Thank you!

On behalf of the Wynford Board of Education president, Debbi Gifford, vice-president, Steve Crall, members, Fred Hendricks, Tom Kalb, and Rhonda Rowland, I would like to sincerely thank the voters for approving the bond issue to construct a new junior high and high school. The new state of the art facility will serve the communities youth for many years to come. Your confidence in the Board is not taken lightly as we prepare to enter the building process.

With the passage comes many questions on what is going to happen next. If you’re like me, you can’t wait! I will attempt to answer many of the questions that I have been asked.

How long until we start construction?

That is by far the most asked question. Well, let me try to give you an estimate (and that is just that, an “estimate”). Several things have to happen:

- We need to get finances in order before we start construction. The district needed to pass a bond issue to insure our share of the project. The state will need to insure their share when and as state money is available. Wynford is among several districts who have passed bond issues this November and we wait for a final verification of funding.
- The district must sell bonds and has expedited the process. With any luck, this could be completed in several months.
- The district and Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) will meet to discuss the decision on what construction model the project will use. There are several models to choose from. If you would like to hear about these models and listen to Board discussion, please come to the January 10, 2018 board meeting at 5:30 pm in the high school media center.
- The district and OFCC then will have to decide on an architect. Yes, the Buehrer Group supplied the district with all the renderings and figures needed to get the State approval and verification numbers, but by law that work was considered pre-bond work and a post bond architect to plan the project now needs to be agreed upon by both the district and the OFCC.

Also, please remember that it is the holiday season and things seem to slow down a bit. To answer the question about how long it will take to begin construction, after considering the above issues, the start date would be anytime from seven to sixteen months. I can assure you that we will do all we can to expedite this project.

How long will the building take to build?

Once the project has been started, it should take about two years to build. That, of course, is based on everything going as planned. Our goal is to have the building ready to open in the fall of 2020.

When can we see the final building plans?

Once the architect is hired, there will be several meetings held to gather input on needs and wants of the new building. Teachers meetings will be held along with community meetings in the evenings. The renderings that were shown were already modified three times. What we know for sure is that we need to build to the south and east of the current building. The Board welcomes all input and wants to ensure all stakeholders that there will be opportunities to get involved in the process. Future meeting dates and information on the building process will be listed on the district website.
From the Wynford Levy Committee

We can’t wait for tomorrow….

The Wynford Local School District is rich in tradition. A vision and plan thought out nearly 60 years ago was to provide a strong educational foundation for future generations.

Once again, just as they did in 1963, we joined together in support of our priceless heritage and our children.

Our time is NOW.

On behalf of the Wynford Levy Committee…. THANK YOU!!!

To over 100 volunteers who put in countless hours of meetings, planning, designing materials and addressing envelopes…. THANK YOU!!!

To anyone who contributed monetarily…. THANK YOU!!!

To the staff, students, parents and grandparents who helped create enthusiasm ….. THANK YOU!!!

Most importantly, YOU, our supporters. Firm, strong and united, with one goal in mind, our students and staff, now and in generations to come…. THANK YOU!!!

It’s a great time to be a ROYAL!

Hats off to the Blue and Gray!!

Jeffrey Schiefer
Wynford Levy Committee

Important Events to Remember

December 13—Board of Education Meeting—5:30 pm
December 13—National Honor Society Induction 7:00 pm
December 19 — HS Choir Concert — 7:00 pm
December 21— Two hour early dismissal
December 22-January 2—Christmas Break
January 15, 2018 — Martin Luther King Day
NO SCHOOL
February 16 — Teacher In-service NO SCHOOL
February 19 — Presidents’ Day — NO SCHOOL
March 28 — Two hour early dismissal
March 29-April 3 — Spring Break

Substitutes Needed

Wynford Local Schools is in need of the following substitutes:

- Bus Drivers
- Custodians

If you are interested, please contact Mr. Brian Shupp at 419-562-7828 ext. 207

PARENT NOTIFICATIONS

PPRA Notice and Consent/Opt-Out for Specific Activities

FERPA Notification of Rights for Elementary and Secondary Schools are posted on the Wynford Website at www.wynfordroyals.org under district information

Partners in Education

The Wynford School District has always been fortunate to have many generous people, businesses, and organizations that have been contributors to the school or to various school groups. To honor, thank and recognize their generosity, the Board will do the following:

⇒ Invite them to a board meeting to receive a plaque to display stating Board recognition as a “Partner in Education”.
⇒ They will have their name listed as a “Partner in Education” in future programs and on a large plaque outside the Board offices.

Our first “Partners in Education” are:

- Hempy Water
- Timken Company, Bucyrus
- Brause Farms Inc.
- First Federal Community Bank

9/11 Remembrance Project

Billy Banta, HS social studies teacher

Last year, I made a request to my history and government students. Each student selected a name from the wall of 9/11 victims. They were instructed to write the name on two note cards. One was handed to me in which I placed into a book of names. I intend on issuing the challenge every year until all the names are selected. The other card was to be kept by the student for the rest of the year as a symbol of remembrance for their chosen name.

I was flattered to have numerous students approach me at the end of last year to show me their card that they had kept throughout the year. Some students had even approached me at the beginning of this year to show me their cards. Tara Zinser, a former student, made it a point to seek out her selected name at the 9/11 memorial, when she and her family visited New York City. She shared her story below. Thank you Tara and the numerous students that took the challenge.

"At the beginning of the school year, Mr. Banta (my history/government teacher throughout high school) gave his students a name of a 9/11 victim to keep with them. My friends and I also picked one up, thinking it was a great idea. I’ve had Mrs. Ada L. Mason-Acker’s name in my wallet since then, and today I got to see it at the memorial in the very first section. Very cool. Thanks again, Mr. Banta!" Tara Zinser’17

CONGRATULATIONS N10 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT WINNER!

8th grade girls volleyball!
The school year is quickly coming to the midway point. The 3rd year exams will be held on December 20th and 21st. The 21st will be a 2 hour early release schedule. The exams schedule and times will be posted on the Wynford HS website, as well as the Wynford Facebook page. The Facebook page is great place for specific information and district-wide information for the Wynford High School such as delays and cancellations.

Wynford offers an academic/attendance/behavior program called “Blue Gray White Royalty Team”, Students must have three hours of community service per quarter, have no more than 2 instances of absenteeism, no suspensions, and have all the paperwork filled out and turned in on time. Benefits from this program:

- 1-Free admittance into games,
- 2-Discounted admittance into plays, musicals, and dances,
- 3-One free ACT test,
- 4-Weekly prize raffles from gift cards to merchandise. The BGW program gives away several thousand of dollars per academic year in merchandise and benefits for our students. Please encourage your child to take advantage of this!

Wynford High School is ranked in the top 26% of all high schools in the State of Ohio from student growth, student achievement, and overall performance on nationally normed tests, and one of the highest performing high schools in a multi-county area based upon similar demographics. The staff look at every student’s learning style and incorporate several modalities of instruction into their lesson. The high school’s weekly “Teacher Based Team” meetings are constantly and consistently looking at our best practices, are student-centered, and student achievement based. We group our students for study in areas that they might be struggling in and areas where they need to be accelerated.

Wynford High School was a proud recipient of the Ohio Department of Education’s “Momentum Award” for 2016. The Momentum Award is presented by the State Board of Education and recognizes schools for exceeding expectations in student growth for the year. Wynford High was again recognized by ODE for the 2017 school year as a “Momentum Award” winner. Very few schools have achieved this special accomplishment in the state of Ohio.

Here are the numbers for the “Momentum Award” for high schools, which total 1,253 public, private, charter, and community schools.

- Only 24 high schools, including Wynford High School won the "Momentum Award" in 2017, which puts Wynford High School in the top 2%
- Now, to see the numbers even further, only 11 high school’s won the award in back to back years, which puts Wynford High School in the top .9% of ALL HIGH SCHOOLS in the entire State of Ohio! Truly, an amazing accomplishment that no other school in the area has done.

Finally, our “all junior” state mandated ACT test data from last year is the best in the immediate area. Wynford juniors will be taking the “all junior” ACT test again on February 27, 2018. This is a free ACT test mandated by the State of Ohio for all juniors in the state regardless if students plans on going to Pioneer Career and Technology Center or remaining at Wynford High School.

Exams will be taken December 20 & 21 for students in grades 7-12.

Wednesday, December 20
1st period 7:30-9:00
2nd period 9:05-10:35
3rd period 10:35-12:35 (lunch will be eaten during this time)
6th period 12:40-2:10
Thursday, December 21
4th period 7:30-8:59
7th period 9:02-10:29
5th per (JH/8th per (HS) 10:29-12:27 (lunch will be eaten during this time)

Seniors
- College-bound seniors should have all applications in and your FAFSA filled.
- If you are planning to enter the military after high school, you should be in communication with your recruiter.
- College-bound seniors- it’s time to begin filling out scholarships as they become available I will post on the Wynford website.
- All seniors should have ordered their caps & gowns for graduation through Jostens at this point. If you have not done so please go to www.jostens.com and order.

Juniors
- All juniors (including our students at Pioneer) will take the ACT free of charge on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, during the school day. More information will be passed on and posted after the Holidays.
- You should begin college visits!
- I will be meeting with all of the juniors in the building about scheduling for senior year the week of January 16th.
- Buckeye Boys State will be held at Miami University June 11-18, 2018. Any interested junior boy stop in to see me!
- Buckeye Girls State will be held at Mt. Union University June 10-16, 2018. Any interested junior girl stop in to see me!

Sophomores
- We will all go visit 3 labs at Pioneer Career & Technology Center Tuesday, January 23, 2018, in the morning. Pioneer will also have an Open House for students and parents on Thursday, January 25, 2018, from 6:00-8:00 pm.
- Pioneer online application deadline is Friday, February 16, 2018. Completed applications by this date have a higher chance of students getting into their first choice of lab.
- I will be meeting with all sophomores the weeks of January 16 & 22 to discuss scheduling for next year.

Freshmen
- I will be meeting with all freshmen the week of January 22 to discuss scheduling for next year.
- Please remember that you MUST pass a class to earn credit. The number of credits you earn determines your grade level. You can be retained if you do not earn enough credits at the end of this year.

What to Expect Senior Year
This will be held Thursday, February 8, 2018, 7:00-8:00 pm. This meeting is for current juniors and their parents. We will have a general session for all to-be-seniors and then break into 2 groups. Pioneer students and parents will speak with a Pioneer representative to discuss senior project and other Pioneer concerns. The other group will discuss senior projects at Wynford. Following both of these, there will also be a meeting discussing NCAA and NAIA for student-athletes if interested.

Spring State Testing Dates:
April 17 & 19- ELA I and ELA II (freshmen and sophomores)
April 23 & 25- algebra and geometry (freshmen and sophomores)
April 24- American History (sophomores)
April 25- government (juniors)
April 26 & 27- biology (sophomores)

College Credit Plus (CCP)
Any student that will be in grades 7-12 next school year is eligible to take college courses as long as they are accepted by the university. The intent to participate form is due to me by April 1, 2018, AND you must meet the college application deadline. Please look at the Wynford website for more information.

Honors Night will be Tuesday, May 1, 2018- mark your calendars now!
Project M.O.R.E.

Wynford Local Schools is very excited that we have been able to again provide one-on-one reading instruction for students struggling with reading by implanting the Project MORE reading program. Project MORE (Mentoring in Ohio for Reading Excellence) is a scientifically based reading mentoring project that has demonstrated significant reading results since 1999. Independent research findings consistently report students with specific learning disabilities make month for month reading level gains when they are mentored individually four times/week for 30 minutes.

Project MORE began at Wynford Local Schools in January 2013. Since then, students within the elementary who needed assistance improving their reading skills have been receiving one-on-one reading instruction 4 times per week at their reading level. These students have made huge growth in cooperation with their mentors and junior high and high school students. This program also provides the unique opportunity for junior high and high school students to learn how to mentor struggling readers and develop meaningful relationships with their mentees. We are excited to announce that we are able to offer Project MORE for a high school credit this school year which benefits high school students interested in pursuing future careers in the field of education.

We would like to recognize and extend a HUGE THANK YOU to our junior high and high school mentors. Our current mentors are as follows:

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We are currently serving 25 elementary students. We are seeking donations of packaged candy and stickers that will be used for student rewards. Please contact Sarah Williams or Becky Prenger at 419-562-7828 ext. 304 if you have any questions or would like to make a donation.

"Project MORE is not only about teaching a child to read, but showing them what a true friendship is like." - Payton Miller

"Project MORE gives you an opportunity to be a role-model to a younger kid while helping them read and the relationship that is created is what makes it so fun!" - Hannah Messmer

"I like being able to use my abilities to help a student become a better reader." - Caleb Gardner

COUNTY SOIL JUDGING

The Wynford FFA chapter as well as the Buckeye Central and Colonel Crawford chapters competed in Urban and Rural soil judging Thursday September 21st. The chapters competed at the Shull family farm and observed three different pits. The Wynford FFA chapter brought 75 students to the contest ranging from freshman to seniors. At the end of the contest five contestants from each rural and urban soils moved on to districts.

The rural team placed first in the county with Dustin Brady leading the team with Caity Schiefer, Coy Saam, Riley Lusk, and Allison Gebhardt following. The urban team placed second behind Buckeye Central. Leading the urban team was Emily Rudd followed by Kelsie Williams, Ethan Hall, Connor Miller and Brooklyn Gebhardt. The two teams moved on to districts which was held September 28th. Crawford County hosted the contest this year. The rural team placed 7th with Coy Saam leading the team and Caity Schiefer, Riley Lusk, Allison Gebhardt, and Dustin Brady following. The urban team placed 5th with Emily Rudd leading the team followed by Kelsie Williams, Connor Miller, Brooklyn Gebhardt and Ethan Hall. On October 14th the Urban team participated at state at Farm Science Review in London, OH. The team placed 24th out of 47 teams.

Harvest Day

On November 3rd, 2017 the Pioneer Wynford FFA/FCS team up to host the annual Harvest Day for the Wynford Elementary kindergarteners. Approximately 77 kindergarteners attended the event. There were 10 stations ran by 47 high school students in FFA and Family Consumer Science. Stations were both educational and fun for the kindergarteners. Stations included Straw Olympics, equipment safety, pumpkin races, BINGO, crafts, and many more educational stations. The high school students planned the day revolving around harvest to educate the kindergarteners while having fun.

The Wynford high school FFA and FCS students with the 2030 graduation students.

Harvest Day

The Houpt family lost their home in a house fire last spring. The Wynford FFA chapter sold whole hog sausage in attempts to raise money for the family. The Wynford Community always comes together in times of need and this was one of those cases. Monte Tuck as well as Hords Livestock, John Delong and Glenville Packing worked with the FFA chapter to raise money for the family in need. Monte Tuck donated two hogs and two hundred dollars for prices to the FFA members selling the most sausage. Hords Livestock donated a sow as well as the haulin of all hogs. John DeLong and the Wynford FFA also donated a sow. Glenville Packing donated half of the cost of processing. The Wynford FFA was able to raise $2,500 for the Houpt family and presented the money to the family on November 6th.

Vice President Caleb Rausch and Sentinel Kim Tuck presenting our donation to the Houpt family.
It has been a great start to the 2017-18 school year. It is great to be a part of a community that truly values “Striving for Excellence” and “Paying It Forward” and investing in our young people to provide the facilities as well as the educational resources to empower students to secure their dreams by providing a quality 21st century education on. THANK YOU for allowing Wynford to be a special place, and we are Proud to be ROYALS!

Wynford Junior High is also proud to announce they are participating in a new program this year called YOUTHMAX directed by Steve Mohr. If you ever visit the Junior High you will recognize a display case accenting the important values of YOUTHMAX and how these values develop strong personal character in our students. WE ARE PROUD TO BE ROYALS and we honor and respect the rich tradition and history of Wynford Local Schools. Leadership is the emphasis of the program highlighting:
1. Lead Themselves
2. Add Value to Others
3. Make Great Choices
4. Get Things Done
5. Are Accountable
6. Take Ownership
7. Are Positive.

The Junior High Students receive valuable motivational leadership curriculum once a month helping youth grow and develop to meet the challenges of life in today’s changing world.

Wynford Junior High has once again received the MOMENTUM award for the 2nd year in a row recognized by the state board of education:

Dear Principal Solis:

Ohio’s State Board of Education is pleased to send you the attached letter recognizing your school as a Momentum Award winner based on your 2016-2017 Ohio School Report Card. This award symbolizes the State Board’s commendation for the strong academic support you, your staff and your community have provided to students from every background and ability level. Watch for your Momentum Award certificate, which will be coming to your school soon.

Members of the State Board and Ohio Department of Education look forward to sharing information about your success with schools and communities throughout our state, hoping they will follow your model of excellence. The Ohio Department of Education soon will announce the names of all Momentum Award winners to the news media, so you may be hearing from your local media representatives. Thank you for the work you do to help Ohio’s students succeed every day.

Sincerely,
Texas Elshoff
President
State Board of Education

Congratulations to our support staff, teachers and students for working so hard towards our SMART Goals which are the following:

1. Adult Indicator: 100% of 7-9 grade teachers will check for understanding at key moments and make adjustments to instruction (whole, small, or individual students). The teacher responds to student misunderstanding by providing additional clarification.
2. Adult Indicator 2: 100% of 7-9 grade teachers will examine state test results, develop and implement a high-quality baseline assessment, acquire baseline data, provide interventions, and progress monitor quarterly (September, November, February, May).

All assessments and results will be communicated to respective stakeholders including students, parents, and community.

WASHINGTON DC UPDATE FOR 8TH GRADERS

We are planning to complete the 2nd annual trip to Washington DC coming this spring for all 8th graders. Nowak Tours visited Wynford Junior High on Monday, September 18th for an informational meeting and provided an update for trip to Washington DC. The trip this year will take place May 1-4, 2018 leaving Wynford on Tuesday, May 1 at 6:00 am on charter buses. The students should be registered online before payments will be accepted. Go to www.nowaktours.com.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**
- November 7, 2017 — $125.00
- February 7, 2018 — $155.00
- March 21, 2018 — $155.00

Important Dates for 2017-2018

December 20th-21st — Tentative 1st semester exams
December 22nd to January 2nd — Christmas Break
January 3rd — School resumes from Christmas Break
January 12th — End of the 2nd nine weeks
January 13th — No school for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 8th Parent Teacher Conferences — 5:00-8:30pm
February 13th Parent Teacher Conferences — 3:00-6:30pm
February 16th — No school — Teacher in service
February 19th — President’s Day — No School
March 6th — 8th to 12th grade band concert in gym 7pm
March 13th — 6th-7th grade band concert in auditorium 7pm
March 23rd — End of the 3rd nine weeks
March 26th — ELA state testing windows begins
March 28th — Two hour early release
March 29th to April 3rd — Spring Break
April 2nd — Math/Science/Social Studies state testing window opens
April 3rd — No School due to Spring Break
April 27th — ELA state testing window closes
May 1st to May 3rd — 8th grade trip to Washington DC
May 7th — 8th grade through 12 band concert in Gym 7pm
- 8th grade Relay Store
May 11th — Math/Science/Social Studies state testing window closes
May 14th — Junior High Awards Night 7pm in the auditorium
May 15th — High School Graduation
May 23rd and 24th — Tentative 2nd semester exams
May 24th — Last day of school for students
May 25th — Teacher Workday

Junior High Athletics Update

We would like to recognize the following teams for their great accomplishments during the Fall Sports Season.

**Junior High Cross Country**
Coach Holly Lant

Second row (L-R): Brianna Horod, Emma Horod, Griss Kaft, Alton Larti, Madison Ridgo, Coach Lant

First row (L-R): Morgan Lamber, Bailey Blackwood, Evan Ford, Owen Fruth, Allie Allgro, Kandy Hinklins

Junior High Girls Cross Country Team. Accomplishments:
Runner-Up Buckeye Central CC Invitational
Westfall IH Cross Country Champions
Compete County IH Invitational Champions
Lawa Cub Classic Runner-Up

**Junior High Winter Scholar Athletes**

Winter Cheerleading

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The following Wynford 7th and 8th Grade Junior High Students have met the criteria of 3.5 GPA or better for the 1st quarter of the grading period. This grading period determines the 2017 Winter Sports Season. The following athletes have earned the distinction of being a scholar athlete. Our student athletes put in an incredible amount of time in the classroom and truly represent the Wynford Community of being a scholar 1st and proudly represented our community in the athletic arena. We are proud of their accomplishments and our motto “EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY, EVERY DREAM IS OUR PASSION!”

### WINTER SCHOLAR ATHLETES

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#### 7th Grade Boy’s Basketball Scholar Athletes

- Front Row (L-R): Santi Callitas, Corey Moore
- Back Row (L-R): Patrick Heintz, Garey Creden, Dylan Robinson

#### 7th Grade Girl’s Basketball Scholar Athletes

- Front Row (L-R): Brooklyn Weinman, Santi Callitas, Trista Swain, Alexia Snyder
- Back Row (L-R): Russe McGaun, Alana Filliater, Green Barth, Katie Wagner

#### 8th Grade Girl’s Basketball Scholar Athletes

- Front Row (L-R): Miya Kone, Mollie Coffman
- Middle Row (L-R): Natalie Stover, Asia Arroyo, Hannah Feldman, Lynda Pilitteri, Maggie Morgan, Adrianna Whitmeyer

#### 8th Grade Boy’s Basketball Scholar Athletes

- Front Row (L-R): Dennis Knack, Dylan Furman, Kelsi Hills, Trent Greene
- Back Row (L-R): Chloe Wright, Mako Steelby, Zach Hess, James Schenkel
- Not Pictured: Jared Ekman

### WYNFORD JUNIOR HIGH ROYAL LEADERS 10/27/17

- Front Row (L-R): Miya Keith, Makenna Zaebst, Aubra Beanizer
  
#### News from the Guidance Department

**Tiffany Roush**

**December Newsletter Information**

As the 2nd nine weeks have started in full force, so has the academic, personal, and social planning in the guidance department. Since my return from maternity leave, we have dived into the career exploration for 8th grade students and completed the first round of classroom guidance lessons on internet/social media safety. Below, you will find the activities that were completed in November and a snapshot of what is to come.

November 1-3: Jim Sorenson visited all 8th grade students from Pioneer to work with them via the Ohio MeansJobs website. Ohio Means Jobs allows students to sign up with an account, take an interest survey and link their results to colleges and careers. Once the students learn their interest categories, they are able to explore different careers, the job responsibilities, skills needed, and colleges in and outside of Ohio that offer the degree needed. The 8th grade students spent three days in their technology class utilizing the website, allowing them to explore their individual interests.

#### Trick-or-treat event: October 27th

The junior high student council purchased Halloween candy for all kindergarten students to trick-or-treat through the junior high hallway in their costumes.

November 16: The 8th grade students traveled to Pioneer Career Center to tour 35 programs that Pioneer has to offer. The students were given the tour by Pioneer students and were able to see the students in action and learn briefly about the programs.

All 7th and 8th grade students were able to learn about the social media/internet dangers in today’s society in the month of November. I went into all study halls and presented the dangers, precautions, and safety tips. Topics included social media, cyber-bullying, sexting, human trafficking, sharing too much information, and cell phone usage.

We have the following upcoming events:

**January 2018**: 9th grade Real Money, Real World simulation, partnered with Ohio State Extension Crawford County presented by Allison Cooper, a former Wynford graduate. Allison spends three days (one class period each day) talking to the students about real life expenses.

January/February: all 8th grade students will begin their 9th grade schedules. A letter will go home after Christmas break stating the scheduling process and give parents/guardians the opportunity to sign up for a meeting to begin scheduling for the 2018-2019 school year.
FROM MRS. NUTTER, Principal

Leader in Me

Wynford Elementary hosted two leadership days. Initially, we had one day scheduled, but because there was such high interest, we ended up having two days! Community members and schools from around the area, including Mohawk, Willard, Marion City, Smithville, and Hopewell-Loudon attended. These individuals heard of the greatness we have going on at Wynford and wanted to come be a part of it.

To start, guests were greeted in the parking lot and escorted to the building. Here, they were welcomed by student greeters, cheerleaders, and tour guides. We offered breakfast, shared our Leader in Me journey with them, shared our favorite habits, took them on a tour of our building, showcased several talents, shared with them a sneak peak of our Veteran’s Day assembly, and let them take part in classroom lessons. It was a very busy day full of lots of excitement from all involved.

Between the two days we had about 60 guests come into our building. They were very complimentary and had lots of positive comments from the day. Our guests said we have a beautiful building. They really enjoyed getting to see all the great things we have going on in our building, especially how we are building up great leaders in all grade levels. They also liked how we are using the 7 Habits in all parts of our day. The guests told our teachers they were very impressed with the information we had to share, what great speakers we were in the assembly and in the classroom, and how awesome it was that we ran the whole day.

This article was created by the following students: Anthony Evans, Natalie Johnson, Drew Johnson, Emily Goldfuss and Abbi Rupe. These students are members of the Student Lighthouse Team and gave a presentation to the Board of Education during the November meeting.

Annual Fire Safety Day

On Friday, October 13th, the Annual Fire Safety Day was conducted in our classrooms and outside. Volunteer firefighters from Holmes, Bucyrus, Lykens, and Dallas Townships, along with Wyandot East and Bucyrus City personnel discussed how to “stop, drop, and roll,” coming up with an escape route from the students’ homes and meeting place outside. They also familiarized students with the appearance and vocal sounds of a firefighter in full turnout gear.

The students and staff were able to see many types of fire trucks and EMS vehicles, while also getting the privilege of seeing MetFlight land and get a close up look at it.

We hope you changed the batteries in your smoke detectors and discussed an evacuation plan with your family in case of a fire.

We are honored to have such a great relationship with our local fire departments!
Greetings from the Wynford PTO! We hope you are enjoying the holidays with your family and making wonderful memories.

The PTO has had a busy fall! Our Fall Fundraiser went well this year, thanks to our supportive parents in helping our students sell, sell, and sell! We recently offered a sale of necklaces and keychains through Plunder jewelry and just wrapped up our first new clothing spirit sale! If you missed out, don’t worry—we’ll have more opportunities to purchase in the coming months!

Students recently finished shopping at our annual Santa Shoppe! A huge THANK YOU to the amazing parent volunteers who worked the Shoppe and helped guide the students with their purchases. The Santa Shoppe gives students the opportunity to shop in a safe, inexpensive environment for family and friends. Profits from Santa Shoppe allowed the PTO to adopt ten families for the holidays. Pants, shirt, sweatshirt, socks, toys and toiletries were purchased for the anonymous students. What an amazing feeling it is to give, rather than receive!

During the fall months, the PTO meetings were blessed to have the first grade and second grade present about the seven habits and their favorite habit, as well as share a song. We are looking forward to the third, fourth, and fifth graders showcasing themselves at the upcoming meetings as well.

The PTO meets the third Tuesday of the month; the December meeting is the 19th at 4pm; January 16 at 6pm and February 20 at 4pm; and March 20 at 6pm. We would love to have you attend a meeting and share your insight!

Another Bob Evans Fundraiser is scheduled for January 17, 2018—all day long at the Bucyrus location. We hope you stop out for a meal and support the PTO as well. Forms will be sent home the first of the year; the form is necessary for the donation to work. Thank you for your support!

The annual lighting of the Royal Tree occurred November 29. Sixth graders read poems, second graders sang Christmas songs, and hot chocolate was handed out and chocolate spoons were sold to support the second grade field trip. The evening concluded with wrapping of gifts for the adopted families.

From the PTO, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed 2018! We are so THANKFUL for you and your support!

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