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Swift Inspired Speech



WRHS Class of 2023 Valedictorian, Sarah Handke delivers her speech at graduation on Sunday, May 28, 2023. Handke is the daughter of Allyson and Brad Handke of Wakeman and will be attending the University of Toledo in the fall, majoring in engineering.

by: Sarah Handke, Valedictorian

Western Reserve graduating class of 2023, staff, family and friends, many of you have probably heard speeches like this before and you always hear a lot of inspirational quotes from a lot of great (and even some not so great) people throughout history. Well, that isn't this speech, because I'm not that girl. Instead, in this speech you're going to be getting quotes from Taylor Swift – whose concert tickets I could sell right now and probably put myself through college. But don't worry, this speech will have its thank yous and sound advice for the class of 2023, as well as a little bit about me, who most of you only know as the kicker for Western. Who knows, I may even close this speech with a stereotypical "we did it!" But there will also be Taylor. Lots and lots of Taylor. So class of 2023, "it's me, hi".

I never expected to be here on stage speaking to all of you today. Unlike many of you, I didn't grow up in this town. I grew up in the city of Cleveland and my parents worked hard to send me to private schools so I could get a great education. However, private schools aren't always what they're cracked up to be. I had a lot of fake friends and often felt left out on the soccer team. Long story short, it was a bad time, long story short, I survived (that's Taylor Swift quote number two, for those keeping track!). When my parents told me that we would be moving, I was freaking out. I was scared to leave the few real friends I had to go to a random public school in the middle of nowhere with no familiar faces. The thing is, I was really freaking out for no reason. This school allowed me, an outsider, to thrive and try new things, and I could not be more grateful for it. A big thank you to the teachers and staff who worked hard to keep us all motivated and moving forward in life. I would also like to thank my football teammates and coaches for hyping me up every single game, even though all I really did was kick a ball a few times. Thanks to my softball teammates for bearing with me while I tried to learn how to play a sport I had never played in my life. Thank you to the many friends I have made along the way, especially Syd, Kenna, Gill, and Kennedy. And most importantly, thank you to my parents – I know I haven't always been the easiest kid to deal with, but at least you can brag to your friends that I'm up here giving this speech right now! Your sacrifices and efforts have not gone unnoticed or unappreciated, but I'm only 17 so you'll have to wait awhile for me to be able to admit that!

Riders, our path wasn't always easy. We have all gone through a lot to reach the point where we are today. There have been highs and there have been lows, but each of us has overcome so much. There

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Becoming a Roughrider

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With this writing, I have spent one year as a Roughrider. To truly become a Roughrider, you have to build connections, you have to be authentic, and you have to have the best interest of the people you serve in mind. As I continue my journey, here is the last installment of Becoming a Roughrider and some items I have learned about this wonderful community.

Graduation is a special

celebration. On May 28, 2023, we welcomed a new graduating class to our alumni group. It is a special group, and we are so excited to see what the future holds for them. My wish for them is to understand their power to impact the world around them.

Teachers are dedicated to the needs of their students. During April, May, and June, over thirty teachers took an additional thirty-hour training designed to help our students to become better readers. Their work to learn the Orton Gillingham method will improve student understanding of phonics—a foundational area of proper reading. The excitement of the teachers as they completed the course was contagious.

Community comes together when the need arises. I have seen multiple examples of the community supporting their own. A great example is the progress towards building a new stadium and track that future generations of Roughriders will enjoy. As a new Superintendent, the impact on my life by the people it gave me a chance to work with has

been special. The outpouring of support and excitement this project has created has been so enjoyable. The groundbreaking was a special event signifying yet another step towards completion.

Visibility is appreciated. Throughout the year, I tried to attend as many events as possible, often with my family by my side. I have heard so many nice things from the people I saw at these events. I love watching your students compete, perform and lead. To the seniors, thank you for making my first year at Western special. My family will miss watching you. Please stop and say hi when you see us. We would love to hear what you are up to.

Thank you to the staff of Western Reserve. In an earlier *On the Western Front*, I spoke about how change is difficult, even if it is positive. Positive change is necessary. Relax, and enjoy your time away; we have lives to impact in August.

Go Riders!

WRE End of School Edition

by: Leah Solomon, Assistant Principal

It really is hard to believe that I sit to write the end of school edition of the WRE building update. As a new Roughrider I must say this year has been nothing short of amazing. I have experienced so many amazing events with staff, students and families this year. We learned and grew; with some bumps in the road, but always a positive look to the future. May has been filled with field trips and events to excite and educate students of all



Fourth grade students experience beekeeping at conservation day held at Lorain County Fairgrounds.

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Community donors and Western Reserve Athletic Booster Club members celebrate the groundbreaking for the new track and stadium updates project. Thank you to the many involved and those who have financially supported the project.

Grant Improves Opportunities

The Design and Modeling class, offered to middle school 7th graders, explored and learned the functions of the software program TinkerCAD (a computer aided design). This software allows students to express their creativity and complete projects such as designing a name tag, creating a biome, designing an avatar, and so much more! Students can then print off their designs and turn them into stickers thanks to the Endowment Grant which funded our classroom with a highly operational printer and multiple kinds of vinyl sticker paper. Students have loved displaying their creativity on their water bottles, folders, and computers.

The STEM course curriculum is part of the Project Lead The Way initiative and is taught by Mrs. Carli Ashley and Mr. Rodge Wilson.



Showing off their name tag stickers are Mackenzy Cook, Natalie Sexton and Breea Myers. Endowment Fund grants allowed students the opportunity to create and print stickers.



(left) Seventh grader Alanah Purdy works on a sticker design in TinkerCAD during design and modeling class

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ages. From Back to the Wild to the Vermilion River Reservation, our staff and students experienced the natural world in Ohio. And even though we are wrapping up the year, preparations for the upcoming school year have already begun. Enjoy a safe and fun summer! We will see you before you know it.



Third grade students took a historical tour of Wakeman.



First grade students headed out to Castalia's Back to the Wild nature preserve.

The Bug Worth Catching

There is a bug going around Western and it is a pretty big one! “What bug?” you ask? Well, the TRAVEL bug, of course! Pending approval by our school board, Mrs. (Rosenau) Klimczak is preparing to join Mount Vernon School District on a trip to Belize, South America! Students and community members are welcome to embark on this journey. No knowledge of Spanish is needed but a quest for adventure certainly is. The price of \$4000 includes airfare, three meals a day and hotel stays for the entire trip.

An informational meeting was held May 31. If you need additional information or have questions, please contact Mrs. Klimczak srosenau@western-reserve.org. Go to Itinerary Link : www.eftours.com/BSD to see what we have planned and use this link RSVP link: <https://bit.ly/3OxtbKT> to let us know to expect you!



Sixth grade teacher, Mr. Steve Adams participates in sideline socker; an assembly sponsored by Natoinal Honor Society.



At a recent track meet, Connor Dawson participates in the long jump. The sophomore advanced to the regional meet in this event.

Motions of Earth, Sun, and Moon Studied

Students in Mr. Rowlinson’s 7th grade science class have been studying the various phases of the moon. In a demonstration, students were able to visualize the positioning of the objects beyond what can be viewed in a workbook or interactive online.

This demonstration is an ongoing year-long series of observations where students have weekly measurements of a shadow of an object outside the school building. The students have witnessed the length of those shadows has changed through the cycle of the seasons.

At the start of the week a similar demonstration was performed to observe how and why the shadows on the earth change through the seasons.

A highlight for our area that was discussed this week was the April 8, 2024 solar eclipse; there was a solar eclipse that occurred this week as well. This will be a huge deal and possibly a once in a lifetime event as Collins/Wakeman will be very near the bullseye for observing a total solar eclipse.

Keep looking up!



Seventh grade science students demonstrate the various phases of the moon as part of their year-long study of the sun, earth and moon.

Fourth Quarter Honor Roll Western Reserve High School

Distinguished Honor Roll: Aidan Miller, Dominic Edwards, Katelyn Libertwoski, Ben Woodrum, Xzavian Meagrow, Caleb Pausch, Nolan Ryan, Alexis Wheeler, Kaylee Kegly, Mason Kinney, Kira Steele, Elizabeth Sorensen, Mayleen Sell, Kaitlin Risner, Sandra Methajittikornkun, Brooklyn Prince, Allyson Benesh, Sydnie Prince, Kayleen Cleavenger, John Holbrook, Ashlynn Wright, Weston Hickey, Adele Heck, Jake Elkin, Kennedy Latteman, Brodey Suhr, Lillian White and Sadina Munroe.

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Honor Roll: Braylon Witherspoon, Brianna Edwards, Chloe Chappellear, Brexton Fraelich, Francesca Hoover, Emma Hammond, Stephanie Schaffer, Maylee Wetzel, Hayden Keith, Parker Friend, Ella Grose, Drew Clemons, Gracie Thomas, Alaina Holland, Samuel Fannin, Joseph Holbrook, Connor Dawson, Caleb Kuenzel, Amelia Brubaker, Haley West, Reagan Roland, Austin Harmeling, Abby Hamisfar, Kelsey Lasch, Jesse Sebolt, Thatcher Stevens, Clara Hunt, Alexis Absher, Jonathon Kerby, Nate Lowe, Summer Thomas, Jennifer Sheller, Chad White, Grant Bethard, Kenna Fields, Grace French, Rhett Grose, Logan Wiegel, Sean Murdock and Julia Yaworsky.

Merit Roll: Layken Barnhart, Reed Meggitt, Sean Saunders, Trinity Lovell, Kendall Warthling, Cailee Horvath, Mya Patchin-Boardman, Adrienne Rogers, Kristina Springer, Eliza Stewart, Lexus Bashak, Madalynn Loyer, Hazel Green, Clayton Meagrow, Ava Wolfe, Gaven Green, Morrison Dauch-Munroe, Gavin MacKeigan, Grace Osborne, Peyton Greszler, Chelsea Callahan, Kennedy Drennen, Avery Kinney, Chloe Priddy, Sydney Walter, Braxton Balog, Kadence Pocock, Anastin Hoover, Tommy Dendinger, Katie Woodruff, Mikaylah Buckley, Brenna Suhr, Liberty Weisenberger, Anna Woodrum and Kaiden Colish.

Middle or High School Questions?

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have been plenty of obstacles in our way, but in a few minutes we will be receiving a piece of paper that marks a new chapter of our lives. But before we can do that, I have to give you the typical motivational advice. To do so, I’ve enlisted the help of, you guessed it, Taylor Swift.

Class of 2023, here are some pieces of advice I can offer you:

1. “Hold on to the memories, they will hold on to you.” You never know what the future holds – me being up here is evidence of that. What is certain, though, is your past. The memories that we have created together are something that we should always cherish and learn from. We should think about how these memories shaped who we are and use them to grow. The past is what we made it, but the future is what we make it.
2. “If you fail to plan, you plan to fail.” Develop a plan for your success. Success means something different to each of us, but how do we achieve it? That is something only you can answer, but decide what you want to do with your life and go out and do it.
3. “We’re happy, free, confused, and lonely at the same time.” Today marks the official beginning of us being “adults”. Our parents will ask us if we feel any different and we will think they are being ridiculous (as aren’t they always?). But for all the happiness and freedom that graduation brings, it also can be very confusing and lonely. We feel like we are the only ones who don’t have everything figured out yet, but believe me, we’re not, and now we have to try to figure out what we want to be when we grow up. I feel like my life after college is already supposed to be planned and, truthfully, that’s scary! These years will fly by and eventually all will fall into place. The only outcomes we’ll ever know are the outcomes that happen and, one day, we’ll look back and wish we were 22 again. Even though I just said to develop a plan for your future success, don’t forget to enjoy the present and the journey along the way.
4. Finally, and most importantly, remember “You’re on your own, kid.” While we have all received so much support from friends, family, teachers, etc. today’s accomplishment is yours. Ultimately, no matter how much support we had, we had to go out and do it. We are all responsible and accountable for our own actions and we EARNED the right to be here today. Nobody can take this away from you. You did this thing. I did this thing. We did this thing.

Western Reserve Class of 2023, WE DID IT! Go Riders!

Class President Addresses Peers

Good afternoon. My name is Lillian White and I am the 2023 class president. I’d like to start by thanking everyone who came here today. All the parents, grandparents, family and friends who took time to come here on this special day for their loved ones is very appreciated. I also want to thank Mr. Snyder, Ms. Border, Mr. Sheldon, and all the faculty and staff who helped make today possible. Your time in planning, arranging, organizing and running this ceremony smoothly does not go unnoticed. Finally I’d like to thank the class of 2023 for allowing me to have this opportunity to lead our class and speak here today.

To the class of 2023, we grew up. We grew up sharing endless laughter, and inside jokes within the school walls since 2010. We wanted nothing more than to be classified as the “big kids” in high school. We grew to be older, taller, stronger, and wiser. Tall enough to ride the roller coaster and old enough to drive on our own with our windows down on warm summer nights. We grew up competitive, needing our class to win reindeers games like our life depended on it. We grew up anxious, wanting to learn and explore all there was in the world. We grew up reading letters and words that were taped on the walls of our elementary classrooms. These words soon turned into sentences then into picture books and finally chapter books, and now, here we are ready to start the next chapter of our own books. Although it is time to start the next chapter, let us not forget the many chapters before today that shaped us into who we are.

We have endless stories to tell about our experiences here at Western Reserve. Starting back in kindergarten when “show and tell” was the highlight of our week. We sat criss cross applesauce on our assigned spot on the carpet waiting eagerly for our turn to stand up and simply show off a rock. It sounds silly, but to us 5 and 6 year olds this was everything. It was the little things that brought us so much joy. We found happiness in everything. Like going outside for recess where we tried fitting as many of us as we could into the tube slide, only to all spill out the bottom of the slide then to get lectured about how unsafe that is to do. But the next day we would go out and do it all over again. Because this brought us happiness. We didn’t know it then but we were creating memories. Memories we could hold onto forever.

As time passed the memories got better. Like in 4th grade when we all got our recorders from Mrs. Henry’s music class. We couldn’t wait to bring them home and play the song “hot cross buns” while our parents sat there forcing a smile on their faces to make us think we were the best musicians there was. Again, it was the little things that brought us happiness. Back then we didn’t understand how fast time was going to fly. We didn’t take in those little moments because to our young minds they were going to last forever. And although to this day we still aren’t sitting on our beds practicing our recorders, or outside searching for the coolest rock to show off at school, we do have those moments stored in the back of our minds to help us remember the good times we had together.

Moving into our next chapters of life is where things got to be a little harder. We reached middle school where the stress of not being able to get our combinations kept us up all night. The school work got a little harder at this point. This was where we were tested. Tested to preserve through what seemed to be the hardest work we would ever do. Clearly we had no clue what junior year had in store for us. Through our middle school years we got stronger mentally. We reached points where we thought passing Mr. Rowlinsons science class seemed impossible. But, we did it. We passed. These teachers helped us grow comfortably into our new selves and helped push our knowledge to its max. Continuing into the next few years is when highschool began.

And although our first two years of high school were a little unusual, we made the best of it. Let us not forget the zoom meetings with Mrs. Sheldon when Mr. Sheldon would make random appearances in the background making the funniest faces at us all. Covid-19 did make the first two years of high school uncomfortable and different. But it happened for a reason. This was a point in our lives where we learned to hold ourselves accountable. With no face to face or hands on teaching it was up to us to get our work done and pass. Considering we are all standing here today, we successfully made it through the digital schooling time of our lives. As time went on more milestones were reached. The little things that brought us happiness turned into more than playing hopscotch at recess. The things we found joy in now were all of our “firsts.” our first school dance, first highschool football game, first band concert, our first high school class, but before we knew it those firsts soon turned into last.

It seems like just yesterday we were running the halls to get to our next class in three minutes before the bell rang. Now the bell rang for the final time, and we’re leaving. We are turning the page to start our next chapter. But what’s nice about chapter books is that there’s many pages, many pages to turn back to and remind ourselves of where our stories started and what happened along the way to get us to where we are. A quote from Bob Marley says, “Beginnings are usually scary, and endings are usually sad, but it’s everything in between that makes it all worth living.” Everything we have been through together, all the laughs, tears, happy moments and sad moments, made it all worth it today. Everything in between today, the many chapters that brought us to this point in our books made it all worth it.

We should all be very proud of ourselves to be standing here today and achieving something so rewarding. I leave you all with our class motto, “And suddenly you know; it’s time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings.” We should all trust where our next chapters will take us because in reality, we are the authors. We have the ability to choose how our next chapters will go, let us all be wise in what we do with our future and let us never forget the many chapters before today that shaped us into who we are. Thank you.



Class President Lillian White gives her address at the 2023 commencement. The daughter of Steve and Jamie White, she will be attending Heidelberg University in the fall.

WR Endowment Funds Great Day for 5th Grade

Fifth graders at Western Reserve Elementary took to the gym for lessons in science and teamwork with Matthew Chase of the Hovercraft Project. The national nonprofit visits schools, providing materials for students to build and race vehicles that slide across the floor, mimicking hovering. Thanks to a Western Reserve Endowment Fund Teacher Grant and the Principal’s Fund, the students at Western Reserve Elementary spent a day discovering at a deeper level that they are valuable individuals and if they can work as a team they have the potential to build something awesome!

The Hovercraft Project, Inc., was at the elementary, Tuesday, May 2 providing a five hour, in-school field trip. The entire grade had fun in this hands-on lesson in the STEM subjects of science, technology, engineering and math – along with collaboration and communication – as they built hovercrafts and rode them across the gym floor.

“We’ve taught this program in many schools and we have found the students LEARN to LOVE to LEARN!” said Matthew Chase, Executive Director of Hovercraft Project. He believes the skills of learning shouldn’t be confined to just the classroom, but should be part of the student’s’ approach to life.

Since 2009, over 70,000 students have already benefited by participating in this one-day project of building a hovercraft. The Hovercraft Project works in schools across the country educating fifth and sixth grade students on building a working and rideable hovercraft. Students have a hands-on learning experience from start to finish. Students strategize and implement STEM, team building and problem solving, throughout the day.



(above left) Testing how far their hovercraft will go with three riders are Arianna Lingenfelter, Brenna Spettle and Marley Barnhart. They had assistance with two students, Amelia Greszler and Payton Carter, pushing the craft

(above middle) Fifth grader Riley Tansey demonstrates courage as additional blowers are added to the hovercraft built at an assembly at Western Reserve Elementary on May 2.

(above right) Matt Chase, founder of The Hovercraft Project, starts the day with telling our students, “You are Valuable.”



In Washington D.C., eighth graders pose in front of the Capitol Building. Students were able to see a variety of memorials in the capital as well as at Flight 93 and Gettysburg stops.



Sophomore Clayton Meagrow escorts his date, Adele Heck, to prom 2023. Heck is an exchange student from Belgium.

Thank you!

The Bob Johannsen family would like to thank everyone who donated in Bob's memory to the WR Athletic Boosters Stadium Project and to the Townsend Fire Department. The incredible, heartfelt response and outpouring of support is truly appreciated.

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(left) Celebrating the end of the school year, the elementary held a spirit week. Cowboys invaded the district as pictured here on one of the days.



Seniors Kaiden Colish and Ashlynn Wright participate in the Grand March. This event, held at the high school, allows friends and family members the opportunity to see all prom-goers dressed up.



What is a special night with friends without a selfie? These students take a moment to capture themselves before attending Grand March and eventually to Prom 2023.



Voted by their peers, seniors Sydnie Prince and Rhett Grose were crowned Prom Queen and Prom King for 2023.

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As technology continues to grow and change, it becomes more critical for caring adults to understand how to keep young people safe in the digital landscape. Talking about texting safety is essential to reducing young people’s exposure to online risks, like cyberbullying, sexting, harassment, and substance use.

Young people can access direct messaging and texting before they even have a phone, as most games and social media apps have a form of direct messaging. Although young people are likely to make mistakes while using technology, having conversations about responsible decision-making, self-regulation, and social awareness can encourage safe messaging practices and open the door for future communication.

Use these tips to guide your conversations about staying safe while texting

Stay Informed. In order to teach your young person about safe texting practices, it’s necessary to educate yourself on the apps they use that have direct messaging capabilities. A great start is downloading the apps and learning about their guidelines and restrictions. You’ll be better equipped to talk about staying safe when you understand how your young person uses different apps and methods of messaging.

Discuss the Risks. Be honest with young people about the risks of unsafe texting practices, including disruption to learning, self-esteem issues, cyberbullying, sexting, and distracted driving. Remind them that any text or photo they send can be saved, even on apps like Snapchat, where messages appear to be deleted. The things they send can even be posted online, which is particularly threatening to their safety. Talk about the permanence of messages and posts and emphasize how important it is to communicate respectfully and responsibly.

Set Clear Expectations. If you can, set rules about messaging before your young person has access to a phone or encounters problems. Applying parental controls is a great option for young children in addition to discussing respectful communication. For older children, try working together to establish rules for staying safe while texting and the consequences for breaking those rules. Consider using the following questions to guide the boundaries you establish around texting, or use a tool like the Family Media Plan to create expectations about technology. Once you have established your expectations, follow through with the consequences for breaking the rules.

Questions to Consider. Who are they allowed to text? What sites or apps are allowed to be used for communication? Are there certain times when they are not allowed to text (for example, during mealtimes or just after school)? What information is appropriate to text? What kind of behavior is expected when they are texting? When are they allowed to have a phone or tablet of their own? Where is it appropriate to text? (for example, it is never appropriate to text while driving.) When should they share their location with you?

Keep the Lines of Communication Open. Ask questions and have conversations about texting and online communication. Young people may find it challenging to open up about experiences that have made them uncomfortable. By maintaining an open discussion with them, you can help them to feel safe sharing information with you, and it becomes easier to keep them safe. Listen to their responses without judgment but keep reminding them of the best ways to stay safe. You might try asking questions like:

- What do you and your friends like to talk about online or over text?
- What would you do if someone texted you something mean or something that made you feel uncomfortable?
- Do you ever respond when someone you don’t know messages you on social media?

Check in. Don’t be afraid to check their texts for appropriateness occasionally. Young people deserve privacy and a sense of independence. Still, they also deserve safety. Resources like the Drug Enforcement Agency’s Emoji Drug Code Decoded and Ohio Narcotics Intelligence Center’s Drug Emojis Public Bulletin provide important information on what to look out for when you check your young person’s texts. Remember that using certain emojis is not necessarily a cause for concern unless coupled with other warning signs of substance use.

Stay Involved. One of the best things you can do for the safety of young people is to stay involved in their lives. Ask about their friends, monitor their technology use, and stay connected with them online. Show that you care about them and have their best interests at heart.

Resources. https://publicsafety.ohio.gov/static/onic_drug_emoji_bulletinFINAL.pdf; DEA Emoji Drug Code Decoded; <https://drugfree.org/article/signs-of-drug-use-in-teens>.

Sources: Michigan State University - Keeping Kids Safe: Texting Safety and Children’s Hospital Los Angeles - Teens and Texting: Setting Boundaries.



A prom tradition is couples meeting prior to the evening’s events to take pictures. This group of young ladies done their dresses, hair and nails for the camera as their dates wait patiently. Prom was held at German’s Villa in Vermilion. Dinner and dancing was enjoyed by those who attended.



As part of Memorial Day remembrance, Mrs. MaryAna Hicks and the Western Reserve Marching Band perform at the 8:00 AM Monday service at the corner of Route 60 and Abbott Street in Wakeman.



Girls in the 2022-2023 ROX groups participated in team building and leadership activities at Common Ground as a culmination of the year.

Local History Explored by Third Grade

The content standards for third grade social studies include local history. But how do you teach history when there is no textbook that contains the information? You write one! With the help of a local historian, the third grade teachers at Western Reserve Elementary did just that. The expert on Wakeman history, David Graves, used to come to the school and do an amazing presentation on the history of Wakeman. Now the third grade students get the opportunity to walk through the streets of Wakeman to experience the history of the town first-hand.

The lesson includes a walking tour of some of the buildings downtown, a tour of some of the first churches built in Wakeman and the Masonic Hall. Did you know Dr. Beeman, who created Beeman’s Gum lived in Wakeman? Did you know the second lighted baseball field in Ohio was the Redcaps semi-professional field in Wakeman? The students learn so much! The highlight of the field trip is a guided tour on a hayride. The third graders eat lunch at East of Chicago, while listening to the history of the building. Next time you are in Wakeman, take a peek at the wall in the East of Chicago. There, you will see some historical pictures the third graders learn about on their tour.



Third graders not only enjoyed eating at East of Chicago Pizza in Wakeman, but learning about local history as displayed in some of the photographs hanging in the restaurant.



Freshman Katelyn Libertowski, member of the marching band, was selected to read the Gettysburg Address during the Memorial Day service in Wakeman. The band and Katelyn received many compliments for their performances.



Team building exercises were part of the day for 8th Grade boys in GRIT. Common Ground was the site for the days’ events.

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Awards Distributed to Students

The following high school students were recognized at an assembly for Underclassmen Awards.

- Physical Scientist of the Year:** Katelyn Libertowski.
Chemist of the Year: Mayleen Sell and Alexis Wheeler.
Beginning Metals: Chloe Chapplear, Chelsey Callahan, Haley West, Gracie Thomas and Ryann Roland.
Advanced Metals: Ma’leya Humphrey.
Computer Design: Parker Friend, Cailee Horvath, Graycn Neuberger, Clayton Meagrow and Peyton Grezler.
Geometry: Ameilia Brubaker.
Honors Geometry: Lilliana Jarrett and Ben Woodrum.
Applied Algebra: Caleb Kuenzel.
Intro to Drawing: Peyton Greszler, Emily Garner and Lilliana Jarrett.
Intermediate Drawing: Niki Blair, Peyton Greszler and Emily Garner.
Intro to Painting: Adrienne Rogers, Grace Osborne and Peyton Greszler.
Intermediate Painting: Jamie Muenz and Grace Osborne.
Independent Drawing: Kaylee Kegley, Mayleen Sell and Kira Steele.
Academic Achievement with 97% and above in Government/Economics: Alexis Wheeler, Kira Steele, Kaylee Kegley and Mayleen Sell.
Outstanding participation in Government/Economics: Nate Lowe, Grant Bethard and Thatcher Stevens.
Outstanding Consistency in Academic Achievement in American History: Payton Friend, Ma’ Leya Humphrey, Caleb Kuenzel, Nolan Ryan and Jasper Burns.
Outstanding Performance on the Ohio state test for American History: Caleb Kuenzel.
Outstanding Performance on the Ohio state test for Government: Roni Lenz and Thatcher Stevens.
Excellence in World History: Caleb Pausch, Hazel Green, Cole Baker, Katelyn Libertowski, Ben Woodrum, Dominic Edwards and Xzavian Meagrow.
Outstanding Effort in World History: Lilli Jarrett, Gracie Thomas, Maylee Wetzel, Abby Fertig and Ella Grose.
Most Improved in World History: Waylon Hickey, Alivia Buckovac, Noah Abel, and Mya Patchin-Boardman.
Excellence in Psychology: Brooklyn Price.
Highest Average in Spanish One: Benjamin Woodrum, Maylee Wetzel, Xzavian Meagrow and Cole Baker.
Highest Average in Spanish Two: Gracyn Neuburger and Nolan Ryan.
Most Improved in Spanish: Rylee Weiser.
Office Aides: Anna Nichols, Gavin Mackeigan, Chase Hipp, Mason Kinney and Brooklyn Prince.
Perfect Attendance: Ronald Hall.
Distinguished Honor Roll – Three Grading Periods: Lilliana Jarrett, Katelyn Libertowski, Aidna Miller, Gracie Thomas, Benjamin Woodrum, Nolan Ryan, Kelsey Lasch, Kaitlin Risner, Reagan Roland, Mayleen Sell, Elizabeth Sorensen, Kira Steele and Alexis Wheeler.
Honor Roll – Three Grading Periods: Dominic Edwards, Parker Friend, Ella Grose, Alaina Holland, Hayden Keith, Lexi Mullins, Caleb Pausch, Adrienne Rogers, Maylee Wetzel, Amelia Brubaker, Connor Dawson, Payton Friend, Gaven Green, Peyton Greszler, Ma’Leya Humphrey, Caleb Kuenzel, Lincon Munroe, Gracyn Neuburger, Clara Hunt and Kaylee Kegley.
Merit Roll – Three Grading Periods: Layken Barnhart, Jenavieve Charville, Drew Clemons, Brianna Edwards, Grant Fannin, Brexton Fraelich, Emma Hammond, Francesca Hoover, Xzavian Meagrow, Grace Osborne, Ian Oakley, Rylee Supeck and Chad White.



Those students in grades sixth through eight who received academic awards were photographed together. Not only were awards based on academic achievement, but effort and improvement in a variety of subject areas.



Teachers Give Variety of Classroom Awards

- Parents in attendance and peers witnessed middle school students receive the following awards during an assembly on the last day of school.
- All A’s in Algebra I:** Ava Gardner, Maya Ommert, Jaxon Dalton, Mary Stang and Garrett Baker.
Outstanding Students in Algebra I: Kara Woodruff and Allyson Goebbel.
Outstanding Students in Math 8: Makenna Myers, Eli Ommert, Austin Kolb, Wesley Wilson, Tyler Cooper and Chloe Bland
Most Improved in Math 8: Justin Yaworsky, Renee Canfield and Addyson Adams.
All A’s in Advanced Math 7: Jocelyn Ryan.
Outstanding Students in Advanced Math 7: Dominick Edwards, Colson Lutz and Zoey Rhodes.
Outstanding Students in Math 7: Adalynn Lutz, Olivia Whitt and Steffenni Hadaway.
Most Improved in Math 7: Nathaniel Reedy and Aria Lykins.
Outstanding Academic Achievement in Grade 7: Nathaniel Reedy, Della Pocock, Brody Juntoff, Aiden Ewell, Evan Schenk, Wyatt Blystone, Skielur Young, Adalynn Lutz, Brayden Roser and Olivia Whitt.
8th Grade Art: Brooke Jones, Hailey Brammer, Fletcher Radcliffe, Ava Gardner, Maya Ommert, Makayla Case, Brianna Farr, Aubree Zunis, Kara Woodruff and Allyson Goebel.
Outstanding 6th Grade Math Achievement: Guy Hartman, Alexia Grec, Andrew Gardner, Josette Spragg, Kenny Evans, Chase Mullins, Hunter Myers, Graycee Jackson, Hunter Miller, Elisabeth Sexton, Gavin Trzil, Kevin Wilson and Piper Murray.
Most Improved 6th Grade Math: Peyton Kerby.
Academic Excellence 7th Grade Language Arts: Jocelyn Ryan, Mary Stang, Leah Libertowski, Garrett Baker, Jaxon Dalton and Brayden Roser.
Hardest Works 7th Grade Language Arts: Lacie Wiley, Harper Clemons, Austin Wolfe, Jesse Shick, Breea Myers and Leah Carpenter.
Outstanding Performance in 7th Grade Visual Arts: Leigha Osborne, Lacie Wiley, Leah Libertowski, Zoey Rhodes and Jocelyn Ryan.
Most Outstanding 8th Grade Science: Maya Ommert.
Highest Score on AIR Science 8 Test: Imani Bizzell.
Most Improved 8th Grade Science: Gabriel Carroll-Mulder, Mason Jarrett and Jaslyn Debalzo.
Most Outstanding 7th radeG Science: Leah Libertowski, Jocelyn Ryan, Brayden Roser and Adalynn Lutz.
Most Improved 7th grade Science: Aiden Ewell.
Best Effort 7th Grade Science: Olivia Whitt.
STEM Lead Engineer: Mary Stang, Alanah Purdy and Jaxon Dalton.
STEM Lead Designer: Colson Lutz, Dominick Edwards and Jesse Shick.
Academic Achievement 6th Grade Spanish: Braylin Allread, Alexia Grec, McKenna Malson, Tenley Malson, Aaliza Shaffer, Jakoby Auerhamer, Aliyah Boldman, Andrew Gardner, Corynne Kinney and Gage Wurm.
6th Grade Super Scientist: Andrew Gardner.
Most Improved 6th Grade Science: Chance Warthling.
Outstanding Effort 6th Grade Science: Emma Altomare
Academic Excellence 7th Grade Social Studies: Jocelyn Ryan, Mary Stang, Leah Libertowski, Garrett Baker, Dalton Huntington, and Walker Stevens.
Hardest Workers 7th Grade Social Studies: Emilie Taylor, Adalynn Lutz, Olivia Whitt, MacKenzy Cook and Colson Lutz.
All A’s in Advanced Language Arts 8: Imani Bizzell, Logan Blystone, Hailey Brammer, Violet Burns, Ava Gardner, Allyson Goebbel, Maya Ommert, Skylin Swanner, **Grant Wolfe and Kara Woodruff.**
Outstanding Students of Language Arts 8: Addyson Adams, Renee Canfield, Nevaeh Carter, Tyler Cooper, Katelynn Graham, Lucas Summerfield, Madison Buchanan, Brianna Farr and Titus Steele.
Perfect Attendance: Braylin Allread, Alexia Grec and Titus Steele.
Distinguished Honor Roll – Three Grading Periods: Emma Altomare, Andrew Gardner, Alexia Grec, Guy Hartman, Josette Spragg, Gavin Trzil, Jaxon Dalton, Jocelyn Ryan, Mary Stang, Ava Gardner and Maya Ommert.
Honor Roll – Three Grading Periods: Braylin Allread, Greyson Anderson, Mira Bailey, Brooklyn Blanton, Lilli Blystone, Aliyah Boldman, Ciana Cartmill, Jillian Charville, Eiva Cooley, Aubree Davis, Cohen Dawson, Addie French, Ashlynn Gomez, Harleigh Hubbard, Graycee Jackson, Aunalee Kelley, Peyton Kerby, McKenna Malson, Tenley Malson, Hunter Miller, Piper Murray, Hunter Myers, Camryn Olcott, Elisabeth Sexton, Aaliza Schaffer, Kelsey Sprowls, Weston Tite, Arianna Torres, Paul Warthling, Kevin Wilson, Gage Wurm, Garrett Baker, Mackenzy Cooke, Steffenni Hadaway, Aliyah Hernandez, Leah Libertowski, Adalynn Lutz, Colson Lutz, Leigha Osborne, Zoey Rhodes, Brayden Roser, Kaleb Tite, Lacie Wiley, Austin Wolfe, Imani Bizzell, Logan Blystone, Hailey Brammer, Violet Burns, Luke Currence, Addison Gibson, Allyson Goebbel, Titus Steele, Ava-Grace Thornburg and Kara Woodruff.
Merit Roll – Three Grading Periods: Victoria Carder, Kenneth Evans, Alivia Graham, Gavin Hale, Corynne Kinney, Chase Mullins, Isabelle Seville, Ryleigh Skiver, Carsyn Sullen, Braxton Wachholz, Peyton Watson, Kellen Balog, Jamie Buckler, Bryce Buderer, Harper Clemons, Dominick Edwards, Avere Johnson, Aria Lykins, Tristin Maxwell, Camdyn Partington, Alexis Randolph, Lyla Stewart, Owen Bernaciak, Madison Buchanan, Tyler Cooper, Korissa Fraelich, Katelynn Graham, Braiden Hicks, Parker Lewis, Eli Ommert, Cooper Roe, Landyn Wiegel, Wesley Wilson, Grant Wolfe and Aubree Zunis.

(left) Senior Liberty Weisenberger participates in the 100 meter dash at the district track meet held at Colonel Crawford. The Lady Rider qualified for the OHSAA Regional Track Meet in the single race as well as a member of the 4x100 relay team.





The high school volleyball program conducted a camp for young Lady Riders in grades 2-5. Fundamental skills and fun were the focus.



At regionals, junior Avery Kinney hands off to relay team-mate junior Joslin Cain in the 4x100 meter event.



Western Reserve Clay Target team members compete recently at the Fitchville Conservation Club.

(left) Competing in both the shot put and discus events, senior Katie Woodruff qualified for Regionals. The senior also placed first in the Firelands Conference and was named the Field Event's MVP.



Freshman Cooper Zunis puts a tag on this Monroeville Eagle runner for the out.

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Junior Grant Bethard makes this catch in foul territory for the out.

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Deadline to order is July 1. If you have any questions about how to donate a school supply kit please call the Elementary Office 419.660.9824.



At Districts, freshman Hayden Keith concentrates as he advances to make a throw. His 144-feet-6-inch toss earned a third place finish and a Regional birth.

Western Reserve FFA Holds Annual Banquet

by Allyson Benesh, Reporter

The Western Reserve FFA held its annual banquet on Thursday, April 27, 2023, in the high school auditoria. This event is held in order to celebrate the FFA student’s successes and all of their accomplishments throughout the past year. There were 41 members and 106 guests in attendance. This is almost twice the amount we had in the previous year. The 2022-2023 FFA Officers began the evening’s events with opening ceremonies followed by Landen Barnhart’s recitation of the FFA Creed. Katie Woodruff followed with the invocation for the evening’s meal. The meal consisted of pulled pork, cheesy potatoes, green beans, fruit and bread with butter. Drinks for the evening were lemonade or bottled water. The dessert was a choice of chocolate or vanilla cake provided by Farm Credit-Mid America.

Once guests were finished with the meal, chapter president Lilli White, recognized Western Reserve Board of Education members, administration, faculty, staff, Past State FFA Degree recipients, and parents of FFA members for their support and all their time put into our FFA chapter. Allyson Benesh then announced the Certificates of Appreciation, while FFA advisor, Mr. Mark Starkey presented them with certificates. These recipients have devoted hours of time and services to help make the FFA year a success. The Greenhand Degrees were then announced and recipients were given a certificate, pin, and stamped their handprint on this year’s mural.

Recognition for outstanding sales in fundraising activities was the next award area. For the fruit and cheese fall fundraiser, the top three sellers were Hannah French selling \$1,015 worth of fruit and cheese, Lillian White with \$1,492, and Caleb Vacarro selling \$1,721. For the strawberry spring fundraiser, the top three sellers were: Renee Miller, who sold 36 flats of strawberries, Drake Munroe, 40 flats, and Anna Woodrum, 46 1/2 flats.

Career Development Events build on what is learned in the agricultural education classes and encourages members to put their knowledge into practice. These events are designed to help a member prepare for a career in agriculture by testing and challenging the student’s technical, leadership, interpersonal and teamwork skills, as well as their knowledge of the subject matter. Those members participating in events throughout this year were awarded with a certificate. The participating members were Braxton Balog, Landen Barnhart, Allyson Benesh, Drew Clemons, Travis French, Hazel Green, Hayden Keith, Mason Kinney, Austin Kolb, Caleb Kuenzel, Kelsey Lasch, Renee Miller, Wyatt Ogilvy, Eli Ommert, Spencer Pippert, Sean Saunders, Caleb Vacarro, Kendall Warthling, Maylee Wetzal, Ben Woodrum, Justin Yaworsky and Cooper Zunis.

To close the banquet, new chapter officers were installed and the previous year officers were given their retiring officer plaques. The newly installed 2023-2023 officers include: Mason Kinney, President; Kelsey Lasch, Vice President; Hannah French, Secretary; Caleb Kuenzel, Treasurer; Hazel Green, Assistant Treasurer; Allyson Benesh, Reporter; and Renee Miller, Social Media Influencer. Western Reserve FFA is looking forward to an amazing year full of fun-filled activities with great friends. Congratulations to all award winners and thank you to all of the people that help throughout the year to make this program a success.



Newly inducted FFA officers for 2023-2024 include: In Front: Hannah French, Secretary; Mason Kinney, President; and Kelsey Lasch, Vice-president. In Back: Allyson Benesh, Reporter; Renee Miller, Social Media Influencer; Hazel Green, Assistant Treasurer; and Caleb Kuenzel, Treasurer.

Alumnus Receives Fifth Career OAC Women’s Outdoor Field Athlete of the Week Honor

from Baldwin Wallace University/meritpages.com

Baldwin Wallace University women’s track and field senior thrower Brooke Buckhannon has been named Oll-Ohio Athletic Conference Women’s Outdoor Field Athlete of the Week for fifth time in her career and for the second time this season.

This weekly honor was earned after winning the hammer throw with a mark of 176’ 9” and won the shot put with a distance of 41’ 1” at the Sparky Adams Invitational in Berea on a Saturday morning after coming back Friday from the Jesse Owens Classic at The Ohio State University where she finished seventh in hammer throw.

The BW athlete is currently ranked fifth in the nation for hammer throw her performance at Jesse Owens and is ranked #48 in shot put. In the OAC, she is ranked first in shot put and hammer.

For her career, Buckhannon has a career-best hammer throw of 182’ 10” at the 2021 Harrison Dillard Twilight. She has earned 15 All-OAC honors and awarded The Ohio Athletic Conference Phil Gordon Co-Field Athlete of the Year, two-time USTFCCCA All-Great Lakes Region honors in the hammer throw, shot put and weight throw, named the OAC Outstanding Field Event participant for the second straight season, and two-time NCAA Division III Indoor Track & Field Championships qualifier.

Outside of throwing, Buckhannon is a third time USTFCCCA All-Academic selection, three-time Academic All-Ohio Athletic Conference selection, Dean’s List student, Jacket Scholar, Member of the Chi Alpha Sigma Honor Society, Member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, and Member of the Public Relations Society of America.

Buckhannon is a 2016 graduate of Western Reserve High School.



Logan Wiegel anticipates running home to score for the Riders.

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Employment



SAVANNAH BREWSTER
Undecided



LILIAN BRUBAKER
Employment



CHRISTOPHER BUCHANAN
Employment



MIKAYLAH BUCKLEY
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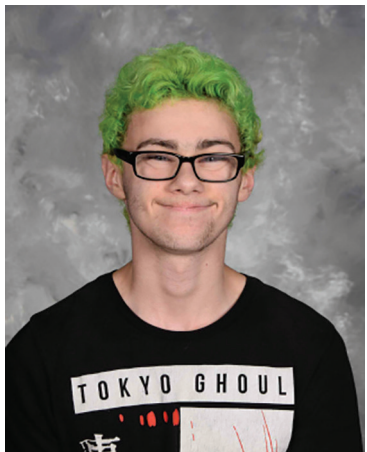
EMMA COOLEY
Employment



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MADISEN CURRENCE
Undecided



XAVIER DELLETT
Undecided



PRESTON EHRSBERGER
Employment



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JORDAN FEAGA
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KENNA FIELDS
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AUTUMN GAULT
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MADISON GOBLE
Employment

CONGRATULATIONS



QUINN GRANDY
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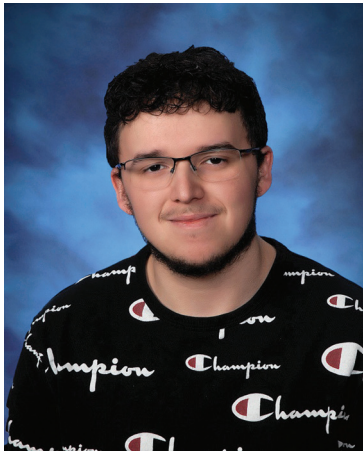
FREDERICK HARTMAN
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ADELE HECK
Return to Belgium



GILLIAN HERTRICK
Lincoln Tech



ALEXANDER HESSER
Employment



WESTON HICKEY
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JEREMY PLAS
Employment



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JULIA YAWORSKY
Eastern Michigan University

NOT PICTURED:
*Zro Alvineda
Gregory Brown
Mason Nichols*



At graduation, Addison Tubbs receives her diploma from BOE president, Dr. Scott Ommert.



Julia Yaworsky and Clowey Wilson give lilac bushes to the family members of their classmates who have passed away.

Seniors Awarded Over 45K

One of the culminating events for seniors is the Academic Awards Night. This year, students were recognized for their efforts in the classroom and in participation of various clubs and organizations. Honor cords to be worn at graduation and certificates were distributed as well as the naming of the top ten. In addition, special guests awarded many different local scholarships. This year, over \$45,000 was distributed to seniors in the forms of scholarships.

Awards distributed on Tuesday, May 23 in the auditeria included:

CLASS OFFICERS. President, Lilli White; Vice-president, Katie Woodruff, Secretary, Brenna Suhr and Treasurer, Ashlynn Wright.

STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. Lillian White, Madison Pfanner, Addison Tubbs, Ashlynn Wright, Kenna Fields, Katie Woodruff, Matisyn Partington and Kennedy Latteman.

ACADEMIC CHALLENGE TEAM. Sadina Munroe, Kenna Fields, and Isabella Thornburg.

PERFORMING ARTS HONORARY. Kaiden Colish.

VISUAL ARTS HONORARY. Kenna Fields, Adele Heck and Sadina Munroe.

ROX LEADERSHIP. Kenna Fields and Ashlynn Wright.

MILITARY ENLISTMENT (cords provided by and presented by Blue Star Moms). Mitchel Cooley, U.S. Army; Quinn Grandy, U.S. Army; Jake Elkin, U.S. Air Force; Weston Hickey, U.S. Air Force; and Brodey Suhr, U.S. Air Force.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION GOOD CITIZEN AWARD: Sadina Munroe.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY. Kaiden Colish Madisen Currence, Jordan Feaga, Sarah Handke, John Holbrook, Kennedy Latteman, Aiden Perez, Sydnie Prince, Brenna Suhr, Isabella Thornburg, Addison Tubbs, Liberty Weisenberger, Lillian White, Kathleen Woodruff, Anna Woodrum and Ashlynn Wright.

NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY. Emma Cooley, Madison Currence, Alexa Hurst, Abigail Livermore, Madison Pfanner, Austin Rosemark, Addison Tubbs and Ashton Walker.

CLASSROOM AWARDS: **Sociology,** Paula Sanchez-Ferro; **Sociology,** John Holbrook; **Government,** Sandra Methajittikornkun; **American History,** Sandra Methajittikornkun; **Visual Arts — Intro to Drawing,** Adele Heck; **Visual Arts — Fibers/Independent Fibers,** Kenna Fields; **Visual Arts — Fibers/Independent Fibers,** Sarah Handke; **Visual Arts — Independent Fibers,** Gillian Hertrick; **Visual Arts — Clay Creations/Mud Masters,** Adele Heck; **Visual Arts — Clay Creations,** Sadina Munroe; **Visual Arts — Independent Ceramics,** Kenna Fields; **Office Aide,** Gavin Smith; **Office Aide,** Jake Elkin; **Office Aide,** Ashlynn Kerby; **Office Aide,** Logan Wiegel; **Office Aide,** Preston Ehrnsberger; **Office Aide,** Jillian Horst; **OABA 12-point Industry Credential,** Katie Woodruff; **Rise Up 12-point Industry Credential,** Alex Hessner; **Rise Up 12-point Industry Credential,** Yasmin Frye; **Rise Up 12-point Industry Credential,** Airina Chaffee; and **Rise Up 12-point Industry Credential,** Chris Buchanan.

HONOR ROLL – THREE GRADING PERIODS. Distinguished Honor Roll: John Holbrook, Kennedy Latteman and Lillian White. Honor Roll: Jake Elkin, Adele Heck and Sydnie Prince. Distinguished, Honor, or Merit: Quinn Grandy, Ashlynn Kerby and Sean Murdock.

HONOR DIPLOMA RECIPIENTS. College Preparatory Curriculum: Kaiden Colish, Jake Elkin, Kenna Fields, Sarah Handke, John Holbrook, Kennedy Latteman, Sydnie Prince, Brenna Suhr, Isabella Thornburg, Liberty Weisenberger, Lillian White, Kathleen Woodruff and Ashlynn Wright.

HONOR DIPLOMA RECIPIENTS. Career Technical Education: Madisen Currence, Abigail Livermore, Austin Rosemark and Ashton Walker.

CUM LAUDE (3.5-3.79 GPA): Tyler Alliman, Olivia Conley, Emma Cooley, Weston Hickey, Joy Jackson, Sean Murdock, Cole Palagyi, Madison Pfanner and Austin Rosemark.

MAGNA CUM LAUDE (3.8-3.99 GPA): Ryan Dina, Jake Elkin, Kenna Fields, Frederick Hartman, Alexa Hurst, Abigail Livermore, Sydnie Prince, Addison Tubbs, Liberty Weisenberger, Lillian White and Anna Woodrum.

SUMMA CUM LAUDE (4.0+ GPA): Kayleen Cleavenger, Kaiden Colish, Madisen Currence, Jordan Feaga, Sarah Handke, John Holbrook, Kennedy Latteman, Matisyn Partington, Aiden Perez, Brenna Suhr, Isabella Thornburg, Ashton Walker, Kathleen Woodruff and Ashlynn Wright.

THE MARINE CORPS DISTINGUISHED ATHLETE AWARD: Kathleen Woodruff and Aiden Perez.

THE MARINE CORPS SEMPER FIDELIS AWARD: Alexa Hurst.

THE MARINE CORPS SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE AWARD: Sarah Handke and John Holbrook.

THE WILLIAM B. DAUCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Aiden Perez.

THE DALE PATRICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Kathleen Woodruff.

THE NOLAN LEADERSHIP AWARD: Kathleen Woodruff.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM PHILLIPS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. Mikaylah Buckley.

WESTERN RESERVE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP. Kennedy Latteman.

WESTERN RESERVE STUDENT COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP: Kathleen Woodruff, Lillian White and Kennedy Latteman.

THE WR STUDENT COUNCIL – RED CROSS BLOOD DONOR SCHOLARSHIP: Ashlynn Wright.

THE PETE MOTOLIK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Kathleen Woodruff and Rhett Grose.

THE HURON COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP. Liberty Weisenberger.

THE S.L.B.M. SCHOLARSHIP: Taylor Jenkins.

WESTERN RESERVE OAPSE #426 SCHOLARSHIP: Sydnie Prince.



Girls in grades two through five had the opportunity to learn and improve their fundamental skills at the Little Lady Riders basketball camp held in May.

Appetizing Way to Study the Moon

Mrs. Eddington’s kindergarten class visited Mr. Rowlinson’s 4th period 7th grade science class to share lunar activities. Both classes have spent time in the last few weeks studying factors of moon phases. The kindergartens shared with the 7th graders the activities they participated in during their time in class. The 7th graders guided the youngsters in the activities and lent helping hands with the various activities. The highlight was the kindergarteners bringing DOUBLE STUFF Oreos and demonstrating the various phases both classes covered. Of course, the lunar phases did not last long with the students’ appetites for those delicacies.



Seventh graders Alanah Purdy and Wyatt Blystone work with kindergarten students to understand phases of the moon by using Oreo cookies.



Kindergarten students from Mrs. Eddington’s class use Double Stuff Oreos as a means to understand lunar activities with 7th graders in Mr. Rowlinson’s class.

Test Prep Gets Sandy

Recently the 8th graders were able to play in a Sand Box during their two-hour delay prep for the State of Ohio Science AIR test. This Sand Box is an interactive activity that projects a topographic map onto the sand. As students move the sand around the projected topographic map changes to match the sand. This activity allows students to change the landforms with their hands and see the changes projected on the sand. This activity reinforces 8th grade earth science concepts relating to landforms and the changes of landforms according to various geologic processes such as - glaciation, weather and erosion, valley formation, river deltas, mountain and volcano formation due to plate tectonics and other processes. The Sand Box is made available through the Huron County Soil and Water Conservation District Office in Norwalk. Thank you to Chad Stang and office staff for making this available to our students and for bringing the materials to the classroom and setting up the Sand Box.



Fourth Quarter Honor Roll Western Reserve Middle School

Distinguished Honor Roll:
Andrew Gardner, McKenna Malson, Josette Spragg, Elisabeth Sexton, Alexia Grec, Zoey Rhodes, Jocely Ryan, Mary Stang, Walker Stevens, Colson Lutz, Jaxon Dalton, Maya Ommert, Kara Woodruff and Ava Gardner.

Honor Roll: Cohen Dawson, Greyson Anderson, Harleigh Hubbard, Lilli Blystone, Addie French, Piper Murray, Hunter Myers, Braylin Allread, Aubree Davis, Jillian Charville, Gavin Trzil, Eiva Cooley, Brooklyn Blanton, Tenley Malson, Aunalee Kelley, Mira Bailey, Aaliza Shaffer, Corynne Kinney, Camryn Olcott, Ethan Linder, Hunter Miller, Kevin Wilson, Emma Altomare, Paul Warthling, Arianna Torres, Weston Tite, Guy Hartman, Ashlynn Gomez, Alivia Graham, Gage Wurm, Giana Cartmill, Stella Blake, Steffenni Hadaway, Lacie Wiley, Averee Johnson, Garrett Baker, Austin Wolfe, Adalynn Lutz, Dominick Edwards, Kaleb Tite, Leah Libertowski, Emilie Taylor, Jesse Shick, Aria Lykins, Leigha Osborne, Breea Myers, Alexis Randolph, Eli Ommert, Fletcher Radcliffe, Logan Blystone, Ava-Grace Thornburg, Grant Wolfe, Addison Gibson, Hailey Brammer, Austin Kolb, Wesley Wilson, Landyn Wiegel, Violet Burns, Titus Steele, Imani Bizzell, Skylin Swanner, Allyson Goebbel, Braiden Hicks, Renee Canfield, Luke Currence and Tyler Cooper.

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(left) To better understand landforms and how geology works, eighth graders explore the Sand Box prior to state testing.

The WR FFA Attends the 95th Ohio FFA State Convention

On May 4th and 5th, Western Reserve FFA students, advisor, and parents attended the 95th Ohio FFA State Convention held at the Ohio Exposition Center and attended Convention sessions. During the trip, the students participated in chapter bonding events, watched multiple motivational speakers, observed fellow members receive their awards on the state stage, and learned of the new State Officers elected to serve for the next year.

To start the trip, students attended the opening session and watched as Holden Nuhn received his proficiency award. This award is presented to individuals who hold excellent record-keeping in AET. Students then visited the EXPO building where they learned about various agricultural-related businesses and shopped for FFA apparel.

The second day of convection started with an escape room competition at The Columbus Breakout Room. After this activity, students enjoyed a spectacular meal provided by the WR FFA Alumni at Texas de Brazil. After the meal, students returned to the Convention to attend the 5th session and watched as Katie Woodruff and Lillian White received their state degrees. These degrees are the highest degree the states can bestow upon their members. After watching these students walk across the stage, we congratulated them and headed home.



Western Reserve FFA members and advisor, Mr. Starkey, pose in front of the pavilion after members, Kathleen Woodruff and Lillian White receive their state degrees.



SENIOR AWARDS from page 13

THE JOHN SPEER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Sydnie Prince and Grace French.
W.R. RURITAN COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP: Lillian White, Grace French and Kennedy Latteman.
BAY AREA SCHOLARSHIP: Gillian Hertrick.
W.R. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP: Kennedy Latteman and Libby Weisenberger.
“A REASON TO CONTINUE” STEM SCHOLARSHIP: Aiden Perez.
W.R. ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP: Libby Weisenberger, Isabella Thornburg, Rhett Grose and Aiden Perez.
MEDICAL MUTUAL SCHOLARSHIP – OHIO: Aiden Perez.
MEDICAL MUTUAL SCHOLARSHIP – LOCAL: Jordan Feaga.
WAKEMAN RED CAP CHARITY FUND SCHOLARSHIP: Sarah Handke, Kenna Fields, Kennedy Latteman and Ashlynn Wright.
TEEN LEADERSHIP CORPS – MARY ANN CREAMER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Lillian White.
O.A.S.B.O. MENTOR SCHOLARSHIP: Matisyn Partington.
NORWALK KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP: Kathleen Woodruff.
THE GIBSON LODGE #301 F&AM SCHOLARSHIP: Kaiden Colish.
ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICE AWARD: Kathleen Woodruff.
THE SOBOSLAI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP: Rhett Grose.
THE KEY BANK SCHOLARSHIP: Kaiden Colish.
THE GARY BAUER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Kathleen Woodruff.
UNITED FUND TOOL TIME SCHOLARSHIP: Grace French.
RYAN WOODRUM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Ashlynn Kerby.
THE OMMERT FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP: Kaden Wetzel.
THE VIC BARSON TRUST SCHOLARSHIP: Kennedy Latteman, Kaden Wetzel and Isabella Thornburg.
THE LEROY, BEVERLY, AND DANIEL STOBBER LEGACY COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP FUND SCHOLARSHIP: Kaden Wetzel.
THE LYNN K. JOHNSON DEL MEDICO “STRIVE FOR SUCCESS” SCHOLARSHIP: Brenna Mae Suhr.
THE WESTERN RESERVE 4-H SCHOLARSHIP: Lillian White and Kathleen Woodruff.
MR AND MRS. WAYNE DALTON AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP: Kaden Wetzel.
THE DIANE CHAIREZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Kennedy Latteman.
THE TOM AND BETSY WHEELER SCHOLARSHIP: Aiden Perez.
THE WESTERN RESERVE ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP: Grace French, Kaden Wetzel, Lillian White, Liberty Weisenberger, Taylor Jenkins, Isabella Thornburg, Kathleen Woodruff and Kennedy Latteman.
OTHER AWARDS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN - Music Department: John Phillips Sousa Award, Kaiden Colish and Outstanding March Band Award, Kaiden Colish.
OTHER AWARDS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN - Agri-Science Department: Kenny Rogers Memorial Book Award, Lillian White; Mike Fritz Memorial Book Award, Katie Woodruff and The WR FFA Alumni Scholarship, Katie Woodruff.

THE TOP TEN OF THE CLASS: 10. Matisyn Partington, 9. Isabella Thornburg, 8. Brenna Suhr, 7. Ashlynn Wright, 6. Kayleen Cleavenger, 5. Kathleen Woodruff, 4. Kaiden Colish, 3. Aiden Perez, 2. Salutatorian – John Holbrook and 1. Valedictorian – Sarah Handke.



Game on. A sideline soccer assembly was held by the high school National Honor Society.



Senior Logan Wiegel makes a play in the outfield at a recent home baseball game.

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During a JV baseball game, resident photographer, Sarah Beck, takes a selfie with Christian Reinhart and Diesel Pippert.

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MSHS Code of Conduct Changes for 2023-24

by Lisa Border, HS Principal

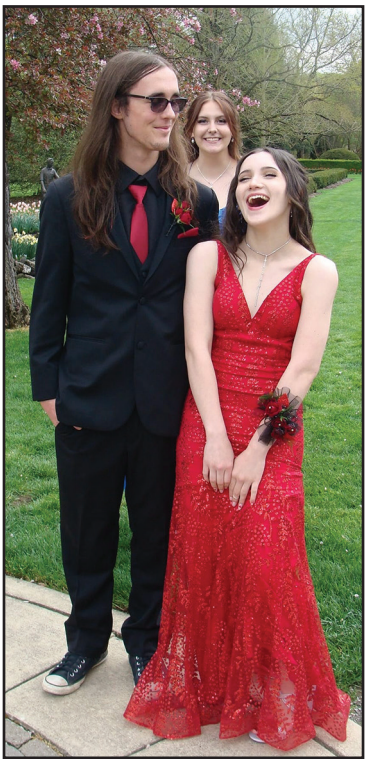
Looking ahead to next school year, here are some updates to the code of conduct for grades 6-12:

Students will leave their **cell phones and earbuds/headphones** in their lockers next year. They may check their messages between classes and during lunch.

Dress Code: “All students will be expected to dress and groom in a manner that is conducive to maintaining a positive school climate for learning and that demonstrates modesty and self-respect. A student shall not dress or appear in a fashion deemed inappropriate or which interferes with normal school procedures, the student’s health or safety, or that of other students. Hats, sunglasses, hoods, blankets, and midriff-baring shirts will not be permitted in the building. Holes in jeans must be lower than fingertip length. Tank top straps must have a minimum-width of three fingers. Sleeveless shirts must have a hemmed edge.”

The Behavior Management Matrix outlines behaviors and consequences:

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	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
Level One	Warning			
Level Two	Warning			
Level Three	Warning			
Level Four	Warning			
Level Five	Warning			



Junior Kaylee Kegley photo bombs Jesse Sebolt and Kira Steele while taking pre-prom photos.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday, August 9
9 am OR 6 pm - New MS/HS student orientation

August 11 - August 22
8 am - 2 pm - MS/HS schedule pick up
(Final Forms must be updated!)

Thursday, August 17
New elementary student orientation/RSVP by 8/15

Wednesday, August 23
Elementary Open House
6-6:30 pm - last names A-L
6:30-7 pm - last names M-Z

Wednesday, August 23
6-8 pm - MS/HS Open House

Wednesday, August 23
7 pm - 6th Grade Orientation

THURSDAY AUGUST 24
First Day of School



First graders from Miss Ritz's and Mrs. Conklin's classes celebrate fulfilling their reading requirement for Book It by earning a pizza party.





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Jake Elkin, Brodey Suhr and Westin Hickey have all enlisted with the U.S. Air Force.



With caps in place, cords and sholes on, Joy Jackson and Jade Lang are ready for graduation. Let the ceremony begin.



Seniors Kenna Fields and Ashlynn Wright are congratulated by first graders during a clapout.



Ashlynn Kerby and Sean Murdock get in one more selfie prior to their graduation ceremony.



Fifth graders get a clap out as they move on to middle school.



Graduated! Airina Chaffee and Evan Bomar recess following the ceremony.



Muck Grandy, Taylor Jenkins and Sadie Sarkozi take a few moments together prior to graduation.



A new tradition .. the senior sunset. Members of the Class of 2023 gather one last time prior to graduation for games and fun. In addition, they lit sparkers for a video to represent their class song, Be A Light by Thomas Rhett. It was played at graduation.

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Vocal Music Staff Adjustments Happen at Middle School



High school choir members are excited to learn Mrs. Mary-Ana Hicks and Ms. Deb Henry will be revamping their assignments in the music department next year.

In mid-May, students in Mrs. Mary Ana Hick’s high school choir class were notified Mrs. Deb Henry will be adding middle and high school choirs to her elementary responsibilities in the fall. In addition, Mrs. Hicks will be working with elementary, middle, and band students next year. Dividing the district’s music responsibilities along vocal (Mrs. Henry) and instrumental (Mrs. Hicks) lines will enable each teacher to focus more deeply on her craft. Mrs. Henry is “looking forward to the new challenge!” Mrs. Hicks said, “I am excited to be able to team up with Ms. Henry to create more opportunities for students in the music department at Western Reserve. Together, I know we will be able to accomplish great things!”

It Is About a Caring Community

As part of the Caring Community program, all through this school year, Mrs. Stang’s first grade class had the joy of sending things they made to Mrs. Bonnie Scheerer, as their Caring Community member. It just so happens, Mrs. Scheerer is a retired teacher of Western Reserve Schools. The first graders enjoyed reading letters from Mrs. Scheerer each month and enjoyed treats she would send to them. Before school ended Mrs. Scheerer visited the class to meet them in person. They performed a reader’s theater play for her and then each received a small gift and treat from her! This was a very special visit that will be cherished. We truly are thankful for all our caring community members!



Retired teacher, Mrs. Bonnie Scheerer (in middle) hangs out with first grade students in Mrs. Stang’s class. Throughout the year, both parties were in contact via letters. They also shared goodies with one another; some in the form of art, some in the form of treats.



Preschool teachers and aides handle a python during a recent family activity.

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<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Food-and-Nutrition/Summer-Food-Service-Program>

USDA Summer Meals for Kids Site Finder:
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