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# SCHOOL NEWS

#### THE KINDNESS CLUB

By Emma Hudnell- Field Reporter/Photographer



Photo by Mrs. Swepston

Have you ever wanted to know how to start a kindness club? Well, read this to learn how Akira Mendoza started a club. In late September Akira Mendoza gathered a group of kids to help Mr. Perkins clean tables in the cafeteria. The group's name was the "Kindness Club." The members' names were Akira Mendoza, Lucy Jones, and Emma Hudnell. Mr. Perkins rewards them sometimes with cookies, lunch or something like that. Mr Perkins really enjoys that they help him out with this. They also enjoy doing this for him. They say, "It's really fun because he lets us talk and be funny and goofy." Sometimes they don't help because he has other people that help him. They don't work on Fridays. Some kids ask if they can work too, but we say on Friday because we don't work on Fridays. On days with PBIS and when it's right after lunch, that's when working comes in handy. Well, I hope this article helped you learn that if you want to help out someone, just gather a group of kids that are interested and start helping!

Pictured from left to right are Lucy Jones, Mr. Ray Perkins, Emma Hudnell, and Akira Mendoza.

### MR. STEWART - MUSIC TEACHER AND DAD EXTRAORDINAIRE!

By Owen Craumer- Field Reporter

I'd like to tell you a little about our very own third-grade music teacher and new dad, Mr. Stewart. Mr. Stewart says his love of music began when he was five. He then started a band in high school with his friends. He still plays with them, but stated that, "Covid hit my band pretty hard." They haven't had many gigs recently.

Mr. Stewart went to Marshall for four years, then started teaching. He says he became a music teacher because, "I had a lot of very nice music teachers, and I wanted to be like them."



Photo by Mrs. Swepston

His favorite instrument to play is the piano. He says he knows a lot of different songs to play on it.

Mr. Stewart and his wife, Danielle, recently had their first child. She gave birth to a baby girl on November 4th. The baby's name is Mariana, They got the name by mixing Marie & Anna. He said it is "amazing" being a new parent, and that the baby and his wife are both doing great.

We feel so lucky to have Mr. Stewart at our school!

### MR. ROSS, THE BAND, AND HIS MUSIC

By Shane Turner-Field Reporter

I came up with ten questions to ask Mr.Ross and this is how he responded to each one. The first question I asked was, "What is your favorite part of your job?" He said that his favorite part was getting to build relationships with the students that he teaches over the course of their band careers. He also said, "There's something special about getting to teach students from the time they're in fifth grade until they graduate from high school and watching them grow as musicians and young adults." That is his favorite part about his job.

Another question I asked him was, "What is your favorite instrument?" He said that he had two favorite instruments: the clarinet and the piano. He also has been playing those the longest.

He has been the Waverly Band Director for seven years. He chose to be the band director because he was greatly impacted by his own music teachers growing up. The names of those music teachers are Mr. Jones, Mr. Huffman, and Mrs. Harper. Mr. Ross said, "They had a profound impact on my life at a young age." He could see the change that the music teachers had in people's lives and knew at age thirteen that was the kind of person he wanted to be when he was older.

He also plays music outside of school at places like Piketon-Jasper United Methodist Church and Calvary Lutheran Church. He plays in bands such as the Great Seal of Ohio Band. He plays in pit orchestras for various musicals in the area. He also plays at weddings and other events, drums in a Civil war reenactment band, and even played clarinet in a German Oktoberfest band. He says he enjoys almost every genre of music. One of his favorite pieces of classical music is George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue." His favorite pop song is "American Pie." His favorite hymn is "All

Creatures of Our God and King," and his favorite musical play is "The Music Man" by Meredith Willson.

Mr. Ross personally thinks that the double reed instruments are the hardest to master. He said. "This family of instruments includes the oboe, the English horn, and the bassoon." I asked him what the easiest instrument was to master and he said, "There is no easy instrument." Mr. Ross says that "every instrument has its own challenges. It's up to the musician to dedicate the time and patience necessary to learn whatever musical instrument they desire to play." Mr. Ross says that the hardest part about his job is to keep up with all the tasks that he needs to complete on a daily basis to have a successful band program. This includes teaching in three buildings, keeping instruments in good shape, discipline, planning rehearsals, and much more. Those were all of my questions for Mr.Ross.

#### WE LOVE NURSE HENSLEY

By Harper Gillott - Field Reporter



Photo by Emma Hudnell

Today I interviewed Nurse Whitney. I wanted to get some tips on staying healthy in the winter. She told me that washing your hands is the best way to protect yourself this winter. I also asked the kinds of things she does for kids. She told me she takes care of them when they're hurt or sick and gives them all the medicine they need. Then I asked her favorite part of her job. She said, "I like working with all the kids." Next, I asked how many kids she sees on a daily basis. She said, "Over fifty." She also told me that she covers all of our schools, but mostly she works at the Primary and Intermediate buildings. I asked her what she does in her spare time. She told me she likes to go shopping, do puzzles, watch TV, and spend time with her family. Then I asked her about her family. She has three kids, a husband, and two dogs. I also asked the hardest part about being a school nurse. She said she hates not getting to see all the kids that get hurt or sick. Finally I asked her favorite food. It is Mexican food. Now you know a little more about Nurse Hensley.

"KINDNESS IS LIKE SNOW -- IT BEAUTIFIES EVERYTHING IT COVERS." - Kahlil Gibran



# DECEMBER CALENI

Calendar Artwork by Zandria Fitzpatrick

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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	18	Classroom Celebrations EARLY DISMISSAL Girls' B-ball - Oak Hill (A) 6:00	20 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL Boys' B-ball- Hillsboro (A) 7:30	21 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	22 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL Girls' B-ball- Valley (H) 6:00	23 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL Boys' B-ball - Eastern (H) 7:30	Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	
	Merry Christmas NO SCHOOL	26 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	28 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	29 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL Girls' B-ball - Gallipolis (H) 6:00	30 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL Boys' B-ball - Piketon (H) 7:30	New Year's Eve NO SCHOOL	

# IN OUR COMMUNITY

### GARNET A. WILSON LIBRARY - A VALUABLE RESOURCE FOR STUDENTS

By Thad Leffler - Field Reporter



INSERVICE . TUESDAY, JAN. **STUDENTS** RETURN TO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY. JAN. 3

Here are some things about The Garnet A. Wilson library. Garnet A. Wilson was J. B. Wilson's wife. When he gifted the library, he requested that the library be named after his wife, Garnet. The library was founded

in 1939 back when it was called the Pike County Free Public Library. The library has been a part of the community and offering services since 1939.

Students are welcome to use the library with a parent

state and they trade materials all the time. If you want to learn how to find books on your own, they can show you how to use the PAC (public access computer) to search for what you want. The most important thing when coming into the library is that you can always ask for help.

Some services provided for grades three through five are lots of crafts and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) programs. During the summer months the library hosts the

ornament craft, games, and pictures with Santa!

The library gets their supply of books at stores where they have an account and they also get lots of donations, too. They are currently raising money to build a new main library so they can expand their book collection and provide more services. They are closed on Sundays but open 9AM to 8PM Monday through Saturday.

any time they are open. If the library doesn't have a book that you are looking for they can place a hold on it from another library. Their library is connected to hundreds of other libraries in the summer reading program. Coming soon they will have their annual winter carnival. This year it is December 15th from 5:30 to 7:00. During the carnival they will have a pancake dinner, an

We hope to see you there!



#### JULIE BILLINGS OF THE WAVERLY NEWS WATCHMAN

By Acey Gleason-Field Reporter



Photo provided by Julie Billings

Julie Billings is a newspaper reporter for our local paper, the Waverly News Watchman. Julie says she likes reporting because her job is different every day. She also likes "making a difference in the lives of others by telling their story." Julie did not take a traditional path to become a reporter. She chose reporting as a job because when she first went to college at Ohio University, she wanted to be an environmental engineer. Finding a job in her field proved to be very difficult so her dad encouraged her to apply for a couple of newspaper jobs. She interviewed and was hired by the News Watchman! She said that if she wasn't a reporter, she would probably work in a natural resources field.

When Julie first started reporting, she was confident in her photography skills, but she'd never written a news or sports story before, so she felt a little shy or uncomfortable. She said, "I had a lot to learn." After twenty-two years of reporting, though, she is a veteran reporter. She thinks the hardest part of being a reporter is "dealing with criticism and/or difficult people." Her favorite story during her years of reporting was about the Motor City Bowl in Detroit, Michigan. The Waverly Tigers and the Northwest Mohawk football teams received national recognition for sportsmanship. This happened when a Mohawk special needs student scored a touchdown against the Tigers to

end the game. Julie shared that she especially enjoys eating popcorn when she's "covering volleyball and basketball games at local schools."

Julie said her family moved to southern Ohio for her dad's job at the Atomic Plant. She was born and raised in Waverly and has lived here her entire life. In her spare time, she likes to go "hiking, walking, bicycling, swimming, working out, spending time with friends and family, and going to church on Sundays." It was really interesting to get to know a little about a real life reporter in Waverly!

#### WHS CADENCE NEWSPAPER

By Kadence Wheeler- Field Reporter

Have you ever wanted to share the news in a positive way? Waverly High School has several talented students serving on the Cadence staff, and they love to share the good news! The high school newspaper staff enjoy working together because they share a common interest and truly enjoy the writing process. According to staff member, Chloe Depriest, "Being in the newspaper program is not really hard. It's a fun opportunity to meet new people."

At times, the process of creating a newspaper can

be challenging. The most difficult part, according to the staff, is meeting the deadlines. It takes about a day or two to finish a newspaper, and it's all online. The Juniors and Seniors complete most of the editing, and the underclassmen normally write the articles. Staff members usually interview their peers or teachers. They also take pictures of the individuals they interview. Rebekah Van Aelstyn states, "It's very fun getting to meet and learn about all different kinds of people!"

The Waverly newspaper staff is very fortunate to have Mrs. Amy Dickens as their adviser. Being an advisor is one of her favorite jobs! Mrs. Dickens stated that she still keeps in contact with former

newspaper kids, even after they graduate. She is looking forward to seeing some of our Intermediate Tiger Tales staff in a few years.



Artwork by Mia Portillo

### JUST ASKIN'...with Jacob Long - photos by Emma Hudnell

This week, Jacob Long took to the hallways to ask the question, "What are you most looking forward to over winter break?"



MRS. SILCOTT
"Visiting family,
sleeping in, and eating
Christomas food"



BRIELLA CUELLAR
"Watching Christmas
movies"



MAX ADAMS
"Building a snowman"



MCKINLEY SCHIESER "Chatting with friends"



DEREK THOMAS "Watching YouTube"



GREYLIN TRIMBLE
"Playing in the snow and
drinking hot cocoa"

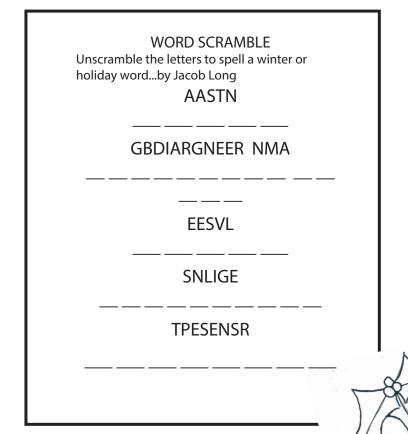


BRICYN HARTLEY
"Staying home and
warm"

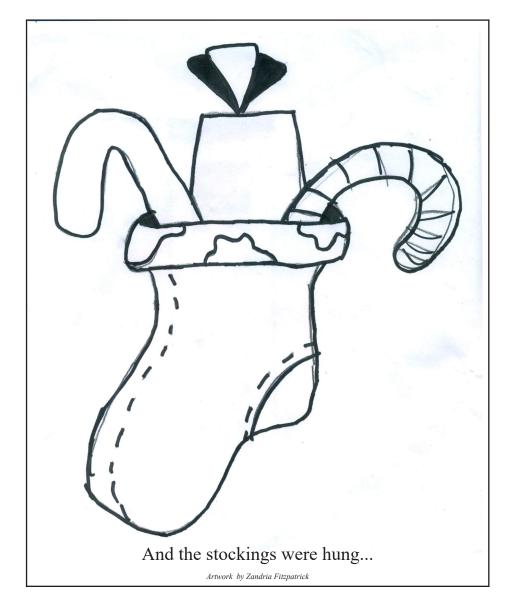
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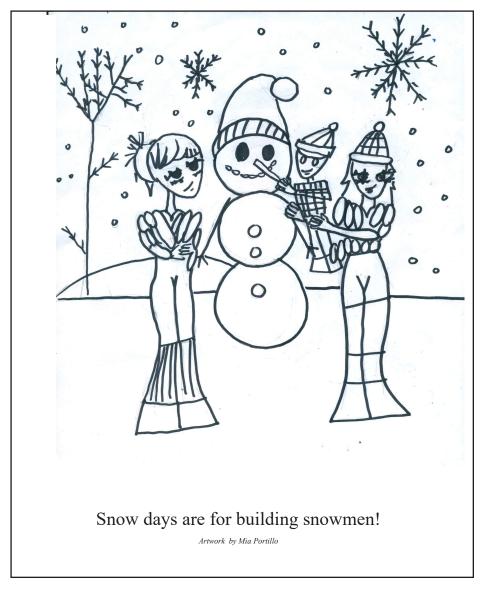
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