

INTERMEDIATE TIGER TALES

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SCHOOL NEWS

BRINGING BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS TO THE INTERMEDIATE

By Owen Craumer - Field Reporter

I was able to interview Mr. Peters about the Big Brothers/Big Sisters (BBBS) program. I asked him to explain the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. He said, “BBBS is a mentoring program that uses positive influences to help build self-esteem and learn coping and decision-making skills.” He said the idea of having the BBBS program was “a collaborative idea within the Community Outreach and Parent Engagement (COPE) program.” He added, “We felt like it was a good resource for our students.”

Mr. Peters first got involved in the program six years ago, when he became the COPE director. He said that his role in BBBS is to “work with the director of BBBS to get a list of bigs and littles.” He also takes care of their intake paperwork along with collaborating with the high school with times, lunch, places, students, etc. He said he hopes to “build the program so it will make an impact.” He also hopes that the bigs will continue their leadership outside of school and keep in contact with their littles. The hope is that the little will be a big someday. The BBBS program has been in Waverly for at least the six years that he has been here. It includes forty students (twenty bigs and twenty littles). The bigs are usually upperclassmen, while the littles are in grades three through five. Students of all grades may participate in the program outside of the school.



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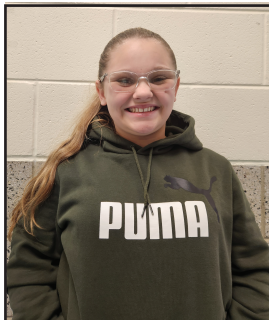


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MADI HARRIS' GO-KART VICTORY

By Emma Hudnell - Field Reporter

Today I interviewed Madi Harris about her go-kart race in Wheelersburg at Wheelersburg Raceway. Her thoughts before the race were that she thought it was very cool, but she was super nervous. Even though she was very nervous to start, when she got out there she was good. She felt pretty happy after the race. She was very surprised when she won. She celebrated her victory with her parents who were up in the stands supporting her. Graphic Creations designed her Kart for her. I hope this helped you learn more about Madi Harris and her terrific victory. Be sure to congratulate her if you see her!

WELCOMING OUR NEW SCHOOL COOK

By Harper Gillott- Field Reporter

Today I interviewed Chrissy Pullins. She is our new school cook. I asked her if she had ever been a school cook and she said, “No, I’ve never been a cook before.” She has been a cook at Waverly Intermediate since October 1, 2022. She cooks at least two hundred fifty lunches each day. Her favorite part of her job is dealing with all the kids. She doesn’t really have a "least favorite" part of her job. She likes to spend



Photo by Emma Hudnell

her free time with her family. She told me that she and her family are really close. She said her favorite holiday is Christmas. Her birthday is August 2nd. Her favorite school lunch is the Salisbury steak. If you see her in the lunchroom, be sure to tell her, “Hello!”

SPORTS NEWS

WRESTLING

By Shane Turner- Field Reporter

Scott Green is the boys' and girls' wrestling coach. I asked Mr. Green ten questions and here are some of the things he said. He said that his favorite part about wrestling is that anyone can wrestle. He also added, “Whether you’re tall, short, skinny, heavy, athletic, or not you can do this sport. There's a place for you to compete and be successful.” Boy and girl wrestlers have their own divisions in Ohio now, too. He is excited about that because both boys and girls can now compete in state championships.

Coach Green thinks that wrestlers must be willing to learn something new and not get discouraged when they fail at the task. His most experienced wrestlers are CJ Tolliver, Davey Adkins, and Rayden Bumgardner. All of the wrestlers that I just listed started in 2018 when the wrestling program began. This year is their fifth year.

You can win a wrestling match in various ways. Some of the ways you can win are, by pinning an opponent's back and shoulders onto the mat. This is the one people are most familiar with. Outscoring your

opponent is another way to win. Coach Green has a favorite rule which is stalling. You should constantly be trying to improve your standing. Stalling is when you don't try to improve your position or score points. The team's goal is to never get called for stalling.

In high school practice, they focus on techniques, positions, conditioning, and live wrestling. He believes that wrestling's only requirement is a positive attitude and a good work ethic. I asked him, “What is the ideal wrestler, in your opinion?” He responded with, “My ideal wrestler is driven to make themselves better. Not just on the mat but in the classroom and in the community. They should never back down from a challenge.” He thinks that the most challenging part of wrestling is staying healthy. He also said, “Wrestling is a real grind. Eating right, lifting, stretching, and staying hydrated all play a part in staying healthy.” He thinks that the hardest part about his job as a wrestling coach is watching wrestlers struggle with the mental aspects of growing up and learning how to be a productive member of society. Coach Green has been married for twenty-one years and has two children. He has coached for six years in Waverly and has been working at Kenworth for thirteen years.

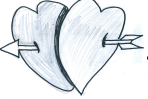


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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Calendar Artwork by Zandria Fitzpatrick

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
BLACK HISTORY MONTH			1	2 Groundhog Day 4th Grade Monthly Attendance Reward	3 5th Grade Monthly Attendance Reward	4
5	6 3rd Grade Monthly Attendance Reward	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day Party Day 	15	16	17	18
19	20 Presidents' Day NO SCHOOL	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				



IN OUR COMMUNITY

A CONVERSATION WITH MAYOR KEMPTON

By Shane Turner - Field Reporter

Mayor Kempton is the mayor of Waverly, Ohio. All of these questions we asked the mayor were created with the help of Kadence Wheeler. The first question asked was, "What is your busiest time of year?" Our mayor responded by telling us that there isn't a specific time of year he is busiest. However, all year he is doing work that varies from season to season. The next question we asked the mayor was, "What will he be doing this year to change Waverly?" He replied by saying they are always working to improve Waverly, but this year they will work on our sewer lines and water. He also says they will work to improve Bristol Park by adding more nature areas and walking paths, as well. The mayor wants to purchase playground equipment for our parks. Lastly, he is



Artwork by Mia Portillo

was when he bought property and put two new water wells in Waverly. Adding these wells lessened the problem of "boil alerts." The cost, though, was \$1,000,000. The mayor said his favorite food varies from day to day, but today it is tacos. His hobbies are wood working, working on cars and playing the bass in the rock-and-roll band, "Too Smart to Crawl!" We asked the mayor what he plans to do this summer. He says he hopes to restart the "Movies in the Park" again after the pandemic stopped this production. The movies are always free. There are also free drinks, hotdogs and popcorn. We asked Mayor Kempton, "How do you get to be mayor?" He answered that you must live in Waverly for a minimum of three years, get fifty signa-

working with the City Council to better our downtown area. This includes concrete work, street lights, and adding decorative benches. After that, Mayor Kempton replied to the question, “What part of his job is the hardest?” He says the hardest part of his job is finding efficient ways to save money while still getting jobs completed. With that question answered, he then answered the question, “What is the main responsibility of your job?” Mayor Kempton states that the hardest part of his job is ensuring all the departments are functioning. He supervises the Street, Water, Sewer, and the Police and Fire departments. The mayor has staff that work in the Mayor’s Office, The Tax Department, and Mayor’s Court helping him. When asked, “What is your biggest accomplishment,” he said his biggest accomplishment

tures from voters, and provide them to the board of elections. After that your name is on the ballot but you must get the most votes to become mayor. You then serve a four year term as mayor.

Lastly we asked the mayor to tell us about his family. He told us that his wife has worked as a photo-journalist for newspapers. Most of us know her as Mrs. Kempton because she has been a substitute teacher for Waverly City Schools. Then the mayor told us about his daughter, Sydney. Sydney graduated from Ohio State University but is now in law school at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. She also sings and plays guitar, bass, and keyboards in a rock-and-roll band with the mayor. These are the interesting answers we received from our Mayor, Mr. Kempton.

DID YOU KNOW?

THE HEART OF VALENTINE’S DAY

By Adalynn Legg - Field Reporter

Valentine’s Day was born in the 14th century in Rome. To us now, it’s a holiday about love and giving treats such as suckers, gummies, and (the most popular) chocolate. Valentine’s Day is also about giving cards that say nice things, but have you ever wondered how Valentine’s Day was invented? I wanted to find out!

Valentine’s Day got its name from a Christian named Saint Valentine. One cool thing about Saint Valentine is that people believed he had the power of healing. It’s also possible that he may have been not one, but two people. The sad thing is that he died on February 14, 269 AD. Sad, right? It’s also super cool because that is February 14. That is the day we celebrate Valentine’s Day. I hope you all had a very HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY!

How some people celebrate Valentine’s Day: Brookelyn Jett said, “I like to spend time with my friends and family.” Ms. Holderness told me, “I usually do not make plans for Valentine’s Day. I always give candy and make cards for my children. This year I am doing the same and having a nice dinner with my loved ones.” Maddy Maynard was hanging out with friends, having fun, playing games, and eating chocolate.



FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

By Kadence Wheeler- Field Reporter

Do you want to learn about Black History Month? It all started with Carter G. Woodson (the father of Black History) in 1926. He set out to designate a time to promote and educate people about Black History and culture. Woodson is a historian and the president of the Association for the study of African American life and history. (A.S.A.L.H). Beginning in 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated February as Black History

Month. Other countries such as Canada and the United Kingdom set aside a month, as well.

Did you know that the first black woman elected to Congress, Shirley Chisholm, ran for president in 1972 and was almost assassinated three times? Also, did you know that the first self-made female millionaire, Madam C.J. Walker, was a black woman? Barbie is even honoring her with

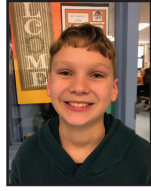
a special doll in her likeness. Other important figures who are spotlighted during the month include, Barack Obama (the first African-American President), Mae Jemison (the first female African-American astronaut), Thurgood Marshall (the first African-American Supreme Court Justice), and of course, Dr. Martin Luther King. So, Black History month is very important and that is why we celebrate Black History month.

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

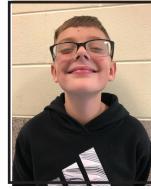
This week, Jacob Long took to the hallways to ask the question, "What is your New Year's resolution for 2023?"



KOHEN JOHNSON
"Stop eating so much candy"



JAYDEN MULLINS
"Too much screen time"



HAYDEN BARCH
"Quit staying up late"



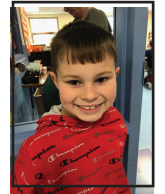
LILY BREITENBACH
"Get my grades up"



HILLARIE OYER
"Stop playing video games"



MR. KELLOGH
"Lose some weight by cutting back on school lunches"



BLAINE SPRADLIN
"Get better grades"

JUST FOR FUN

Name: _____

February Days

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Find the following words in the puzzle.
 Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

ASH WEDNESDAY
 BLACK HISTORY
 BLIZZARD
 CANDY
 COAT
 EARMUFFS
 GLOVES

GROUNDHOG DAY
 HAT
 ICE
 PRESIDENTS' DAY
 SCARF
 SKATING
 SLEDDING

SLEET
 SNOW
 VALENTINE'S DAY
 WINTER

WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the letters to spell a winter or holiday word...by Jacob Long.

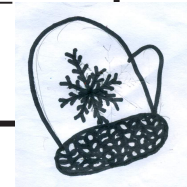
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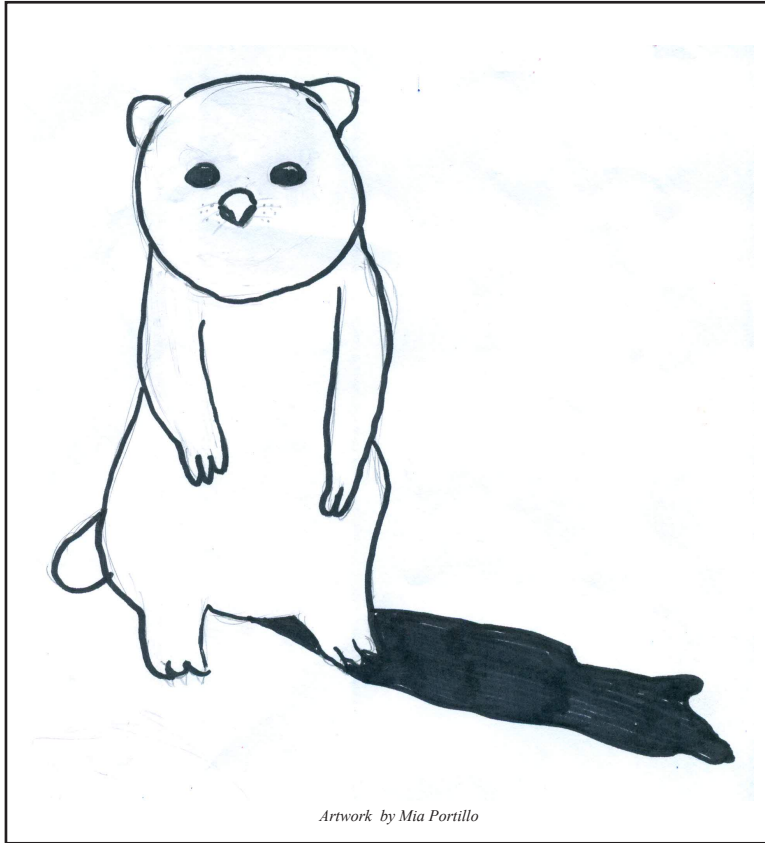
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GROUNDHOG DAY

By Briella Cuellar- Field Reporter

Have you ever wondered what Groundhog Day is? Groundhog Day started in the late 1800s. Groundhog Day is on February 2nd. On Groundhog Day if the groundhog sees his shadow it means six more weeks of winter. If he doesn't see his shadow, it's an early spring. Wow! I live in Ohio and their Groundhog is named Buckeye Chuck. The most famous Groundhog is in Pennsylvania. His name is Punxsutawney Phil.

Groundhog Day has its roots in the ancient Catholic tradition of Candlemas when clergy would bless and distribute candles needed for winter. They believed that if the weather was clear on that day, it would predict a longer winter. In the beginning, the animal they used was a badger. Later, it was changed to become the groundhog we know today. Now you know all about Groundhog Day!

WONDER

By Emma Hudnell- Field Reporter

Have you ever seen the movie, Wonder, or read the book (R.J. Palacio, author) about it? Well this is a book report on why you should read it. August (Auggie) Pullman was born with a facial difference that prevented him from going to mainstream school...until now. He's about to enter fifth grade at Beecher Prep, and if you've ever been the new kid, then you know how hard that can be. The thing is, Auggie is just an ordinary kid, with an extraordinary face. But can he convince his new classmates that he is just like them? If you want to read this book then you can find it in the library. If you search up a picture of Wonder then you can see what his face looks like. Everyone is different in different ways but his way of different is amazing. That is why I encourage you to go to the library, get this book, and read it to find out his story.

GET OUT THERE AND READ!

Some book recommendations from the desk of...Mrs. Holt.



For those who enjoy chapter books, with a mystery feel:

The 39 Clues series

Magic Treehouse Series

Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys Series

For those who prefer the smaller books, that are also a little easier to read:

The Couch Potato by John Jory

Salt in His Shoes by Deloris Jordan (about Micheal Jordan)

Long Shot by NBA player Chris Paul

Freedom Summer by Deborah Wiles (set during the Civil Rights movement time)

Jennifer Jones Won't Leave Me Alone by Frieda Whishinsky (just a fun to read book)

Student recommendations:

Everything On It by Shel Silverstein (Jacob Long)

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire by J.K. Rowling (Adalynn Legg)

Wonder by R.J. Palacio (Emma Hudnell)