





Our annual Points of Pride publication is a highlight of the previous school year and a way to give our community an overview of what is happening in the school district. Of course, we can't look back on the 2019-20 school year without remembering the sudden closure of schools.

Classrooms and sports venues were empty. Auditoriums were dark. Events were cancelled.

## Your School Board Team!

Last school year was not what any of us planned or expected. Regardless of the challenges we faced, the School Board continued to work



Pictured left to right are:

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Board President  
Term Expires  
12-31-21  
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Board Member  
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Did that stop the Pirate staff? No! Teachers came together and began delivering lessons virtually. Paper copies of lessons were prepared for pickup. Breakfasts and lunches were still available. Staff even donated funds to provide gifts for graduates.

Despite the challenges of 2019-2020, there are many reasons to celebrate last school year. The Class of 2020 worked hard to earn their diplomas. Student athletes celebrated team and individual successes. Young artists were recognized for their work. Those are just some of the stories you will find in the Points

of Pride. One thing we learned is there was no perfect solution to what happened at the end of last school year, and there is no perfect solution as we begin this school year. Not everyone will be happy with decisions that are made. What I can tell you is that the West Carrollton staff has worked hard to continue to serve students in new and creative ways, and I am so proud of our Pirate staff and students for being flexible and adapting to the challenges we all continue to face.

— Dr. Andrea Townsend

as a team. We will continue to work as a team as we face the unknowns of this school year. We know things look different, and we know not everyone agrees with what has happened since March 16. What I can tell you is that every member of the School Board, and every staff member, is dedicated to students.

We want you to be part of our team! Please support our Pirate staff as they do the best they can to provide services to students. Please support our Pirate students as they begin the year with virtual learning.

Please support our Pirate athletes so that they may have a season.

We are all looking forward to less restrictions on our schools, athletic events and after-school activities. Students continue to learn to be safe, responsible and respectful, whether in the classroom or through virtual learning. As we continue to move forward into the school year, on behalf of the School Board, I would also like to add two more things. Be KIND. Be a PIRATE!!

— Leslie Miller  
School Board President

## Early Childhood Center Preschool and Kindergarten

**Walter Shade ECC**  
510 E. Pease Avenue  
West Carrollton, OH 45449  
937-859-5121, ext. 4400

Principal: Janet Schieman  
jschieman@wcsd.k12.oh.us

## Elementary Schools

**C. F. Holliday Elementary**  
4100 S. Dixie Drive  
Dayton, OH 45439  
937-859-5121, ext. 3300

Principal: Dorian Glover  
dglover@wcsd.k12.oh.us

**Harry Russell Elementary**  
123 Elementary Drive  
West Carrollton, OH 45449  
937-859-5121, ext. 5500

Principal: Brad Thobe  
bthobe@wcsd.k12.oh.us

**Harold Schnell Elementary**  
5995 Student Street  
West Carrollton, OH 45449  
937-859-5121, ext. 6600

Principal: Rebecca Yerman  
ryerman@wcsd.k12.oh.us

## Middle School

**West Carrollton Middle School**  
424 E. Main Street  
West Carrollton, OH 45449  
937-859-5121, ext. 7700

Principal: Doug Mescher  
dmescher@wcsd.k12.oh.us

## High School

**West Carrollton High School**  
5833 Student Street  
West Carrollton, OH 45449  
937-859-5121, ext. 8800

Principal: Candice Haffner  
chaffner@wcsd.k12.oh.us

The West Carrollton School district serves students in three communities — Miami Township, Moraine and West Carrollton. Preschool and all-day kindergarten classes at the early childhood center introduce each child to the beginning of their educational journey. Three elementary schools, one middle school and one high school provide opportunities for every child to learn and succeed.

## What the Experts Say about WC Staff

*Man there's so many of them that are just all around great loving people, but the one that*



*stands out to me the most is Mrs. Mitchell. She was like my school mom. She was always there and she pushed me to be where I am today. I cannot thank her enough.*

— Devin Flatt, Class of 2020

Devin plans to join the army. His future goals are to become a diesel mechanic, earn a business degree and open up his own mechanic's shop.



*Mrs. Ramirez and Mrs. Tina Day both believed in me when I thought I couldn't. They also pushed me to be the best person I could be!*

— Alessa Arnold, Class of 2020

Alessa plans to attend Mount Vernon Nazarene University. Her career goal is to become a nurse anesthetist.

*Mrs. Fields really helped me during my senior year with filling out applications and helping me with scholarships.*

— Kassi Adkins, Class of 2020

Kassi plans to attend the Kettering College of Medical Arts and pursue a career in nursing.

*I think that all of my teachers have helped me and encouraged me in their own ways.*



*All of the teachers and administrators I've met at West Carrollton have had a huge impact on my life and they have all taught me amazing things and helped me grow. I'm gonna miss everyone but I'm so thankful I had the chance to know them.*

— Gracie Pigg, Class of 2020

Gracie plans to attend the University of Cincinnati to pursue a degree in criminal justice. Her goal is to become an investigator/detective.





## College? Technical school? The military? The workplace? The Class of 2020 is going places!



Halee Leonard plans to attend Aveda Fredric's Institute to pursue a career as an esthetician so she can work in a spa or medical office.

*My counselors made me feel good about the career I want to pursue and gave me advice on when to apply and visit the school that I want to attend.*

— Halee Leonard, Class of 2020



Dominick Clem plans to continue working in carpentry.



Joel Aparico plans to attend Ohio Dominican University while serving in the Army National Guard.

*Mr. Lahmon told me to never give up with my dreams and to always push my goals.*

— Joel Aparicio, Class of 2020



Jacob Philbeck is choosing technical school after graduation. He plans to go to Hobart Welding School.

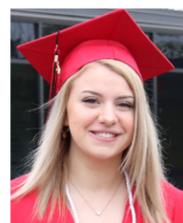


Dynver Lovett will be serving her country in the military. She plans to join the Air Force.



Kianna Magras received the President's Award, an Honors Diploma and achieved over a 4.0 GPA. She plans to attend the University of Cincinnati to study nursing.

Skyler Bruce will be working in a salon using the cosmetology license she earned while attending the Miami Valley Career Technology Center. She also plans to attend Sinclair and pursue a business degree.



Families celebrated with their graduate, including the family of Kaci Ha (above). Kaci earned an Honors diploma and was named the Most Outstanding Senior Female. She is headed to Sinclair with a goal of becoming a surgical technician.

## 38 graduates received an Honors Diploma.



Caleb Wilson earned an Honors diploma and was named the Most Outstanding Senior Male.

## Over 350 College Credit Plus Hours

were taken by the Class of 2020. The credits are transferrable to colleges and universities to give students a head start on postsecondary education.

## 17 graduates attained a 4.0 or higher GPA.

**4.65 GPA**  
2020 Valedictorian — **Layton Schroyer**  
Layton plans to attend the University of Dayton and major in computer engineering and minor in computer science.

**4.615 GPA**  
2020 Salutatorian — **Brianna White**  
Brianna plans to attend Wittenberg University and major in biochemistry and molecular biology.

## It's Never too Early to Start Reading!

The Passport to Kindergarten program is represented by 24 pre-school classrooms in Montgomery County with a total of 635 students. West Carrollton preschool students enjoy visits from the bookmobile throughout the year to encourage reading along with daily classroom reading time. Out of the 635 students in the Passport to Kindergarten program, the two top readers were Olivia Sands and Sebastian Hoffman from Ms. Milano's ECC classroom.



It was by the numbers when Mrs. Baldrige introduced the new MyMath curriculum to her fifth grade students at C. F. Holliday.



Science experiments were a hands-on experience when COSI visited students at Harold Schnell.



## Montgomery County Distinguished Young Woman

Olivia Davis represented Montgomery County at the Distinguished Young Women of Ohio competition which focuses on leadership and talent. Olivia also received the Pirate Pride award and was recognized by the school board for showing pride in the school district. She did all of this before receiving her Honors diploma and graduating with over a 4.0 GPA. She plans to attend the University of Cincinnati with a career goal of becoming an FBI agent.



## Franklin B. Walter Scholarship Recipient



Brooklyn Cass (center) received the scholarship during the annual ceremony awarding seniors across Montgomery County. She was joined by counselor, Brittany Brown; teacher, PJ Babb; principal, Candice Haffner; and school superintendent, Dr. Andrea Townsend. Brooklyn plans to attend Wright State University to major in nursing and minor in disability studies.

- Ms. Brown has helped me in other ways than just school. She has always pushed me to be the best that I can be. I wouldn't know what to do without her.
- Ms. Babb has made school a lot less stressful! She was always there for me and made sure I had what I needed.
- Mrs. Kearney helped me realize I'd love to work with MH kids.

— Brooklyn Cass, Class of 2020

## Pirates at the MVCTC



Jade Yang attended the Miami Valley Career Technology Center to study game programming and web applications. She was inducted into the MVCTC National Technical Honor Society. During the induction ceremony, Jade selected Kathryn Theodore as her Honored Educator and Jason Izor as her Partner School Honored Educator. She will be using the Sinclair Community College Presidential Scholarship she received to continue her education with a goal to move on to Wright State University to earn a degree in computer science.

*Mr. Izor was very helpful and friendly in the 9th grade in his Honors World Studies class. His class made me work harder to achieve goals.*

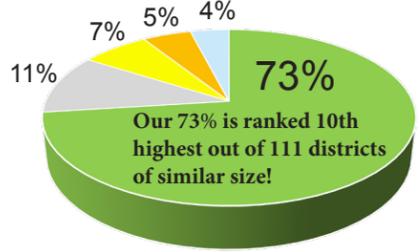
— Jade Yang, Class of 2020

73¢ of each dollar of revenue is returned to students! This includes teachers, classroom supplies and equipment as well as support services including nurses, psychologists and media centers.



**Our 73¢ is ranked 10th highest out of 111 districts of similar size!**

**How a Dollar is Spent**



- .73 Classroom Instruction
- .11 Support and Administration
- .07 Operations and Maintenance
- .05 Transportation
- .04 Food Service

11¢ of each dollar pays for support and administration including human resources, curriculum, staff development, principals (including Harry Russell principal, Brad Thobe) and assistant principals.



7¢ of each dollar of revenue is spent on building maintenance and custodial services as well as utilities. Did you know custodian Jim Kiger is a WC grad?

5¢ of each dollar pays for transportation costs, including fuel, drivers and training.

4¢ of each dollar pays for food service costs.

**Did you know?**

Thanks to the community, a Building Bond Issue was passed in November of 2019. The funds generated will be used to construct new buildings. A lot of planning work needs to be done before ground is broken, but the community should see the start of Phase I in the Fall of 2020.



It's not a new building yet, but drill holes were made at Walter Shade ECC and C. F. Holliday to test the soil. Phase 1 of construction will be a new building on each of those sites that will house pre-k through first grade (Shade site) and fifth through sixth grade (Holliday site). Click Building Project at westcarrolltonschools.com for construction updates.

**What is the difference between a bond issue and an operating levy?**

There are three different property tax options that school districts in Ohio may pursue:

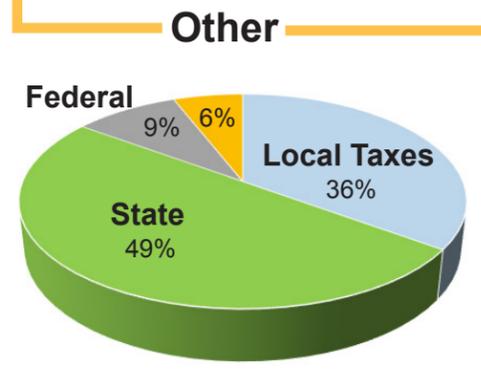
- **Building Bond Issue** — The money generated from a building bond issue may only be used for new construction, renovation, upgrades to a facility, or related site improvements. A Building Bond Issue was passed by the community in November, 2019.
- **Operating Levy** — The money generated from an operating levy may only be used for the day to day operating costs of the district. Examples would be textbooks, technology, utilities, custodial services, transportation, facility maintenance, supplies, and personnel costs.
- **Permanent Improvement Levy** — The money generated from a permanent improvement levy may only be used for large maintenance or equipment costs. Examples would be a building roof, a new school bus, building security systems or parking lot pavement projects.

**What is a Levy Renewal?**

A levy, when initially passed, may be for a specific time period. A renewal would mean no new taxes, but an extension of the time period. An Operating Levy Renewal will be on the ballot in November. This will mean no new taxes, and is separate from the Building Bond Issue the community passed in November, 2019.

**Revenue**

Local Taxes.....	36%
State .....	49%
Federal .....	9%
Other.....	6%
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>100%</b>



Sources of "Other Revenue" include pay to participate fees, tuition from other school districts for court placed students, tax abatements and open enrollment.

**Grants**

Local Grants .....	8,167
State Grants .....	310,657
Federal Grants.....	2,405,859
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 2,724,683</b>

**Did you know?**

Schools were unexpectedly closed in March, 2020, but employees continued working. Teachers began creating online lesson plans and preparing paper copies of work students could do at home. Food service employees began preparing Grab and Go Meals. Bus drivers helped to deliver the meals to eight locations throughout the school district and began cleaning and sanitizing buses. Custodians began deep cleaning in all of the schools and offices. Employees came together (at a safe social distance!) to continue to serve PIRATE kids!

The West Carrollton food service department is completely self funded! Food, equipment and personnel costs are all covered by the department. The treasurer's office receives and processes the department's revenue and expenditures, and the department's finances and compliance requirements are reviewed annually by state auditors.

**1 mill = \$394,000**

- ▶ Open enrollment generated 2.71 mills of revenue equalling \$1,068,000.
- ▶ Medicaid generated 1.19 mills of revenue for an additional \$469,000.
- ▶ The combined revenues of \$1,537,000 = 3.9 mills.

**2019-2020 Open Enrollment Revenue \$1,068,000**

- Many of the open enrollment students are from families that have moved out of the district, but want their child to continue their education at West Carrollton.
  - The home district where the student resides pays the cost of the child's education.
  - Open enrollment students are enrolled on a yearly basis and can be denied enrollment at any time.
  - Transportation is not provided for open enrollment students.
  - Open enrollment applications are only approved when there is room in the grade and school the family would like the child to attend.
  - No additional teachers or staff are hired to accommodate open enrollment students.
- Less than 5% of the students in the district are open enrollment.*





## Our focus is on every child! 2019-20 Enrollment — 3,457 students



### Children learn and behave in different ways.

The district has resources and staff to address the individual needs of every child.



- 256** Classroom Teachers
- 199** Teachers have a Master's Degree
- 15** Average Years of Classroom Experience

**100%** of Education Support Professionals who work directly with students have a para-professional endorsement and educational aide permit from the State of Ohio.

Brad Carlisle is a teacher (red shirt below) who works with WOW students. He is also a WC graduate!



Over **360,000** hot lunches are served during the school year!

A free breakfast is available for all students from kindergarten through 12th grade. After schools were unexpectedly closed, Grab and Go meals were made available to students. The breakfast and lunch meals could be picked up at eight locations throughout the school district.



- Gifted  
Students Served ..... 181
- Disabled  
Students Served ..... 712
- English as a Second Language  
Students Served ..... 277
- Preschool  
Students Served ..... 173

There are three certified school nurses in the district as well as an LPN at each school. Nurse Megan works at Schnell and provides services to students including dispensing medications, monitoring dietary needs, reviewing



vaccination records, recording allergies and, of course, putting on an occasional bandage! Nurses also provide care to employees if an injury occurs which helps reduce health insurance and workers' compensation costs.

High School students were a little more relaxed during testing. Counselors provided some relaxation activities, including a hands-on experience with therapy dogs.



The High School Student Council put signs of encouragement up at the school entrance (above). They also distributed bracelets to students with positive messages. Signs began appearing all over the school district to encourage students and staff!

## Kindness is Spreading



Students at Harry Russell were the "I" in Kind.

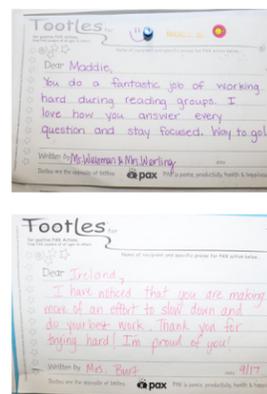
### Kindergarten Kindness Ninjas

in Mrs. Myers' class do random acts of kindness secretly throughout the year. Sometimes they use their ninja skills to sneak into other classrooms and leave notes or gifts for other students. They risked exposing their identities when they spoke with news reporter, Kelley King, to talk about kindness and some of their stealthy activities.



## Everybody Needs a Tootle!

The PAX Good Behavior Game provides instructional and behavioral health strategies used by teachers and students. Teachers and support staff utilize PBIS (positive behavioral interventions and supports) in the schools. Students are recognized by staff with Tootles for their accomplishments. Walter Shade, Harry Russell and Harold Schnell schools were once again recognized by the Ohio Department of Education for their work with PBIS.





Hannah Bertke is pictured during the student blood drive where she made her eighth lifetime donation.

**That's over a gallon of blood!**

The student blood drive resulted in a \$1,000 donation made to CARE House.

## Giving Back is What Pirates Do!! Asset #9 — Service to Others



The High School student council organized the annual staff/student basketball game which raised approximately \$700 that benefited the West Carrollton Food Pantry. The team with the highest score (and most rest breaks) was the staff!

Staff from across the school district contributed to purchase a surprise gift for every member of the Class of 2020.



Throughout the district, students have food drives collecting canned food and non-perishables to give back to the community. C. F. Holliday students and staff collected 1,754 food items that were donated to the West Carrollton Food Bank in 2019. This was the largest number of items collected at the school in 10 years!



## Making Change Across the World

C. F. Holliday students collected \$696.73 in change to help save the koalas affected by the wildfires in Australia.

## Did you know?

Being part of the Pirate Robotics Team #6032 is an extra-curricular activity. That means that students spend time after school and on week-ends to construct a robot and prepare for competition.



Business Professionals of America (BPA) students qualified through regional events to go to the state competition in Fundamental Word Processing, Digital Publishing, Advanced Interview Skills, Extemporaneous Speech and Prepared Speech. Participating in BPA is another extra-curricular opportunity. BPA students also do service projects in the community.



Every month, each school recognizes an Asset Builder of the Month. One of the school representatives is then chosen as the Asset Builder of the Month for the entire district! Malachi Bateman celebrated his recognition with his mom, Audrey.



School Resource Officer Tiffany Osburn put out a design challenge and had 45 students who submitted designs for her new cruiser wrap. There were so many good ideas that the final product is a combination of designs.

## We Love Our Community



Students love when they get to meet community firefighters. Pictured above is one of the West Carrollton firefighters reading to a first grade class on Read Across America Day. Below, Fire Inspector Doug Hatcher always gets a lot of questions when he does a presentation for students on fire safety. Did you know Inspector Hatcher is a WC grad?



West Carrollton Firehouse #52 hosted four lucky elementary students with breakfast, a tour of the station and a ride to school on the fire engine! Pictured below are two of the students arriving at school.



Benjamin Moran was the Valedictorian of the Class of 2001.

He was captain of the men's cross country team, a men's track team athlete and member of the National Honor Society. He joined the Air Force and became a pilot of the AC-130H. His career in the Air Force has taken him to places including Arizona, California and Suriname. He returned to the area when he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. The celebration happened at the Air Force Museum where he was joined by family and friends. Also attending was his former High School teacher and cross country coach, Beth Mitchell, who presented him with a reminder of his days in West Carrollton!



*Being a Pirate doesn't end with receiving a diploma. For staff, it doesn't stop at the end of the school day.*

Mother and daughter, Judy and Cassandra Brooks, were recognized by the Board of Education with the PIRATE Pride Award. Judy is a WC alumni and employee. She started the Pirate Patch Garden with a grant from Katie's Krops. The garden has been recognized with the School of the Year award from Katie's Krops for the last two years. Over a ton of vegetables have come out of the garden during its existence. The organic produce is donated to St. Vincent de Paul – *except for a few taste testings and maybe a little fresh salsa made in the Spanish class!* Cassandra is a 2007 alumni, and she returns to volunteer time in the garden. We couldn't think of a better place to get their picture than in the Pirate Patch Garden. Spreading mulch. Spreading pride. That's what these ladies do!



You may recognize her as your neighbor. You may recognize her as a Pirate parent. You may recognize her as a Pirate alumni. The Board of Education recognized her with the Pirate Pride award for her time volunteering at the Middle School!

Beverly Yost loves volunteering and helping students and teachers in the same building where she attended High School. Middle School teachers came out to help her celebrate her much deserved recognition.



## Division I Southwest District Player of the Year

Kalen McKinney is pictured at left leading the basketball team out for tournament play!

*First off, I would like to thank every coach and God for giving me an opportunity. I also want to thank Coach Parker, Coach Byrd and the rest of the WC coaching staff. Most importantly, I want to thank my Mom and my family for everything they do and all they've sacrificed putting me in the best position to succeed as possible. I wouldn't be half the man I am today without you guys by my side. I would also like to thank the WC community for all the support that you have given me since Middle School.*

— Kalen McKinney

Kalen is heading off to Edison State to play basketball for the Chargers where he plans to major in business and minor in sports management.



## BEING A PIRATE IT'S MORE THAN A SCORE.

*I was one of the officials assigned to the boys Varsity contest vs Piqua on Saturday night at Butler High School. I know when you receive emails from officials, it's normally not good news; however, this is not the case. First off, I wanted to compliment the coaching staff for their composure throughout the contest. The passion they have for the game trickles down to each player.*

*I also wanted to acknowledge a player that really caught my attention, #2. I do not know his name, however, he was a true leader, competitor and one of the most respectful young men I have had the pleasure of officiating this season.*

*Regards and good luck the rest of the post season.*

— Christopher Dodd

Zahir Hopkins-Martinez, pictured above, was #2.



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Joseph Schaeffer celebrated with his family when he signed to play baseball with Kentucky Christian University. Although the season was cancelled at West Carrollton, he is excited to continue playing baseball while pursuing a nursing degree as a KCU Knight.



Despite an unexpected end to the spring sports season, the Pirates enjoyed many team and individual accomplishments, and we've highlighted just a few!

The wrestling team brought home the first wrestling conference title in 24 years — **The Miami Valley League Championship trophy!**

Jacob Philbeck, Tyrone Keeton, Sean Garvey, Hayden Caskey, Tyler Smith, Mason Mills and Tyler Durham received Honorable Mention recognition on the All-Area Team. Pictured below are some of the members of the championship team!



## PIRATE basketball had one of their best seasons ever!

Austin Bauer-Jones, Aigbokhai Kadari and Stanley Shrivvers received a Division I Southwest District Honorable Mention recognition in basketball, but it wasn't just about the boys!! Freshman athlete, Ashyia Sales (pictured left), also received an Honorable Mention. Ashyia broke the 400m school record during her 8th grade year and she was looking forward to competing in track. Unfortunately, the season was cancelled, but we're looking forward to seeing her and all of our Pirate athletes back on the court, the track and the field.



## Athletic Hall of Fame

Every year, the Pirates honor former coaches, players and contributors to the athletic program. Bill Pooch, Thomas Weller and Roger Eberly were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in January, 2020. Mr. Pooch was a former teacher who also served the Pirates as a wrestling coach for 22 years in both an assistant and head coach role. He also served as a football coach for 14 years. Mr. Weller, class of 1984, earned a varsity letter for football and two for basketball. He went on to play basketball for Wittenberg University and was inducted into their Athletic



Hall of Honor in 2012. Mr. Eberly worked as a tennis coach, then served as treasurer for the athletic boosters from 2006 to 2016.

*I want to say thank you to all the teachers, the educators and administrators here at West Carrollton for all their hard work and dedication to us students and providing us with a great experience and a quality education.*

— Thomas Weller, Class of 1984

## GO PIRATES Find team schedules at westcarrolltonathletics.com



## Football Honors

During the 2019-20 football season, Austin Bauer-Jones (senior) was named as a first team offense player as a receiver; Cole McCandless (sophomore) was named as a second team defense player as a lineman. Sophomore players Kamaury Cleveland and Tyron Darby each earned an Honorable Mention.





◀ Having a cell phone in class can be a useful tool when students sketch a photo they have taken.

## Young Artists at Work



1 Assignment x 5 kindergarten students = 5 different results!



An art teacher can give one assignment, but every masterpiece will look different. Artwork comes from creativity and imagination. It even affects pumpkin carving. Approximately 130 pumpkins were delivered and picked up by the Greene County Parks and Trails for their Pumpkin Glow after they were carved by High School students — and they all looked different! Creativity is available for all ages and grade levels!



## All About the Drama



The Fall Play is all about drama! Students act, direct and work behind the scenes — and sometimes even make the scenery! Pictured are students working on last year's production of *Mynx & Savage*.

## The Show Must Go On!



There were tryouts. There were rehearsals. And then . . . despite the cancellation of the spring musical, the show went on! Students were able to do performances virtually!



Bradley Searce had a leading role in the spring musical.

He has acted in over 60 Dayton area productions. He also represents West Carrollton in cross country. Bradley plans to pursue a career in music after High School.

## Shundrick Parker was part of the ensemble.



You may also see him performing in the marching band and jazz band. He is a member of the student council and National Honor Society.



## Music is in the Air!

Before schools were closed in March, band students earned Superior and Excellent ratings at the District 12 Solo and Ensemble event. Pictured are some of the students getting ready for competition as well as a member of the marching band.



## Imaginations

Drawing, sculpting, painting . . . These are just a few of the creative outlets available for West Carrollton students. Pictured are some of our young artists as well as a few finished projects.



## Inspired

*If it wasn't for Mrs. Ericson I wouldn't have fallen in love with music like I did. She always pushes me to be a better performer and always gives me so many opportunities to show off my playing. I truly can't thank her enough for everything she has done for me.*

— Kylie Palmisano, Class of 2020

Kylie plans to attend the University of Dayton and major in music performance. Her future goals are to travel with musicals and plays, and perform in the pits.



## Award Winning Artist



Lily Wheeler is a young artist. She loves to do anything creative.

She put her drawing skills to work and entered the Montgomery County Environmental Calendar Contest. She was a winner and her artwork is being featured in their annual calendar.

*I am so proud of her!*

— Mrs. Montgomery, Schnell Art Teacher

