skills for all students. “Literacy” is the ability to read and write. Early literacy focuses on what children need at young ages to improve their literacy skills. As children enter preschool, kindergarten and the primary grades, it is important that all students have the proper foundation to help them prepare for 3rd grade and beyond. Therefore, our K - 2 teachers are training in an exciting new literacy program call “Foundations”. This program promises to make learning to read fun while laying the groundwork for life-long literacy. Our teachers are very excited about the training they have received!

As reading and writing skills develop at higher grade levels, it is important to challenge students with more complicated vocabulary skills to improve literacy. Teachers introduce words that students can incorporate into speaking, writing and doing. Many times a word is best learned through hands on projects. As you read through this issue of the Smithie news, you will read about the word “advocacy” - a word that is best learned by doing. We are proud of the leadership lessons that were learned while creating advocacy projects relevant to students’ interests!

May 2-6 we celebrated Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week! Thank you to all of the volunteers who recognized what a great staff we have at Green Local Schools! And THANK YOU again staff for all you do! Enjoy these last few weeks of school!

Judy Robinson, Superintendent



Green Local School's teachers and administrators have worked diligently this school year to evaluate our district's curricular needs. Teachers and staff members have attended before and after school meetings as well as many professional development sessions to prepare for the updated resources to be purchased for the 2016-2017 school year. New materials and resources being purchased will align to Ohio's Learning Standards, meet building and district academic goals, as well as prepare our students to be college and career ready. New resources will be purchased throughout the district and in a variety of subject areas this spring. These updated resources are preparing the district to begin the implementation of a five-year curriculum cycle. The curriculum cycle allows for one year of review, research, analysis and planning, followed by four years of implementation and monitoring. The review cycle provides in-depth study of each content area on a staggered basis, allowing time to review, create, revise, and implement with consistency across the grade level bands. It is exciting to be able to provide staff with relevant, researched-based, and technology-enhanced resources to support students in becoming college and career ready!

From Lindsey Welch, Curriculum Director

District/Building Safety Plans Approved!

Congratulations to Mr. Jason DeMassimo and his Safety Team for the work on the district's safety plan. Under new guidelines from the Ohio Department of Homeland Security, the district and each school building's safety plans **were approved** and found to be "COMPLIANT" with the standards required by Homeland Security. Thanks to the Village of Smithville Police Department and the Central Fire District for their input and attendance at all of the meetings.



The Ohio Department of Education requires school districts to hold safety drills on a monthly basis. On a warm sunny day in March, all students were evacuated from the school building to the stadium in a test drill to see how quickly missing students and staff could be identified in the event of a true emergency. All students and staff were accounted for and processes worked smoothly! Thanks to the district staff for their assistance!

Facilities / Operations Update:

Online preventative maintenance plan for new building
 Painting of Berkey Gymnasium
 Berkey Locker Room Renovation & Family Restroom
 Bleacher & Scoreboard Replacement in Berkey Gym
 Exterior Signs at Main and Summit Street
 New Placement of Pavers from Berkey Fieldhouse
 Install vertical blinds in all classrooms
 Warehouse enclosure (former Vo-Ag building)
 Two new buses delivered

Completion Date

Completed – in use
 Completed
 May 23, 2016
 Summer 2016
 August 2016
 August 2016
 August 2016
 Summer 2016
 August 2016

Ohio Arts Advocacy Day Legislative Visit

On April 22, 2016, Senator Frank LaRose visited Smithville High School, toured the school and spoke with the SHS Choir members. This visit was part of Smithville High School's participation in Ohio Arts Advocacy Day. SHS was one of eight schools selected through an application process to participate in this exciting opportunity. On May 18th, 2016, six students will travel with Mr. Zimmerly, Choir Director, to Columbus. During the visit, students will learn about the government process and participate in a state-wide celebration of arts in our schools. Additionally, the students will each speak with five or six Legislators about the importance of arts education and what these special opportunities have meant to them during their education at Green Local Schools.





PRESCHOOL SHOWCASE 2016

Green Local Schools hosted its first ever "Preschool Showcase" on Thursday, April 14 at 6pm at Green Elementary School. The Preschool Showcase was the idea of school psychologist Kristy Dobes who identified a need in the community for parents to find out what preschool options are available, as well as connect to the public school district their children will eventually attend. The Showcase was for any family with toddlers to Kindergarten age. At the Showcase, the current Preschoolers and Kindergartners sang together, on stage, led by Mrs. Dobes. A light meal was provided by the GES PTO (thank you!) along with outstanding cupcakes and door prizes. The GES kindergarten teachers were on hand with coloring books and information about Kindergarten expectations and provided classroom visits too. Thank you Mrs. Dobes, preschools from Oak Grove, Head Start, Tri-County and WSCCC, GLS Bus Drivers, Wayne County Library, Boys & Girls Club, Orrville YMCA, EJ Therapy and the Girl Scouts for making this evening a huge success for our families!

After the Showcase one parent wrote: "My daughter was able to realize and make the connection that her friends from preschool will also be attending kindergarten with her. Last night when I asked her about her favorite part of "school" - she responded "singing on the stage". =)"



Pictured are GMS students who sold key chains to benefit the Wayne County Humane Society.

Mrs. Ebert's middle school students recently completed an "advocacy" project. Students worked with a partner or small group to identify a "cause" -- something that they strongly felt needed to be changed. Some of the topics included preventing animal cruelty, raising money for cancer research, encouraging differentiation of instruction for gifted students, the need for technology classes for GMS students, awareness of childhood hunger, saving dolphins, and an overhaul of how our federal tax dollars are used. Students proposed their ideas for advocacy projects, as well as the methods and arguments they planned to use and their target audiences. Students were challenged to carry out these plans, if possible, for the benefit of something in the community.

Green Elementary Earth Day

The students at Green Elementary enjoyed a beautiful day celebrating Earth Day. Kelly Riley from the Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation Department visited with students in grades kindergarten through second grades. She spoke to the kindergarten students about the importance of keeping our lakes and rivers clean through a program called "Freddie the Fish." The first and second grade students learned about "Tremendous Trees" which the students are transformed into the many different parts that make up a tree. The students also learned about the many different uses that we rely on trees for. She will be coming back again to visit the third through fifth grade classes to talk about the "Incredible Journey" which the students travel through the many stages of the water cycle.



DATES TO REMEMBER

May

May 7—Prom/Grand March 5:30pm Berkey Fieldhouse
 May 9—Board of Education Meeting at Marshallville Park/
 Klusch Hall 7:30pm
 May 13—GMS Musical 7:00pm
 May 14—GMS Musical 2:00pm & 7:00pm
 May 15—GMS Musical 2:00pm
 May 16—SHS Spring Band /Choir Concert 7:00pm
 May 16—PTO Meeting 7:00pm
 May 17—GMS Spring Band/Choir Concert 7:00pm
 May 19—SHS Band & Choir Awards Banquet 7:00pm
 May 20—Sports Physicals 3-5:30pm
 May 23—State of the Schools Update/Berkey FH Open House
 5:30-7:00pm
 May 24—Senior Banquet 6:00pm
 May 25—GES Awards Day—Gr. 2,3,4 9:00am
 May 25—5th Grade Promotion Ceremony 2:00pm

May

May 25—SHS Underclassmen Awards Berkey F.H. 1:00pm
 May 26—6th Grade Promotion 8:00am
 May 26—7th Grade Promotion 9:00am
 May 26—8th Grade Promotion 10:30am
 May 26—Drama Awards Ceremony 6:30pm
 May 26—Last Day of School
 May 29—Graduation 2:00pm
 May 31-June 3—Girls Youth Basketball Camp 8-10:00am
 May 31-June 3—Gr. 4-8 Boys Basketball Camp 10:00am-2:30pm

June

June 6-10—HS Volleyball Camp 8-10:00am
 June 13—Board of Education Meeting Berkey FH 7:00pm

Check out the Interactive Calendar on the District webpage for all district activities. www.green-local.k12.oh.us

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**Green Middle School Proudly Presents...
 Disney's The Lion King Jr. the Musical**

When:

Friday May 13th @ 7:00 PM
 Saturday May 14th @ 2:00 PM
 Saturday May 14th 7:00 PM
 Sunday May 15th 2:00 PM

Ticket Prices:

\$8.00 for Adults
 \$7.00 for Students (-18) & Seniors (65+)

ATHLETIC SPORTS PHYSICALS FOR 2016-2017

On May 20th we will be holding sports physicals for the 2016-2017 season at the High School/Middle School in the Auxiliary gym, from 3:00-5:30. The cost will be \$20.00 and if you need to write a check please make it out to Dr. Ranney. There will be copies of sports physicals in the main office or you can download it off the school website. This is open to any Smithville student going into 7th-12th grade looking to participate in athletics. Note: All athletes will need a physical done prior to being able to participate in any athletics here at Smithville each year.



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