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## Becoming a Roughrider



by Will Snyder, Superintendent

Winter is here, and it brings ice, sleet, and snow. As we all navigate the roads, here are some items of interest at Western Reserve Local Schools.

Western is lucky to have such a dedicated school board overseeing the district. Our members, Dr. Scott Ommert, Kris Green, Jim Todd, Caleb Buck, and Frank Edwards, are citizens whose decisions affect our children — what they learn, who will teach them, and what kinds of facilities house their classrooms. They represent you, and they take this responsibility

seriously. We salute these Western Reserve Local School District public servants whose dedication and civic commitment make local control of public schools in our community possible.

Communication is a necessary process that constantly needs improvement and adjustment. Recently we launched our new mobile strategy platform to provide an improved user experience. This platform offers a new streamlined website and an app. Please go to your app store, search WR Schools, download the app, and visit our website.

Western's community has blessed us with excellent facilities through a twenty-year bond issue approved in 2002. We must monitor and improve our facilities for this generation of students and those to come. To help with this process, we are currently building a capital plan to provide a complete picture of facility cost and life expectancy. This plan will help prioritize needed expenditures during the budget process.



Mr. Caleb Buck; Mr. Kris Green, Vice President; Dr. Scott Ommert, President; Mr. Jim Todd and Mr. Frank Edwards serve as members of the Western Reserve Local School District Board of Education.

## Students Earn Superior Ratings

Congratulations to all Western Reserve High School band and choir students who participated in the Ohio Music Education Association Solo & Ensemble Contest at Genoa High School, Saturday, January 21.

The percussion ensemble of Jasper Burns, Virgil Baker, Stephanie Schaffer, Eliza Stewart, Elisabeth Weisenberger, Clara Hunt, and Mayleen Sell earned a Superior rating.

Lyndsey Sprowls, alto sax soloist, the clarinet trio of Abby Hamisfar, Katelyn Libertowski, and Ayla Gaughan, and the trumpet trio of Kaiden Colish, Aiden Gomez, and Aidan Miller earned Excellent ratings.

Performing in two small ensembles, the WR Choir competed in the Festival class. Also performing were Char Houtchings with her clarinet solo, the saxophone trio of Gracie Thomas, Lincon Munroe, and Jake Sabo as well as Alexa Hurst on mallets.

Congratulations to all who performed and made great music.



Participants in the OMEA Solo & Ensemble Contest. Ayla Gaughan, Abby Hamisfar, Katelyn Libertowski, Eliza Stewart, Char Houtchings, Virgil Baker, Lyndsey Sprowls, Aiden Gomez, Kaiden Colish, Clara Hunt, Jasper Burns, Mayleen Sell, Lincon Munroe, Aiden Miller and Gracie Thomas.

## Fun Things Happening in February

by Leah Solomon, Elementary Assistant Principal

It has been an exciting start to 2023 here at WRE. Students seem to be settling in nicely since the return from Christmas break. In case you have not been to the building lately, the main office is under construction due to some water damage that occurred over winter break. If you are coming to pick up your student you can always call ahead so we can have your student ready for you. In the meantime, our secretaries and principals have been set up in the

band room and all of our special services have been relocated to the upstairs hallway where 6th grade used to be housed. Thank you for your patience while we wait on repairs.

As we look forward to the month of February students will participate in special activities like Groundhog day, the 100th day of school and Valentine's day. Our 4th grade students are particularly excited as they received their recorders this week and will be learning to read music and play. And, the office staff will get to

hear them every step of the way in our new office location. We have approximately 100 students who are participating in next week's Mini Rider Cheer Clinic. This is a great way to beat the winter blues and learn some skills. What an awesome turnout for an event that also is a fundraiser for the high school cheer program. The cheer program is funded through fundraisers and donations. Look for pictures in the next issue of this awesome event!

## Letter of Intent Not Just for Sports

by Ann Todd, Career Readiness Counselor

Students in grades 7-12 are eligible to participate in the College Credit Plus program. This dual enrollment program allows students to earn high school credit while taking college courses. There are certain requirements, including attendance at an informational meeting and submitting a Letter of Intent to participate.

Western Reserve held their mandatory meeting on Wednesday, February 1. During this session, all aspects of the CCP program were discussed. Parents and scholars in attendance then determine if they wish to continue the application process. The

admittance requirements vary from each college/university, so it is important, students follow that particular institution's guidelines.

Western Reserve does offer CCP courses at the high school. Regardless of where the student takes the courses, attending the informational meeting, submitting required forms, applying and being accepted are necessary components. An outcome of COVID is the offering of courses offered in an online format, but this may not be the best option for the student. These are all factors to consider. Meeting in a classroom, face-to-face, causes challenges as well: transportation, scheduling with high school courses.

There are advantages to taking CCP courses, but it is not for everyone. It is recommended to consider prospective majors and look at the courses required to enroll in courses that will be of benefit and so credits transfer easily.

Most importantly, have discussions at home and with teachers and counselors to determine if CCP is the best option. Also, be sure to fill out your Letter of Intent whether you are taking courses on campus at WR or through a college/university. The document is due to the guidance office by April 1, 2023.

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# Western Reserve District Calendar -- February 2023

| SUNDAY | MONDAY   | TUESDAY                       | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY             | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
|--------|--|-------------------------------|--|----------------------|--|---|
| 5      | 6  | 7                             | 8  | 9                    | 10   | 11  |
|        | PLEASE VIEW SCHOOL WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR A MORE UP TO DATE AND COMPLETE SCHEDULE                      | 6pm GBB @ Mohawk              | MSBB FC @ TBA (7)<br>MSBB FC TOURN (8)<br>FBB FC @ New London<br>6-7:30pm Youth Baseball and Softball Registration<br>HS Concession Room | 6PM VBB @ New London | Hundreds Day!<br>6pm GBB @ Mapleton                              | 6PM VBB Wellington<br>9:30am VWR @ Margaretta Caleb<br>Stockmaster Inv.   |
| 12     | 13   | 14                            | 15   | 16                   | 17   | 18  |
|        | MS/HS Book Fair<br> | MS/HS Book Fair               | 6pm Board of Education Regular Meeting<br>MS/HS Book Fair  | MS/HS Book Fair      | MSHS Choir Dinner Theater<br>6pm VBB Mapleton<br>MS/HS Book Fair | MSHS Choir Dinner Theater<br>10am VWR FC @ New London   |
| 19     | 20   | 21                            | 22   | 23                   | 24   | 25  |
|        | No School - President's Day  |                               |  |                      | Assembly - "Talk Is Cheap" Dave Kohout                           | VWR Sectional @ Plymouth<br>11:30a (1st-4th) Little Riders Baseball Camp<br>1pm (5-8th) Little Riders Baseball Camp |
| 26     | 27   | 28                            |  |                      |  |   |
|        |  | Senior Pictures with Prestige |  |                      |  |   |

# Western Reserve District Calendar -- March 2023

| SUNDAY                        | MONDAY                        | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
|                               |                               |   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   |
|                               |                               | PLEASE VIEW SCHOOL WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR A MORE UP TO DATE AND COMPLETE SCHEDULE |   |  |   | 11:30a (1st-4th) Little Riders Baseball Camp<br>1pm (5-8th) Little Riders Baseball Camp                 |
| 5                             | 6                             | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  |
|                               |                               |   |   |   |   | 11:30a (1st-4th) Little Riders Baseball Camp<br>1pm (5-8th) Little Riders Baseball Camp<br>Fill the Bin |
| 12                            | 13                            | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  |
|                               |                               | ACT Testing - Juniors   | 6pm Board of Education Regular Meeting<br>ACT Testing - Juniors | ACT Testing - Juniors   | 8:30am Spring Picture Day<br>Spring Picture Day<br>Picture Day<br><br>END 3rd Quarter | 11:30a (1st-4th) Little Riders Baseball Camp<br>1pm (5-8th) Little Riders Baseball Camp                 |
| 19                            | 20                            | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  |
| Senior Class Trip - Nashville | Senior Class Trip - Nashville | Senior Class Trip - Nashville   | Senior Class Trip - Nashville                                   |   | Spring Musical - Freaky Friday  | 10 am VTR @ Seneca East<br>11 am VSB @ Smithville (DH)<br>11 am JVBB @ Huron<br>1pm VBB @ Huron         |
| 26                            | 27                            | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  |   |
| Spring Musical Freaky Friday  |                               | 4:30 pm VTR @ Mapleton  | 4:45 pm VB @ Margaretta<br>5:00 pm JVB vs Margaretta            | 4:45 pm VSB @ Vermilion<br>5 pm MSTR @ Crestview                                      | 4pm VTR @ Colonel Crawford  |   |

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## Western Reserve Middle School Academic Awards Quarter Two

**DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL:** Gage Wurm, Estella Blake, Alexia Grec, Andrew Gardner, Kevin Wilson, Emma Altomare, Paul Warthling, Zayvia Vanderpool, Josette Spragg, Guy Hartman, Ashlynn Gomez, Lilli Blystone, Addie French, Kelsey Sprowls, Aubree Davis, Jillian Charville, Gavin Trzil, Mira Bailey and Aaliza Shaffer.  
Garrett Baker, Jocelyn Ryan, Mary Stang and Jaxon Dalton.  
Maya Ommert and Ava Gardner.

**HONOR ROLL:** Giana Cartmill, Peyton Watson, Kendra Flores, Elisabeth Sexton, Kenneth Evans, Peyton Kerby, Aunalee Kelley, Camryn Olcott, Ethan Linder, Hunter Miller, Chase Mullins, Isabelle Seville, Victoria Carder, Arianna Torres, Aliyah Boldman, Weston Tite, Payton Lewis, Piper Carpenter, Autumn Horvath, Carsyn Sullen, Alivia Graham, Harleigh Hubbard, Graycee Jackson, Piper Murray, Hunter Myers, Braylin Allread, Eiva Cooley, Brooklynn Blanton, Tenley Malson, McKenna Malson, Corynne Kinney, Cohen Dawson and Greyson Anderson.

Jamie Buckler, Stephanie Findley, Aliyah Hernandez, Leigha Osborne, Zoey Rhodes, Steffenni Hadaway, Lacie Wiley, Austin Wolfe, Mackenzy Cook, Adalynn Lutz, Kaleb Tite, Colson Lutz, Leah Libertowski, Jesse Shick and Brayden Roser.

Eli Ommert, Logan Blystone, Ava-Grace Thornburg, Makenna Myers, Luke Currence, Tyler Cooper, Kate Nack, Allyson Goebbel, Kara Woodruff, Aubree Zunis, Grant Wolfe, Addison Gibson, Hailey Brammer, Austin Kolb, Landyn Wiegel, Violet Burns, Emily Torres, Titus Steele, Madison Buchanan and Imani Bizzell.


**MERIT ROLL:** Ryleigh Skiver, Pierce Corbin, Braxtyn Wachholz, Ryan Tomlinson, Gavin Hale, Emmett Resko, Wyatt Tansey and Cole Hilaman.

Natalie Sexton, Alexis Randolph, Leah Carpenter, Aria Lykins, Bryce Buderer, Conner Duensing, Avere Johnson, Tristin Maxwell, Harper Clemons, Dominick Edwards, Kellen Balog, Emilie Taylor, Skielur Young, Annaliese Alflen, Camdyn Partington, James Weisenberger and Lyla Stewart.

Brooke Jones, Austin Ciarrone, Owen Bernaciak, Addyson Adams, Braiden Hicks, Renee Canfield, Katelynn Graham, Cooper Roe, Colton Meagrow, Wesley Wilson, Skylin Swanner, Parker Lewis, Korissa Fraelich and Shiloh Davis.

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**DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL:** Gracie Thomas, Aidan Miller, Lilliana Jarrett, Katelyn Libertowski, Benjamin Woodrum and Ella Grose.

Reagan Roland, Alexis Wheeler, Kaitlin Risner, Elizabeth Sorensen, Mayleen Sell, Clara Hunt, Brooklyn Prince, Allyson Benesh and Kaylee Kegley.

Adele Heck, Kennedy Latteman, Kenna Fields, John Holbrook, Lillian White and Sadina Munroe.

**ALLA's:** Brexton Fraelich.  
Nolan Ryan, Lincoln Munroe, Ma'leya Humphrey and Payton Friend.

Kelsey Lasch and Kira Steele.  
**HONOR ROLL:** Adrienne Rogers, Alaina Holland, Francesca Hoover, Alfred Meggitt, Maylee Wetzel, Dominic Edwards, Hayden Keith, Parker Friend, Xzavian Meagrow, Caleb Pausch, Lexi Mullins and Braylon Witherspoon.

Caleb Kuenzel, Hazel Green, Connor Dawson, Ava Wolfe, Gracyn Neuburger, Gaven Green and Haley West.

Thomas Dendinger, Thatcher Stevens, Grant Bethard, Ryan Edwards, Avery Kinney and Mason Kinney.

Jake Elkin, Sydnie Prince, Grace French, Rhett Grose, Sean Murdock, Brodey Suhr, Logan Wiegel, Weston Hickey and Ashlynn Kerby.

**MERIT ROLL:** Jenavieve Charville, Drew Clemons, Travis French, Emma Hammond, William Taylor, Grant Fannin, Jamie Muenz and Brianna Edwards.

Alize Cottrill, Morrison Dauch-Munroe, Gavin MacKeigan, Cheyanne Young, Grace Osborne, Robert Murdock, Drake Munroe, Summer Brezovsky, Mckinley Fannin and Chelsey Callahan.

Rylee Supeck, Summer Thomas, Jennifer Sheller, Nathaniel Lowe, Elizabeth Findley, Braxton Balog, Jonathon Kerby, Alexis Absher, Ian Oakley, Chad White, Kennedy Drennen, Chloe Priddy and Jesse Sebolt.  
Quinn Grandy.

## Kindergarten Registration for 2023-2024

Kindergarten Registration for the Western Reserve 2023-2024 school year is March 1, 2023, through April 30, 2023. Parents with children who will be five years old by August 1, 2023, are eligible to register their child for kindergarten.

Online registration for kindergarten students is available through Final Forms. Please see our WR webpage <https://www.western-reserve.org> to register your child. You will find an enrollment option at the bottom of our home page / Registration / Kindergarten Enrollment / Final Forms. If you live outside the district, also fill out the Open Enrollment Form located on this page. The kindergarten program is a five day a week, all day program.

Registration Requirements:

- Child's birth certificate
- Immunization records
- Social Security Number
- Two proofs of residency
- Custody Papers, if applicable

Registration for students who will be open-enrolled will be accepted, but the students will be placed on a waiting list until it is determined that class size will accommodate open-enrolled students.

**Parent/Guardians will be contacted regarding a screening appointment.**

Please contact Jennifer Cornelison, Principal at [jcornelison@western-reserve.org](mailto:jcornelison@western-reserve.org) or Autumn Thomas, Administrative Assistant via [athomas@western-reserve.org](mailto:athomas@western-reserve.org). You can also call 419-660-9824 with any questions.



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# Western Reserve District Calendar -- APRIL 2023

| Sunday | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday | Friday                           | Saturday  |
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|        | PLEASE VIEW SCHOOL WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR A MORE UP TO DATE AND COMPLETE SCHEDULE               |   |  |          | CCP LETTER OF INTENT DUE APRIL 1 | 1<br>11am VBB @ Sandusky (DH)<br>11am JVSB @ Sandusky   |
| 2      | 3<br>5pm VBB vs Plymouth<br>5pm JVBB @ Plymouth<br>5pm VSB vs Plymouth<br>5pm JVSB @ Plymouth | 4<br>5pm VBB @ Plymouth<br>5pm JVBB vs Plymouth<br>5pm VSB @ Plymouth<br>5pm JVSB vs Plymouth | 5<br>4:30p VTR @ St. Paul  | 6        | 7                                | 8<br>10:30am VTR @ New London<br>11am VBB vs Buckeye Central (DH)<br>11am VSB vs Buckeye Central (DH) |

## Sign Up for Youth Baseball

Registration for this year's Youth Baseball and T-Ball teams will be on Wednesday February 8 at 6:30 pm in the high school concession stand room next to the high school gym. Those in 8U will play at Lefty Grove, 10U-14U will travel to area schools and play home games and T-Ball will play behind the elementary school. Travel league will play in the Firelands League that consists of teams such as Edison, Perkins, Huron, Margareta, St. Mary's and a few other surrounding schools. Players signing up for Tee Ball must be four by May 1st and six or under as of May 1st. Players turning seven prior to May 1st must sign up for 8U.

The fees and sponsor for each team pay for the essentials to run the team: league fees, uniforms for players and coaches (hat and jersey), game balls, practice balls, umpires fees, lining the baseball fields, player insurance, porta pot rental.

Fees per team will need to be paid at time of registration. Members of each team will receive a shirt and hat; pants and belt will not be provided. It is recommended to purchase gray pants. Fee amounts include:

- Tee Ball – \$50
- 8U Team – \$60
- 10U Team – \$105
- 12U Team – \$105
- 14U Team – \$105

There is a sibling discount of \$10 per player for families who have two or more players. Make checks payable to Western Reserve Youth Baseball.

Information on late registration, team selection, the season and fundraising are available in a packet that can be picked up in the school offices. If you have any questions, please call or text Josh Good at 419-577-5912.

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February 13-17

### Important Dates — Class of 2023

February 28. Prestige Portraits will be on campus to take seniors' pictures for the yearbook and composite. Seniors may make their appointment on the "Senior Photo Shoot Schedule 2023" sent by Mrs. Marett in her Jan 6 email. Early time slots are reserved for EHOVE seniors who need to be photographed and then catch the EHOVE bus.

March 19-22. Senior class trip to Nashville.

April 15. Local scholarship deadline. Visit <https://www.western-reserve.org/page/student-services-and-guidance> to access the list of local scholarships.

April 18. Panoramic picture; Cap & Gown pick up - 7A.

May 18 & 19. Senior exams at WR.

May 19. Seniors' last day of school.

May 23. Senior awards ceremony - 6:30P.

May 25. Graduation practice/clap out a WRE - 9:00A.

May 26. EHOVE senior recognition ceremony.

May 28. Graduation in HS Gym - 2:00 p.m.



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### 8th Grade Washington DC Dates and Info

March 1. DC t-shirt design contest entries are due

March 2. Vote on t-shirt design during enrichment

March 9. Select roommates during enrichment

March 11. Fill the Bin fundraiser  
9:00 am - 12:00 noon in the school parking lot

March 23. Vote on t-shirt colors (Bus 1 and Bus 2)

March 23. Final payment due.

May 8. Final parent meeting

May 22. Students depart for DC

May 25. Students return to WR



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During Mrs. Leslie Kline’s class, Oohmy Joy Mead and Ali Cotner experiment with UV reactive paint as part of third grade art enrichment.



Third grade art enrichment students Mia Dawson, Addy Reed and Callie Roe experiment with UV reactive paint.

The Sophomore Class of 2025  
will be hosting a

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Game Night

WHEN: Friday, February 10

WHERE: Middle/High School Auditeria

TIME: 6:30 - 9:00 PM

WHO: Elementary Boys K-5 and mom

COST: \$10 mom/son OR \$15 mom/sons

Lifetouch will be on site for photos.

All money raised will go toward class funds.

## Student Council Stocking Up is a Success

by Deklynn Kelley

The Western Reserve Elementary Student Council successfully collected 1,500 care items for our community. Items were donated to Saint Mary’s Church in Wakeman. The Student Council members sponsored our 2022 Spirit Day including the “Night Before Christmas” where we wore our pajamas. Another day was called “Holiday Hair, Don’t Care” and “Santa’s Workshop Imposters” with other crazy days in between. In our December council meeting we discussed our annual fundraiser and more spirit days to come.



WRE Student Council. In front: Baylie Hammond, Lilah Wilson, Lillia Evans, Ava Meade, Jocelyn Smith, Deklynn Kelley and Leland Smithberger. In back: Matthew Altomare, Paisley Snyder, Adah Thomas, Dakota Evans, Emma Buck, Calli Roe, Sandy Stang, Kimber Warzinik, Bishop Whitt, Gavin Blair and Sam Streets. Mrs. Kate Smith and Ms. Rachel Scott serve as advisors.



As part of classroom PBIS rewards, second grade students enjoy a hot cocoa party with Mrs. Solomon and Mr. Gregory.



(left) PTA Coloring Contest winners: 5th, Samuel Streets; 4th, Grayson Barkacs; 3rd, Ava Hyde; 2nd, Everett Kimball; 1st, Marlee Nichols; K, Jace Burton; PS, Dayton Todd.

Father/Daughter Dance  
in an Enchanted Garden

When: Saturday, April 1

Time: 6:00 - 8:30 PM

Where: Western Reserve Elementary

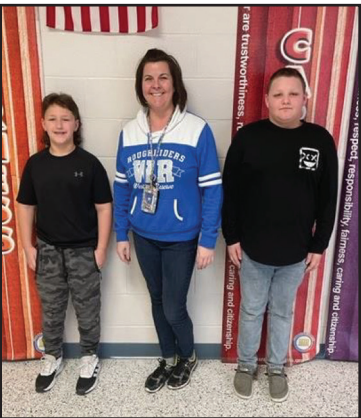
Who: Elementary Girls K-5 and Dad

Cost: \$10 Dad/Daughter or \$15 Dad/Daughters

Lifetouch will be on site for photos.

The dance is sponsored by the Sophomore Class of 2025.

All money raised will go towards class funds.



Fifth graders Liam Bayless and Jacob Kobylski are recognized by Mrs. Solomon for positive behavior.



## Students Represented at Scholastic Art Show

Congratulations to the six students who placed in the Lorain County region of the Scholastic Art Show exhibiting 12 artworks. This is a three-county art show where students from high schools within Huron, Erie and Lorain counties compete and exhibit their artwork.

Artwork was judged on originality, technical skill and the emergence of personal vision. Grade 7-8 students compete in one division with all categories mixed. The grade 9-12 students are competing together within various separate media categories. Students earn third place “Honorable Mention”, second place “Silver Key” and first place “Gold Key” distinctions. Those works earning a regional “Gold Key” advance directly to *national* jurying in New York City this spring for Silver and Gold *Medals*.

Kaylee Kegley received a Gold Key for her artwork titled “Blood Line” and three Honorable Mentions for her works titled “Burn Out”, “Mirrored”, and “Relief”. Lixiwen (Mayleen) Sell received a Gold Key for her work titled “Betrayal”, a Silver Key for her work titled “King”, and an Honorable Mention for her work titled “Everything but Nothing”. Kira Steele received two Honorable Mentions for her works titled “Dream” and “Still Here”. Beth Weisenberger received an Honorable Mention for her work titled “Mayleen”. Lilliana Jarrett received a Silver Key for her work titled “Terry’s Table”. Brianna Farr received an Honorable Mention for her work titled “Clover”.

The exhibit runs through February 16, 2023. The Stocker Gallery exhibition, on the campus of Lorain County Community College is open to the public. **This exhibit is open Mondays through Fridays, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in addition to evening hours from 4:00-6:30 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The gallery will also be open Sundays from 1:00-3:00 pm and during all Stocker Center main stage (Hoke Theater) events.** All dates and times are current though subject to change. Please keep an eye on this webpage for updates <https://www.lorainccc.edu/stocker/beth-k-stocker-art-gallery/>.

This exhibition is sponsored by the Nordson Corporation with support from the Stocker Foundation and the Lorain County Community College.



(left) Art students Kira Steele, Kaylee Kegley and Mayleen Sell display various pieces of artwork represented at the 2023 Scholastic Art Show. Missing from the picture are Beth Weisenberger, Lilly Jarrett, and Brianna Farr.



Some 1st graders from Miss Ritz’s room hang with principal, Mrs. Cornelison. The students purchased “donuts with the principal” from their classroom store.



(right) Mrs. Solomon shares excitement with 4th graders Tyson Allread, Ashdyn Webb and Keegan Storrer. The students show off prizes purchased with Rider tickets which are earned with positive behaviors with car and bus behaviors.

### 3rd Annual DC Trip Fundraiser

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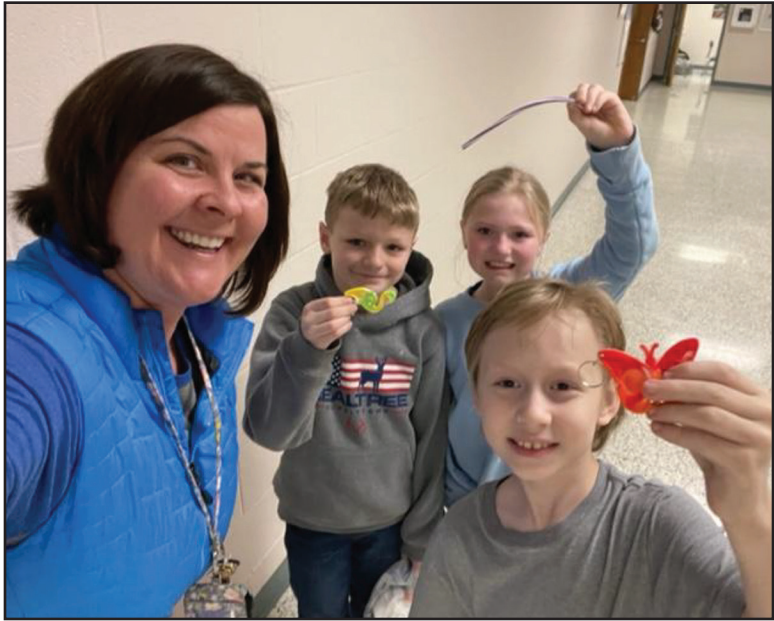
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- LINENS:** Towels, sheets, comforters, blankets, tablecloths

The 8th grade will earn money for every pound you donate, so clean out those closets and basements -- THANK YOU!



Rider tickets were used by 1st grade students Emmett Todd, Alex Gardner and Hudson Oliver. Mrs. Solomon appreciates students’ good behavior.





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## WR Grad Completes Air Force Basic Training



Airman Samuel Horst

Samuel Robert Paul Horst, a 2022 graduate of Western Reserve High School, graduated from military basic training for The United States Air Force on January 12, 2022, amongst 621 other graduates, at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Horst started basic training on November 22, with the 324 Training Squadron, Flight 093. Basic training consists of seven and a half weeks of basic war skills, military discipline, physical fitness, drill and ceremonies, Air Force core values and a comprehensive range of subjects relating to Air Force life. Horst graduated as an expert rifleman stating he enjoyed the Combat Arms Training and Maintenance portion of basic training. When asked about his favorite part of basic training, he stated, “The Pacer Forge, which is a thirty-six-hour, mock deployment in a combat zone. It was a trainee lead exercise with little help from the Military Training Instructors. The only downside was it was only thirty-six hours.” In true Horst fashion, he also enjoyed “long walks around the PRC and eating MREs.” His least favorite part was “everything about the first

week.” Horst is heading to Biloxi, Mississippi for Technical Training in Network Systems Operations over the next five months. He looks forward to “seeing alligators and taking airboat rides through Mississippi.” After technical training, he will get orders for his first duty station. He hopes to get stationed somewhere overseas where he can experience and embrace other cultures; his first choice being one of the three bases in Turkey. When asked why he wanted to join the military, Horst stated, “I was bored and did not want to go to college. Turns out I have to go to college anyway.” While in the Air Force, Horst will be earning a degree in Electronic System Technology. Airman Samuel Horst exemplifies integrity, putting others first, and giving his best effort in all he does which are the core values the Air Force encompasses. Congratulations Airman Horst!



Airman Samuel Horst, right, pictured at graduation with his favorite Military Technical Instructor, Technical Sergeant Solazzo.



In celebration of Christmas, these sixth graders dressed up as a favorite holiday character: McKenna Malson, Tenley Malson, Hannah Buchanan, Stella Blake, Graycee Jackson and Mrs. Toni Slanzcka.

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## Fossils are Clues of Earth’s History



On Thursday, December 8, eighth grade students participated in an activity entitled “Giant Geologic Time Scale”. This activity wrapped up a several day investigation of major events in Earth’s history that scientists depict that have occurred in the Earth’s past. Students to this point had been viewing the vast time representing Earth’s history on a single sheet of paper or on a computer screen. On this particular day, students viewed this time as a giant time scale that measured 25 meters (approximately 75 feet). Groups of students were given cards representing the various time periods and their task was to place the cards appropriately on the time scale. The students then viewed the cards placed

and started to discuss mistakes the class may have made. The groups then made corrections by rearranging the card placements appropriately. The students were then asked about the evidence of life pertaining to fossil records that scientists indicate are clues to the long time when those organisms lived and certain extinction events. While participating in the activity, students were able to first hand construct a time scale and decipher a vast load of information in terms of long time and the divisions that have been made according to the clues of fossils and other key Earth structures. This activity reinforced the concepts of abiotic and biotic factors that were discussed in class in note form. Students began this concept of depicting time and appropriately placing major events on a timeline when they created two timelines: their major life events and that of a family member. Two photos show those timelines. That assignment was completed prior to the introduction of Earth’s history and how scientists use the Geologic Time Scale to describe events of the Earth’s past.



### WR Choirs Present:

## A 2023 Dinner Theater

# Love



## Rollercoaster

February 17 & 18 @ 6:00 pm

## Students Respond



Spanish teacher Shirley Klimczak asked students to rise above and was not surprised when they answered the call. In 2020, Stow Ohio Councilman and Purple Heart Recipient, Jeremy McIntire launched Operation Valentine’s Day and had a goal of sending Valentine cards to troops serving overseas. Last year, the organization sent just under 5,000 cards and are looking to beat that performance. Spanish Club is aiding in the process, joined by class members, by making homemade bi-lingual cards in English and Spanish. Creativity abounded with their designs. Then, students signed their first name and last initial. Mrs. Klimczak included a page with a blurb telling the organization the cards were created by WR students and then headed to the post office, mailed them second day mail to ensure they made it for the January 25 deadline. Klimczak stated, “We mailed over 150 cards to our overseas military members! Great job Western!!!”

## Time for the Musical



Western Reserve will hold its annual Spring Musical on Friday and Saturday, March 24 and 25, at 7pm and Sunday, March 26 at 3pm in the MS/HS auditoria. This year’s presentation is Freaky Friday; the story of a mom and daughter who do not see eye-to-eye on much of anything. Through a magical hourglass, they switch bodies and have to walk in the other’s shoes. They gain a better understanding of themselves and others as they work to return to their own bodies. Due to some material, this show is rated PG-13. Tickets will go on sale in early March online at onthestage.com

### Get dinner theater tickets at

<https://our.show/western-reserve-middle-school-high-school/82868>

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## States of Matter Explored

First grade has been learning about and exploring the states of matter (solids, liquids, and gasses). Mrs. Stang’s class made predictions and found conclusions about what would happen to the liquid. They helped shake the jar and concluded it changed to a solid called butter! The experiment ended with a taste test of the butter on rolls.

Mrs. Dragon’s class also experimented turning a liquid into a solid by making butter! The class said it was delicious and gave it a 10/10!



Pictured from Mrs. Dragon’s classroom are: Colton Brown, Hazel Reep, Jessa Smith, Avery Cartmill, Ada Carpenter and Deklyn Olcott.



Mrs. Stang’s class enjoys the butter they made on rolls.

## Classroom Connects with Natural Sciences

The Western Reserve 8th graders were able to visit the Cleveland Natural History Museum on January 12 and get connected with natural sciences.

Despite the gloomy and rainy weather and many of the museum sections being under construction, the students were able to experience and see science and culture outside of the classroom and confines of the school building.

The young Rough Riders were able to

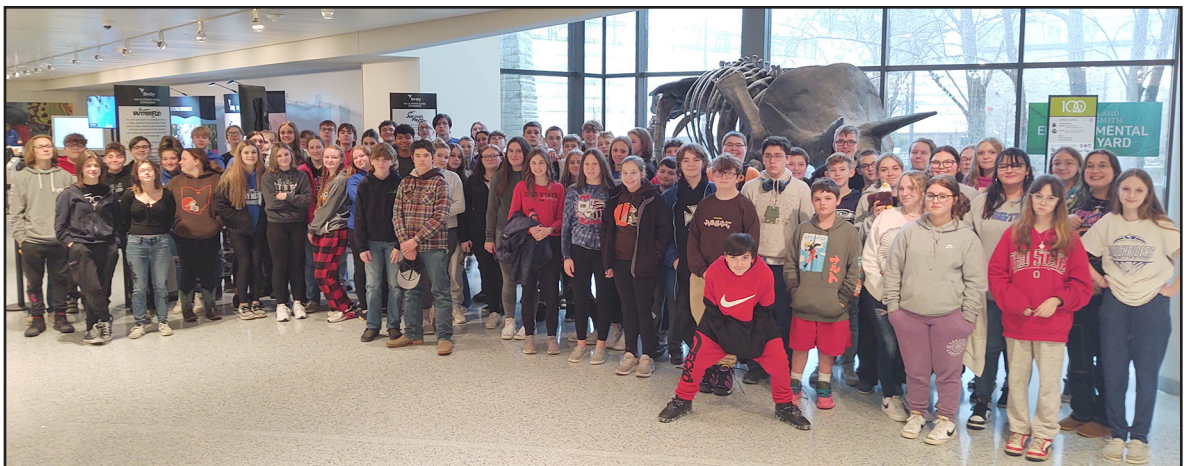
- Experience a flight simulator as a flying dinosaur and a butterfly
- Watch 3D presentations of Dinosaurs and Rescue Dogs
- Listen to a presentation of the native Ohio animals and their environmental adaptations
- See artwork of Andy Worhol depicting endangered and threatened species of the 1970s.
- See one of the first “giant” volumes of “The Birds of America” published by John

Audoben

- Witness the finishing touches of assembling a dinosaur exhibit in the main gallery
- Walk through and observe native Ohio wildlife in the Perkins Wildlife Center and Woods Garden

Although conditions were not favorable to enjoy the many exhibits, the students made the most of the opportunity.

The cost of the trip was covered by grants from the Friends of CMNH.



Western Reserve 8th graders stand with one of the prehistoric vertebrates on display at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.



The high school A Capella choir After Hours sings for a second grade classroom in conclusion of stories read in class about music. The choir sang songs in preparation for the Solo & Ensemble Contest.



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Mrs. Becky Conklin takes her first graders to the “track hill” to sled as a reward. The PTA purchased several sleds for students to use.



Three is not a crowd as Emmett Todd, Dannie Workman and Jude Thomas are loaded and ready to go down the hill.



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Driving to the basket, Dalton Huntington makes a layup during a seventh grade boys game vs. the New London Wildcats.



Eighth grader Ally Goebbel gets ahead in a fast break situation during a game against Plymouth-Shiloh.



Senior Chris Buchanan takes a jump shot against St. Paul in the second half of a varsity Firelands Conference basketball contest.



Freshman Travis French gets a steal in a recent game with Crestview. Teammates Dominic Edwards, Tyler Wood and Ethan Baker transition to offense.



Against New London, eighth grader Austin Kolb grabs a rebound and looks to outlet the pass. Teammates Landyn Wiegel and Tyler Cooper are ready to go.



Records are made to be broken. Senior Lil-li White drains one of six three point shots. Along with her teammates, the Lady Riders broke the number of 3-point shots made in one game with ten in their 48-15 win over Plymouth.





On January 17, the Lady Riders and Edison Chargers participated in a “Play for A Cure” game. Raffles, auctions, and other activities helped raise over \$1,000 for the Fisher-Titus Mammography Fund.



At Mapleton, Levi Podraski looks to take down his opponent. The sophomore finished in fourth place overall. Also placing for the Riders was Rylee Lutz, 4th; Anthony Lierenz, 5th; Xzavian Meagrow, 3rd; and Drake Munroe, 4th.



Prior to a home game, varsity cheerleaders Brenna Suhr, Avery Kinney, Taylor Jenkins, Allyson Benesh and Libby Weisenberger introduce the hoop team.



Junior Kelsey Lasch competed in an all-female tournament at Mapleton. Going 2-1 on the day, she earned 2nd place in the 115 lbs weight class.

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*Conference Champion Sixth Grade Little Lady Riders. In front: Hannah Buchanan. Front Row: Tenley Malson, Aaliza Shaffer; McKenna Malson, Jillian Charville and Cameron Olcott. Back Row: Coach Avery Tubbs, Graycee Jackson, Emma Altomare, Stella Blake, Addie French and Coach Kory Tubbs.*



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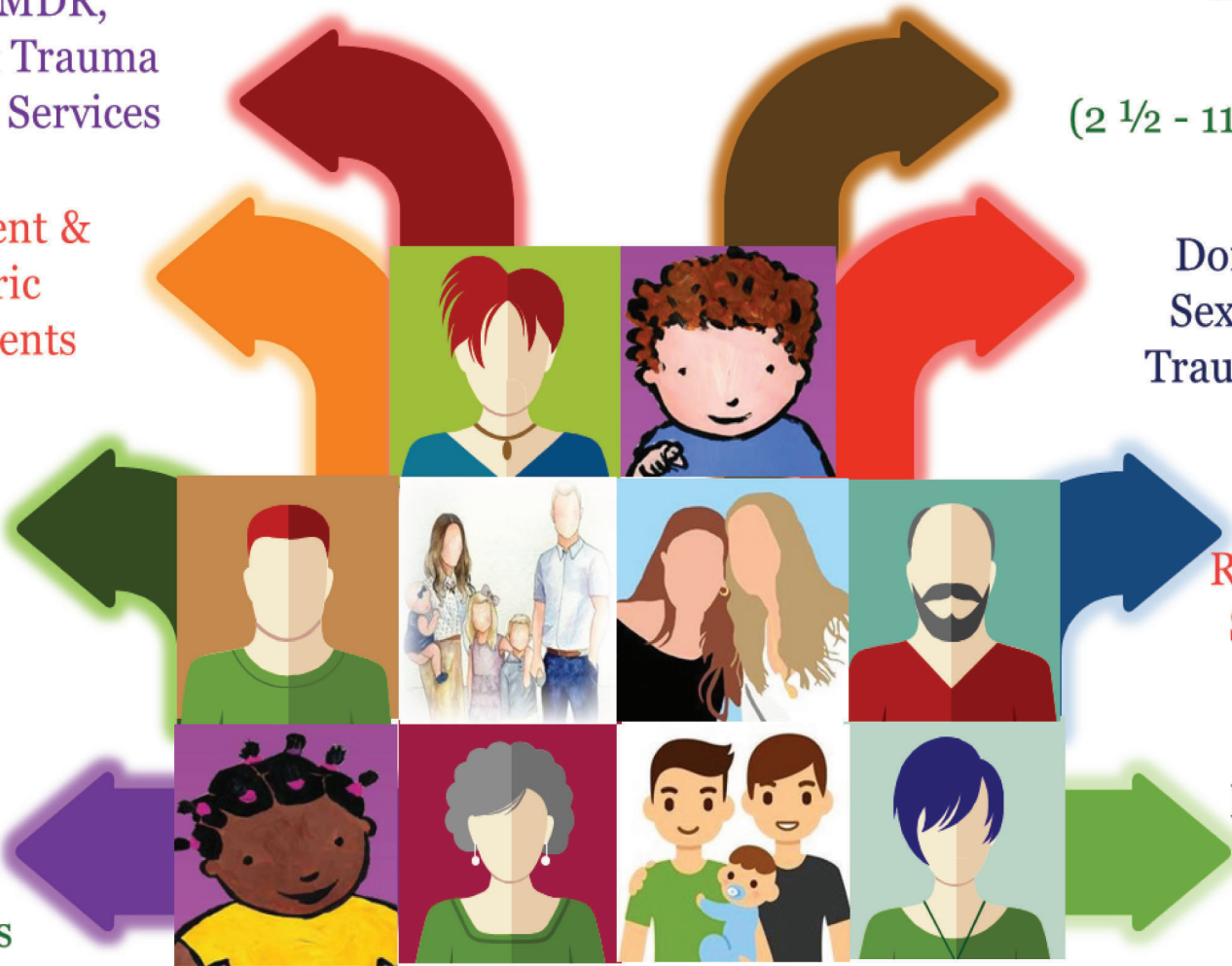
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