



The rumors are true!  
Pride is spreading  
in *your* schools

We are *your* West Carrollton *schools*

Points  
of Pride  
Fall — 2021

A Review of the  
2020-2021  
School Year





# Your SCHOOLS

 **West Carrollton City Schools**  **WC City Schools**



## West Carrollton City Schools



**WC City Schools**







## A Few Stories from the Class of 2021!

The class of 2021 had co-Valedictorians. **Ashton Davey** (above left) and **Keaton Kinderdine** (above center) had a 4.875 grade point average. Salutatorian, **Zeff Sutter** (above right), had a 4.593 grade point average. Each of these young men received the President's Award for Educational Excellence and an Honors Diploma. Besides outstanding academics, another thing they all had in common was participating in band.

Ashton will be attending Northern Kentucky University and will major in computer science. He has been awarded a fellowship in computational biochemical research. Keaton will be attending The Ohio State University and plans to investigate several areas of study toward determining his major. Zeff will be attending the University of Toledo and plans to pursue a career in music. His career goal is for you to be listening to his music on the radio!

*2 graduates received an Associate's Degree.*

**Amelia Hill** and **Rebecca Retherford** received their degree from Sinclair prior to graduation! Both received an Honors Diploma.



*30 graduates attended the Miami Valley Career Technology Center.*

CTC Seniors were awarded more than **\$350,000 in scholarships!**

**27** CTC Seniors earned the Tech Prep scholarship to Sinclair.

**5** CTC Seniors received a scholarship in their career specific area.



**Chayla Crane**

received an Honors Diploma. She credits her teachers,

Mrs. Ericson and Ms. Ulrich, for helping her learn more. Chayla had advice for the incoming freshmen.

*"Take college courses when you can. Get some of that out of the way."*

She will be attending the University of Cincinnati to major in Fine Arts. Her 10-year goal is to be working as an animator and character designer.

*17 graduates attained a 4.0 or higher GPA.*

*44 graduates attained a 3.5 or higher GPA.*

## Over 350 College Credit Plus Hours

were taken by the Class of 2021. The credits are transferrable to colleges and universities to give students a head start on postsecondary education.

*227 diplomas earned.*

*26 graduates received an Honors Diploma.*

*11 graduates received the Presidents Award for Excellence.*



**Harli Blackford**

received an Honors Diploma and the President's Award for Excellence.

Harli will be attending Cincinnati State to study sonography. Where will she be in 10 years?

*"I will be doing something in the medical field. I am still looking at a lot of medical professions."*

**Margot Houser**

received an Honors Diploma and the President's Award for Excellence.

Margot will be attending the University of Dayton to major in psychology. Where will she be in 10 years?

*"I'll be in a career I'm happy in surrounded by people who love me."*



*Thank you*

*West Carrollton High School for supporting our daughter in her academic journey. We are PIRATE PROUD and so proud of our wonderful daughter.*

— Mica Goosby, Pirate Proud Parent

**Kaylynn Lyon**

received an Honors Diploma.

*"He impacted my life. I can't imagine him not being my teacher anymore."*

Kaylynn had Mr. Newman for science since 8th grade. She is headed to Wright State University to study psychology and biology. Her 10-year goal is to be out of medical school and working as a psychiatrist at a hospital in Columbus.

*Being a teacher requires a lot of effort and hours to do a good job, and I sometimes wonder if I'm making a difference. Being recognized by students means a lot.*

— Michael Newman, Science Teacher



**Zachary Shober**

received an Honors Diploma. Zachary credits teachers

Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Newman and Mr. Neal with not just what they taught, but how they taught!

*"The info I learned will help me now and in the future."*

He will be attending Ohio University to major in Environmental Health Science. His 10-year goal is to be in grad school and working for the Ohio Fish and Wildlife.



## Franklin B. Walter Scholarship Recipient

Naomi Goosby is a young lady who has grit. There were times when she considered dropping Mr. Newman's science class. What she didn't know is that Mr. Newman would be there to provide the encouragement she needed to stay in his class and challenge her every day to be better. He was the first person to congratulate her when she passed the advanced placement exam. Perhaps that is why she credited him with being her teacher of influence in her application for the Franklin B. Walter Scholarship.

Naomi graduated with an Honors diploma. During High School, she participated in Business Professionals of America, the Debate Club, We the People and Muse Machine. During summers, she attended the Women of Color Engineering Camp at the University of Cincinnati (where she received a second place in the computer coding contest) and Women in STEM Camp at Sinclair Community College. Naomi also took advantage of college credit plus courses.

Outside of academics, Naomi has been an accomplished volleyball player and earned her varsity letter during her sophomore year. Giving back to the community is important to her. She has volunteered for Relay for Life and the Mount Pisgah Church. Naomi was part of the volleyball team when they distributed food for victims of the Dayton area tornado.

Naomi will be attending The Ohio State University. Her plans are to study chemical engineering and psychology. She is interested in combining those studies into engineering psychology and bridging the gap between medicine and psychology.



**Paul Boyd**

came to West Carrollton during his senior year. Although he was only here a short time, he will miss the atmosphere of the school and the people. His immediate plan is to join the work force and get prepared to enlist in the Navy. His 10-year plan?

*"I'll be in the Navy. I plan to make the Navy my career."*

He credits teachers Ms. Bukosky and Ms. Longo for guiding him and welcoming him into the band.



*"We're so welcoming here. We don't judge here."*

**Kennedi Priest**

will be attending Bowling Green State University to major in psychology and minor in forensics.

Her 10-year goal is to be living in Quantico and working as a forensic psychologist for the FBI.





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 is 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 is 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. *An Operating Levy was passed in 2016 and an Operating Levy Renewal was passed in 2020. The Renewal did not increase taxes.*

**Permanent Improvement Levy** — The money generated from a permanent improvement levy is 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.

*"The citizens you represent are well-served by your effective and accountable financial practices."*



Did you know?

Thanks to the community, a Building Bond Issue was passed in November of 2019.

The funds generated are being used to construct new buildings. Note that funds generated from a Building Bond Issue *may not* be used for operating expenses. An Operating Levy *Renewal* was passed in November of 2020. The good news about the renewal was that it did not increase taxes. The last Operating Levy that the community passed was in 2016 which means the district has not asked for additional operating funds for five years!

Two different reasons to generate money means two different reasons to ask for community approval. That also means two different ballot issues.



Third grade students from C. F. Holliday got to take a tour of the new 5/6 building construction site. The building is slated to be open in August, 2022 which means these students will be in the new building when they start 5th grade!

Click on Building Project at [westcarrolltonschool.com](http://westcarrolltonschool.com) for construction updates!

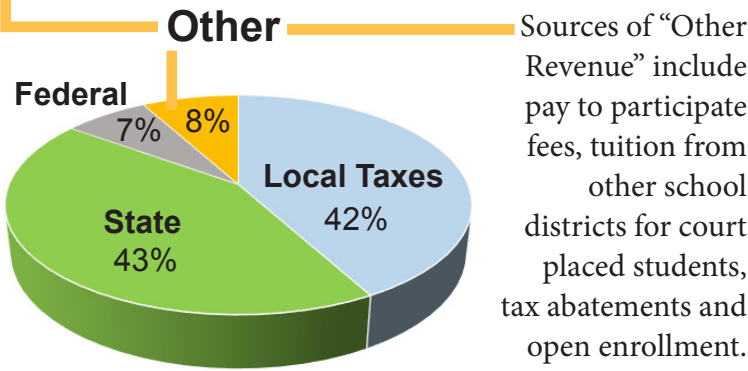
The future site of the building that will house preschool through 1st grade students was toured by the Board of Education in early May. Both projects are much further along now and on schedule!



FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

Revenue

Local Taxes.....	42%
State .....	43%
Federal .....	7%
Other.....	8%
<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 .....	20,439
State Grants .....	403,319
Federal Grants.....	4,357,797
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 4,781,555</b>

Grants received include over \$10,000 from the West Carrollton Education Foundation that goes directly into classrooms. Examples of funded projects include special assemblies, a community garden, science kits, math manipulatives, microscopes and much more!

1 mill = \$453,000

- ▶ Open enrollment generated 2.03 mills of revenue equalling \$920,000.
- ▶ Medicaid generated 1.44 mills of revenue for an additional \$653,000.
- ▶ The combined revenues of \$1,573,000 = 3.47 mills.

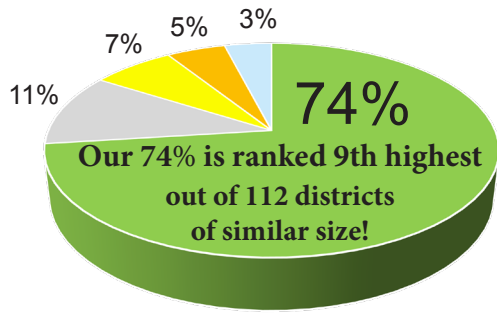
2020-21 Open Enrollment Revenue **\$920,000**

- 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. *Less than 5% of the students in the district are open enrollment.*
- 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.

Our 74¢ is ranked 9th highest out of 112 districts of similar size!

How a Dollar is Spent

.74	Classroom Instruction
.11	Support and Administration
.07	Operations and Maintenance
.05	Transportation
.03	Food Service
\$1.00	



74¢ of each dollar

is returned to students! This includes teachers, classroom supplies and equipment as well as support services including nurses, psychologists and media centers.

11¢

pays for support and administration including human resources, curriculum, staff development, principals (including new Middle School principal, Eric Krissek) and assistant principals.

7¢

pays for building maintenance and custodial services as well as utilities. *Maintenance worker, Dan LaForce, is a WC grad!*

5¢

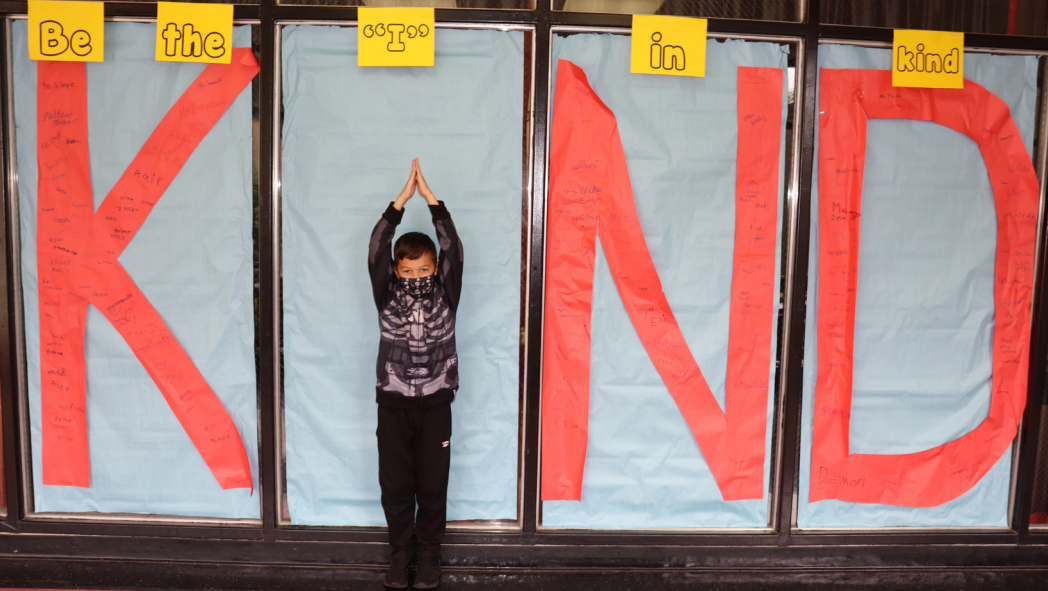
pays for transportation costs, including fuel, drivers and training.

3¢

pays for food service costs. *Although the food service department is completely self funded, the treasurer's office receives and processes the revenue and expenditures.*







## Students at Harry Russell were the "I" in Kind. Kindness is Spreading



The Kindergarten Kindness Ninjas created signs with positive messages. They paraded around the school and Board of Education offices and knocked on windows to spread smiles to everyone. They were even featured on the Channel 2 news!



School Resource Officer, Tiffany Osburn (far left), is based at the High School, but she takes time to visit other schools for special events and to build relationships with students. Pictured at far right is West Carrollton police Officer Flaute who joined Officer Osburn at Harold Schnell Elementary to try out some lemonade.

## Our focus is on every child!

### 2020-21 Enrollment — 3,475 students



*Keeping students safe and healthy was a priority for every staff member, and especially a priority for your school nurses.*

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.

All of the school nurses worked together and with Public Health-Dayton & Montgomery County to provide guidance to students and staff regarding wearing masks, proper hand washing techniques, using hand sanitizer and observing appropriate social distancing. They worked with families and staff to do contact tracing if an individual was diagnosed with COVID-19.

### There's an app for that!

8th grade Language Arts students read over 13,000 pages by using the Learning Ally app!

Gifted	
Students Served .....	144
Disabled	
Students Served .....	714
English as a Second Language	
Students Served .....	280
Preschool	
Students Served .....	143

The U. S. Department of Agriculture and Ohio Department of Education provided funding to allow all students breakfast and lunch at no charge during the 2020-21 school year. Meals were available for students attending school in person or during periods of remote learning.



*Families were able to choose to remain in online learning using SchoolsPLP. Those students received support from West Carrollton staff.*

High school special needs students in the World of Work (WOW) program are introduced to job skills through community partnerships. The students do varied jobs such as cleaning, stocking shelves and assembling mailers at locations including Crayons to Classrooms, Southbrook Church and the City of West Carrollton. The students are also looking forward to the reopening of the Pirate Bay Cafe located in the High School.

Life skills and academics are an integral part of special needs classrooms at all grade levels!

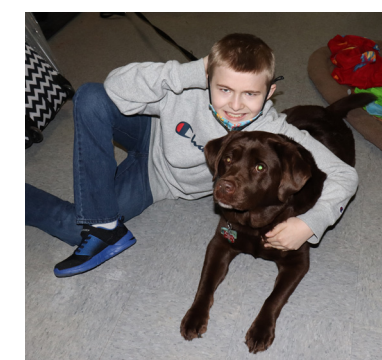
**254** Classroom Teachers  
**203** Teachers have a Master's Degree including Allison Clements (second from right).  
**15** Average Years of Classroom Experience

**100%** of Education Support Professionals who work directly with students have a para-professional endorsement and educational aide permit from the State of Ohio including Terri Lanese (second from left).

# STUDENT SERVICES

## Summer Learning

Over 200 elementary students attended either the summer Lit Camp or STEM Camp that was held at the Middle School. The camps were offered at no charge and each participant received a free t-shirt. Each grade level performed a skit on the last day of summer school! Summer learning wasn't limited to elementary students. Opportunities were available for any student entering 1st through 12th grade.



*I like cooking on Fridays and getting to be with Sammi.*

— Mason G., Class of 2028



*I like hanging out with my friends and reading and math.*

— Ben T., Class of 2028

Mason and Ben both love spending time with Sammi the therapy dog. Cooking is one of the skills they have learned in Mrs. Clement's class (below). Both young men are looking forward to going to the Middle School, but also a little nervous.

They are both excited about the opportunity to work in the PBIS store (left) at the Middle School. The store gives students the opportunity to learn work skills by stocking shelves, keeping inventory and selling items.







Our schools wouldn't be the same without the support of our PTO and Booster groups.

It's just a short walk to the Dairy Droom for C. F. Holliday students, and it is an annual event! The PTO provides a cone for every student and staff member as an end-of-year treat. School PTO's across the district sponsor special activities and events for families throughout the year.

## The Pirates Give Back to the Community



Students have always enjoyed visiting the residents at Canterbury Court in West Carrollton, but they were not able to go inside this past year. That didn't stop them from sending a special message! Students used their creative skills to decorate signs and send some love! The signs brightened a winter day!



The annual student council-led blood drive at the High School moved from the gym to the Community Blood Center mobile unit. This limited the number of donors, but students and staff donated enough blood to save a potential 86 lives in the community. The student council also donated \$1,000 to the Food Pantry.



C. F. Holliday students usually perform a holiday concert for residents at Walnut Creek. Although they couldn't perform this year, they were able to brighten the day of assisted living residents at the Suites of Walnut Creek. Students created cards with uplifting messages for residents to enjoy.

## The Community Gives Back to the Pirates



The West Carrollton VFW Post #3438 has supported Pirates for many years by providing scholarships to students. The VFW has been able to increase the amount of the scholarship they give. The recipient this year was Victor Kallon. He was presented a check for \$1500 from the post commander and an additional \$500 check from the ladies auxiliary.

Victor plans to use the scholarship when he attends Sinclair Community College following graduation. He has already completed some coursework at Clark State through College Credit Plus courses while attending High School. His plan is to study business at Sinclair, then transfer to the University of Dayton to earn a business degree. He looks forward to owning and operating his own businesses with a focus on under served areas in the future!



The Pirate Patch Garden continues to grow and Katie's Krops continues to recognize the High School as a top grower of fresh produce!

During the summer of 2020, the garden produced 1002.25 pounds of fresh vegetables including one 5-pound sweet potato! The garden has produced over a ton of vegetables in the past two years! The produce is donated to St. Vincent de Paul. Katie's Krops is based in South Carolina and was founded by Katie Stagliano in 2008 when she was in third grade. The organization provides grants that support their mission: *to empower youth to start and maintain vegetable gardens of all sizes and donate the harvest to help feed people in need.*

Remote learning for students didn't stop the Schnell staff

from celebrating the achievements of students! They held a blow-pop drive thru so they could see their students in person and congratulate them for all their hard work. Despite wet weather conditions, it didn't dampen their spirits as they cheered for students and passed out treats.



Middle School students had a penny war!

It is an annual fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Students who donated a dollar or more were entered into a drawing to participate in some sticky fun at an end of year celebration.



The Class of 1985 left an unexpected surprise

for social studies students! A time capsule was discovered hidden away in the High School Media Center. It contained magazines, newspapers, report cards and even a class ring to give students a glimpse into what the world and the High School looked like in 1985. Students returned the favor by creating a time capsule for a future class to discover. Another time capsule awaits that is addressed to the Class of 2035 from the Class of 2010!



## The Pirates Give Back to the World!

It started as a Harry Russell Elementary fifth grade project to learn about endangered wildlife and animal habitats. Students wanted to know how they could help the animals they were studying. The project quickly evolved into a school-wide *Change for a Change* fundraiser! Change was collected from every classroom and counted every day by fifth grade students who set a goal of raising \$500 to donate to the World Wildlife fund. But . . . *Pirates being Pirates* . . . The students raised \$1174!

So who is that masked panda? That's principal, Brad Thobe, who said he would dress as an animal if the students reached their goal. Teacher Carol Carrier joined in on the fun by dressing as a monkey.





## Football Highlights

Four football players (Anthony Baltimore (senior), Jorden Berry (junior), Kamaury Cleveland (junior) and Tyron Darby (junior) were named to the 2020 OPSWA All-Southwest Ohio football team. Anthony, Jorden and Tyron were named first team all Miami Valley League; Kamaury was named second team; and Musa Abuhaidar, Cedric Anthony, Tony Buckner (all juniors), Kanden Gibbs, Aret Kadiri (both sophomores) and Devin Saettel (senior) received an honorable mention. Anthony Baltimore (pictured below at senior night) will be continuing his academic and football career at West Virginia State University.



Jerrel Sanders (pictured below at senior night) will be continuing his academic and football career at Capital University.



## Tennis Highlights

Seth Bernal (sophomore) received an honorable mention from the Miami Valley League for singles tennis.

## Soccer Highlights

Logan Rambo (junior) was named first team all Miami Valley League and Chris Castro (sophomore) received an honorable mention for boys' soccer.

## Baseball Highlights

Jacob Hudepohl (junior) was named second team all Miami Valley League in baseball and Noah Babb received an honorable mention.

## Boys' Basketball Highlights

Sam Walker (sophomore) was named first team all Miami Valley League; Stanley Shivers (senior) was named second team; and Lye'ton Howard and Allen Lattimore (seniors) received an honorable mention in boys' basketball. Aigbokhai Kadiri (pictured below) will be continuing his academic and basketball career at Flyght Prep Academy.



Allen Lattimore (pictured below) will be continuing his academic and basketball career at Flyght Prep Academy.



*The 7th grade Boys' Basketball team had an undefeated season!*

## Girls' Basketball Highlights

The girls' basketball team had one of their best seasons in many years! Earning second team all Miami Valley League honors was Taryn Dewberry (junior), Selena Frost (freshman) and Ashiya Sales (sophomore). As a team, the ladies also had over a 3.0 grade point average! Nyssa Banks (pictured below) will be continuing her academic and basketball career at Miami Middletown.



## Volleyball Highlights

Lily Kvidera (pictured below) will be continuing her academic and volleyball career at Kentucky Christian University.



## Wrestling Highlights

Robert Shaw (senior) was named first team all Miami Valley League; Hayden Caskey (senior) was named second team; and Angel Orellana-Barbec received an honorable mention in wrestling. Hayden (pictured below) will be continuing his academic and wrestling career at Ancilla College.



## Cross Country Highlights

Lucas Eisele (junior) was named first team all Miami Valley League in boys' cross country.

*Kaelyn Goodwin named Athlete of the Year!*

## Softball Highlights

Kaelyn Goodwin (junior) was named Athlete of the Year in softball for the Miami Valley League and named first team. Sharing first team honors was Nariah Mach (senior). Shelby Sadler (pictured below) will be continuing her academic and softball career at Miami Middletown.

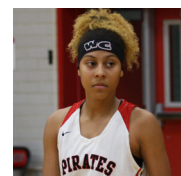


You may recognize this family as your neighbors. You may recognize Ms. Babb as a High School teacher. You may recognize them from being Pirate cheerleaders for the baseball team, and especially for Noah Babb! Grandparents, Vikki and Clay Moore, and mom, PJ Babb, were there to celebrate when Noah signed with the Cedarville Yellow Jackets to play baseball! Noah was also recognized for being the Outstanding Senior Boy for the Class of 2021.

*Football kicker, Summer Noble, took the field for Senior Night.*



*Many Pirates participate in multiple sports, including Bobby Shaw. He was a star athlete in wrestling, football and track and field. Taryn Dewberry participated in cheer, basketball and track and field.*



Sam Walker began playing basketball in West Carrollton on the Asset Basketball team. He was named first team all MVL as a sophomore!



**Boys' Track and Field Team Bring Home the Miami Valley League Division Trophy!**

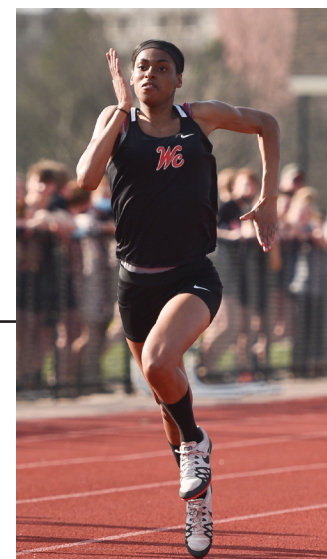
Track and Field Coach, Doug Kirk, couldn't be more proud of the Pirate Boys' and Girls' teams. The boys won their division in the Miami Valley League (MVL) for the year and the girls placed second by a half point! This was particularly impressive since both teams had fewer participating athletes than



in past years. The girls did not even have enough athletes to participate in all events.

Aret Kadiri (pictured at left) helped the boys' team place first in the annual Bogan's Relay held at the High School. There were 15 teams from the Dayton and Cincinnati area at the meet. Aret later qualified to compete in the regionals. He was also named second team all Miami Valley League in 110 meter high hurdles. He was joined in second team honors by Lucas Eisele in the 3200 meter run; Cedric Anthony, Jorden Berry, Richard Stark and Jerrell Sanders in the 400 meter relay; Musa Abuhaidar in shot put; Cedric Anthony in high jump; and Jacob Cox in pole vault. First team honors were shared by Cedric Anthony in long jump and Richard Stark in pole vault.

Sienna Payton, Ashya Sales, Rachel Woodroof and Demesha Thomas (pictured at right) were named all Miami Valley League first team in the 1600 meter relay. The team also qualified for regionals in the 4 x 400 relay. Receiving second team honors was Demesha Thomas in the 100 meter and 400 meter dash; Ashya Sales in the long jump; and Rachel Woodroof in the high jump.



# PIRATES!





## ◀ These Seniors banded together one last time!

Besides music, these Seniors also share high academic achievements. Left to right is co-Valedictorian, Ashton Davey; President's Award for Educational Excellence and Honors Diploma recipient, Margot Houser; President's Award for Educational Excellence recipient, Shundrick Parker; Honors Diploma recipient, Erica Riehl; Salutatorian, Zeff Sutter; and co-Valedictorian, Keaton Kinderdine.

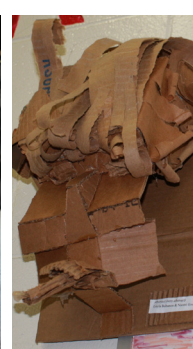


## ◀ A Science Lesson in Disguise

Elementary students showed what they learned about photosynthesis using art! The science lesson was the same, but every art project was different and showcased students using their minds and imaginations!



*Visual Arts can include a drawing, a painting or sculpture. It can also be digital. All of these creative outlets are available for students to explore!*

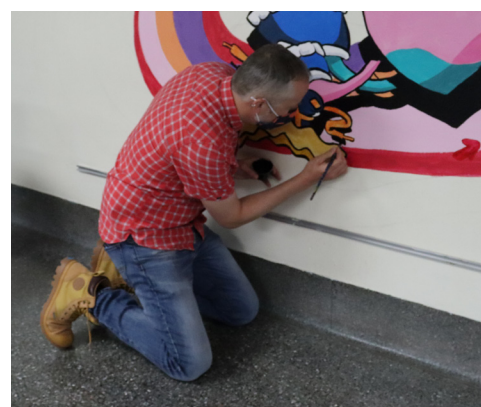


## *An art room should look like an art room!*

— John Grosvenor,  
Visual Arts Teacher



Students in Mr. Grosvenor's class immediately recognize his room is one where they can be creative.



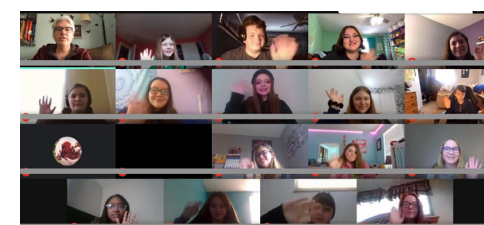
## Mr. Grosvenor and Mr. Reynolds don't just teach art, they create it!

They are shown working on a new mural that is outside the High School cafeteria.



## No auditorium? No problem!

Because of social distancing limitations, the spring musical, *Dear Edwina*, was produced in a neighborhood garage! A link to the show was provided so that the audience could watch from home. Students had some of their rehearsals via video calls.



## A New Dance Team

The West Carrollton Pirettes Dance Team was formed at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. The team has been busy with fundraising to buy uniforms (pictured below) as well as practicing their moves. We can't wait to see them perform!



## Music in the Air

Spring concerts were moved outside! A series of choral and instrumental performances was held at the Middle School and High School. Below are Middle School band students performing at the High School stadium.



## Sharing a Love of Music

Kindergarten students enjoyed a special performance by members of the Middle School band. The Middle School students played some of their favorite tunes, talked about the instruments they played and answered questions from the audience.



## From Start to Finish!



## A Very Special Performance

When a parent contacted Band Director, Laura Bukosky, in April and asked if the band would be willing to participate in a parade, Ms. Bukosky quickly said yes. The band had not been able to march in parades up until then, and Ms. Bukosky realized this was a special parade for a very special boy.

The band came together and even decorated their own yellow t-shirts to recognize Beckett, a young man who had received his last chemotherapy treatment that day. The band proudly led the parade from Wilson Park and through the neighborhood to Beckett's house. The band was accompanied by West Carrollton police and fire vehicles, school employees and community members on motorcycles and dressed in super-hero costumes.

Of course it wasn't about the band. It wasn't about the parade. It was all about Beckett and the community coming together to support a special young man. That's what Pirates do.

**A note to Beckett:**  
*All of the PIRATES wish you continued good health. Thanks for letting us be part of your day!*

