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NEW BREMEN FACILITY UPDATE

Since the bond levy defeat in 2013 to construct a new K-6 elementary and to add additional classrooms to the high school, the board and administration have been discussing future facility plans for the district. The concerns and repairs needed at the current K-8 building are still there and increasing in cost each year. The board has concluded that something has to be done, with an extensive renovation of the current building or building a new facility. In December, Garmann Miller presented an extensive report regarding the Ohio School Facilities Commission structural assessment (OFSC) and their independent analysis of the current conditions of both buildings. The report included near term cost to repair/replace existing structures needed within 1-5 years, and the total replacement cost for each area assessed.

At the February board meeting, Garmann Miller will have a presentation for the board to inform them about the Program of Requirements (POR) that was finished in December with faculty members and district administration. The POR was completed first to address our most valuable asset, our students' education. Their learning environment and instructional needs must be conducive to learning to provide a quality education that meets current and future needs. The next step in the process will require us to work with the community to gain input to assist the board in making the best long-term facility plan district members will support. Once a facility plan is decided on, the board and administration will work with the OFSC and Garmann Miller to determine the final scope of the project. The intention of the board is to place another bond levy on the ballot for either a renovation or new building once the High School building is paid off.

New Bremen Local School District is currently a Lapsed District and ranked at position 319 on the Ohio Department of Education's equity list giving us a local share of 54% and state share of 46%. As a Lapsed District, we have the responsibility of securing the local share first before the state controlling board will set aside state funds.

At the January 13, 2016 school board meeting, New Bremen Schools inducted one new member. We would like to welcome Cory Suchland as our newest Board member. This will be his first term serving the New Bremen School District. We would also like to congratulate Scott Bertke who was re-elected. They will join Shelly Busse, Doug Hall, and Tom Paul to complete the five-member board.

We would like to thank the out-going Board member Kami Fox who served for eight years. Thank you again for your years of service to New Bremen Schools!

Thank you!

Dr. Andrea Townsend
Superintendent

STUDENTS PREPARE FOR ASSESSMENTS

Beginning this school year, Ohio schools will no longer give PARCC tests in math and English language arts. Another company will create Ohio's math and English language arts tests with input from Ohio teachers. This company has produced Ohio's science and social studies tests for the last decade.

Still, test results for **last** school year can tell us something important. These are the first tests that truly matched Ohio's current learning standards, which increase the call for our students to learn critical thinking, reasoning, and problem-solving skills and apply them to what they study in the classroom. Students will need these higher-level skills to succeed in today's colleges and workplaces.

Because Ohio's statewide tests had never tested these learning standards before the new state standards, your child's scores may be lower than before. This does not mean that the performance of your child and school has declined. Instead, Ohio's Learning Standards have raised expectations of what students should gain in each grade to be truly college and career ready.

Ohio's new tests for the current school year will continue to test these areas, but there is no cause for alarm. Your student's critical thinking, reasoning and problem-solving skills should improve as these concepts continue to be taught in the classroom.

Ohio's State Tests will continue to give us important information about student progress that can continually improve the way we teach and test our students. Schools will receive results for the current year's state tests by **June 30, 2016**.

Dr. Andrea Townsend
Superintendent



**NEW BREMEN
EDUCATION FOUNDATION
CONTINUES TO ASSIST
STUDENTS
WITH ACADEMIC
SCHOLARSHIPS**

The New Bremen Education Foundation is pleased to announce the opening of its 2016 fund-raising campaign to generate scholarship money for graduates of New Bremen High School. In the first year of operation, the foundation awarded seven academic scholarships. In 2015, the foundation awarded eighty-two scholarships totaling approximately \$73,760.00. The Education Foundation Trustees invite individuals, businesses, and organizations to consider a contribution to this worthy cause. The amount of each donation may remain confidential; however the names of all donors will be released during the scholarship presentation at graduation unless requested otherwise.

There are two different types of donations. The first is an annual contribution, all of which is distributed as scholarship monies to this year's recipients. Secondly, donors of large sums of cash, stocks, or bonds may specify their gift as a Perpetual Donation. These donations are invested with only the interest being distributed each year. The names of individuals or groups who make perpetual donations are included on the donor list every year following the donation.

Any group or individual interested in making a contribution should contact Mr. Jeff McCollum, the Foundation Treasurer, at First National Bank (629-2761) by April 15. All contributions are tax deductible.

Dr. Andrea Townsend

GRADUATION 2016

Graduation for the 2016 graduating Seniors will be held *Sunday, May 22, 2016.* The past several years graduation has been held over the Memorial Day weekend. With the 2015-2016 school calendar working out as it did, graduation was able to be moved up a week earlier.



**KROGER
COMMUNITY
REWARDS**



New Bremen Schools has now enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Through this program, Kroger contributes dollars to eligible Non-Profit Organizations based upon eligible purchases. Eligible purchases are those made at any Cincinnati Division Kroger Food Store by an eligible participant (Kroger Plus cardholder) who presents their Kroger Plus Card at the time of purchase.

Any Kroger Plus Cardholder can designate New Bremen Local Schools as their Community Reward recipient. Simply login to your Kroger Plus account, and click on "Enroll" beneath the Community Rewards section. Kroger Plus cardholders enrolling in Community Rewards will continue to receive all the benefits of their card (i.e. fuel points, etc.), but will also help New Bremen Schools to earn dollars donated to our school.

As a reminder, New Bremen Schools and the Cardinal Pride Parent Organization also participate in Box Tops for Education, Campbell Soup Labels for Education, IGA Hometown Label Saver, and Coke Rewards. It is through the generosity of these programs that our school is able to purchase additional items such as playground equipment, technology items to enhance student learning (i.e. video cameras), as well as other activities like Family Reading Night that provide extended educational value to our children. Box Tops, Campbells and IGA labels, as well as Coke Reward bottle caps can be turned in to school where we collect them and submit to the sponsoring company in exchange for these donated dollars.

With the addition of the Kroger Community Rewards, this will be the first program where no items need to be collected. Once you enroll in the Community Rewards Program with your Kroger Plus Account, all the work is done! Simply present your Kroger Plus Card at the time of purchase.

A big "Thank You" to all members of our community who support our school with these activities!

Mrs. Becky Eyink



**Thank
You!!!**

K-4 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



New Bremen Local Schools Open House

When: Monday, March 14, 2016
Where: NB Elementary
 NB Middle School
 NB High School
Time: 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO ATTEND!

New Bremen Schools Need Substitute and Part-Time Bus Drivers

Please consider obtaining a license and becoming part of our bus driving staff. Talk to any of our drivers or call the New Bremen High School Central Office for more information.

Qualifications to be a bus driver include the following:

- At least two years of driving experience
- Annual physical examination and a drug and alcohol test
- Annual driver record check from BMV
- Commercial driver license (CDL)
- 16 hours of pre-service and 4 hours in-service training resulting in certification by ODE
- BCI and FBI criminal background check

Mr. Rob Sniegowski
Transportation Coordinator

Bus Drivers Needed!



- Students in grades kindergarten through four again took the STAR benchmarking assessments in reading and math in January. This online assessment partners with our Accelerated Reader program. The STAR reading assessment assists in determining reading levels for each individual student. The reading level then provides a range of books for students to read at their recommended reading level. This also assists teachers in creating Accelerated Reader point goals for each nine weeks as well as determining which students need intervention or enrichment. Students are doing a great job reaching their goals!
- Our third and fourth grade teachers have been busy preparing our students for the new Ohio's State Tests. These new assessments will be replacing the traditional Ohio Achievement Assessments from previous years and the PARCC tests from last year. Ohio's State Tests will measure student progress toward Ohio's Learning Standards. The tests have been created in partnership with the American Institutes for Research (AIR), a well-known test vendor. All third and fourth grade students will be taking tests in English language arts and math in a paper-pencil format. Fourth grade students will also be tested in social studies using an online assessment. The testing schedule for third and fourth grade students is listed below:

Third Grade

- April 5 English Lang. Arts
- April 6 English Lang. Arts
- April 19 Math
- April 20 Math

Fourth Grade

- April 7 English Lang. Arts
- April 21 Math
- April 28 Social Studies

- Our kindergarten, first, second, and third grade students will be completing State Diagnostic Testing in May. Students in kindergarten, first, and second grades will complete diagnostic tests in math and writing. The third grade will take a diagnostic assessment in only writing. These tests are designed to help us identify students who may need additional intervention and to assist teachers in making instructional decisions. The teachers will send home information regarding the specific dates of the tests for each grade level.
- Kindergarten screening for the 2016-2017 school year will be held April 12-13. We currently have 62 students registered for screening. Children need to be five years old by August 1, 2016 to be kindergarten eligible. If you have any questions about screening or need to register your child please call the elementary office at 419-629-3244.

Mrs. Diane Kramer
K-4 Principal

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

It is hard to believe we are well into the second half of the year. Our focus continues to be on Character Education. Students have been participating in Word of the Month based lessons weekly, facilitated by Mr. Chad Wells, Mrs. Shelley This, and myself. A student from each grade (K-4) who exemplifies the Word of the Month has been recognized and awarded with a pizza party.

The Words of the Month for the second half of the year are as follows:

January	<i>Dedication</i>
February	<i>Leadership</i>
March	<i>Accountability</i>
April	<i>Resilience</i>
May	<i>Loyalty</i>

Our seventh and eighth grade students have continued to focus on Character Development. This Fall, students participated in an Interest Inventory as well as an abbreviated version of the Myers-Briggs, a personality inventory. These results will be kept on file for each student as they continue to grow and contemplate career paths. Results will also be used to identify students with specific career interests. Speakers from the community will then be brought in during lunch for a Career Café in which the identified students will be invited to attend and learn more about their careers of interest. Speakers this year so far have focused on the medical field, human resources, graphic design, and athletic training.



During our December Middle School Career Café, Courtney Combs spoke to students who are interested in the medical field (pictured above). Courtney is an Executive Director for the Lima Area Health Education Center (LAHEC). She familiarized the students with the vast number of medical careers available to them. One of the goals of LAHEC is to increase the number of students from rural areas going into medical fields in order to create a greater number of medical professions feeding back to rural areas. Courtney also explained a summer camp opportunity for students in between their eighth grade and freshman year. CampMed is a program at the University of Toledo that allows students to participate in activities similar to Med School students. Applications for this camp will go home with interested students this Spring.

On the testing front, state-wide assessments are set to begin April 5. Testing is completed to gauge student achievement throughout the year. Results from each assessment are used by teachers to target areas of deficit and monitor growth. For a full list of assessments, please visit www.newbremenschools.org

Mrs. Lauren Link
School Psychologist

FIRST GRADE NEWS

Our first grade students have been working very hard in math this year. We are diving in to our new math series - McGraw-Hill My Math. In first grade, our standards focus on the following: addition and subtraction concepts, addition and subtraction strategies to 20, place value, two-digit addition and subtraction, measurement and data, and geometry. All chapters are organized around an essential question that is clearly identified. In every lesson, children build on their ability to answer that question. Each lesson begins with an engaging and quick review of the previous lesson(s) on the Smartboard. Following that is an introduction to the days lesson, using a variety of manipulates and materials to help with an understanding of the concept of the day. My Math provides the students with daily homework, which is new for our first grade students this year. The homework reinforces each day's lesson. Our first grade students are working very hard to understand all math concepts presented with our exciting new math series!

The New Bremen Elementary first grade students have been quite busy studying Martin Luther King, Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, and Arctic animals. We have been very busy reading *The Nice Mitten*, *The Gingerbread Man*, *Life at Home*, *Long Ago and Now*, *A Look at Breakfast*, and many other fun and interesting selections. We have had great fun supporting the New Bremen Cardinals by dressing up for spirit week and cheering on all of our Cards! It's so hard to believe that our first grade year is half over!

Mrs. Judy Heitkamp
Ms. Barb Sims
Mrs. Melinda Clark

THIRD GRADE NEWS

The third grade classes are working hard to master their basic math facts. The students have made great progress on their addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts. Many can do 100 problems in less than 3 minutes. We have been working hard to meet individual Accelerated Reader goals. We are tracking these goals and have seen big improvements.

The classes are still working towards the Reading Achievement Test and Math Achievement Test, which will be given in Spring. The students are reviewing and learning new skills daily that will help them to be successful on these important tests.

Flat Stanleys are still arriving from family and friends around the world. So far, Stanley has been spotted in almost 14 states as well as in Australia, Germany, England, Mexico, and many other places. The students learn a lot from the letters and pictures that come back from Stanley as he continues his adventures.

In science classes, the students have learned about matter, rocks, and sound. In social studies, we are learning about the economy, government, and map reading skills. Before Christmas, we learned a lot about other cultures and their holiday traditions.

We are working our way through the reading series. The classes have read eleven stories from many different genres, including historical and realistic fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. We are excited to continue through this series and have some guest speakers that can share their life experiences with the students.

There are many things to look forward to for the rest of the year. Our field trip to Carillon Park in Dayton will be in the early spring. We will also be doing our New Bremen history unit, including our walk around town.

Thank you for all of the help you give your children!



Mrs. Christy Bertke
Mrs. Molly Rush
Mrs. Jenny Perryman
Mrs. Kelly Wilker

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

Another quarter has flown by and 2016 has arrived! Fifth grade students were very busy during the second quarter.

In Mrs. Moeller's math class, the students began the second quarter finishing up the division facts fanatics competition. Students also learned how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions using manipulatives, drawing models, and applying them in a real-world situation by baking cake pops and Christmas treats in class. The treats were not only for the students, but were also donated to the New Bremen fire and police departments. The Christmas baking project could not have been possible without parent/grandparent volunteers who sent in supplies and volunteered in the classroom. Thank you also to the Middle School Student Leaders who helped fund the project.

In Mrs. Timmerman's reading and language arts class, the students learned more about nonfiction's text structures and features, figurative language, and grammar rules. Reading groups continue to be an enjoyable part of language arts class as students are working on various projects related to the novel they are reading with their small group. Also, before winter break, students were able to try out for the spelling bee. Ten students from the fifth grade qualified for the spelling bee.

Mrs. Steinke's class focused mainly on life science standards by doing various experiments. The students finished their unit on classification of living things by looking at vascular versus non-vascular plants and monocots versus dicots by dissecting celery and various plant seeds. Students have also been using the Gizmo program to manipulate variables in an individualized setting. During the third quarter, students will focus more on social studies and the various regions of the United States.

The fifth grade students have also been focusing on grit and character development. They have been discussing and learning what it means to have grit and persevere through struggles both in the classroom and in their everyday lives. The fifth graders also participated in a random acts of kindness project during the holiday season to brighten the lives of others. As a culminating event to our random acts of kindness, students visited the residents at Elmwood to spread Christmas cheer.

We hope you enjoyed your holiday break and are looking forward to a great 2016!

Mrs. Kate Timmerman
Mrs. Tess Moeller
Mrs. Tracy Steinke



Christmas Baking Project



Top Math Wizards and Most Improved Math Wizards



Students working on life science standards by doing various experiments

The fifth grade class spreading Christmas cheer to residents at Elmwood Assisted Living in New Bremen



TITLE ONE READING

My second year of teaching Title One reading is flying by! I work with kindergarten through second grade students in small groups for 30 minutes a day. I have been using the multisensory language program called Foundations. It is research-based and provides students with skills to help them become fluent, independent readers and spellers. The program teaches students the structure of words in a systematic and cumulative manner. Following this system helps students to trust that they can learn English within the system, and ultimately, deal with the irregularities of the language. The program begins in kindergarten and builds as the students increase in grade level. I am very pleased and comfortable with the program and feel the students are benefiting from its regular use and cumulative structure.

In kindergarten, students are also learning to read and spell sight words. They are learning that some words are “tricky” and have letters that cannot be sounded out. In first and second grade, students are using Raz-Kids which is an on-line reading activity. Students listen to books/stories on the ipads at each of their reading levels and they read the story orally and record themselves reading. They enjoy listening and following along with the text along with listening to themselves read the stories aloud.

The year is going by so fast, but the kids have been great and they are learning every day. Seeing their excitement and enthusiasm for reading has been very rewarding!

Mrs. Alycia Niemeyer
Title One Teacher



K-6 TECHNOLOGY

The students have been working on many skills and projects throughout the K-6 levels from Star Reading / Math assessments, the use of programs such as Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher, 365 Email, One Drive, Typing Master and PowerPoint along with the use of various websites such as ABCya.com, FunBrain.com, and StarFall.com. Character Education has also been covered during our collaboration time for grades K-4.

In the past weeks, the kindergarten classes have begun working on reading skills on the Star Fall website along with counting, matching, sorting, patterns, and mouse skills on the ABCya and Fun Brain websites. First grade classes have been working on identifying electronic devices, working with numbers, patterns, and shapes on the website ABCya. Second grade classes have been working on their All About Me PowerPoint where they have learned about adding pictures and clip art. They also completed a project of labeling the parts of an ant with text boxes in Microsoft Word. Third grade classes have been working with a paint program to create pictures that were included in their PowerPoint presentations, typing skills on Typing Master, and creating pages on Microsoft Publisher for various topics. Fourth grade classes have been working on creating animations that were included in their PowerPoint presentations, advertisements for their Chocolate Covered Pretzel Rods project with the Microsoft Publisher program, and typing skills on the Typing Master Program. Fifth and sixth grade classes have been working on learning to use their school email on Microsoft 365 as well as One Drive to share documents and information within the New Bremen Local Schools network. Typing skills have been practiced on the Typing Master Program. The fifth grade classes have also learned to label items with text boxes in Microsoft Word. The sixth grade classes have also been working on internet research, essay writing, PowerPoint presentation, and oral presentation skills.

In the upcoming weeks, the kindergarten classes will continue to work on navigating the internet to various websites, learning basic keyboarding skills, and continuing to further develop mouse skills. First grade classes will be introduced to basic keyboarding skills, using Microsoft Word, and developing a basic understanding of navigating the internet. Second grade classes will be introduced to Microsoft Excel and Publisher programs along with basic keyboarding skills. Third and fourth grade classes will be working on projects involving Microsoft Excel, Word, and Publisher along with continuing to work keyboarding skills on the Typing Master Program. Fifth and sixth grade classes will be working on projects involving Microsoft Excel, Word, Publisher, and PowerPoint while incorporating email and One Drive along with keyboarding skills on Typing Master.

Mr. Chad Wells
K-6 Technology

ELEMENTARY GENERAL MUSIC

K-5

Happy 2016! It simply does not seem possible that we are already halfway to summer vacation – what a whirlwind this school year has been already! One of the most enjoyable aspects about teaching a multi-age subject is that I have the opportunity to watch each child grow and develop year after year. Children who were hesitant about singing, dancing, or playing instruments last year are now eagerly asking what we're going to do in our next class before I've barely begun that day's lesson.

In October, the fourth graders attended a performance by the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra at the Schuster Center in Dayton, Ohio. The theme of the program was "Musical Mysteries." Students had the opportunity to become concert scene investigators and were guided by the conductor to explore various musical evidences that composers, musicians, and conductors leave for the audience in order to figure out their messages in the music.

In November, the third graders performed two choir songs at the Veterans Day Assembly. *America, Of Thee I Sing!* is a partner song that combines the words of the Pledge to the American flag in a lyrical setting against the tune of *America, The Beautiful*. The students were divided into two groups and we all enjoyed learning choreography to go along with this song. They also sang *I Am a Small Part of the World* and enjoyed sharing this song with our community's Veterans.

December is a very busy month for the elementary general music students. The second graders performed *The Nutcracker: A Youth Musical* by Mary Kay Beall and Ruth Artman. This musical is an adaptation from both "The Nutcracker Suite" by Peter I. Tchaikovsky and "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King" by E.T.A. Hoffman. When I was in fourth grade, I performed this show with my classmates. Last school year, when these students were first graders, I called my elementary school music teacher to tell her how wonderful these students were and that I knew they'd just fall in love with the Nutcracker too. This musical has always held a special place in my heart, but now, when I think of this Nutcracker musical – I'll also think of all the really great, funny moments from the second grade music classes this year.

The day before Christmas vacation, all of the elementary general music students in kindergarten through fifth grade performed at our annual Christmas Assembly, along with Mr. Zack Nellom and the sixth grade elementary general music students. Kindergarteners performed *Up On The Housetop* with boomwhackers, hand bells, and hand drums; first graders performed *Solfège Santa; Sing Noel* (with Orff Ensemble and percussion instruments), and *I've Been Good!*; second graders performed *Where Are You*

Christmas? and *The Angel Band* (with Orff Ensemble and percussion instruments); third graders performed *Believe from The Polar Express; Ding! Dong! Merrily on High* (with Orff Ensemble and percussion instruments); and *Frosty and the Hand Jive*; fourth graders performed *Al Shlosha D'varim, Joy to the World* (with Recorders and Orff Ensemble instruments), and *Fa La La*; fifth graders performed *Bethlehem Skies* (with flag choreography), *Jingle Bell Rock* (with Recorders and Orff Ensemble instruments), and *A Swingin' Christmas*. Then, after the sixth graders performed, we surprised the audience by turning off the gymnasium lights and all the kindergarteners through fifth graders shared a song called *Light A Candle* while gradually turning on battery-powered tea lights. It was a very moving song!

In April, the fourth graders will be performing their Spring Concert and will include the musical *The Adventures of Lewis and Clark*. They are eager to get moving with rehearsals and we all look forward to sharing this concert event with you!

Ms. Holly Smith



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Winter Sport Participants

7th Grade Girls Basketball: Masako Soldini, Tess Lane, Callie Wells, Emma Keller, Diana Heitkamp, Kelli Schmitmeyer, Alana Bertke, Alayna Thieman, Katie Howell, Vivian Niekamp, Josie Reinhart, Jessica Heitkamp, Elli Roetgerman, Celeste Tinsley, Madison Lozier, Madison Cordonnier, Carson Wyatt, Laura Steineman, Coach - Chad Wells.

8th Grade Girls Basketball: Cassie Stachler, Jessica Fledderjohann, Macy Puthoff, Kira Bertke, Taylor Paul, Ashton Heitkamp, Hannah Kramer, Coach - Tom Howell, Managers - Lillian Lennartz, Kyla Stachler, Ella Pape, Rianna Paul, Megan Reinhart, Maria Wells.

Cheerleaders: (7th) Madison Clem, Victoria Grillot, Megan Krieg, Zoe Lane, Caroline Lowe, Jacyndy Suchland, Nicole This. **(8th)** Brooke Dicke, Lauren Miller, Sydney Paul, Miranda Scheib, Alli Wilker, Coach - Stephanie Scheib.

7th Grade Boys Basketball: Jack Wilson, Wyatt Dicke, Sam Sailer, Kyle Tenkman, Blane Schrader, Mitch Hays, Preston Hoehne, Zach Bertke, Logan Opperman, Max Homan, Ben Blickle, Dan Homan, Coach - Greg Elking.

8th Grade Boys Basketball: Ryan Paul, Griffen Roetgerman, Devon Thieman, Brennan Tinnerman, Ryland Archey, Logan Suchland, Patrick Wells, Spencer Alig, Nolan Bornhorst, Coach - Bartt Suchland, Managers - Brady Blickle, Carter Elking, Dave Homan, Aaron Thieman.

(Middle School News - Continued)

Thank You New Bremen Dairy Queen

We would like to thank New Bremen Dairy Queen for sponsoring lunches for our monthly Cardinal Character Awards Winners. Our students enjoy the treat!



Mr. Jason Schrader
Middle School Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERS

The seventh and eighth grade student leaders sponsored a food drive for Agape in St Marys again this year. The fifth - eighth graders collected close to 1,000 food items for Agape. The student leaders then loaded a school bus with all of the items and delivered them to Agape. Once at Agape, the students helped sort and count all of the items. The student leaders would like to thank everyone who supported this project. Agape was very thankful for everything we were able to bring them.

Ms. Jan Beyke
Mrs. Loresa Burden



SUPER JOB!

**JUNIOR HIGH / HIGH SCHOOL
ART**

We are at that time again for our annual Open House. This year it will be on Monday, March 14 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. There will be displays at both the junior high and high school. At the high school, we will be showcasing our senior portfolios.

Also coming up is our state competition, the Ohio Governor's Art Show, which runs from April 17 to May 19 at the James Rhodes Tower in Columbus, Ohio. The regional judging for this competition will be held on Saturday, March 5 with the state judging on March 12. We will be having several New Bremen students participating.

Come on out to see what the students have been creating!

Mrs. Heather Moeller
Art Educator 7-12



**MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCIENCE NEWS**

Seventh Grade Science

Since October, the seventh grade students have been working really hard on their STEM Fair projects! Students were asked to create a product that has not been invented or to improve upon a product that already exists. They began their project by filling out an intent to invent sheet to discuss what problem they had, how they were going to solve it, and research if the project already existed. Projects were then approved or fixed until they were approved. Once the projects were approved, the students then surveyed students on the marketability of the product, wrote a business letter to patent their idea, and researched cost efficient materials to build their creation. Students then began building their designs and making adjustments along the way as needed. In their groups, the students wrote up a report explaining their design and how it relates to the engineering process and the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) process. Graphs from their survey and a picture diagram with labels of their product were also included. The students are currently working on finishing their final copy of their report and putting together a tri-fold board to display their work. On February 16 from 12:30-3:00, the students will present their projects in front of various engineers and manufacturers in the area to be judged. We invite you to join us on February 16, 2016 from 3-5 in the small gym to view our STEM Fair projects. We hope to see you there and share our ideas of the future!

Eighth Grade Science

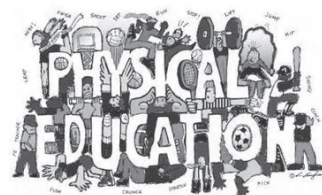
For the past two quarters, in eighth grade science we have been focusing on Earth and Space Sciences. The students have learned how to determine the age of rock layers, discussed the immensity of the geological time scale, compared various rock dating methods, looked at constructive and destructive forces in Ohio and other parts of the world, and numerous geology related topics! To reinforce these concepts, we used Skittles and M & M's to learn about radioactive dating and determine half-lives of rocks. We looked at the geological time scale by using toilet paper to see how large the scale is and put the occurrence of important events in history into perspective. Currently, we started looking at life science and have been studying fossils, dating fossils, and evolution of different species. The students had the chance to learn more about the career of paleontology through written interviews and videos. Now we will be focusing on the evolution of species talking specifically about whales, finches, and peppered moths. We will also be looking at the true story of Galapagos George, and the tortoises struggles of survival and evolution throughout the years. Have you ever thought about what a whale originally started as on Earth? It's not a fish! Ask an eighth grader about the miraculous find we studied in science class.

Mrs. Kayla Steinemann

NEWS IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This semester has flown by and these groups of junior high and high school students are moving on and the next groups are coming in, which makes this an exciting time of year! This year has been great so far with lots of projects and discussions about many different relevant issues such as nutrition, fitness, different systems of the body, and self-esteem to name a few. It will be sad to see this group go because they have been so great, but I also look forward to interacting with the new groups of students. The fifth and sixth graders are working hard learning the fundamentals of team sports like soccer, volleyball, basketball, and football. I am lucky enough to have these students for the whole year so more fun-filled fitness activities are on the way. I look forward to the student's continuation of their hard work and enthusiasm.

This is just a reminder that the junior high physical education students are using pedometers in class and have to get 2500 steps in a class period to earn the participation part of their daily grade in that class.



Mr. Josh Bowersock

EIGHTH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS

As many of you know, seventh and eighth grade students have discontinued Accelerated Reader, opting instead for a project-based approach to assessing independent reading. The new system has led to some exciting new adventures.

Eighth graders recently finished their second quarter project, which featured biographies and autobiographies of modern leaders. We were fortunate to purchase six new books for the project: *Rocket Boys*, the autobiography of Homer Hickam, Jr.; *I Am Malala*, the autobiography of Malala Yousafzai; *Gabby*, the story of Senator Gabrielle Giffords as told by her husband Mark Kelly; *Let's Roll*, the autobiography of Lisa Beamer; *On My Own Two Feet*, the autobiography of Beverly Cleary; and *Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different*, the biography of Apple's famous creator.

Students were placed in groups, with each group member representing a different book. As they read, students focused on what their books taught about leadership and grit (persevering through hardships and failure in order to meet a long-term goal). Over the course of the quarter, groups created a body of knowledge about these qualities, discussing the different ways in which they are developed and manifested.

For the final project, each group created a campaign to teach the middle school what they learned. Students drew upon the work they've been doing in technology classes, utilizing tools like Prezi, Premier video editing, and Photoshop to create their presentations. After several weeks of work and practice, groups presented their projects at an assembly of grades 5-8, and judges from the community came in to observe the presentations, scoring each group based on the effectiveness of their communication, the quality of their ideas, and the creativity of their projects.

The students did well displaying leadership and grit, as well as applying everything they had learned about public speaking and professionalism in preparation for the presentations. I am proud of the way students got out of their comfort zones, stretched themselves, and practiced many of the professional skills they have been learning.

Congratulations to the eighth graders for a job well done, and a big thank you to our judges! It's great to know that our students are supported by the community.

Mrs. Lindsay Mauch

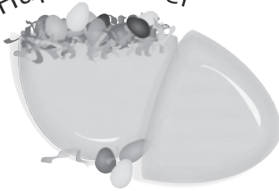


NB Community Garage Sales

It is once again that time of the year to clean your attics and closets in preparation for the 24th annual **New Bremen Community Garage Sales**, which will be held on **Friday, April 15 and Saturday, April 16, 2016**. All community members interested in participating with a garage sale should send **\$7.00** per family (make checks payable to the Cardinal Pride Association), a short list of items to be sold, and the address of the sale to Danielle Monfort, 23 Post Oak, New Bremen by April 1. The fee will cover the cost of advertising in a number of newspapers. All proceeds from the paid listings will be donated to the New Bremen School's Cardinal Pride Association. Please note that due to Health Department Regulations, the sale of food items such as meat, sandwiches, hot dogs, cream pies, meringue pies, etc. is not allowed without a license. The sale of baked goods such as cookies, cakes, fruit, brownies, etc. is acceptable. For additional information regarding the food items, please contact the Auglaize County Health Department at (419) 738-3410. Any questions related to the listings may be forwarded to dmonfort04@gmail.com or call 419-953-8813.

Mrs. Danielle Monfort
Chairman

Happy Easter



**Senior Citizen
Easter
Breakfast**

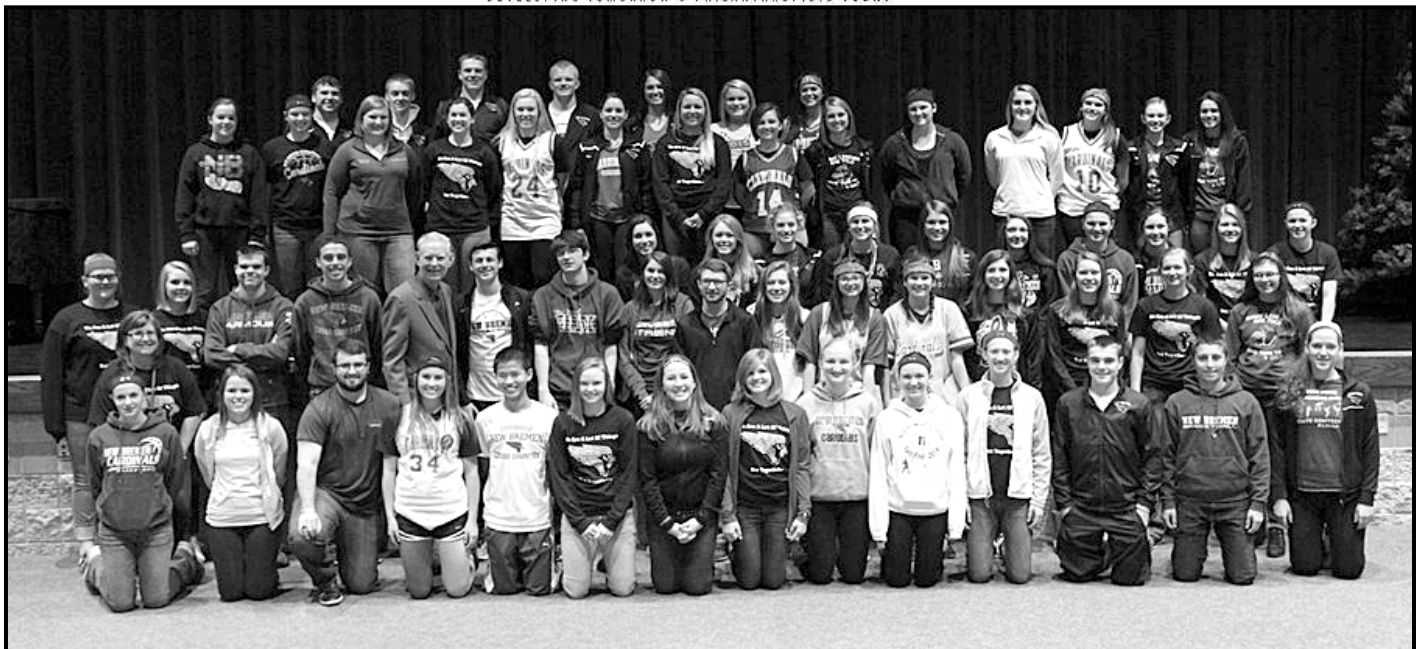
March 22, 2016

New Bremen Student Council would like to invite the Senior Citizens to an Easter Breakfast on **Tuesday, March 22** in the High School Commons at 8:30. Students will be serving an awesome plate of food, the choir will provide entertainment, building tours will be given, and door prizes given away. If you wish to attend this event, please RSVP to the school by calling 419-629-8606 or email yvette.blaine@newbremenschools.org by Tuesday, March 8, 2016.

**New Bremen High School
Student Council**

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Recently, students from our National Honor Society, Student District Leadership Team, and Magnified Giving groups met with Roger Grein from Magnified Giving (a student philanthropy program). These student groups heard his life story as it related to work, athletics, personal trials, and philanthropy. For a gentleman with multiple setbacks and personal handicaps, he has utilized his gifts to the utmost, creating a philanthropic program that has gifted others greatly. He has never given up - from being a young man who started mowing grass for others to one who turned a failed job at a bank into an accounting firm that allowed his investments to grow and help those in need. His story is both very real and inspirational. NBHS Magnified Giving students plan to hold an NPO Service Fair in January with the help of our student organizations. The fair will assist MG students in determining which local non-profits to explore and award MG grants totaling \$1500.00 in May. If you are interested in donating to Magnified Giving or you are a 5013C non profit organization with volunteer opportunities for high school students, you can contact our teacher mentor, Shelley This at shelley.this@newbremenschools.org



Besides Magnified Giving, NBHS also gave locally through the following programs to help those in need during the holiday season. Our Future Farmers Association participated in, "Adopt a Platoon," our Fellowship of Christian Athletes gave to, "Socks for Shelters," and our staff gave to several local families in need through meals and gift giving.

The, "We Are Cardinals," branding campaign started by Mrs. Heckman's Marketing Class last spring is well underway. We have newly created wall art above the commons outside the gym and, this year, worked in conjunction with the Believe in Yourself campaign to create shirts that feature the brand on the design. We are working to find more ways to engage students in both buildings together on various activities. We held the most recent district-wide pep rally in December in the middle school gym versus the high school gym which we have done previously.

I personally am not a huge fan of social media as I prefer more personal interaction, but I do continue to post to Twitter about things that occur at NBHS that your son/daughter may fail to tell you about. Following me @NBHSPrincipal is a great way to see many of the great things occurring here on a regular basis that the news of which may not always make it home or be highlighted in this newsletter or other forms of media. Some examples of those things would be pictures of class projects, the recent Christmas door decorating contest, Halloween costumes, speakers that have come in to speak in various classes or the student body as whole, and lists of the top colleges and majors chosen by NBHS graduates in addition to many other things. If you need help figuring out how to get on Twitter to follow me just ask your son/daughter and I am sure they can help you.

Mr. Brian Pohl
High School Principal

Mrs. Shelley This
Librarian

HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE NEWS

Wow, half the year is already under our belts!! Last quarter was a busy time for many of the students.

In Physiology, we explored the Skeletal and Muscular systems and took an in-depth look at our senses. We went to see a total knee replacement surgery. I think they all really enjoyed that field trip. For our senses unit, students got to experience what it was like to be blind and blind and deaf. They all decided it was much harder to have two senses removed than one but, surprisingly, students were still able to determine their location in the school based on smell and feel alone. They also enjoyed dissecting a cow's eye. This quarter, we are looking forward to studying the nervous system. Following it we will dissect a shark before we start studying the Endocrine system.

Physical Science is just finishing up their unit on Physics and are excitedly looking forward to the unit on Chemistry. They really want to see something explode and mix chemicals! Look for a group Science project to be coming home towards the end of third quarter.



The picture above shows the students that won the Trebuchet competition. Physics students made trebuchets with which they calculated maximum height, velocity, and flight time of a tennis ball. These machines had to launch a tennis ball at a target 8 m and 16 m away, hitting both. After all calculations were done, students competed in a double elimination contest. In the contest, students had to hit another groups target before that group hit theirs. Kaelen Reed, Mitch Kramer, and Kaitlyn Ahrns won this competition! Their machine was one of the most consistent trebuchets I have seen in my many years of having students make these.

Mrs. Jennifer Sniegowski

HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH NEWS

Pre-AP juniors are currently reading George Orwell's *1984*. To gain a deeper insight into the purpose behind Orwell's novel, students are comparing the first few chapters with informative texts about the Russian Revolutions in the early 1900's. Pre-AP students will be writing analytical essays on the novel, and they'll also continue to write scholarship essays.

College Prep juniors have begun surveying poems from early American literature all the way up to modern day. These juniors are learning a systematic approach to analyze a variety of poems. Finding and understanding the function of poetic elements help students explain why their most enjoyed songs and poems are meaningful. In addition to dabbling into writing poetry, juniors have begun a writing unit on scholarship essays.

Both AP seniors and pre-AP sophomores are diving into Shakespeare this month. Seniors will study Hamlet, while sophomores tackle Othello. Both tragedies are rich with opportunity to read, write, discuss, and think about family, relationships, and the flaws in human nature.

CP seniors recently finished Macbeth and are learning a new tool to tackle poetry. Ask your senior how to TPCASTT a poem and figure out the hidden meaning!

Mrs. Jodi Schumm
Mrs. Theresa Newbright
Mr. Mike Gast



HIGH SCHOOL INTERVENTION

The first semester is in the books! It's hard to believe that the year is already halfway done! The students are back from their much-deserved Christmas break and are ready to end the year strong. Before the students left for break, we spent a lot of time studying for semester exams. We reviewed test-taking strategies that hopefully helped them score higher on their assessments. We also worked to get the students organized so that they would have an easier time studying.

Some students finished the first round of make-up testing for Ohio AIR this December. The tests were still given "paper and pencil" in lieu of online testing. The rest of the students will be taking the end of course AIR tests in April. All sophomores attended the Tri Star presentation in November and most took advantage of the Tri Star visit in mid-December. The seniors are making final preparations for life after high school. Graduation, here we come!

Mr. Joe Huwer

HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES

During the first semester, the students in AP American Government classes have studied the Foundations of American Government (Constitution) and the organization, powers of Congress, and how the Congress operates. In the second semester, the AP government classes will be studying the Executive and Judicial branches of our federal government. The students will also take a critical look at how they can participate through political parties, interest groups, elections, and the impact of the media on our democracy and government. The students have also critically evaluated the debates between the Republican and Democratic candidates for President of the United States, as many of them will be participating in their first Presidential election in 2016 as voters.

In our American History classes, the students will be studying major events of the late 19th and 20th centuries and complete some historical projects on World War I, the Great Depression, World War II, the Cold War Era, the 1960's, and on issues of today.

In April, the students in American History will be taking their end of course assessment as part of the new graduation requirements that were implemented last year. We wish the students well in this endeavor. The students will be taking the assessment on computers at school. The students in AP Government will be taking their AP exam on May 10, 2016. We wish all the students the best as they prepare for these exams and assessments.

Mr. Craig Griesdorn



Students in Financial Literacy class are currently participating in the H&R Block Budget Challenge, a competition for students to learn how to manage money. This simulation bridges personal finance topics to behaviors needed in real life, like routine checking of bills, account status, managing cash flow, and balancing near-term and longer-term financial goals. In early January, each student created an H&R Block Budget Challenge account and has been working on budgets, cash flow spreadsheets, and making product selections for household services.

The Budget Challenge simulation uses modern financial tools such as online banking and electronic bill-pay to immerse students into the financial life of a recent college graduate who has been in working for at least six months. Each student gets a regular paycheck, a checking account, a 401(k) savings account, and bills to pay throughout the simulation.

Financial commitments include: health insurance (through payroll deduction), rent, renter's insurance, car loan, car insurance, cell phone, gas and electric utilities, cable, credit card, and student loan. These bills expose students to a wide array of terms and conditions like billing frequency, fees, penalties, and interest rates. The simulation allows students to go through the actions of using funds to pay for recurring and unexpected bills, compelling them to budget, save, and plan for potential scenarios they can encounter in real life. Experiencing the consequences of their actions, all while operating in a safe environment, allows students to learn for themselves what most adults have had to learn the hard way.

By playing the game, students will gain a new perspective on:

- the importance of budgeting and tracking of payments
- the importance of timing of cash flow and scheduling checks
- an understanding of the rules for using a checking account and online bill-pay
- an understanding of how to use a 401(k) and the advantages of saving for retirement early on
- an understanding of how to read bills, account statements, and paychecks
- an understanding of how to negotiate with customer service
- an understanding of how to budget for unexpected events

To keep things fun and engaging, students receive a score and class rank nightly to compete against their classmates. Last semester, Celeste Kuck was the top performer in the fourth period class, while Ashley Bowers was the top performer in the fifth period class. Congratulations Celeste and Ashley! Students also compete against other students around the country. H&R Block awards \$3 million in classroom grants and scholarships throughout the competition including a \$100,000 grand prize scholarship for the top performing student across the U.S.!

Mrs. Jill Ahlers

PROM

The Junior Class will be hosting the 2016 Junior-Senior Prom on Saturday April 23. The promenade will begin at 8:30 PM in the high school gym and the dance will be from 9-12 in the high school commons. The theme for prom this year is Enchanted Night.

**Mrs. Loresa Burden
Mrs. Cresta Ritter**

CHOIR NEWS

On Sunday, January 17, 2016, five outstanding high school choir members represented New Bremen in the Ohio Music Education Association’s District III High School Honor’s Choir Festival. Seniors Craig Francis and Max Travis along with Sophomores Lucy Whitten and Katelyn Paulus, and Freshman Darion Cook, auditioned for this honor in November of 2015. After being accepted, these students attended three weekend rehearsals in December and January to further prepare for the festival performance held at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert, Ohio. The guest conductor for this year’s festival was choral composer and conductor Mr. Mark Patterson.



On Saturday, February 6, 2016, high school choir students will be traveling to Celina High School to participate in the Ohio Music Education Association’s Solo and Ensemble Event. This opportunity is open to all high school choir students who are interested in exploring small ensemble and solo literature. All singers perform for a judge and receive a rating and comments. The students have been rehearsing during class, after school and during Cardinal Pride time. Solo and Ensemble is open to the public and I highly encourage you to come and support your students. Participating students and their ratings will be listed in the Spring District Newsletter.



NBHS Band students that participated in the OMEA District 3 Honor's Band



Important Upcoming High School Choir Dates:

- February 6 High School Solo and Ensemble
Celina High School
- February 28 High School Mid-Winter Concert
3:00 PM James F. Dicke Auditorium
Romer’s BBQ Chicken Dinners available following concert
- February 29 Cardinal Music Booster Meeting
7:00 PM High School Community Room
- March 11/12 District III Large Group Contest
Van Wert High School
- March 21 Cardinal Music Booster Meeting
7:00 PM High School Community Room
- April 25 Cardinal Music Booster Meeting
7:00 PM High School Community Room
- April 29/30 OMEA State Large Group Contest
Van Buren High School
- May 4 Music Banquet 6:30 PM
High School Commons/Auditorium
- May 9 High School Spring Concert
7:30 PM James F. Dicke Auditorium
- May 16 Cardinal Music Booster Meeting
7:00 PM High School Community Room

Mrs. Patty Ruckman

NBHS SCHOLASTIC TEAM DOMINATES THE MAC

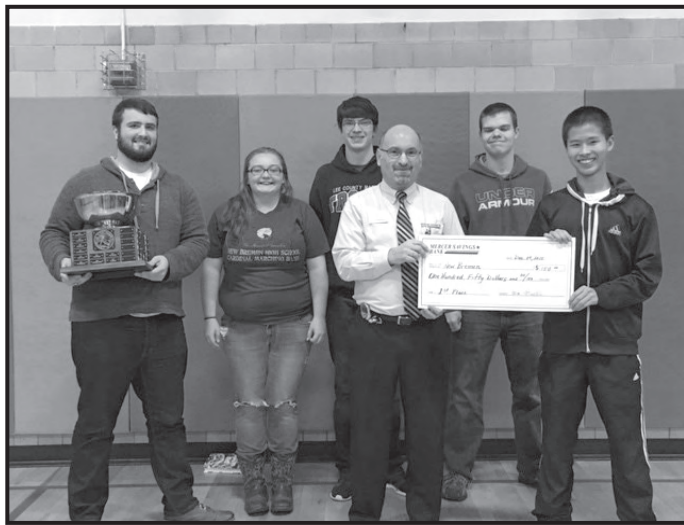
On December 14, the New Bremen Varsity Scholastic Team won first place at the MAC Scholastic Bowl. This is the first time in 25 years that New Bremen has won the tournament.

Seniors Michael Molaskey, Thomas Zhang, Vince Wilson, Molly Paul and Junior Michael Kelly dominated the scoreboard through 14 of the first 13 rounds, then fell behind in the 14th round. They had an excellent showing in the 15th and final round to pull out a win over second place New Knoxville.

The varsity team also finished in 1st place for the regular season with 7 wins and 1 loss.

The team was honored with a standing ovation at halftime during the boys’ varsity basketball game on December 18, and Scholastic Bowl sponsor Mercer Savings Bank awarded a check for \$150.00 to the team. The travelling trophy will live at New Bremen High School until next year’s tournament. Congratulations to the Scholastic Team! You are fantastic representatives of New Bremen High School!

Mrs. Theresa Newbright
Scholastic Team Advisor



*Congratulations
on a
Job Well Done!*



**SCHOOL
FACILITIES
OPEN TO
WALKERS**



For those individuals who enjoy walking throughout the winter months, the New Bremen High School is available for indoor walking in the hallways from 6:00 - 7:00 a.m. and from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday when school is in session. The hours at the Elementary/Middle School are 6:00 - 7:00 a.m. and from 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday when school is in session.



New Bremen Local Schools will recycle your old used cell phones and empty printer ink cartridges. Through FundingFactory we can earn technology equipment, playground equipment, sports equipment, or cash.

Just bring these items to one of our school offices and we'll take it from there.

Together we can make our fund-raiser a success!

**NEWS IN PLTW AND
WOODS & METAL CLASSES**

Well, half of the year is already done and the students have been very productive in the PLTW lab, Woods, and Metal classes. PLTW students have been working on projects such as puzzle cubes, bridge construction, and electronic dice and game board counters. The senior level PLTW class has been working on innovating several existing products making them better and more user friendly such as a hunting blind/game monitoring system using drone technology, an arrow retrieving system, and a range finder.

The manufacturing classes of Woods and Metals have been working on a required footstool project, along with a second project such as baseball bats, small shelving units, coffee tables, and a tv stand. Metals class has been concentrating on arc, mig, and oxy-acetylene welding. As the second semester gets started, it looks like we will have some interesting projects the second half of the year also.

Mr. Michael Heuker

**Life Skills and FFA
Conduct Community Service Projects**

The life skills classes and the FFA chapter at New Bremen recently prepared Thanksgiving meals for developmentally disabled community members. Students made and packaged over 30 meals. Students planned the menu, developed the list of items needed, cooked the food, and determined proper servings for each meal. The individuals who received the meals are unable to cook for themselves and therefore were able to enjoy a home cooked meal on Thanksgiving Day.



*Life Skills
students and
FFA members
who helped
prepare and
package the
meals.*

FFA Conducts Community Service Projects

In December, the New Bremen FFA conducted two community service projects to promote servant leadership. Members organized a Children's Hospital Drive in conjunction with the elementary students. Elementary students and FFA members brought in items for children staying at Dayton Children's Hospital such as coloring books, crayons, activity books, etc. The elementary class that brought the most items in was Mrs. Schmitmeyer's kindergarten room and they were rewarded with a donut and juice party. Over 1,200 items were donated to Dayton Children's Hospital as a result of this effort.

FFA members also sought donations for soldiers overseas through the Adopt a Platoon Program. FFA members brought in seven boxes of needed items for a group of 20 soldiers. Items included toothbrushes, magazines, Christmas decorations, nonperishable food items, and toiletry items.

Mrs. Maria Homan

ATHLETIC UPDATE



January 2016 Athletic Department Update

Upcoming dates for winter tournaments are as follows:

- * Sectional swim meet at Lima Saturday 2/13
- * District swim at BGSU Friday 2/19
- * State swim at Canton weekend of 2/24 – 2/27
- * Sectional girls' basketball at either Allen East or Lima Bath Tuesday 2/16 or Wednesday 2/17 and Saturday 2/20
- * Girls' basketball District at Wapakoneta Thursday 2/25 and Saturday 2/27
- * Girls' regional games Wednesday 3/2 and Saturday 3/5 at Tipp City
- * Girls' state tournament weekend of 3/10 – 3/12 in Columbus
- * Boys' sectional basketball Tuesday 2/23 and Friday 2/26 at either Coldwater or Allen East
- * Boys' district tournament Tuesday 3/1 and Friday 3/4 at Wapakoneta
- * Boys' regional tournament Tuesday 3/8 and Friday 3/11 at Kettering
- * Boys' state tournament weekend of 3/17 – 3/19 in Columbus

Upcoming dates and events at New Bremen:

- * Girls' basketball senior night Thursday 2/4
- * Cheerleading, bowling, swimming and boys' basketball senior night Saturday 2/13
- * MAC winter banquet Monday 2/29 at 7 PM in Minster
- * Winter sports awards program Tuesday 3/8 at 7 PM
- * Baseball and softball practice begins on Monday 2/22
- * Track practice begins on Monday 3/7

Mr. Gary Jones
Athletic Director

STUDENT ATHLETES:

**Activity free week
for the summer of 2016
will be July 3 to July 10**



**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!**

New Bremen Athletic Boosters 2015 Year in Review



The New Bremen Athletic Boosters play a major role in providing and maintaining the excellent facilities and equipment used by our student athletes. Thanks to the support of our members and the Cardinal Community, the Boosters raised over \$35,000 in 2015 which enabled us to fund these worthwhile projects and services.

- ◆ *Purchased new junior high scoreboards*
- ◆ *Sponsored the 100 Years of basketball season long event*
- ◆ *Sponsored football tailgating before each home game*
- ◆ *Purchased softball and baseball field portable sound system*
- ◆ *Provided additional equipment for the Junior High weight room*
- ◆ *Sponsored Junior High basketball tournaments*
- ◆ *Purchased paint for the football field Cardinal mid-field logo and hash marks*
- ◆ *Purchased basketball shooting training machines*
- ◆ *Purchased a baseball pitching machine*
- ◆ *Purchased new volleyball nets*
- ◆ *Provided four \$500 scholarships to this year's award winners, Stephanie Brandt, Trey Naylor, Jacob O'Neill, and Veronica Hirschfeld*
- ◆ *Purchased three golf swing trainers*
- ◆ *Sponsored the mini-Cards Tournament*
- ◆ *Provided support of the new Junior High spring baseball team*
- ◆ *Purchased a new trophy case providing a home for the Ben Homan and Dan Purdy memorial*
- ◆ *Purchased swim fins and other swimming training aids*

Whether you made a financial contribution, donated your time, or both, we thank you. Of course, we are always looking for volunteers to become an officer, chair a project, or simply volunteer some time to work a project or event. If you are interested or have any questions, feel free to contact Jack Gilberg at 419-234-3355 or by email at jjgilberg@nktelco.net.

*Booster President
Jack Gilberg*

SCHOOL DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS

It is the policy of New Bremen School to delay classes or close school at any time when it is determined that the safety or the health of the students is in question. This includes severe fog, unsafe roads due to snow or ice, tornados, or a severe utility problem at the school. Announcements are made as early as possible. However, a dense fog, heavy snowfall, or tornado alert at the time of bus departure could cause a late announcement. A school delay may vary from one to three hours. School functions scheduled on the day of a closing are usually cancelled unless a change in the weather or the correction of a utility problem allows the activity to be held. Students and parents are requested not to call the school office or school officials for information concerning a delay or cancellation. The Superintendent and Transportation Coordinator are out checking the roads in the morning and we need to keep the phone lines free so we can notify media when road conditions are determined. The information will be posted on our school website, social media, posted on one of the following radio or television stations, and/or you will be notified by the school's automated notification system.

School Website: www.newbremenschools.org

Radio: WIMA/WIMT – Lima 102.1 FM WCSM – Celina 1350 AM
WKKI – Celina 94.3 FM 96.7 FM

TV: WLIO – Lima Channel 35
Dayton Channel 7



In case of delay, continue listening or check the above list.

KINDERGARTEN CLINIC SCREENING

The annual Kindergarten Clinic Screening will be held in the elementary library on Tuesday, April 12th and Wednesday, April 13th. Children eligible for admission to kindergarten next fall are required to attend. Children must be five years of age on or before August 1, 2016, in order to enter.

Children and parents attending the screening clinic will be met by a number of people, all of whom are taking part in the Kindergarten Assessment Program. We remind everyone that parents and children will be spending at least 1 1/2 hours with us at the clinic. If at all possible, it is best if younger and/or other children do not accompany the preschooler and his/her parents to the clinic.

In order to provide an efficient clinic, appointment times will be set up at intervals. Being on time is very important if we are to keep the clinic running smoothly. Parents of children registered for kindergarten will receive a letter indicating their appointment date and time. Appointment letters will be mailed out sometime in January.

Parents are reminded to bring their child's Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, Immunization Record and Custody Papers (if divorced) when attending the clinic. In accordance with state law, all children must have the following immunizations before entering school:

DTP - 4 or more doses - Booster after age 4

POLIO - Injectable and oral combination - 4 or more doses. All oral doses or all injectable - 3 or more doses. One dose must be given after 4 years of age.

MMR - 2 doses after 1 year of age and at least 28 days apart

HEPATITIS B - 3 doses with 3rd on or after 24 weeks of age (Recommended for all 0-18 years olds.)





VARICELLA - 2 doses after 1 year of age unless child has had disease (chicken pox)







Parking for the clinic will be available on Plum Street. Please use the elementary entrance. Thank you for your cooperation.



Mrs. Lisa Steinke,
School Nurse

Mrs. Diane Kramer,
K-4 Principal

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	FR BBK - Marion Local (H) 6:00 1 JH BBK - Marion local JH (A) 5:00	GBK - Spencerville (A) 6:00 2	Spelling Bee 9:00 AM MS Gymnasium Athletic Booster Meeting Community Room 6:30 PM 3 	GBK - Marion Local (H) 6:00 4	Interims 5 Josten's Freshman Ring Meeting - Aud. 2nd CPT BBK - Marion Local (A) 6:30	ACT Test Date 6 BBK - Ft. Jennings (H) 6:00	
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21	National FFA Week 22 Cardinal Pride Meeting Elem. Library 7:00 PM	National FFA Week 23 Freshman Little Caesars Pizza Sales Ends	National FFA Week 24 Celebrating National FFA Week Feb. 21-28 	National FFA Week 25	National FFA Week 26	National FFA Week 27 OCTM Math Contest	
HS Mid-Winter Concert Auditorium 3:00 PM 28 Choir - Romer's Chicken Dinner Fundraiser	Cardinal Music Booster Meeting - Community Room 7:00 PM 29 MAC Winter Banquet - Minster 7:00 Exploration Academy - Gr. 9	Happy Valentines Day					

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		 1	Talent Connection—Jrs. Time: TBD 2 Athletic Booster Meeting - Community Room 6:30 PM	MS Mid-Winter Concert - MS Gym 7:30 3	OMEA District III JH Festival Rehearsal - Wapakoneta HS 6:00 - 9:00 4	OMEA District III JH Festival Rehearsal - 10:00 - 1:30 Performance - 3:00 Wapakoneta HS 5
6	7	HS Faculty Meeting 7:15 AM 8 Winter Sports Award Program - Auditorium 7:00	5-8 Faculty Meeting 7:15 AM 9 K-4 Faculty Meeting 3:15 School Board Meeting Community Room 7:00 PM	End of 3rd Nine Weeks 10 Senior Seminar - Auditorium / Comm. Rm.	OMEA District III HS Large Group Adjudicated Event 11 Senior Seminar - Auditorium / Comm. Rm.	SAT Test Date 12 OMEA District III HS Large Group Adjudicated Event
13 	Open House 6:30 - 8:00 PM 14 Spring Book Fair OGT Testing - All Sophomores FFA Meeting - Ag Room 8:00 PM	Spring Book Fair OGT Testing - All Sophomores 15 Spring Season Pictures - Start after school at HS then move to MS Yearbook Group Pictures as Needed (HS and K-8) 8:45 AM (Start at K-8 Bldg.)	Spring Book Fair OGT Testing - All Sophomores 16 Grade Cards Distributed K-12 Athletic Council Meeting - Community Room 6:30	Spring Book Fair OGT Testing - All Sophomores 17	Spring Book Fair OGT Testing - All Sophomores 18	Spring Book Fair OGT Testing - All Sophomores 19
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EASTER 27 	NO SCHOOL EASTER BREAK 28 BB - Bradford (A) 5:00 JV BB - Bradford (H) 5:00 SB - Bradford (A) 5:00 JV SB - Bradford (H) 5:00	BB - Houston (H) 5:00 29 SB - Houston (H) 5:00 JV SB - Bath (A) 5:00	30	BB - Marion Local (A) 5:00 31 JV BB - Marion Local (H) 5:00 SB - St. Marys Memorial (H) 5:00 JV SB - St. Marys Memorial (A) 5:00 Coed TR - J.C., N.K., Parkway, Botkins, Fair. Quint. (H) 4:30	GO CARDINALS!	

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING FORM
NEW BREMEN LOCAL SCHOOLS

It is important that we have names of children who are eligible to attend kindergarten next fall (those who will be 5 on or before August 1, 2016). **PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE ELEMENTARY OFFICE.** We are also interested in knowing the number of children who will be attending New Bremen Local School through the next five years. Complete this form if you have a child eligible for kindergarten and have not registered, or have a preschool-age child (age 0-5) and have not registered. Share this with a relative, neighbor, or friend.

KINDERGARTEN 2016-2017

CHILDREN'S INFORMATION:

First Name	Middle	Last	Birthdate	Male/Female
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