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## New Substitute Levy explained

Finally, the state of Ohio has taken a step toward what the people of Ohio have been asking them to do. Lawmakers have developed a levy that will work in favor of the property owner while also helping schools.

**It's called a Substitute Levy. Here's how it works:**

**1.** A school district with an expiring Emergency Levy can ask voters to approve a Substitute Levy **in place of** the expiring levy.



Existing Properties

**NO NEW TAXES**

The Substitute Levy generates the same dollar amount that the expiring Emergency Levy had generated.

**YEAR 1**



New Construction

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**2.** In the first collection year of a Substitute Levy, the district would collect the exact dollar amount as the expired Emergency Levy.

**NO NEW TAXES.**

**3.** In the remaining collection years, there would still be no new taxes for the existing property owners, but the district would receive a portion of the taxes from any new construction in the township — if, in fact, there had been new construction during the previous year.



Existing Properties

**NO NEW TAXES**

Taxes on new homes and businesses built in year 1 (the prior year) are added to the levy base, allowing the schools to benefit from the growth.

**YEAR 2**



New Construction

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## NO NEW TAXES

Jackson's 5-year Emergency Levy will expire in December 2011. Voters will be asked to approve a 5-year Substitute Levy on May 3 for the exact amount of the District's expiring 6.4 mill Emergency Levy.

**NO INCREASE.**

Taxes can still go down, based on reappraisal. This was developed in an effort to help schools keep pace with inflation while not continually showing up at the ballot box.



**YEAR 3 - 5, the cycle repeats**



Existing Properties

**NO NEW TAXES**

New Construction

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Taxes on new homes and businesses built in year 2 (the prior year) are added to the levy base, allowing the schools to benefit from the growth.

## Assistant Superintendent joins officials for state of the township presentation to JB Chamber

As part of a State of the Township address delivered to members of the Jackson Belden Chamber of Commerce, Assistant Superintendent Chris DiLoreto updated the audience on the school district's challenges, goals, and victories.

"Our business is kids and their futures," he began, as he outlined ways the district works to manage resources while serving 5,700 students and 600 employees in eight buildings under 1 million square feet of roof, despite continuing unfunded mandates and the expected 20% cut in state funding.

- The district is learning to significantly reduce its consumption of energy.

- The district engages in cost-saving cooperative purchasing locally and statewide.

- The district has received the state's highest designation of "Excellent" for the 10 consecutive years, meeting 26 of 26 benchmarks this year.

- Nearly 50% of Jackson students score in the

"advanced" range on various state tests. One in three students are classified as accelerated learners, or gifted.

- Jackson High School and Lake Cable Elementary carry Blue Ribbon designations.

- Jackson is home to the 2010 State



From left: Jackson Township Fiscal Officer Randy Gonzalez, Jackson Local Assistant Superintendent Chris DiLoreto, JB Chamber Interim Executive Director Steven Meeks, and Trustee John Pizzino at the State of the Township address.

Championship Basketball and Debate Teams.

- The district is expanding its global instructional opportunities with sister school connections in China, and the addition of an International Baccalaureate Program.

- The district invests not only in programs to create relevant rigor for students but also to develop great teachers.

*"The true gem that pulls all of us together is our schools. As our schools are successful, we are successful."*

— Steven Meeks  
JB Chamber Interim Executive Director

After hearing the presentation, Steven Meeks, Interim Executive Director of the JB Chamber applauded, noting that we are blessed to live in such a township, and adding, "The true gem that pulls all of us together is our schools. As our schools are successful, we are successful."

## Mark Your Calendar Senior Citizens Spring Fling

On April 7, 3:30, at Jackson High School, senior citizens can see the Jacks-N-Jills perform in the style of the popular TV show, *Glee*. If you would like to have dinner with us after the performance, please purchase a ticket at the high school from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$11. Sales begin March 1 and end March 23. Dinner includes ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetable medley, salad, rolls and holiday poke cake for dessert. **NO TICKET NEEDED FOR THE PERFORMANCE.**



Senior citizens congratulate the cast of *Brigadoon* at the Fall Fling.





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## Financial Advisory Committee forms to assist Jackson Local

Jackson Local has formed a 25-member committee of interested citizens who will meet several times per year to review district finances and to assist the district in two financial areas. At the first meeting in January, members divided into two teams to work on separate issues.

**The Annual Report Team** will produce two district financial/school facts reports to be distributed to the citizens of Jackson via Polar Bear Pride. The first will be a short report included in the April edition, and the second, more in-depth report, is expected to be distributed in the August edition, shortly after the completion of the district's fiscal



year (June 30).

**The Alternative Revenue Sources Team** hopes to set up a permanent educational foundation for Jackson Local Schools. Sally Efremoff, a former Plain Local Board of Education member who was instrumental in the formation

of her district's foundation will speak to the group later this month about her district's process. In addition, the team will explore possible corporate contributions of time, resources, and/or partnerships that might aid the district.

### Committee Members

Nate Bailey  
John Batcho  
Mark Belgya  
Beverly Belgya  
Paula Blangger  
Greg Brokaw  
Kim Conley  
John Davide  
Jeff Dimos  
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Steve Miller  
Jeff Maloney  
Scott Smith  
Barb Talley  
Tom Turner  
Ruthanne Wilkof  
Jim Williamson  
Mark Wright

## Young surgeons make initial cut

JHS Anatomy and Physiology students dissect frogs to compare the muscles to those of the human body.

"I aspire to be a surgeon," said Brad Berbett (pictured back right).

"I'm going into the medical field, too, so this class is just what I need, said Caroline Knauss (front right).

"I hope to go into the medical field," said Joey Hallworth (back left)

Holly Herstine (front left) simply likes the hands-on style of the class. The students are pictured with their teacher, Lee Ann Kalkhoff.



## Jackson gingerbread takes top award

Gasser Fine Jewelers held its 5th annual Gingerbread House Competition in December with entries from Hoover, Jackson, R.G. Drage, Canton South, Perry, GlenOak, Fairless, and Louisville High Schools. After the public voted, Jackson culinary student Jodi Noland won first place and a \$500 scholarship awarded by the store. Jodi is pictured with her classmate, Megan Ferguson, who also entered the contest. The houses are made of gingerbread baked by the students and decorated with royal icing. The stunning detail of Jodi's house includes stone siding and hundreds of tiny icicles, wreaths on every window, a tiny cat on the porch, and a snowman in the yard, all made from icing. It took her 100 hours to complete the house. Megan creatively used over 2,000 sticks of Big Red chewing gum to build the house's siding.



Jodi Noland and Megan Ferguson display their gingerbread houses.

## Smart Guys

The Ohio High School Football Coaches Association proudly named the Jackson High School Football Team, Academic All Ohio for its academic excellence. To qualify, the grade point averages of the top 22 lettermen for each team were averaged and ranked. Only 20 of the 715 eligible schools throughout Ohio earned the coveted honor of Academic All Ohio. Jackson ranked 15th out of the 715 schools.

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**OUR INPUT IS WELCOMED:** Send comments to Paula Blangger, [pblangger@neo.rr.com](mailto:pblangger@neo.rr.com).



# JHS Career & Technical preps students for college and high-tech, good-paying jobs

JHS students in the Career and Technical programs hosted their annual Career Days, inviting all sophomore students to sample the two-year programs available at JHS and to learn about all 75 programs available through our partnerships with other county-wide high schools.

Jackson is a member of the Stark Career Compact along with GlenOak, Hoover, and Lake high schools. There are also opportunities outside the Compact in the Alliance, Canton South, Marlington, Massillon, Perry, R. G. Drage, and Canton City school districts. Each school offers a unique set of programs without duplicating efforts by others in the county, thereby saving taxpayer dollars while still fully serving students.

Jackson offers the programs pictured with this article. If a Jackson students finds a career path offered by another school in the county, he or she may apply for a spot at the school offering the instruction, just as students from those schools can apply to study at JHS.

The Career and Technical programs prepare students for careers that may,

in some cases, begin upon graduation from JHS. But most often, enrollment in these programs prepares students to pursue two and four year degrees in their chosen fields. In fact, participating in a College Tech Prep program offered throughout the Stark County College Tech Prep Consortium is a smart way to get a jump on college. Many students have the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school.

Sophomores are currently applying for acceptance into these programs.

**For more information or to visit one of these programs, contact Cindy Class, CTE Director Jackson High School at 330-837-3501 x1423 or [ctc2jc@jackson.sparcc.org](mailto:ctc2jc@jackson.sparcc.org).**



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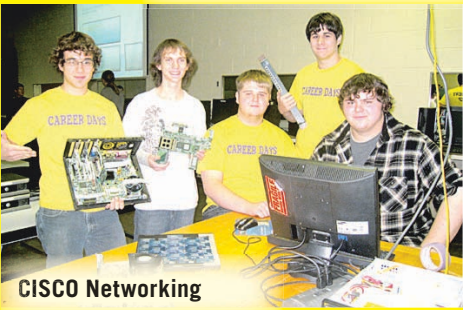
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Culinary Arts and Restaurant Management

## JHS culinary students take classroom skills to Qdoba

Qdoba, a new restaurant in Belden visited the Bear's Den Restaurant at JHS to conduct on-site interviews with the culinary arts students.

"They hired seven of our students on the spot," said culinary teacher Stephanie Kunkel.

"The students are already well trained and already have guest contact because they work in the school restaurant. The big thing is that they are trained by ServeSafe and are certified," said Qdoba manager Susan Baudas. ServeSafe is a restaurant food safety and sanitation standard.

Today, nine ISA culinary students work at Qdoba.

The culinary students are trained throughout the year on many different stations: fry station, grill cook, expediter, sandwich maker, salad station and then many front of the house jobs as well, from cashier to service personnel. Qdoba was looking for friendly, knowledgeable students whose training would easily transfer to their kitchen.

"I couldn't be more proud of them," Mrs. Kunkle said. "It's exciting to see our students translate their classroom learning to the real world."



**Kneeling front from left: Megan Ferguson, Taylor Kirk, Hannah Secrest, and Alissa Gates. Boys standing: Ryan Boylan, Matt Miraglia, Lee Durbin, Luke Knight. The students are pictured with Qdoba managers: Steve Smith and Susan Baudas.**

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**High School**

## Chinese educators begin six-month residency at Jackson

Wang Jinghua and Guan Ye, lead educators from China, have arrived at Jackson Local as part of a new China-U.S. Educational Exchange program in which 15 Chinese educators will spend six months living, learning, and working with their counterparts at host schools in five U.S. states. This opportunity comes at no expense to the host district. The program, organized by the East-West Center's AsiaPacificEd Program in cooperation with the Chinese Ministry of Education, aims to foster collaboration and mutual learning between Chinese and American schools as they share best practices in preparing students for today's global workplace and knowledge economies.



**Seated from left: Jackson superintendent Cheryl Haschak, Ms. Wang Jinghua of Zhangqiu 4th Middle School of Shandong Province (Senior High), Ms. Guan Yi of Suzhou High School of Jiangsu Province (Senior High), Ms. Wu Xian who is studying at Malone University, and JHS principal Monica Myers. Standing are: secondary curriculum director Linda Salom, Jackson Board of Education president Chris Goff, JHS World Language Department chair Parthena Draggett, JHS teacher Virginia Meisenhelter who is hosting the Chinese educators, JHS Chinese teacher Steve Hyatt, director of the Center for Professional Development at Malone University, Nancy Varian PhD., and Jackson Board of Education member Ken Douglas.**

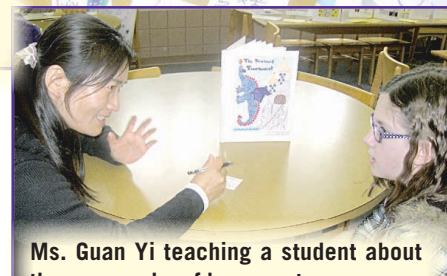
The Chinese educators participating in the exchange program represent some of China's leading K-12 schools and research units. Jackson is one of nine U.S. host schools selected to share its achievements, innovation, and effective teaching practices with their Chinese visitors. The Chinese educators will return to the East-West Center in May to compare notes and to develop action plans for school improvements when they return to China, including ongoing exchange opportunities with their host schools.

"We welcome our Chinese guests. Learning together and from one another is a promising path to prosperity for both nations. As East-West business connections are growing exponentially, it is our duty as educators to equip American students with the international understanding and cultural sensitivity that will enhance their future productivity," said Superintendent Cheryl Haschak. "Our teachers, parents, and students are excited about this rich relationship."

Funding for the China-US Educational Exchange program is provided by the Chinese Ministry of Education.



**Ms. Wang Jinghua teaching students to write using Chinese symbols.**



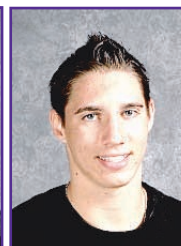
**Ms. Guan Yi teaching a student about the geography of her country.**

## JHS students published in literary, foreign language magazine

Arielle Haut and Chris Corbett had separate pieces published in a recent issue of *Albricias*, the literary magazine of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica, published entirely in Spanish. Chris submitted his original poem, *Mi deporte favorito*, and Arielle submitted her exposé on Ché Guevarra. Besides the fine honor of being published, each earned a monetary award from the magazine.



**Arielle Haut**



**Chris Corbett**

Education is not the  
filling of a pail, but the  
lighting of a fire.

—William Butler Yeats

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**Costa Rican students on the Jackson stage with their American host siblings and teachers after an evening performance the Costa Ricans gave on their country's cultural traditions and resources.**

# Costa Rican students visit Jackson to live the language

Jackson Local is part of a collaborative effort with East Canton and Smithville High Schools that hosted 14 students and two teachers from Costa Rica. The program offered American and foreign students a three-week opportunity to really speak each other's language, at no cost to the hosting school district. The Costa Rican students and teachers are guests of various local families who appreciate the value of international educational opportunities. The program also provides Spanish teachers from area high schools a chance to work together to improve teaching methods. "We have formed friendships and partnerships that will make each of us better teachers," said Roxanne King, a Spanish teacher from East Canton HS.

The program came together through

diligent efforts of the teachers and Jackson parents Béatrice Deligny and Lisa Howie (who also teaches Spanish at Smithville HS). While in America, the Costa Rican students and their host families enjoyed bowling, ice skating, a homecoming dance, high school sporting events, a trip to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, a trip to a water park, and even got to enjoy a snow day, all while living the language. The snow day thrilled American students but elated the Costa Rican students, as there is no such thing in their tropical country. But there are volcanoes. Costa Rican teacher Zulma Clavijo added to JHS students' understanding of biodiversity as she described the active volcanoes in view from their homes and school.

The Costa Rican students also spent two

days at JMMS. Sixth graders will begin a cultural exchange via correspondence to keep the learning in motion.

"This opportunity has given Jackson students a real connection to a vital Central American country, very important in ecotourism. Students have gained cultural awareness, while also forging international relations with their new Costa Rican amigos through Spanish communication, thus providing a truly relevant, real world experience for these young language learners," said JHS Spanish/French teacher Parthena Draggett.

American students will, in turn, be offered an opportunity to visit the Bilingual School of San Francisco de Asis in Costa Rica in the near future.

# World Language Advisory Board works to expand students' global knowledge and abilities

The JHS World Language Department Community Advisory Board (WL CAB) was begun by department chair, Parthena Draggett, and Curriculum Director, Linda Salom last March with the goal of establishing a collaboration between the department and community for the greater benefit of students.

Mrs. Draggett commented, "The world is calling our students to be global citizens, whose future professions require them to travel extensively and interact internationally. They will be able to communicate in more than one language, without interpreters, giving them the edge. Our community advisory board is vital to helping us identify cultural and linguistic needs in international business, medicine, law, engineering, emergency

services, and more. We value their input, their expertise, and their desire to help Jackson students to prepare for 21st Century Skills."

Committee member Jinbiao Tu said, "It is a global economy, and students have no choice but to adapt globally."



## Board Members

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- Herb Shreiner
- Sudhir Srivastava
- Paula Steiner
- Jinbiao Tu

Sudhir Srivastava added, "To be successful now, you need to understand how culture plays into the ways people work and react to situations."

Nadine Benger echoed Mr. Srivastava thought. She has lived in six countries and knows that cultural understanding allows foreigners to join the community.

From a student perspective, JHS junior Chris Lach said, "Being able to communicate opens social and economic opportunities. Language allows you to discover the whole world for yourself."

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## JMMS presents Readers Theater

Forty-three sixth graders, under the direction of 21 seventh graders, produced the first-ever JMMS Readers Theater with a dramatic reading of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*.

Readers Theater is a public, theatrical reading of a popular book. There is no memorizing, no props, no costumes, no sets. Just students reading dramatically to the public after hours and hours of practice to get the characters, facial expression, inflection, and fluency just right.

"Readers Theater is a key tool for creating interest and skill in reading," said Language Arts teacher Laura Sauerbier. "Young people love to do it, and they give it their all, more so because it's a team effort, and they don't want to let their friends down."

The most important skill that students acquire through our Readers Theatre is fluency due to the multiple practice readings of the text, using expressiveness, intonation, and inflection when rehearsing. It's a way for students to practice reading in a meaningful and purposeful way, as students imagine bringing enjoyment to their future audience.

"Our students learned about the characteristics of fiction, plot, conflict, character development, setting, theme, style, tone, mood, point of view, and climax, all the while they thought they were just practicing for a public event," added Ms. Sauerbier.



**JMMS students perform Christmas Readers' Theater for parents.**

## Sixth Grade students collaborate on Social Studies book

JMMS 6th grade social studies students created a book about North America. The students worked together, each responsible for completing one page in the book. Page topics ranged from drawing a political and physical map, to research on the history, government, and the culture of North America. The entire project was completed online with the students writing their personal page and placing pictures on their page. When the pages were complete, their teacher, Sarah Michel, sent the pages to a publishing company to be printed and bound. Parents and students had the opportunity to purchase a copy of the class book for a small fee.

"The students loved seeing their published work," said Mrs. Michel.

The young authors are off and running to a second publication, this time about countries in the Middle East. Each student



**JMMS 6th grade Social Studies learners proudly show the class book they created together.**

will be responsible for researching a country and then completing two pages in the book. The JMMS language arts

teachers will collaborate on this project, teaching students how to better format and edit their work.

## JMMS Geography Bee winner

In December, interested JMMS students gathered to test their knowledge of the world around them by competing in the National Geographic Bee. As teachers Kacy Carter and John Telloni fired question after question at the students, teacher Mike Heidy observed that the Society had outdone itself this year, with some of the toughest questions in his 11-year memory of the event.

After successfully completing the categories of U.S. geography, continents, physical geography, fresh water, and cultural geography, 10 students made the semi final round. Those scholars were:



**Zach Zablo**

Jaylon Grimes, Logan Mueller, John Skakun, Nolan Monigold, Sofia Villegas, Presksha Jain, Tyler Jacobson, Jared Crum, Cole Skelley, and Zach Zablo. The battle raged on and eventually Jared Crum and Zach Zablo went head to head in the finals. When Zach answered that the port city of Tianjin is in China, the championship was his. Zach will now move on to the state bee qualifying test.



## JMMS: Creating the conduct of courage

JMMS Principal Paul Salvino is pleased at the effect the school motto is having on the JMMS student body. The motto: **Courage: Standing Up For What's Right**, is posted on signs throughout the school, worn on t-shirts, and spoken by teachers. Recently, sixth grade teachers Kelly Fultz, Rebecca Haas, and Michael Hendrix challenged their students to an essay contest on the topic for a chance at lunch with the principal.

As a young boy, Principal Salvino did not have an easy middle school experience. He had grown faster and was therefore taller and bigger than many of his classmates, which set him up to be an occasional target for classmates of little courage. "Now I am in a position to do everything I can to help our students have a positive, inclusive

middle school experience," he said, adding, "When they are sitting at their high school graduation ceremonies, I want them to reflect on their school carers and think that their middle school years were the best years."

Mr. Salvino said he sees students now coming to the office to identify something



**Winners of the JMMS Courage Essay Contest: Amanda Maxim, Alyssa Hansen, Madison Bond, Molly McNulty, Ravon Jones, Shawn Elliot, Hayden Zelle, with their principal Mr. Paul Salvino.**

that is "not right" and students standing up for fellow classmates who are being treated unkindly, and even reporting their own offenses. He gives much of the

credit for the success to the JMMS staff. "This would not be possible without teachers bring the message into their classrooms," he said.

The essay contest is

one example of teacher contribution.

"Every school should have this motto because it means a lot when you are getting picked on," wrote essay winner Amanda Maxim in her essay.

"Courage is believing in yourself and taking risks for others," wrote Molly McNulty.

"Courage is not always taking the easy road... It is the courage that you find during life's difficult times that makes your soul grow," wrote Alyssa Hansen.

"If all the world showed courage, it would be a better place to live," wrote Ravon Jones.

"To have courage you must stand out, take chances, be a leader, and have your own personality," wrote Maddie Bond.

"Courage is doing the right thing even if you are rejected or ridiculed," wrote Shawn Elliott.

Hayden Zelle hopes to follow in the footsteps of her late mother whose courageous battle with cancer created inspiration for Hayden.



**Displaying their books in a sea of their classmates' books are Liz DeChellis and Nick Harrison (front row), Abbey Dulik and Megan Rea (middle row), Jacob Bruckner and Meagan Busch (back row).**

## JMMS authors honored at public reception for their newly published books

Sixth graders took up the challenge to write and illustrate their own fiction or non-fiction book on a topic of their choosing.

Young author Ben Warren wrote fictional book titled *The Time My Mom Stole My BFFs*, a humorous look at a mom who hypnotizes his friends with her delicious

food. Another student, Michael Mayle wrote an autobiographical tale "about me trying to build up courage on my hockey team."

Logan Maier said, "I had to do a lot of research to tell my story of a Caribbean disaster, even though it was fiction." While most students had illustrations on

every page, one student, Angela Keller's book was more like a novel, with full pages of text in the style of the Harry Potter books.

The books were published in hardback for each student, and a reception was held for parents and friends to applaud the literary achievement.



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# JHS and Jackson School for the Arts present Arthur Miller's ALL MY SONS and all-day Arts Extravaganza

## Arts Extravaganza

Saturday, February 26, the Jackson School for the Arts will proudly present its fifth annual Arts Extravaganza in the Jackson High School Commons from 2 to 10 p.m. Come for any or all the day's fun.

Enjoy live performances by the Jackson Elementary Choirs, the Jacks-N-Jills Show Choir, the JHS Jazz Band, the JSA Dancers, and the Jackson Middle School choirs. Also enjoy special performances from the Theatre Department's fall play, Steel Magnolias, Jackson Middle School's production of Annie, and the JHS production of Brigadoon. Along with the performances, enjoy award winning student art work on display throughout the Commons area.

## Sauder Battle of the books leaves four teams standing

The 2011 Battle of the Books contest is in it's 10 year at Sauder. Teams of 5th graders read the same three books (usually Newberry Award books), then they come before a panel of adult moderators to answer specific questions about the books' content. There is no prize except the glory of winning, and the competition is intense.

"The questions are incredibly difficult and book-specific," said Sauder's Alex Trebeck, Linda Schmidt who delivers the tough questions to each team as they stand before their fellow competitors and an audience packed with classmates and parents.

The teams of four to six students costume themselves to represent their team name, making the event colorful and creative as well as intellectual and intense. Questions are timed, creating plenty of exciting pressure.

"This is a great program that encourages poor and great readers alike." Mrs Schmidt said.

This year's books were: *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo, *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen, and *The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg* by Rodman Philbrick.

Usually, the elimination process whittles the competition down to one team, but this year, the students were so prepared that four teams

## All My Sons

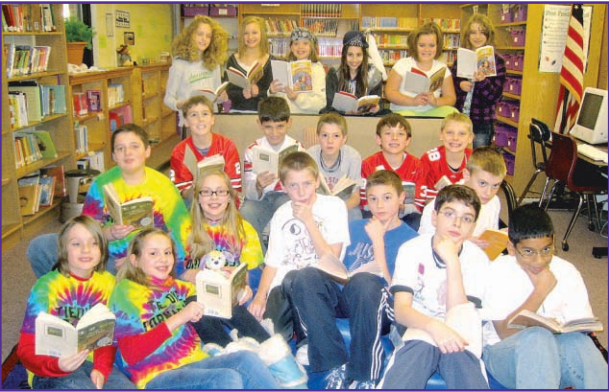
Canton, Ohio is the home of many well known sites: The Pro Football Hall of Fame, the McKinley Monument, and the First Ladies Library, but many residents of Stark County are not be aware that Canton has another reason for notoriety. It is the setting for Arthur Miller's critically acclaimed play *All My Sons*. Jackson High School and Jackson School for the Arts bring Miller's play back to the Canton area with their upcoming production starring Connor Reese as Joe Keller, Maddie Stoffer as Kate Keller, Ben Nelson as Chris Keller, and Elizabeth Galloway- Purcell as Ann Deevers.



Connor Reese as Joe Keller, Maddie Stoffer as Kate Keller, and Ben Nelson as Chris Keller in the production of All My Sons.

The show is directed by Stefanie Fatzinger with student directors Shoshana Weiner and Jesse Clevenger. Tickets can be purchased by calling 330-837-3501, ext. 1449 or by emailing saf2jc@jackson.sparcc.org. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$6 for adults.

**2 p.m. Saturday, February 26, and Sunday, February 27.**



were left standing when the contest was forced to end because of time constraints. Sixteen teams competed, and the four winning teams were:

**Crazy Hobos** with Rachel Lyon, Madisyn Milbrodt, Nadia Paonessa, Fiona Szeles, and Courtney Walters.

**Ohio State Bookeyes** with Alex Fahmy, Brenden Hunter, Jimmy Maccora, Logan Maggiore, and Jack Strifler.

**Tye Dye Tornado** with George Bogner, Jeremiah Kincaid, Alexis Veigel, and Danielle Veigel.

**The Other Guys** with Faheem Ali, Mitch Dillon, Josh Fehlman, Matthew Macrides, Victor Marcelli, and Chase Weatherbee.

## Community Calendar

### Bear's Den, a great place for lunch

The public can enjoy lunch in the Bear's Den student-run restaurant on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

### Share Your Career

JMMS is securing guest presenters to participate in a "Career Fair" event. The event will take place on Friday, March 4 from 8:00-10:30 a.m. at JMMS. The annual Career Fair has been a tremendous success, offering students a variety of career fields represented by members of our community. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Chris Davis, or Luis Lacourt at (330) 830-8034.

### Have a Soldier?

Once again, the JHS Spanish Club is preparing "care" packages to send to soldiers overseas. They do this every year from January to April. If you have a friend, neighbor, or loved one who is serving in the armed forces overseas please contact club advisor Carol Harmon with the address so the students can send a package filled with care items collected by the club members and the JHS staff. Mrs. Harmon can be reached at crh2jc@mail.jackson.sparcc.org, or by calling 330-837-3501.

### Big Band Dinner Dance

Jackson High School Jazz Ensemble I will host its 31st Annual Big Band Dinner Dance, April 16 from 7 to 9:30 p.m., featuring ballroom

dancing to the sounds of Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, and others of the big band era along with a wonderful catered dinner. The event will be held in the JHS Commons. Tickets go on sale in March and are available at the high school or middle school.

### Public invited to a free steel band concert at JHS auditorium

The University of Akron Steel Band will perform in concert following the two recently formed JHS steel bands, March 11, 7:30 p.m. in the Jackson Center for Performing Arts inside the high school. The concert is free and open to the public with donations accepted at the door.

## 2010-11 School Calendar

February	3	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-12) 4:30-7:30 PM
	9	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-12) 4:30-7:30 PM
	18	Waiver Day - No School (K-12)
	21	Presidents' Day - No School (K-12)
March	28	1st Day of Spring Break
April	4	Classes Resume
	22	No School (K-12)
May	13	No School (K-12)
	30	Memorial Day - No School (K-12)
June	8	Last Day for Students & Staff



## 2011-12 School Calendar

August	22	Gr 6/New Student Orientation/Open House-6:30-8:45 PM
	23	Gr 9 / New Student Orientation A-M - 7PM
	24	Gr 9 / New Student Orientation N-Z - 7PM
	25	Open House - All Elementaries - 4:30 PM
	29	1st day Students (K-9)
	30	1st day Students (10-12)
Sept.	2	No School (K-12)
	5	Labor Day - No School (K-12)
	6	Open House JMMS Last Name A-M 6:30-7:30 PM Last Name N-Z 7:30-8:30 PM
	14	Open House High School 6:30-8:30 PM
Oct.	10	Columbus Day - No School (K-12)
	11	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-5) 4-8 PM
	13	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-5) 4-8 PM
	13	Parent/Teacher Conferences (Gr 6-12) 4:30-7:30 PM
	19	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-5) 4-8 PM
	19	Parent/Teacher Conferences (Gr 6-12) 4:30-7:30 PM
	28	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-5) 1/2 day
	28	No School (K-5 ONLY) 1/2 day End of 1st 9 weeks
	31	No School - (K-12)
Nov.	31	Waiver Day - No School (6-12 ONLY)
Nov.	23	Thanksgiving Break Begins
	29	Classes Resume
Dec.	22	Christmas Break Begins
Jan.	3	Classes Resume
	13	End 2nd 9 weeks
	16	Martin Luther King Day - No School (K-12)
Feb.	2	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-12) 4:30-7:30 PM
	8	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-12) 4:30-7:30 PM
	17	Teacher In-service No School - (K-12)
	20	Presidents' Day - No School (K-12)
March	2	Speech Debate State Tournament-No School (K-12)
	23	End 3rd 9 weeks
	26	Spring Break Begins
April	2	Classes Resume
	6	No School - (K-12)
May	28	Memorial Day-No School (K-12)
June	6	Last Day for Students & Staff







The 2011 JHS Alumni Wall of Fame inductees, from left: Jennifer (Cook) Ruhman, Jack Carnes, Rick Villella, Marilyn Jones, and Bill Berger.

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## Alumni Association presents its 2010 Wall of Fame inductees

The Jackson High School Alumni Association hung five more plaques on its "Wall of Fame" located inside Jackson High School. The awards were presented to the inductees by Alumni Association president, Tom Lockard, just before the varsity boys basketball game, Friday, January 28.

### The inductees are:

### Jennifer (Cook) Ruhman: Swimming

Jennifer is a 1993 JHS graduate, four-time letter winner 1989-90-91-92, four-time MVP 1989-90-91-92, four-time All-Federal League 1989-90-91-92, four-time All-County 1989-90-91-92, four-time District Qualifier, three-time State Qualifier in eight events, and All-Ohio 1991-92. She is employed at Boehringer Ingelheim in the pharmaceutical sales division. Jennifer is married to Jeffrey Ruhman, a 1990 Jackson graduate. They reside in Canton with their two children Anna (4) & Charlie (20 mos.)

### Richard (Rick) Villella: Football

Rick is a 1977 graduate, three-time letter winner 1974, 75, 76, All-Federal League 1975-76, All-County 1975, 76. two-year letter winner in basketball 1974,75, three-year letter winner in baseball 1974, 75, 76 and three-year letter winner in track 1974, 75, 76. Rick graduated from Brown University where he held season rushing and attempts records for 25 years. He was drafted by the New England Patriots and spent two years in the NFL. He lives in New York with his wife Courtney and their children Jade (8), Liv (5) and Ty (3).

### John (Jack) Carnes: Athlete

Jack is a 1971 graduate, four-time letter

winner in baseball 1968, 69, 70, 71, All-Federal League 1971, four-time letter winner in football 1967, 68, 69, 70, 2nd Team All-Federal League 1969, three-time letter winner in basketball 1969, 70, 71. Jack earned a congressional appointment to West Point but opted to attend Mariette College. After one year, he enlisted in the Air Force where he was selected to a priority group that learned Chinese, and he worked in intelligence as a Chinese linguistic specialist. Jack works for IBM as a senior certified technical Information specialist. He and his wife Nancy live in Jackson Township and have two children, Tiffany and Andrew who also graduated from JHS.

### William (Bill) Burger: Community Contribution

A 1954 graduate and charter member of the Jackson Township Historical Society Bill spent several years restoring the one-room school house known as Jackson Center School. He has served 33 years on the Jackson Community Fair Board, 21 years as a member of the Jackson Lions Club, and 24 years in the Ohio National Guard. Bill is a member of the Canton Police & Firemen's Retirement Chapter #21, and the Jackson High School Alumni Association. He was an eight-year volunteer and 25-year full-time member of the Jackson Township Fire Department where he retired as an assistant chief. Bill currently serves as a Jackson Township trustee. He and his wife Carol live in Jackson Township. They have two children, Bill Jr. and Marie, and three grandchildren.

### Marilyn Jones: Education

Former Jackson Local employee (1968-1992), Marilyn retired after 25 years as a first grade teacher at Lake Cable

Elementary. She was selected as Jackson Teacher of the Year in 1985 and received the Jackson Township Police Department Citizen Award and the Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen Award in 1999. She is a member of the Jackson Historical Society, the Jackson Schools Retirees Association, and is a lifetime member of the Jackson High School Alumni Association. She has served on many school levy committees, and is a member of the school district's Key Communicators Program. She currently spends her time volunteering at the Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce as an aid to the staff. Her most beloved volunteer job for 17 years was helping the Township Police and Fire Departments organize and direct the Jackson Township Safety Village Program for kindergarten and first grade students. Marilyn is the mother of two Jackson graduates, Jennifer and Rob, and four grandchildren. She is a dedicated supporter of all things Purple and Gold!

## Tops in college chemistry

2009 grad and sophomore at the University of Cincinnati, Anthony Russell has received the 2010 POLYED Undergraduate Award for his high achievement in organic chemistry. He was chosen from a field of 300 U.C. students majoring in chemical engineering. Also serving as a chemistry tutor and professor's assistant, Anthony "absolutely" attributes his success and passion for chemistry to his JHS teacher Mr. Bruce Lautzenheiser.



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## Board Meeting Schedule

<b>Feb. 15</b>	<b>JMMS</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Mar. 15</b>	<b>JHS</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Apr. 19</b>	<b>JHS</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>JHS</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>June 21</b>	<b>JHS</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>July 19</b>	<b>JHS</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Aug. 16</b>	<b>JHS</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Sept. 20</b>	<b>JHS</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Oct. 18</b>	<b>Sauder</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Nov. 15</b>	<b>Lake Cable</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Dec. 20</b>	<b>Amherst</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>

Meeting dates and times can change. Call 330-830-8000 to confirm.

## Nominate a grad for the JHS Alumni Wall of Fame

The JHS Alumni Association is asking for nominees who have distinguished themselves in one or more of the following areas: athletics, community contributions, professional accomplishments, political leadership, humanitarian contributions, or education. Nominee must be a five-year graduate.

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation year \_\_\_\_\_

High school achievements: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic achievements: \_\_\_\_\_

Post high school achievements: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Amherst Elementary

### Parents prepare Thanksgiving feast for 1st graders



Parent volunteers Tammy Silva and Dyane Nelson fill the plates of Justin Cole, Alex Ake, Jacob Fisher, and Kaylee Silva while 1st grade teacher Jenna Mysza helps with napkins. Megan Taylor's



3rd graders stopped by to perform a Thanksgiving play as the younger students enjoyed their feast. To round out the event, students made placemats for the tables and costumes from brown paper bags and construction paper. Also pictured is volunteer, Grammie Carol Caldwell carving one of the home-made turkeys.

### Amherst Elementary adopts Firehouse #2 in the spirit of unity

Amherst Elementary demonstrates unity in our community by delivering

gifts to the Amherst area firefighters every month throughout the school year. Each grade level has chosen various holidays for which they prepare a "surprise" for the firefighters. Fourth graders kicked off the program at the beginning of the school year with thank-you notes and Hershey bars wrapped in labels made by the students. Other grade levels followed by making Halloween placemats for the firehouse kitchen, delivering fresh pies at Thanksgiving, and sugar cookies at Christmas. Mrs. Slife's intervention class made a large card and a fireman book which they delivered with cookies and muffins. Recently, the firemen received warm winter wishes and hot chocolate inside cards made by the district's tiniest hands (kindergarten).

*"This is one way that we teach the children to participate in and appreciate their fine community."*  
Elaine Ferguson, Amherst Principal



*"I think it's great that the kids are showing their appreciation. I do my job because I love to do it, but every once in a while, a thank you makes it worthwhile."*

Captain Ray Green, Firehouse #2

Captain Ray Green, firefighter Ryan Casper, and firefighter Steve McKinney gave Amherst 2nd graders Ireland Knapp, Emma Crawn, Luke Hinderegger, and Kaleb Clark a tour of the station when they visited in November.

appreciate the people in our community." a great day."

Firefighter Steve McKinney said he has the best job in the world and that the visits from Amherst students "just make it

Firefighter Ryan Casper invited the entire community to visit the Fire Department, saying, "We like visitors, stop by anytime."

### Special Christmas treats for Amherst students



Students wore pajamas to school and turned in their train tickets for an imaginary ride on the Polar Express as their principal, Elaine Ferguson, read the story aloud. Elsewhere in the building, Santa arrived with candy canes for everyone.



## Father/daughter dance fills Lake Cable gymnasium with smiles

Lake Cable Elementary girls danced the night away on the arms of their fathers, grandfathers, and uncles at the fourth annual father/daughter dance sponsored by the school's PTO group and chaired by Stacey Woolbert. Adorned with wrist corsages, the 200 little girls giggled and wiggled to the D.J. music provided by former Lake Cable teacher, Rick Dunlap.

"This dance creates a wonderful memory for the girls and their fathers that they will carry with them forever," Mrs. Woolbert said.



The girls show off their wrist corsages which were made by students in the JHS Turf & Greenhouse Management program.



The girls demonstrate their Limbo and Hula skills.



## PTO parents cultivate classmate compassion Start BEARS food bank for Lake Cable's needy

Recognizing the hardships facing some Lake Cable families who have lost jobs and homes due to the national economic crisis, Lake Cable PTO parents began a mission called BEARS (Bears Encouraging and Replenishing Supplies). The endeavor, headed by parent Brenda Jesse, has made Lake Cable Elementary a certified agency of the Akron-Canton Food Bank, which means that PTO can purchase food from the bank to provide for area families in need.

School officials estimate that there may be upwards of 50 school families who will use the service.

"The need is real, Mrs. Jesse said, "Many people have never lost a job and don't know where to turn. Well, we want them to know they can turn to their Lake

Cable family."

Families in need may pick up an application for assistance at the school. In addition to food and toiletries, PTO will connect applicants to area resources if their needs go beyond the scope of the project. The application process is easy and the system is confidential to preserve the dignity of

those in need. No students are involved in the delivery of items or aware of the applicants.

Students are, however, involved in stocking the BEARS toiletry pantry. Lake Cable Student Council members collect toiletry items donated by their classmates twice each month. To encourage the student body,

Student Council tracks and records the donations and will throw a pizza party for the class that donates the most items by the end of the school year.

Mrs. Jesse said the program will be permanent. PTO plans to apply for grants to enhance the program's reach, and will welcome any donation of funds or non-perishable food items from corporations and the community. If you are an interested donor, please call the school principal, Kathy Clark, at 330-494-8171.

Mrs. Jesse and the PTO volunteers welcome families to step forward for any needed help. A hungry child is ill-equipped for learning.

"Feeding the body is just as important as feeding the mind," she said.

"This is a program that can make a real difference," said Lake Cable principal Kathy Clark.

*"Many people have never lost a job and don't know where to turn. Well, we want them to know they can turn to their Lake Cable family."*

-Brenda Jesse, BEARS Leader

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## Sauder Elementary

## Book illustrator inspires Sauder students

First graders in Heather Fichter's class and third graders in Mr. Laughlin's class visited with a book illustrator who shared his process from idea to finished product. Illustrator/cartoonist Isaac Klunk read his book, *Cheeky's Security Blanket*, to the class, then gave a computer presentation of the artwork as it progressed from thumbnail sketches to blue pencil drawings and finally to the book's colorful prints. He also showed and explained illustrations from other popular children's books. The Toledo based artist showed many pieces of his artwork from his elementary school days. Some were simple scribbles, while others showed the bud of an artist. The students were able to see that art can be learned. He encouraged Sauder students to "draw, draw, draw," saying that somewhere around age 11, too many young people stop drawing, and therefore, do not progress. Showing students his parade of mistakes before he perfected some of the book's drawings, Mr. Klunk said, "Even when you are older, you still mess up."



Alloson Trimonias helps John Bennett, Mickey McDaniel, and Benjamin Gregory experiment with electrical circuitry.



Michelle Schario shows Abigail Lair, Sydney Johnson, and Emily Newland how scientists use sound technologies to locate energy resources.

## COSI on Wheels brings energy alternatives to Sauder

The students were treated to an assembly where a COSI representative Derek Bringardner entertained them with a colorful program on the types of energy available. After the program, students rotated through multiple stations to experience hands-on energy experiments.

## Poems, pies & parents

Sauder first graders threw a Poems, Pies & Parents party to get into the in the spirit of Thanksgiving gratitude. Students performed nine songs and poems for over 60 guests. Luke Judd is pictured with his father Greg. He is holding the placemat he made, telling about the things he is thankful for. Judd, like many of the students, is thankful for food, animals, and family. "I am really thankful for family," Judd said.



## Cereal Santas

Sauder 2nd graders help area needy by purchasing cereal for the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank. Students were encouraged to use their own money, if possible, so that the gift truly came from their heart. The children donated about 800 of boxes of cereal weighing 450 pounds.



## Battle of the Books

Ten years ago, Jackson parent Kelly Hansen introduced Battle of the Books to Jackson Local. It is an annual reading and wit-matching contest now held in each of our elementaries. Students form teams, and all teams read the same three books. Then a panel of moderators ask questions about the books until there is only one team standing. This year the Neon Nerds took the title. Team members Madison Moore, Faith Romans, and Madison Mathieu knew more facts about the books than any of their 61 competing classmates. The girls are pictured in their Neon Nerd costumes at right with their parents.



Ashley Morrison, Evan Lubinsky, Ashley Parsons, and Sarah Morgan display their gingerbread houses.

## Gingerbread for Senior Citizens

Strausser students have adopted the residents of Gaslite Villa, and each class takes a turn surprising them with gifts. Recently, second graders made gingerbread houses for their special friends. Student Sarah Morgan said, "It's a great way to learn how to care for people." Her classmate Ashley Parsons said, "We like to cheer them up." Evan Lubinski said the school's FISH Philosophy teaches students to help others. Ashley Parsons agreed with her classmates and noted, "It was fun, too, because we got to eat the left-overs."



Pajama-clad students in Kim McBride's first grade classroom on Polar Express Day.

## Students board Polar Express to magical land of learning

Strausser first graders and their teachers wore their pajamas to school, just like the character in book *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg. Teachers set up chairs in rows, like train seats, and the students handed over special tickets to board the imaginary train to hear their teachers read the book. They sipped hot cocoa and each received a magical bell, just as the character in the book had received. The day was filled with fun and learning as the students applied the book's theme to their lessons in math, creative writing, and language arts.



## Grandparents read to Strausser kindergartners

All year long, Strausser kindergarten teachers invite grandparents to bring their favorite children's book to school to share with the students. Grandma Lois Downey (pictured left) and Grandma Sheila Cifoni were recent readers. Following the readings, grandparents usually enjoy lunch in the cafeteria with their special student.



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## JHS sophomores earn HOBY appointments

Jackson's sophomore representatives to the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar this summer are Rachel Szeles and Katie Peters. HOBY is the nation's foremost youth leadership development organization. The HOBY mission is to inspire and develop a global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service, and innovation. Rachel and Katie were selected from a pool of fellow classmates nominated by faculty members. They were given an essay prompt. Essays were judged by a panel of readers. Rachel and Katie received the highest scores.



## Third Annual Christmas Tree Extravaganza

The JHS Outdoors Club hand-cut, decorated, and delivered nine trees to Jackson, Glenoak, McKinley, and Timken families who might otherwise not have had a tree this year. Forty students and their adult advisors got up early on a Saturday and traveled to Moore's Tree Farm where they cut the trees, which were bought with club funds raised by the students. The tree farm joined students in the spirit of giving by discounting the purchase and throwing a tree in for free. "We are very thankful for their help," said club advisor Kristy Caples.



Chris Corbett, JHS senior, has accepted an appointment to the United States Military Academy, West Point, in New York. Because his is a military family, Chris has been in six school districts, several states, and Germany over his 13 academic years. When his father's current assignment brought the family to Ohio in 2009, they chose Jackson "for its academic rigor."

Chris is proud to be a member of the

Jackson Track Team and to have been a varsity member of Jackson's 2010 state championship Basketball Team. He has a 4.7 GPA, and belongs to the National Honor Society and the Spanish National Honor Society.

Chris also received an offer of a four year ROTC scholarship to the University of Akron, Ohio State University, and Boston College. He will begin studies at West Point next fall.

"His accomplishment speaks volumes about the caliber of

students, teachers, and staff we have in the Jackson schools, and we're honored to be part of such a team of winners," said his mother, Susan.



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## Queen of Diamonds

Kelsey Schutt of Massillon Jackson High School was recently selected to compete in the Queen of Diamonds Showcase North (QDSN) at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio, January 8-9th. Kelsey is a pitcher and plays outfield. The QDSN is the largest of fastpitch softball showcase of its kind in the U.S. attracting over 2000 applicants athletes from 30+ states and 2 Canadian Provinces. Of that number, 264 were selected.



## Eagle Scout

Joshua A. Reed has earned scouting's highest honor, the Eagle Scout Award. A member of Troop 935 at the McDonaldsville St. Paul United Methodist Church, Josh is one of approximately 4% of all Boy Scouts who attain the Eagle rank. Josh is the 49th scout from Troop 935 to earn the Eagle rank since the troop was founded in 1967. Each candidate must earn 21 merit badges and successfully complete a community, church, or synagogue-related service project. Josh refurbished and relocated a playground at St. Stephen Martyr Lutheran Church for his project. He has served as Quartermaster, Scribe, Troop Guide, Den Chief and Chaplain's Aide in his troop, holds a fifth-year Pipestone, a Polar Bear Camping Award and is a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow. Josh is a member of St. Stephen Martyr and has participated in Cross Country, Basketball, Student Council, Spanish Club and Academic Booster Club at Jackson High School, where he is a sophomore. He is the son of Bryan and Diane Reed of Jackson Township.



**Brownies, front from left: Olivia Ash, Grace Powell, Madison Powell, Emily Newland, Abbi Pruett, Abigail Lair, Kate Ritchey. Back row: leader Meredith Parks, Carly Johnson, Ellie Parks, Sophia Dimos, Savannah Murphy, Lauren Friedly, Carly Johnson, leader Angela Dimos.**

## Brownies treat senior citizens

Brownie Troop 104 from Sauder Elementary visited the Laurels of Massillon in November. The girls filled baskets with toiletries, books, magazines, personal care items, playing cards word searches, and handed them out to the residents along with "hand-print" placemats which the Brownies made. The visit was sweetened by song as the girls sang Christmas carols with the residents.

## The next big star

Strausser fifth grader Dakota Stine recently went to an open casting call for young talent in Cleveland.

He was selected to move on to the next round of competition to be held in Florida from April 12-18. At the Florida auditions he will perform and interview in front of 80-100 talent scouts from Disney and Nickelodeon for possible television and print jobs.



## First place photo

JHS senior David Olinger took first place in the First Night Akron photography competition. Because First Night was celebrating its 15th year, the contest theme was "15." David photographed tree trunks that created the Roman Numeral XV for his winning entry. His photo was on display at the Akron Art Museum, and he was treated to dinner at the Akron restaurant of his choice.



**Seated front: Water Boy Caden Bailey. Row2: Justin Eckman, Dylan Johnson, Jack Strifler, Alex Morena, Kevin Trumphour, Nick Massarelli, Cole Bailey. Row3: Bradley Tonges, Andrew Welling, Nick Shatrich, Davis Graham, Tristian Siglock, Victor Marcelli, Hunter Biros, Ryan Rogers. Row 4: Eric Johnson, Chad Bailey (Head Coach), Brian Marcelli, Dan Massarelli.**

## Undefeated

The undefeated Cowboys from the Jackson Youth Football Association B League defeated the Packers 26-7 in the Championship Game to finish the season at 8-0.

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## Strausser shows its American Pride

Strausser students, staff, and parents gathered at the school yard flag on Veteran's Day. SFC James Youngdahl of the Ohio National Guard raised the flag with Strausser Boy Scouts. Pride could be felt around the circle as the scouts unfolded the flag and announced for the crowd what each fold meant. After the flag was raised, echoes of the *Pledge of Allegiance* rang throughout the area. Following the flag-raising ceremony, Mr. Youngdahl and Stark County Recorder Rick Campbell spoke candidly with second and fifth grade students about their time past and present in the armed forces.

## Strausser Cub Council filled buckets for the Jackson Local Board of Education

Strausser's Cub Council welcomed the Board of Education to their school on the evening of January 11 when the Board held its regular monthly meeting before the public. The board rotates its meetings through each of the schools throughout the year as a convenience to the neighboring families.



Members of the Strausser Cub Council at the January School Board meeting.

While at Strausser, the Board was delighted by a student presentation on Strausser's recycling program, its FISH Philosophy, the six pillars of character, and bucket filling. These programs serve as guiding principals for the students and staff. The students presented each Board member with a small bucket filled with treats to teach the Board about bucket filling, one of their school-wide philosophies. Bucket filling became a mainstay at Strausser after students read the book by Carol McCloud, *Have you Filled a Bucket Today?* Everybody has an invisible bucket and at Strausser, students are taught to fill one another's buckets with kind words and caring gestures. The students are also taught not to be bucket dippers by making poor choices or using mean words.

The students expressed gratitude for the Board as it works to fill the buckets of the district's 5,700 students and 600 staff members.

## On The Banner

**P** Mackenzie Moss  
**O** Hilary Batcho  
**L** Josh Henniger  
**A** Jason Riggs  
**R** Stefan Stamboldziev  
**B** Sam Basch  
**E** Annie Primack  
**A** Collin Bailis  
**R** Brandon Henson  
**P** Amanda Markley  
**R** Lenuta Lich  
**I** Samantha Cooper  
**D** Parker Shutely  
**E** Andy Kloehn



## Family food traditions celebrated at Sauder

Students in Allison Washburn's third grade classroom read *The Keeping Quilt* by Patricia Polacco, a book about the importance of traditions. To celebrate what they had learned, students brought traditional family foods to school to share with one another. Student E.J. Paulhardt explained traditions: "Say my grandmother had a good recipe and passed it to my mom, and then my mom passed it down to me. That's a tradition." Student Dakota Eckenrode expanded on E. J.'s comment, saying, "Traditions bring people together."

## Sauder students help deliver a million books to others

Twenty-six Sauder third graders in Tiffany Adkins' classroom helped put books in the hands of children who needed them simply by reading books through the ClassroomsCare Program sponsored by the Scholastic Book Clubs' ClassroomCares program, a philanthropy-based literacy campaign designed to teach children about the joys and importance of reading and giving, and to encourage them to read everyday. Mrs. Adkins' students read 260 books to help the cause. Students nationwide were challenged to read 10 books and, in turn, Scholastic Book Clubs would donate one million new books to disadvantaged children.



"Scholastic Books Clubs ClassroomsCare Program offers both students and teachers an opportunity to celebrate

the importance of reading and to demonstrate our spirit of service and sharing," said Mrs. Adkins.

## Jackson grads/war veterans visit Sauder

Veterans Katie Duffey and Jason Adkins graduated from Jackson High School and served our country abroad. The two visited Tiffany Adkins' third grade classroom to be honored by the students and to answer their questions about military life. Mrs. Adkins, a first-year teacher is also a U. S. veteran who met and served with her husband, Jason, in Iraq.



## JMMS athletes are really smart

There were 143 students who participated in winter athletics at JMMS. Their accumulative grade point average was 3.24. Of these students, 106 had a 3.0 or higher, while 21 of the students had a perfect 4.0.

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