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The First Annual East Canton Education Celebration

This event is a district-wide showcase of problem-based learning. There will be events for all ages pre-school through grade 12. It is a family-friendly event with activities and snacks provided. Enter through Door #6.

School Resource Officer Yeager Participates in Training at R.G. Drage

During Spring Break when most school employees around Stark County were enjoying some time off, Officer Yeager was busy training. He took part with more than 50 other officers from nine counties in a state-mandated School Resource Officer training that took place at R.G. Drage Career Center. This is a requirement of House Bill 318. The bill passed last year, requires all school resource officers to receive 40 hours of formal training sanctioned by the Ohio School Resource Officers Association and the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission.

Officer Yeager said, “The week of training was great. It was really informative. Anytime I can gain more knowledge and learn more through training courses it is a good opportunity.” The regional training was designed to make the training consistent for all officers who work in public schools statewide. During the five-day training officers were taught by instructors, who are considered experts in their field, on topics that ranged from child development and how traumatic stress affects youth. There was also coursework on special needs and the security requirements of districts. Officer Yeager looks forward to implementing the training within Osnaburg Local.

Sternberg and Loy Earn Coach of the Year Accolade

Lee Sternberg was named Fall 2018 Coach of the Year for Boys’ Cross Country. Tom Loy was named Spring 2018 Coach of the Year for Boys’ Track.

We are proud to have these two coaches of the year here in EC. A huge thank you to these long time coaches who have impacted the lives of so many East Canton students throughout the years.

Lee Sternberg and Tom Loy
Superintendent’s Report

Dear East Canton Community,

As I reflect on our school year thus far, I cannot help but feel a tremendous amount of pride and gratitude for the abundance of blessings that have been bestowed upon our school system. Here are a few highlights from the third quarter:

1. Teacher Mrs. Foss has been promoted to the position of Director of Curriculum, Gifted, and Assessment effective the 2019-2020 school year. Mrs. Foss was named the Stark County Teacher of the Year in 2015, the Malone University Young Almna of the Year in 2017 and Martha Holden Jennings Math teacher of the year in 2018. She has taught math for East Canton Middle School the past ten years.

2. I was notified by the Ohio STEM committee that East Canton High School will be recommended to receive a STEM designation by the Ohio STEM committee. This is a tremendous honor for our community. There are over 4,000 schools in Ohio. Just 1% of these schools have a STEM designation. East Canton High School is the only high school in Stark County who will have this distinction. Our school is now recognized as leaders throughout the state in the area of STEM and problem-based learning. High school students are exposed to curriculum in robotics, 3D printing, and land usage. East Canton High School will be recognized by the Ohio Department of Education at a special celebration May 28 in Columbus at COSI.

3. I would like to recognize and thank the East Canton Youth Baseball Association for their generous donation of a batting cage for our softball and baseball players. The total cost of the project was $25,871. The work was completed by volunteers from the East Canton Youth Baseball board, along with coaches from the program. Also, a special thank you to the following companies who donated their time and talent to this project: The Woodshed, Canton Aluminum, Magic Garage Door, Haywood Electric, Kevin Miller Plumbing, Allegiance Heating and Cooling, M&L Heating & Cooling.

4. Congratulations to the cast and crew of Annie. We had two performances that were both packed houses. The performance and preparation of our students were admittedly impressive. Thank you to Miss Morton and Mrs. Moody for their leadership and care and concern for our students.

5. I would like to acknowledge Mrs. Tilton and Mr. Mundy for representing East Canton as District Rookie of the Year and Teacher of the Year respectively. Both Mr. Mundy and Mrs. Tilton consistently go above and beyond the call of duty to assist our students.

6. Our strategic plan is completed and will be presented to the Board of Education May 13. Thank you to the following people for your leadership and participation on the planning committee: Aaron Gothard, Bode Menegay, Isabella Bigler, Ruben Raines, Rudy Pero, Stefan Sholtis, Christine Bellamy, Crystal Kandel, Jen Crable, Rachel Buxton, Terra O’Brien, Mayor Almasy, Pastor Greg Smith, Craig Linerode, Kathy Secrest, Christine Robenstine, Doug Miller, Elaine Barkan, Jay Moody, Kristi Foss, Linda Motts, Teresa Purser, Whitney Tingler, Sheri Kreutzer, Mrs. Carter, Mr. Dente, and Mr. Hinton.

As we prepare for graduation and end-of-year events, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all those who work tirelessly to make our school system a district of distinction across the state of Ohio. The honors and accomplishments have been numerous this year, but what I am most appreciative of is the collective philosophy that all students, staff, and community members are inherently deserving of dignity and respect, and shall be treated accordingly. As so the saga of East Canton Schools continues....

Sincerely,

Kevin Finefrock
Superintendent
Stark County Education Celebration

Stark County’s 2018-2019 Education Celebration, held April 29, 2019, recognizes educators throughout the county and honors the members of the All-County Teaching and Rookie Teams. The Osnaburg honorees are Julia Tilton and Michael Mundy. Congratulations!

Osnaburg Local School
District Rookie of the Year

Julia Tilton
East Canton Elementary
4th and 5th Grade Science
Residence: Canal Fulton, OH
Age: 23
High School Alma Mater: Revere High School
College: Marietta College
Family: Jesse Tilton, husband and two dogs (they’re family, right? :))

What is the best part of your job?
Seeing the kids every day. No matter what happened the day before, they are always excited to see you.

What is the most challenging part of your job?
Trying to do 17 things at once. Fourth and fifth-graders have a lot of questions (which is a wonderful thing!), but they all ask at the same time.

What secret to success would you share with students?
Taking “me” time. If, you aren’t 100% when you come to school, you can’t give your 100% effort.

Your students would be surprised to know that…

My favorite animal is a manatee.

What’s your hidden talent?
Never found one

If you weren’t a teacher, you’d be doing what?
Wedding planner/coordinator

After a long day at work, what’s the best way to relax?
Playing with my dogs and laying on the couch.

Osnaburg Local
Teacher of the Year

Michael Mundy
East Canton High School – English – freshmen and juniors
Residence: Waynesburg
Age: 68
High school alma mater: ECHS
College: Malone University
Family: Wife Karen, Stepson Jamie, Daughters Adriana and Ashlee, Son Ian

What is the best part of your job?
Interacting with my students

What is the most challenging part of your job?
Adjusting to the never-ending challenges of state testing

What secret to success would you share with students?
Stay in the moment. You can only do one thing at a time.

Your students would be surprised to know that…
I once farmed over 250 acres of cash crops.

What’s your hidden talent?
Never found one

If you weren’t a teacher, you’d be doing what?
Working for Habitat for Humanity

After a long day at work, what’s the best way to relax?
Coffee and a nap

Wellness Group

Our East Canton Wellness Group has been a treat for students this year. This group is open to all grade levels and the main goals include building relationships, being mindful and practicing healthy habits. This group meets 1-2 days per week and includes time for exercise, a snack, socializing, and other games and activities. If, interested, please contact Jayme Smith at jayme.smith@osnaburglocal.org. Everyone is welcome!

SafetyBurg coming to Town

SafetyBurg will be happening June 3-7, from 9 am – 12pm. SafetyBurg is sponsored by the East Canton Rotary. The SafetyBurg program focuses on teaching children how to avoid common safety hazards and what to do if they are faced with an emergency situation. Our time is filled with fun, hands-on activities and guest speakers from East Canton and Stark County child safety organizations.

The cost of the weeklong event is $10 and includes a T-shirt and bike helmet for the participant.

For additional information or questions, please contact Deborah Barnes at 330-268-5229, or email deborah.barnes@osnaburglocal.org.
Math Wizards Compete at Stark County Area Math Tournament

On Saturday, March 2, 2019, Osnaburg Local Schools sent 45 students to Massillon Washington High School to compete in the annual Stark County Area Math Tournament. Sponsored by the Greater Canton Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the math tournament gives students in grades 5-7 an opportunity to gain recognition for their mathematical skills. The tournament provides enriched math practice that extends beyond the standards, while also providing those mathematically talented students with an opportunity to meet their counterparts from other schools. Approximately 780 students from 20 different school districts competed in one of six different areas: Team Problem Solving, Mental Computation, Number Sense, Geometry/Measurement, and Algebra/Data Analysis and Probability. Students from Osnaburg Local were placed in the “White” division along with the students from Alliance City, Canton City, Massillon City, Orrville City, Malvern, Sandy Valley and St. Thomas Aquinas.

Students receiving either a ribbon or trophy were...

**Math Wizards Compete at Stark County Area Math Tournament**

**Fifth Grade**
- Rocco Stefanick – 8th place – Mental Computation
- Isaiah Wellendorf – 4th place - Mental Computation
- Timothy Buehler – 7th place – Algebra/Data Analysis/Probability
- Bryan Soltis – 6th place – Number Sense
- Dillon Anderson – 5th place – Number Sense
- James Stubblefield – 8th place – Geometry/Measurement
- Molly Betz, Katelyn Howell, Kaimee Wallace – 3rd place – Team Problem Solving

The fifth-grade math teams were coached by Sharon Griffith, Michelle Wade, Vonda White, Chris McClellan, and Stacey Duskey.

**Sixth Grade**
- Aaron Bellamy – 6th place – Mental Computation
- Soel Rhiel – 5th place – Mental Computation
- Chanie Stubblefield – 8th place - Algebra/Data Analysis/Probability
- Athen Stilianos – 6th place - Algebra/Data Analysis/Probability
- Quincy Jones – 7th place – Number Sense
- Alexia Bonner – 5th place – Number Sense
- Ella Carter – 7th place – Geometry/Measurement
- Kellen Deutschman – 5th place – Geometry/Measurement
- Maggie Motts – 4th place – Geometry/Measurement
- Isaac Kandel, Carter Menegay, Nevaeh Reed – 2nd place – Team Problem Solving

**Seventh Grade**
- Luke Buxton – 6th place – Mental Computation
- Ashton Strauss – 8th place – Number Sense
- Rachel Simpkins – 5th place – Geometry/Measurement
- Tori Alspaugh, Rowan Laughlin, Audrey Wade – 3rd place – Team Problem Solving

The sixth and seventh-grade math teams were coached by Caryn Duckworth, Michelle Peterson, Jessica Dreger, Lindsay Hutchison, and Kristi Foss.

**Community Service Day**

Students at East Canton Middle School will be participating in a Community Service Day on Friday, May 10, 2019. The students will be out around the community doing yard work, cleaning up local parks, and learning the importance of serving others and giving back to your community. The eighth grade team and students look forward to spending a day helping the community of East Canton.

If you or someone you know could use some help with spring clean-up, or other work around your yard, call ECMS Principal, Greg Dente at 330-488-0334, ext. 254.

**PJ’s for DJ Day**

On March 7, all staff and students were asked to participate in PJ for DJ Day. DJ Patterson, son of Dennie and Barb (Mackey a 1986 EC graduate), is a fifth-grade student at Louisville Elementary School who was diagnosed with cancer over a year ago and continues his battle daily. Each student/staff member brought in a minimum of $1 donation to wear their PJ’s for the day.

**Elementary Dates to Save**

**Wednesday, May 1** – Little Hornets Preschool Screening (call 330-488-0392 to reserve a time)

**Thursday, May 2** – Kindergarten Screening (call 330-488-0392 to reserve a time)

**Wednesday, May 8** – Education Celebration
6:00 pm- 8:00 pm Food. Fun. Friends. Family.

**Monday June 3 – Friday June 7** – Safetyburg 8:00 am-1:00 pm
Building News

Duckworth Dynasty 1 Earns Top Spot in County

During the month of March, students in Mrs. Duckworth’s sixth-grade math classes took part in the Stark County SumDog contest. SumDog is a highly engaging games-based learning service designed to help students practice math numeracy. As students work through SumDog, it adapts questions personally to each student, progressing them through the standards.

Throughout the week-long contest, almost 900 students from 60 classes around Stark County answered approximately 271,000 math questions geared to their specific level. The students in Mrs. Duckworth’s Block 1 class, appropriately named “Duckworth Dynasty 1,” were the overall winners.

Students Perform at Ohio Music Education Association Solo and Ensemble Event

Congratulations to all of our students who did such a tremendous job representing East Canton Middle School in the Ohio Music Education Association Solo and Ensemble Event that was held at Alliance High School. We are all so proud of all your efforts and achievements.Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Events provide individual performers (soloists) and small groups of performers (ensembles) with an opportunity to perform for a qualified adjudicator. The adjudicator provides written comments and suggestions for improvement, along with assigning an overall rating of 1 through 5 (1 being the highest rating) to the performance. Below you will find our students’ impressive rating results:

SOLOS
- Abagail Lesher (Clarinet) Rating: 3
- Samantha Lesher (Trumpet) Rating: 2
- Leah Miller (Snare) Rating: 3
- Ben Gallagher (Trumpet) Rating: 3

ENSEMBLE
- Andrew Wade, Evan Baker, Kendrick Nelson, & Alex Leskan (Trombone Quartet) Rating: 2
- Annie Carter & Bode Menegay (Saxophone Duet) Received Positive Comments

Third Graders Raise Funds for the Ellen DeGeneres Wildlife Fund

East Canton Elementary third graders recently wrapped up a successful fundraiser that the students investigated, designed, and promoted on their own. The third grade read the book The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate. After reading the book the students researched gorillas and found out that they are endangered. They wanted to do something for the gorillas so they designed a fundraiser. Students from Ms. Kandel and Mrs. Fondreist’s reading classes gave presentations to other elementary classrooms and each classroom received a jar for donations. Letters were sent home explaining the project. Students made posters and art work and hung them up in the hallways. Gorilla facts were shared over the announcements. A display was set up for Grandparent’s Day and donations were collected. Donations were collected for the entire month of February. Mrs. Dobransky’s class collected the most money and won a pizza party for their outstanding efforts. A total of $1,239.66 was raised and will be sent to the Ellen DeGeneres Wildlife Fund. The teachers were very pleased with the results. They hope this experience helped their students become lifelong animal lovers and problem solvers.

Annual Mom Prom

This year’s Annual Mom Prom was held on Thursday, February 20, at The Foltz Community Center. Our Prince and Princess for the evening were four-month old Lance Butler escorted by his mom Mrs. Karre Butler. Reigning as King and Queen were East Canton sophomore Rudy Pero and his mom Mrs. Kristy Pero. Thanks to all the boys and “moms” who attended the event.

Middle School Dates to Save

Thursday, May 2 – ECMS Talent Show
Wednesday, May 8 – Education Celebration 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Food. Fun. Friends. Family.
Friday, May 10 – 8th Grade Community Service Day
Friday, May 17 – 7th and 8th Grade Career Day
Friday, May 24 – ECMS End of the Year Awards Assembly

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**Kindergarten Spotlight**

Each student was asked the following questions:

1. If you were a teacher and the kids in class weren’t listening, what would you do?
2. What do you think Mrs. Carter does during the school day?
3. What is the hardest part about being a kindergartner?
4. If you could make one rule that everyone had to follow at East Canton Elementary, what would it be?
5. What are your two favorite things to do in kindergarten?
6. What have been your favorite memory from kindergarten?
7. What do you want to be when you grow up?
8. What do you want to be when you grow up?

**Josie Stansell — Teacher: Mrs. Zeiger**

1. I would send them to the office.
2. She does activities with kids and takes care of us.
4. NONE, rules are for keeping you safe.
5. Being on the playground for recess and lunch.
6. Smelling cups to see what was in it by using our senses. Coffee was the grossest!
7. I have learned enough stuff about animals.
8. Teacher.

**Lydia Parker — Teacher: Ms. Klepek**

1. I would have them sit somewhere away from other kids and not talk.
2. Works in the office a little bit then walks through the hallways.
3. When you get mad and have to try to be normal and not mad. Plus it’s hard doing tests.
4. If you don’t have STING you should do a few more papers. You should be able to eat wherever you want. And be able to pick if you want to stay inside for recess, or go outside.
5. Taking tests, even though they are hard. Gym class is fun too. I like parachute day. Roller-skating and the obstacle course we got to do.
6. Pajama Days.
7. If I were like Ms. Klepek, I would teach them NOW and THEN, LIVING and NONLIVING, ABC’s and NUMBERS to 1000! They would have to do one paper per day.
8. Teacher.

**Paisley Wyatt — Teacher: Mrs. Barnes**

1. Put them in the corner, if I ran out of corners I would put one outside. I might have them put their head down on the ground.
2. I think she looks outside to see if we get to go outside for recess. She walks around a lot. Then she watches the cameras.
3. Tests.
4. Running is allowed and everyone can scream!
5. Going outside and getting to go to the library.
6. I liked costume day when I dressed up as a pirate.
7. Math class and I can teach them to count to 1,000.
8. Police Officer.

**Remington Erickson — Teacher: Ms. Klepek**

1. If, they were yelling I would talk through the speaker and say it’s time for games. Then they would stop yelling.
2. A lot of papers to work on and then walks into the hall.
3. Trying to get smarter. I was the first one to get a chocolate bar for my test.
4. No homework! Bring games to school and play with your friends.
5. Go outside for recess. I like gym too, parachute day and practicing roller-skating.
6. I liked the character parade and dressing up as Cat Boy from PJ Masks.
7. How to play Gaga Ball.
8. Police Officer.

**Rylie Puskarich — Teacher: Mrs. Zeiger**

1. Call all their parents.
2. Doing all the schoolwork.
3. Playground and the gym parachute.
4. The costume parade for Halloween when I dressed as Minnie Mouse.
5. Animals.
6. Teacher.

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**Little Hornets Preschool**

Preschoolers have had quite a journey lately with our student teacher who was with us for the last nine weeks. She played many new games with the students, introduced our new curriculum with the students to help them with many pre-reading skills, and got to know every student personally. We learned about dinosaurs, caring for others, fairy tales, oceans and beaches, pirates, insects, and transportation. Miss Tara’s time with us is coming to an end, but our adventures in preschool will continue as we close out the year. We will be diving into many science activities, hatching butterflies, chicks, and much, much, more.

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Ohio District 13 Science Day

On March 16, 2019, seventh graders Caleb Shilling, Kyle Peterson, Hannah Volpe, and Austin Price competed at the annual Ohio District 13 Science Day held at the University of Mount Union. Ohio District 13 Science Fair is one of 17 district science fairs in Ohio, and is governed by the Junior Academy of the Ohio Academy of Science. The fair is open to fifth-twelfth graders from the following counties: Carroll, Stark, and Tuscarawas. Students must receive a Superior rating at their local science fair in order to compete at the District level. Caleb, Kyle, Hannah, and Austin all received an Excellent Rating on their projects and presentations. Elizabeth Phillips and Scott Dimmerling also qualified to participate, but were not able to attend due to prior obligations. Congratulations to all students on this achievement. Below you will find a brief description of their individual science fair projects.

**CALEB SHILLING** – Hydrophobic (Sand) – Does Hydrophobic sand repel oil and water? He tested water, milk, and olive oil to see if the sand repelled all the liquids. He found that the oil was the only one that was completely absorbed by the sand.

**KYLE PETERSON** (Bow Hunting) – Do different arrowheads have an effect on the distance traveled through an object? He tested 3 arrowheads, target head, spitfire, and rapid fire. He found that rapid fire traveled the farthest with an average of 7 milk jugs, and the target head traveled the shortest distance with an average of 3 milk jugs.

**HANNAH VOLPE** (Popcorn Showdown) – Which brand of popcorn pops the fastest? She tested Act, Pop Secret, Clover Valley, and Orville, which resulted in ACT popping the fastest with an average time of 1 minute and 5 seconds. Orville was the slowest with 1 minute and 35 seconds.

**AUSTIN PRICE** (Which Paper Towel Brand is Strongest?) – Which brand of paper towel is the strongest? He tested Brawny, Bounty, Sam’s Club, Scott, and Sparkle, which resulted in Bounty being the strongest with an average of 200 quarters held and Scott with an average of 40 quarters held.

**SCOTT DIMMERLING** (Bio Gas Build Up) – Which natural material makes the most bio gas? He tested manure, bread, fruit, and vegetables, and found that fruit makes the most bio gas and bread created the least bio gas.

**ELIZABETH PHILLIPS** (Dogs and Magneto Reception) – Do dogs align with the north/south axis to poop? She went to a dog park and observed over 20 dogs going to the bathroom, and found that the majority of the dogs did align North/South to poop.

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**Congratulations to our sixth-grade boys’ basketball team on their second place finish at this year’s East Canton Youth Basketball Tournament.**

**Sixth Grade Hosts Heritage Night**

Thank you to all of our sixth-grade students and families for celebrating Heritage Night. This project and event allowed our students to have a better understanding and appreciation of other cultures and traditions, while exploring their family history and heritage. Students focused on learning good and safe research practices and wrote a supportive informative essay on their family’s heritage and traditions.

It was a great evening of sharing, laughs, and delicious food! A special thank you to Mr. Clapper for providing this learning opportunity and experience for our students to discover, share, and celebrate.

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**Heart of a Hall of Famer**

On March 13, students from East Canton Middle School participated in a highly-acclaimed character education series offered at the Pro Football Hall of Fame. The series is titled “Heart of a Hall of Famer” and it provides students the opportunity to learn firsthand what it took beyond athletic ability and football knowledge for legendary heroes of the game to achieve success on and off the football field. Positive values and character qualities are the focus of the program. Students listened to an impactful message from gold jacket, 49ers and Cowboys legend, Charles Haley. Following his message, Mr. Haley answered student questions and took time for photos. This was an incredible opportunity for our students.
Facilities Upgrades

This spring the East Canton baseball and softball fields underwent some upgrades and renovations. Thanks to the East Canton Youth Baseball Association who donated the materials and work to enclose the outdoor batting cages. The enclosed cages are heated and this fall ceiling insulation will be installed. This donation was made with the agreement that the East Canton Youth Baseball Association teams will have access to use the facility when it is not being utilized by the ECHS baseball, or softball team.

The baseball and softball infield dirt were improved with an engineered infield mixture. Maumee Bay, who also did the turf and track at Foltz Stadium, completed the three day project. About four inches of the dirt mixture was added and the field was then laser graded. This increases safety of the field for our athletes, as well as enhancing the look of the field. The engineered dirt mixture should allow for more early spring games to be completed, as it will dry faster. This field upgrade project did not use any general fund money. The funding source was the last of the Chesapeake oil and gas lease fund that was received in 2011.

Witter and Townsend Named First and Second Team

Congratulations to junior bowler Erika Witter who was named First Team All Stark County in the National Division of the Stark County High School Bowling Conference. She also took second place at the Division II Sectional Tournament with a 510 series and moved on to the District Tournament.

Sophomore Tessa Townsend was Second Team All Stark County in National Division.

Spotlight on Spring Sports

Wizards Finished Season as District Runner-Up