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## 2023 Educator of the Year Stephen Heppe

*“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.”*

~Benjamin Franklin.

This quote can sum up the 2023 Wayne SWCD’s Educator of the Year’s teaching style, as **Stephen Heppe** keeps his students busy in all sorts of projects.

The Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District is pleased to announce the 2023 Educator of the Year was awarded to Smithville High School’s FFA advisor Mr. Stephen Heppe. Stephen has shown leadership and been a longtime role model to our youth and community in conservation education. He is very well organized, kind, funny and well liked by his peers and students. Stephen leads by example and he has excellent communication skills and management abilities.

Although he hails from Portage County and still resides in Randolph, Stephen has a long history here in Wayne County. Before becoming the Ag Teacher at Smithville High School in 2018, Stephen worked at Wayne County OSU Extension for ten years in the 4-H and Agriculture areas. He has always been a familiar face at the Wayne County Fair, helping as a 4-H Volunteer since 2005. He has served on the Jr. Fair Staff, and he also serves in his own county on the Portage County Randolph Fair Board. Stephen is involved in numerous youth and livestock clubs and organizations. Beyond that, he is proud that his family farm had farmed on some of the same land for over 100 years, where they raised corn, soybeans and a few livestock. His family believes in no-till farming and they are very proud of their history of soil conservation and his beliefs come through in his teachings.

Stephen says, “I believe in instilling a sense of responsibility and stewardship in my students, teaching them that we are the ones who need to take care of the soil for ourselves and future generations.” This philosophy resonates as his students use hands on activities to learn about soil structure, erosion, and proper measures to make the soil healthy. Students will bring soil samples from home and determine their soils type, available nutrients, and determine what conservation choices they could do to improve the soil. Students compete at the County, District and State FFA Soil Judging contests. His students are involved in running and managing the Smithville HS Greenhouse, where they raise a variety of spring, fall and winter plants. They have plant sales where Stephen incorporates his Ag Business lessons into the projects. Stephen is heavily involved in community events and livestock projects as well with students. The FFA kids have competed in the Livestock Challenges, attend National Shows, visit the Farm Science Review, Farm Machinery Shows, and the National FFA Convention, among other events. We are very fortunate to have Stephen, teaching here in Wayne County, and we are very happy to congratulate and recognize him.

*-Published by Kelly Riley, Education Specialist at the Wayne County SWCD*



*We are so proud of our very own, Mr. Stephen Heppe, being named the Educator of the Year by Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District. We are so thankful to have Mr. Heppe at Green Local Schools, and want to congratulate him on this accomplishment!*

**MISSION: Forging Smithies For Success**



# District News

## OHUDDLE

### OHUDDLE needs you!

The Mentor-to-Mentee deficit is real. Green Local Schools currently has over 14 students waiting to be matched with a Mentor. Only a commitment of 45 minutes a week with the opportunity to change a life forever. Training is held monthly, available online and in person. Scan the QR code below for more information, or contact the high school office @ 330-669-3165, ask for Sarah Tucker - OHuddle.

WANT TO INVEST IN  
YOUR  
COMMUNITY?



# BECOME A MENTOR

OHUDDLE IS TRAINING NEW YOUTH  
MENTORS FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

AUG 14, NOV 13, JAN 8, MAR 11, MAY 13

| 5 PM |

OHUDDLE HOUSE WOOSTER

- OR -

SEP 13, OCT 11, DEC 13, FEB 14, APR 10

| 12 PM |

OHUDDLE HOUSE WOOSTER

90 MINUTE VIRTUAL -OR- IN PERSON OPTIONS  
TO COMPLETE MENTOR ORIENTATION

WWW.OHUDDLE.ORG  
969 1/2 BLACHLEYVILLE RD WOOSTER

EMAIL OR  
SIGN UP  
BELOW



### Green Local Schools is using ParentSquare as a communication platform.



Parents, have you registered your account?

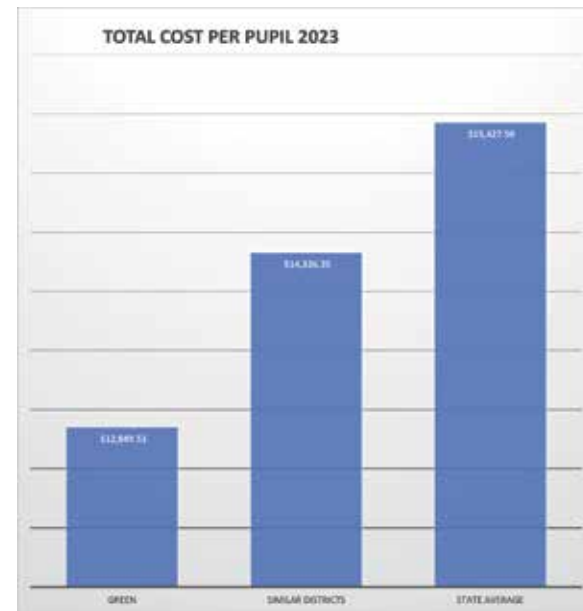
Accounts are not required to receive urgent alerts (school closings, delays, etc); those will be sent via text/email. However, by registering your account, you will broaden the opportunities of communication and engagement for you and your child!

If you are a parent and need help registering your account, please contact: Courtney Knight, Board Office Secretary, 330-669-3921, ext. 5000.

### The Treasurer's Corner

## FY2023 District Profile Report

The Board of Education remains committed to keeping the community informed about the facing our school district and the need to sustain funding in order to maintain a high-quality education for its students. The go-to state source for fiscal data is the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce district Profile Reports, also known as the "Cupp Report", which is named after retired lawmaker Bob Cupp.



The chart to the right shows the latest information available (fiscal year 2023) on the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce website under the FY2023 District Profile Report. The chart compares Green to similar districts and the state average. We are proud to say that Green Local has a lower total cost per pupil than both the State average and that of similar districts.

-Erin VanMeter

## Ohio Music Education Association - District 6 Solo & Ensemble Contest

Rider Hershberger and Ethan Numer received SUPERIOR ratings on their piano solos. Maggie Skaggs received a SUPERIOR rating on her vocal solo. Smithville was well represented, and we are so proud of these students!





# High School News



Congratulations to **Ms. Winkler** and the **Smithie Art Club** for showing at the Ohio School Boards Association Conference, held in Columbus this past November.

## Smithville Band & Choir Events

- March**
- 18 **6-12 Music in our Schools Choral Concert**..... 6:30PM  
This concert is free admission, and a wonderful opportunity to see all of our choirs, grades 6-12 perform on one night!
- 20 **Bands in the Round**..... 6:30PM  
This year's concert features all of our bands, grades 6-12, and admission is free! This concert is a wonderful opportunity to support our Smithie Bands.
- April**
- 12 **Taste of Broadway** ..... TBD  
This will be the second year we host Taste of Broadway, a unique opportunity to enjoy a catered dinner and enjoy vocal performances by students in our Drama Department. Any and all songs from Broadway are open to performance. Our inaugural Taste of Broadway last year was a hit, and we can't wait to bring you more of the same this year. Stay tuned for information on ticket cost and when they'll be available for purchase.
- May**
- 14 **SHS Band & Choir Concert and Awards Night**..... 6:00PM  
Come see our final high school performance of the year, and help us recognize our students for their efforts!
- 15 **GMS Band & Choir Spring Concert** ..... 6:30PM  
It's the final time our middle schoolers will perform for the year. Come see how much they've learned and grown as musicians through our school year!

### High School Track

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT
3/26	4:30 PM	VS LOUDONVILLE
4/6	12:00 PM	MCCAY RELAYS
4/9	4:30 PM	VS DALTON/HILLSDALE
4/13	9:00 AM	@ LOUDONVILLE - COWEN INVITE
4/16	4:30 PM	@ CHIP. W/ RITTMAN
4/19	4:00 PM	@ TRIWAY TRACK INVITE
4/23	4:30 PM	VS WAYNEDEALE/NORWAYNE (SR NIGHT)
4/26	4:00 PM	TOM LANTZ INVITE
4/30	4:00 PM	@ NORTHWESTERN
5/3	3:30 PM	@ NORWAYNE - DWIGHT SCHAR INVITE
5/6	4:00 PM	HOME FRESH/SOPH MEET
5/10	4:30 PM	WCAL MEET
5/11	9:30 AM	WCAL MEET

### Middle School Track

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT
4/1	5:00 PM	VS DALTON/HILLSDALE
4/8	5:00 PM	@ CHIPPEWA W/RITTMAN
4/15	4:30 PM	VS NORWAYNE/WAYNEDEALE
4/19	4:30 PM	@ LOUDONVILLE
4/22	5:00 PM	@ NORTHWESTERN
4/24	5:00 PM	WCAL RELAYS@NORWAYNE
5/2	5:00 PM	WCAL MEET @ NWESTERN

**These schedules are correct at time of printing. For the most up-to-date information, please visit the athletic department website.**



### Varsity Baseball

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT
3/19	5:00 PM	VS TUSLAW (SCRIMMAGE)
3/20	5:00 PM	@ MAPLETON (SCRIMMAGE)
3/26	5:00 PM	@ HILLSDALE
3/27	5:00 PM	VS HILLSDALE
3/29	5:00 PM	@ WELLINGTON
3/30	5:00 PM	@ ORRVILLE
4/2	5:00 PM	@ NORWAYNE
4/3	5:00 PM	VS NORWAYNE
4/5	5:00 PM	@ LOUDONVILLE
4/6	11:00 AM	@ LAKE CENTER CHRISTIAN
4/9	5:00 PM	@ WAYNEDEALE
4/10	5:00 PM	VS WAYNEDEALE
4/16	5:00 PM	@ NORTHWESTERN
4/17	5:00 PM	VS NORTHWESTERN
4/19	5:00 PM	@ MINERVA
4/20	11:30 AM	VS MANCHESTER
4/23	5:00 PM	@ CHIPPEWA
4/24	5:00 PM	VS CHIPPEWA
4/27	1:30 PM	@ TRIWAY (TOURNAMENT)
4/30	5:00 PM	VS DALTON
5/1	5:00 PM	@ DALTON
5/2	5:00 PM	@ CANTON SOUTH
5/3	7:00 PM	@ WEST HOLMES
5/7	5:00 PM	VS RITTMAN
5/8	5:00 PM	@ RITTMAN
5/9	5:00 PM	@ MANCHESTER

### Varsity Softball

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT
3/20	5:00 PM	VS MAPLETON (SCRIMMAGE)
3/23	11:00 AM	VS WESTERN RESERVE
3/25	5:00 PM	VS FAIRLESS
3/26	5:00 PM	@ HILLSDALE
3/27	5:00 PM	VS HILLSDALE
4/1	5:00 PM	VS CANTON MCKINLEY
4/2	5:00 PM	@ NORWAYNE
4/3	5:00 PM	VS NORWAYNE
4/9	5:00 PM	@ WAYNEDEALE
4/10	5:00 PM	VS WAYNEDEALE
4/12	5:00 PM	VS NORTON
4/16	5:00 PM	@ NORTHWESTERN
4/17	5:00 PM	VS NORTHWESTERN
4/19	5:00 PM	@ ORRVILLE
4/20	11:00 AM	@ BLACK RIVER
4/23	5:00 PM	@ CHIPPEWA
4/24	5:00 PM	VS CHIPPEWA
4/25	5:00 PM	@ CANTON SOUTH
4/26	5:00 PM	@ CANTON CENTRAL CATH
4/27	11:00 AM	VS HILAND
4/29	5:00 PM	VS WOOSTER
4/30	5:00 PM	VS DALTON
5/1	5:00 PM	@ DALTON
5/3	5:00 PM	@ LAKE CENTER CHRISTIAN
5/6	5:00 PM	@ CENTRAL CHRISTIAN
5/7	5:00 PM	VS RITTMAN
5/8	5:00 PM	@ RITTMAN

### Jr Varsity Softball

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT
3/20	5:00 PM	@ MAPLETON (SCRIMMAGE)
3/23	1:00 PM	VS WESTERN RESERVE
3/25	5:00 PM	@ FAIRLESS
3/26	5:00 PM	VS HILLSDALE
3/27	5:00 PM	@ HILLSDALE
4/1	5:00 PM	@ CANTON MCKINLEY
4/2	5:00 PM	VS NORWAYNE
4/3	5:00 PM	@ NORWAYNE
4/9	5:00 PM	VS WAYNEDEALE
4/10	5:00 PM	@ WAYNEDEALE
4/2	5:00 PM	@ NORTON
4/15	5:00 PM	VS CANTON MCKINLEY
4/16	5:00 PM	VS NORTHWESTERN
4/17	5:00 PM	@ NORTHWESTERN
4/20	12:45 PM	@ BLACK RIVER
4/23	5:00 PM	VS CHIPPEWA
4/24	5:00 PM	@ CHIPPEWA
4/25	5:00 PM	@ CLOVERLEAF
4/29	5:00 PM	@ WOOSTER
4/30	5:00 PM	@ DALTON
5/1	5:00 PM	VS DALTON
5/7	5:00 PM	@ RITTMAN
5/8	5:00 PM	VS RITTMAN



# Wayne County Schools Career Ctr.

Superintendent Frank made his way over to visit with some of our Smithies attending The Wayne County Schools Career Center. This visit served as a powerful reminder of the district's dedication to nurturing talent and preparing students for future success in diverse industries. **We are so proud of these Smithies!**





# Wayne County Schools Career Ctr.



## Photo Request

**At the last Green Local Schools event you attended, did you take a photo? We'd love to see it!**

We can't be everywhere, but we want to share what is going on in our district! Any photos you submit may end up right here in our newsletter! (Or our webpage, calendar and other social media accounts!)

Using the largest file size option available to provide the best quality image ("Actual Size" on iPhones sample shown to the right), send pictures to: [gren\\_socialmedia@tccsa.net](mailto:gren_socialmedia@tccsa.net).

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# Middle School News

## GMS PRINCIPAL & Parent Chat!

We aim to build an inclusive culture and family atmosphere within our school and we need the support and input of all parents at our meetings!

Next meeting:  
Monday April 8th  
6:30 pm  
In the Middle School  
No Childcare provided.



*Do you want to be a chaperon for your students' field trips?*

*Do you want to help with their class parties?*

*Do you want to help at our back-to-school celebrations?*

### VOLUNTEER!

Green Local school policy states that all volunteers are required to have a criminal background check before volunteering. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for our district, please visit the Green Local webpage under the Parents tab / School forms to review the packet of information and click on the secure link within the document to register in the BIB system. If you have already completed a BCI/FBI background check through the district, your background check is good for five (5) years and you will be notified with renewal procedures.

Thank you to our past, present and future volunteers!



## Leader in Me Summit

**On November 17, GMS hosted the first ever Middle School Leader in Me Summit in Ohio.**

Over 125 students and 35 adults from 12 different districts from across the state were in attendance. The morning was spent with a keynote speaker, booster activities created by our own GMS students, and then some more training from LiM.

After lunch, students from each district shared what their student leadership team does to make an impact at their school. Our students not only did an excellent job with their presentation, but also hosting and MCing the event.





# Middle School News



## Best of Show

Eighth-grader **Mary Feil** won “Best of Show” out of all 3D entries from all Wayne County Schools at the Wayne County Jr. High Art Show! Mary’s award-winning artwork is a stoneware tea set that she threw, piece-by-piece, on the potter’s wheel, before applying gold decals and copper luster.

It was on display with many other Smithie entries at the Wayne Center for the Arts during the Exhibit. This is our eighth Best of Show win in 9½ years! Go Smithie Art!



## Community Connection

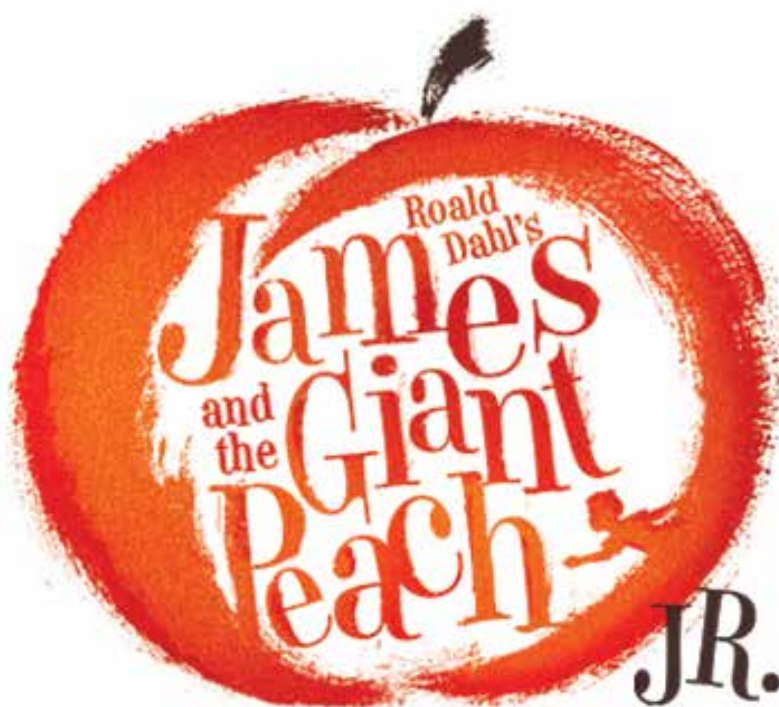
**Lauren Mingay**, of The Lauren Mingay Team with Re/Max Showcase, came to GMS to share her expertise as a real estate agent with eighth-grade student, **Mary Feil**.

## Spelling Bee

On Tuesday, January 23, seventh-grader **Molly Conrad** traveled to Orrville to compete in the Wayne County Spelling Bee. She did a fantastic job representing GMS and made us proud. Way to go, Molly!

## Promote Your Business HERE!

Are you looking to promote your business or organization in the Green Local School District? Place an advertisement in our District newsletter! Contact Mrs. Knight in the Board Office, at 330-669-3921, ext. 5000.



## Mark your calendars!

The Green Middle School Drama Club will be presenting *James & The Giant Peach, the Musical* on **Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11 at 7:00 PM, and Sunday, May 12 at 2:00 PM**. All tickets will be \$10, sold online and at the door. More information is available at <http://greenlocaldrama.weebly.com/>.

## Dates to Remember

MARCH	
8	Professional Development - NO SCHOOL
15	2-Hour Early Release End of 3rd Nine Weeks
25-29	Spring Break - NO SCHOOL
APRIL	
1	Spring Break - NO SCHOOL
MAY	
27	Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL
30	2-Hour Early Release <b>Students' Last Day</b>
31	Teacher Check-Out Day



# Elementary News



Before Christmas break, our students celebrated the upcoming holiday with games, snacks and crafts.



Kindergarten classes dressed up like they were 100 years old for their 100th day of school!



The elementary classrooms celebrated Valentines Day with crafts, snacks and exchanging valentines with their classmates.



## Health and Wellness

The health and wellness of your student is important to us. School nurses protect and promote student health, facilitate optimal development, and encourage academic success. In order to best serve students at Green Local Schools, please be sure to keep the nurses up to date on any health and medical changes your student may have throughout the school year. Changes to notify the school nurses of include, updated immunization records, vision screenings, chronic illness plans and updates, injuries, and medication changes.

School nurses **Melody Martell** RN, BSN, or **Julie Welty** LPN can be reached via email at [mmartell@wscsc.org](mailto:mmartell@wscsc.org) or [gren\\_jwelty@tccsa.net](mailto:gren_jwelty@tccsa.net). You can also call the school and request to speak with one of the school nurses.



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*Toward the 23-24 Leader in Me Program*