Wynford Men’s Track bring home the Gold!

L to R:
Alizahah Watson,
Anthony Watson,
Cole Fortner,
Robbie Miller

Message from Superintendent Fox

I cannot begin to tell you how excited I am to begin my first year as Superintendent of Wynford Schools. I look forward to the many successes that lay before the district. I am keeping with our progress and moving forward. I would like to share with you what has been taking place at the school this summer.

Our maintenance and custodial crew have been busy getting ready for the 2016-2017 school year. As usual, the cleaning crew has gone through both buildings, room by room, cleaning and preparing each space for the coming school year. Besides the regular annual preparation, the crew has been working on special projects. The Board of Education has initiated a few more improvements which will enhance the education of our students. Here is a list of what has been done and what is planned:

House Bill 264: H.B. 264 projects are energy savings improvement that benefit schools. The state of Ohio offers low interest loans to school districts throughout the state. Districts must submit their plans to the Ohio Facilities Commission (a division of the Ohio Department of Education).

Our plan includes new boilers in the high school and elementary school. Each boiler will have state of the art controls that include motion sensor technology. The project also includes replacing all current light fixtures with LED lighting. These lifetime bulbs put out much more light and use much less energy. Motion controls will also be part of the lighting portion of the project. We anticipate brighter classrooms and common areas. The largest savings in the light portion of the project will come with replacing the parking lot lights and gymnasium lights. The project will be completed late summer or early fall. Energy bills are projected to be reduced by $60,000.00 per year. The District will also receive a $60,000.00 rebate from American Electric Power.

Masonry Repairs for Wynford Elementary: The outside walls of the elementary school have cracks in the mortar joints. The Board will be moving forward with the repairs this late summer or fall. These repairs will hopefully keep the rain water out of the building. We feel it is better to do repairs now before major damage is done to the structure of the building.

New Curtains: in the high school auditorium and cafeteria. New? not exactly! The Board purchased slightly used curtains from the Carey Schools. The old curtains were original equipment in the cafeteria and very old in the auditorium. The recently purchased “used” curtains are the same color as the original, but in much better shape and should last for many years.

Band program upgrades: The Wynford band program is experiencing growth as more students are electing to join the band. This school year the Board of Education has committed $15,000.00 for instrument upgrades. New drums and sousaphones (tubas) have been purchased. The band room has been painted, band chairs and music stands have been purchased from Carey Schools to add to the upgrade. We are excited about the future of the band program and look forward to their success.

Elementary lunch tables: the Board also purchased lunch tables from the Carey Elementary School. The tables are two years old and look like new. The tables are much easier to transport and store. During a regular school day, lunch tables are folded up and stored about three times. The tables are better designed for younger students and in much better shape.

Driveways and parking lots: All of the pot holes in the driveways and parking lots have been repaired, filled and sealed. Parking bumpers have been removed in the high school parking lot. Parking lot spaces have been repainted and six handicapped spaces have been added. The elementary parking lot has

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Curriculum Development: The board has entered into a contract with North Central Ohio Education Service Center to supply curriculum specialists four days each week. These experts will work with the teaching staff to align our curriculum with new state approved standards. These specialists will also work with the staff as we enter the Ohio School Improvement Process (O.I.P.). The goals of the O.I.P. process are to raise the performance index of the district. This goal affects all students attending Wynford.

New Web site: The Wynford Schools will be unveiling a new web-site for this school year. It may take some time to work out the “bugs” as we continue to improve the site. Teacher web-sites are linked to the district site for better communication. We look forward to better communication between home and school, as that is our goal for making this change.

As the school year has come to end, there has been one more team competing at the highest level. The Wynford “Envirothon” team just finished the state competition in Bowling Green, Ohio. The competition is made up of tests in aquatics, forestry, soil judging, and a multi-level judged oral group presentation. The Wynford team comprised of Annika Gerlach, Luke Scott, Aaron Hand, Ethan Stuckey, and Caleb Hess placed 5th overall in the state. A great job by all involved!

We are preparing for the 2016/2017 school year and there are changes coming for the students and visitors alike. In the student parking we have removed the parking blocks, repainted the parking stripes, and will be adding numbers to all the spots where the students are permitted to park. The students will have to register their vehicles in the high school office to park in the parking lot whether they attend Wynford or Pioneer. The parking passes will cost $5 each and will be numbered with the corresponding number in the lot where the student must park. The seniors will have the first opportunity to register their vehicles, then the juniors and then the sophomores. The visitors will notice several new handicapped spots have been added. Now, there are eight handicapped spots by the school and six handicapped spots by the outdoor athletic complex.

Another change coming for the 2016/2017 school year is a change in the dress code. We will no longer permit rips, tears, or holes in pants, jeans, etc. We use to allow that to be at or below the knees, but that had to be changed for the upcoming year.

Attendance policy will remain the same for the 2016/2017 school year, but the procedure and extensions have changed. If you have a child in grades 10, 11, or 12 and they are going to be absent or tardy then you must call the high school office at extension 200. If you have a child in grades 7, 8, or 9 that is going to be tardy or absent then you must call extension 266. Please make sure to have a written, dated, and signed excuse for your child every time they are tardy or absent. We as a school have to have all students absences accounted for and on file for the state of Ohio.

The Blue Gray White program ran a pilot program for the 2015/2016 where we ran weekly raffles for truly great prizes like free Chipotle burritos, a one night free stay at the Hyatt Place in Columbus, Ohio, or even a free dinner at the Hofbrauhaus in Columbus, Ohio. The level of excitement was high on a weekly basis when the drawings occurred. The change coming for the 2016/2017 school year will be a mandatory amount of three hours of community service from the preapproved list of area businesses or volunteer organizations. This is something new that will have a great impact on our community, but will have an even greater impact on our student’s resume for college.

**SCHOOL FEES**

The Wynford School Board of Education has decided to waive all class fees for the 2016-2017 school year. General school dues and high school class dues will not increase.

**GENERAL DUES (K-12) —— $7.50**

**CLASS DUES (9-12) —— $10.00**

Dues are payable by cash or check made out to the Wynford Local Schools**
News from the Guidance Department
Beth Heinlen

Class of 2017
Whether this is your first child or last, things are constantly changing. Below are some important reminders for college-bound seniors:

- If your senior has not yet taken the ACT, (s)he needs to test as soon as possible. Students register for the ACT at www.actstudent.org. The September 10th test has a regular sign up deadline of August 5.
- The FAFSA can now be filed beginning October 1, 2016. You will use your 2015 taxes for this. This is a new process for everyone this year! Please watch announcements for the date of our Financial Aid Night - I have Beth Kagy from Heidelberg University’s Financial Aid Office in to answer any general questions you may have. She is a wealth of information and does not push Heidelberg!
- Visit the colleges with your student- I encourage college visits by parents and students so you can have questions answered as well.
- Watch application deadlines! Please give ample time for transcripts to be sent/uploaded and for recommenders to write recommendations.
- Most scholarships will not be available until January or later, but there are a few in the fall. I post all scholarships that I receive on our website as they are made available to me. Please check the website weekly.

Class of 2018
Welcome to being a junior! Parents you may notice an increase in homework for the students remaining at Wynford- this is because we believe the students remaining are college prep and teachers are getting students ready for college. All juniors will take the ACT in the spring as one of the pathways they can use to graduate. They may want to take the ACT prior to this- they register by going to www.actstudent.org. All deadlines and test dates are listed on this website. As a junior you are able to come and meet with the numerous college reps that will come to Wynford to talk about their institutions. I strongly encourage you to meet with private school and state school reps. This is when you need to start thinking about what you want to do with your life and investigating colleges and careers.

Class of 2019
We will visit Pioneer Career and Technology Center the last week of January. All sophomores will visit 3 labs during our visit. Now is the time to begin family discussions about attending Pioneer as a junior and senior. Students will apply online in January if they are interested in attending Pioneer. If you are thinking about taking College Credit Plus ( CCP) classes as a junior, it would be advantageous for you to take the February or April ACT.

Athletes
- OHSAA requires all high school athletes to be passing 5 credits to be eligible to compete. Eligibility is checked at the end of each quarter. If a student is not eligible, eligibility can NOT be restored until the end of the next grading period. Talk to Mrs. Heinlen or Mr. Ehresman if you have questions about this.
- If you are planning to compete at a NCAA division I or II school, you must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. NAIA schools also have an Eligibility Center. To be eligible to compete and receive scholarship money, you must meet the requirements set by the NCAA or NAIA. Certain classes must be taken, your GPA in those classes and your ACT score all are part of meeting the eligibility criteria. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this process.

Wynford heads to State Envirothon!
A total of 53 teams of high school students from Northwest Ohio competed at the Ohio Area 1 Envirothon, held at the Paulding County Fairgrounds on Wednesday April 27, 2016. The competition ended with Wynford students placing 2nd. Wynford earned the honor to now compete at the Ohio State Envirothon June 13th-14th, 2016 which will be held at Bowling Green University.

Crawford County was represented with two teams from Wynford and one from Colonel Crawford. Only the top four teams from each of the five Area Envirothon competitions across the state continue to the state competition.

The Envirothon is a multi-disciplinary, environmental problem solving competition hosted by Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Teams of four to five high school students train and compete in soils, aquatics, forestry, wildlife, and current environmental issues.
MR. CHRIS SOLIS, PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year and we are looking forward to great things throughout the year. This coming year in the Junior High will mark two of the biggest classes to ever go through the Junior High with the 7th grade class projected to be 110 students and the 8th grade class projected to be 101 students. I know the students will be nervous the first several days of schools but rest assured that our staff as well as the facilities will accommodate the large numbers. The staff has been working hard preparing for another great year at Wynford Junior High.

There will be two new staff members in the Junior High for next year. Emily Ehresman will be working with our 9th English Language Arts students and 7th grade World History students. Emily is a 2011 graduate of Wynford Local Schools and 2016 graduate of Bowling Green State University. Emily brings a lot of passion and energy to Wynford and she is looking forward to providing creative and meaningful lessons in which students will be engaged. Julie Rexroad will be working with our 9th grade Science students as well as with our Algebra 1 students. Julie is a 2000 graduate of Wynford and 2004 graduate of the Ohio State University. Julie has ten years of experience working with students online serving as a teacher for middle school math as well as science. We are very fortunate to hire two quality candidates who are passionate about students as well as the Wynford Local Schools District.

We have received our tentative results for the 2015-16 state test and here is what the numbers indicate. At the Junior High we are tested in five subject areas and we made improvement from last year’s results (14-15) meeting two indicators in 8th grade Science as well as in 8th grade Math. Also, reflecting on the scores we are above the state average in every subject area including 7th and 8th grade ELA and Math as well as 8th grade Science. We have also made improvement in our scores as compared to the 2014-15 state test results, and we have remained competitive as compared to area school districts. We are very proud of our parents, students, as well as teachers working hard as a team to help our students prepare and be successful on the state assessments.

We will continue to build on what has been started at the elementary participating in the 7 Habits of Highly effective people. We will continue to explore what the elementary has implemented and their success stories with academics as well as student behaviors and the strong relationships they have established with our community in the Leadership Luncheon’s. Over 1500 schools nationwide have implemented The Leader in Me. The 7 Habits are:

Habit 1: Be Proactive – You are in Charge
Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind – Have a Plan
Habit 3: Put First Things First – Work first then play
Habit 4: Think Win-Win – Everyone can be successful
Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, then to be understood – Listen before you talk
Habit 6: Synergize – Work as a Team
Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw – Balance work and play

We will be looking for parent volunteers throughout the school year for an opportunity to help raise money for the junior high students. We have planned a Washington D.C. trip for this year’s 8th grade class and would like to continue that tradition for years to come. We would like to provide this opportunity for all students. We would like to help offset the costs by participating in various opportunities such as working the concession stand at the junior high as well as high school events to help raise money. If you are available to volunteer please contact Jana Taylor at the junior office (419-562-7828 ext.266).

Bullying in schools has taken the forefront here recently and Wynford Local Schools prohibits the acts of harassment, intimidation, and bullying. Please be aware that all conflict between students does not automatically constitute bullying. Please encourage your son and daughter in being proactive when dealing with conflict by applying the following three steps:

Step #1 – Tell the student to stop and walk away
Step #2 – If conflict persists with the student you told to “Stop” then find the first immediate school personnel where the conflict took place.
Step #3 – If conflict persists and you have completed steps #1 and #2 accordingly, then administration must be educated about the situation and take action necessary following the rules adopted by the Board of Education.

WYNFORD JUNIOR HIGH SUPPLY LIST – 2016/2017 School Year

- 6 Two pocket folders – Color oriented
- 2 One subject College Ruled Spiral Notebooks
- 3 12” Binder and dividers for 7th Grade Language Arts
- 4 Loose Leaf Notebook Paper
- 5 #2 Pencils – 24
- 6 12 Pack of Colored Pencils
- 7 2 Highlighters
- 8 Texas Instruments TI-30XIIIS Scientific Calculator
- 9 1 Pack of Post – It Notes
- 10 1 Pack of 3x5 Lined File Cards
- 11 1 Package of Graph Paper – 8th Grade Math
- 12 4 Dry Erase Markers – No Yellow
- 13 Pencil Pouch
- 14 2 Tissue Boxes

(These are recommendations for the students to help them be successful for the upcoming school year)

8th GRADE WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP

Nowak Tours will be present at “The Back to School Night/New Student Orientation” August 16th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium to give updates on the D.C. trip and inform parents of the cost and amount needed for deposits and when the final payment will be due.
HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD LEARN AT HOME

- Create a quiet place for your child to study
- Create a routine where the child sits down to concentrate and completes homework or studies for a test
- Sit down with your child once a week and check their academic progress and make sure they are completing their homework
- Stay informed with subjects and assignments that your child is working on and when in doubt contact the teacher
- Be the first to know if your child needs help with specific topics and seek the proper assistance
- Make sure your child is able to accomplish 8-9 hours of sleep on school nights

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016-2017

August:
- 16th - Back to School Night/New Student Orientation for grades 7th - 9th Grade 6:30pm – 8:30pm
- 22nd and 23rd - Teacher Work Day
- 24th – 1st day of classes for students

September:
- 5th Labor Day – No School
- 19th Professional Development – 2 hour delay

October:
- 4th, 5th-6th - Eighth Grade Ohio Means Jobs Initiative School Activity
- 23rd – End of the 1st Nine Weeks / Parent Teacher Conferences 3pm – 6:30pm
- 28th – Teacher In-service – No School

November:
- 1st – Parent Teacher Conferences 3pm – 6:30pm
- 10th – Eighth Grade Tour to Pioneer
- 23rd-24th-25th – Thanksgiving Break

December:
- 20th – 21st – Tentative 1st Semester Exams
- 21st – One hour Early Release
- 22nd through 30th – Christmas Break

January:
- 3rd - School resumes from Christmas Break
- 12th – End of 2nd Nine Weeks
- 13th – No School
- 16th – No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 23rd – Ninth Grade Scheduling Begins
  - (Two week window)

February:
- 17th – Teacher In-service – No School
- 20th – President’s Day – No School

March:
- 13th - State Testing Window Begins ELA/Math
- 16th – Parent Teacher Conferences 3pm – 6:30pm
- 17th – End of the 2nd Nine Weeks and 2 hour Delay
- 21st – Parent Teacher Conferences 3pm – 6:30pm

April:
- 3rd – State Testing Window Begins Science/Social Studies
- 13th – Spring Break Begins
- 14th – Testing Window for ELA/Math closed – Spring Break
- 17th-18th – Spring Break
- 19th – School resumes from Spring Break

May:
- 2nd – Eighth Grade Reality Store 8am-11am
- 3rd – Projected Eighth Grade Washington D.C. Trip
- 6th – Eighth Grade returns from Washington D.C.
- 12th – State Testing Window closes for Science/Social Studies
- 16th – Junior High Awards Night
- 25th-26th – Tentative 2nd Semester Exams
- 26th – Last day of school for students
- 30th – Teacher Workday

JUNIOR HIGH SPRING SCHOLAR ATHLETES 2016

ROYAL LEADERS
(April 29th, 2016)

SCHOLAR ATHLETES - This is an award that has been designated for students who participate in an OHSAA sanctioned Junior High Sport and have received a 3.5 GPA for a minimum of five courses. Students are recognized for the following athletic seasons:

FALL: Briley Pollock, Hannah Messmer, Addie Wood, Hailey King, Rylee Alspach, David Bilts, Thomas Kurek, Carson Heinlen, and Brady McGuire


ROYAL LEADERS – This was a new program started this year to recognize the Junior High Students every two weeks for exemplifying the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People in which they were recognized by their teachers, coaches, and all school personnel. Here are the students who were recognized throughout the school year. The Seven Habits include the following:
- Be Proactive
- Begin with the End in Mind
- Put First Things First
- Think Win-Win
- Seek First to Understand then to be Understood
- Synergize
- Sharpen the Saw

Junior High Students Recognized as Royal Leaders
The staff at Wynford Elementary is looking forward to the start of the 2016-2017 school year, we hope you are, too!

Open House will be Tuesday, August 23rd from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. This is a perfect opportunity to drop off supplies, meet the teachers, find the classrooms and check out the layout of the building. The P.T.O. will be set up in the multi-purpose room selling this year’s “Leader in Me” t-shirts for $5. While in the multi-purpose room, you will also be able to check out the mural that will feature the 7 Habits, a habit tree and a lion. Watch the Wynford Elementary Facebook page to see how you can get your students involved in participating in the mural!

We look to embark on our second year as being a “Leader in Me” school. The entire staff will participate in one day of training, led by Muriel Summers, on August 10th. The Staff Lighthouse Team will participate in an additional day of training on August 11th. This year we will put a focus on students taking ownership of their learning, along with continuing to embrace the 7 Habits. Students will have data binders to help them track their progress, create their own goals for success and be able to relay where they are both academically and behaviorally to their parents and teachers. We will also start Leadership Clubs. Students in grades 1st–6th will get to choose from several club options with the intention to “embrace the genius” in everyone. The clubs will be led by the staff and held within the school day. We are ecstatic to begin the second year of this adventure!

The Student Lighthouse Team was very busy in 2015-2016! They presented at a Board of Education Meeting, the Trillium Event Center, Leader Cast and two students were invited to present at a Board of Directors meeting to share the meaning and purpose of the “Leader in Me” process at their school. The Student Lighthouse Team also hosted several “Leadership Luncheons” to showcase what this process means to them. We will have students in grades 4th–6th apply again this year. Students will fill out an application, go through an interview process and get letters of recommendation from their teachers. The Student Lighthouse team then becomes the student leaders of the building: being excellent role models, exhibiting the 7 Habits and sharing our vision to community members. Information will be sent home in September about the process!

The ROYAL LEADERS after school program will be held again this year. We look to invite students in late September-early October in order to get the program started in mid-October. Students who are in grades K-3, considered “not on track” from their reading MAP scores, along with qualifying for free/reduced lunches will receive the first round of invitations, along with their siblings. Our goal is to serve 75-100 students in the program. Information will be included in the monthly newsletters.

The supply list can be found on the school website and Facebook. Class lists will be available Friday, August 5th. The first day of classes is Wednesday, August 24th. Enjoy the rest of your summer, but we cannot wait to see our students on the 24th!

**Wynford Elementary Supply List**

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All students are required to have clean, non-marking tennis shoes for physical education classes, that will be kept at school.

**Supplies Needed:**

- Wynford Schools currently have many students in need of school supplies. Anyone wishing to donate supplies may drop any of the above listed supplies.
- Bins will be available from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm beginning August 15th at the Wynford Elementary School.
- Your donation is greatly needed and appreciated.

**Title 1 Reading: “Books for Babies”**

The purpose of this program is to bring awareness to our families about the importance of reading to children starting at birth. When a baby is born in the Wynford community, a gift bag containing various baby items and books, will be presented to that family. We need the support of communication to connect us to families with new additions so that a “Books for Babies” gift bag can be delivered. The community can get the news of a new Wynford Royal to us through our school secretaries, PTO officers and/or Title teachers. We need to know the parents’ names, address, baby name, baby gender, and any siblings attending Wynford. Our thanks to the Wynford PTO for providing the funding for this outreach program.

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Hello from the Wynford Elementary PTO!

We wrapped up a very busy, and successful spring and are planning an exciting start to the new school year!

To begin with, watch your mailboxes for the **Wynford Elementary PTO Calendar**! These should arrive mid-July to all district residents. The calendar is filled with many important school events for all grade levels, as well as district dates. We would like to thank all our sponsors for their assistance! Please remember to support these area businesses—without them, our calendar would not be a success!

On April 1, the PTO sponsored **FUN NIGHT**, which was a HUGE success! Thank you to all those who attended, provided auction items, donated baked goods and those who worked the games and activities. It was a FUN night for ALL!

The **Community Clean Up Day** was held at the Royal Woods on April 16. Several elementary families, as well as elementary teachers and four FFA members worked on cleaning the paths of the Royal Woods. It was a bit too muddy to put down the mulch, which now is on the east side of the woods. If you are interested in helping to continue the clean-up and placement of the mulch, please contact the PTO and we will get information for you. The Royal Woods belongs to all the community! We would love to make it viable and useful for all to enjoy!

To finish off April and introduce May, the PTO sponsored the **two dances**. A student dance was held after school on Friday, April 29. It was a great turnout and success! More dances are planned for the fall (check out the calendar for dates!). On Sunday, May 1, the **GRAND PROM** was held for all students and guests. Another great turnout and the second annual dance is already planned!

New this year was the **scholarship** awarded to two seniors worth $250 each. The recipients were Kaleigh Swalley and Aryn Copeland. Congratulations to both of these deserving young ladies!

The first annual **PTO Spring 5K** was held on a chilly, windy, rainy Saturday morning in May. We had a successful event, with 49 people registered to run/walk. A huge THANK YOU to our four spring sponsors: Beck’s Hybrids, Brause Brothers, Brause Farms, Inc., and Cornerview Farm. More 5K’s are being planned, so watch for news to come!

The **Dime Drive** for the school mural ran the entire month of April. A total of $505.46 was raised by the entire student body and will be matched by the PTO. The second grade classes raised the most money despite a few challenges. Ellayna was treated to an awards dinner and presented with a plaque to celebrate her achievements at the State Support Team - Region 7. Ellayna was nominated for this award by one of her teachers, AJ Reichard.

**The Future Chef completion** took place on Wednesday, March 23 after school. The theme this year was “Healthy Breakfast”. Students were given a list of about 10-12 ingredients that were bonus ingredients that they could have used in their recipe for extra points. All the students had very good recipes and did a great job preparing them. They should ALL be proud of their accomplishment!

Avery Langenderfer (6th grader) won the contest with his **Crustless Quinoa Omelette**. This is the 3rd year he has won the contest. Hannah Feldman (6th grader) was runner-up with her **Egg and Veggie Delicious Muffins**.

Other participants were: Cassandra Kurek (4th grader) with her **Surprise Nutty, Nutty Goodness Muffins**; Col- lin Langenderfer (5th grade) with his **Royal Bruschetta Breakfast**; and Makenna Zaebst (6th grade) with her **Baked Peanut Butter Banana Oatmeal**. Congratulations! and had the opportunity to decide what Mrs. Nutter would dress up as one day in May. The classes chose THE HULK! Check out the picture of “The Hulk” and the second grade classes! Thank you to all who donated money!

The **BOX TOPS** contest will begin again in the fall. Please remember to keep collecting those BOX TOPS and Tyson Food labels. If you do not have a student to turn these box tops in to, please drop them off at the elementary school. Every box top helps! Our latest check was for $574.02! The two classes which won the BOX TOP spring contest were Mrs. Kocher’s second grade and Mrs. Miller’s sixth grade. Both classes enjoyed an ice cream party!

Recently the PTO purchased a **Square**, which will make it possible for people to use a debit or credit card when making purchases at PTO events. Just another way to be a little more technology driven!

Please remember to stop in the multi-purpose room during **Open House** on Tuesday, August 23 from 4:30-6:30pm. The PTO will be showcasing our fundraiser as well as selling the school Leader shirts (similar to the Great Habits from last year, but with a new color and new design)! Please bring your $5 so your student can receive their shirt! Also, you will be able to try samples of the food from the fundraising group Oak Brook Fundraising and check out the newly painted mural on the multi-purpose room wall!

Remember to mark your calendars now for the **Wynford Fall Festival** which will be held Saturday, September 24. We will kick off the day with a 5k and one mile fun run, continuing into the afternoon with many new activities in the elementary back parking lot. The FFA will have their Chicken BBQ dinner and the Band will be performing as well. We are continuing the highly attended AUCTION as well. Please plan on stop- ping by! We are excited to incorporate the entire community in this new event!

Don’t forget to contact the elementary school when a new baby is born within the district. These newborn babies and their families will receive a goody bag filled with literature information, books, stuffed animal and a bib. To date 13 families have received these treats, with many more to come!

Thank you for all your continued support of the Wynford Elementary PTO, as well as our students and staff! We could not do it without YOU!

---Melissa Pope, Secretary
Academic Boosters

With the 2015-2016 school year at an end, the Academic Boosters are delighted to continue honoring our Wynford students. This year, the Wynford Academic Boosters continued to award many successful students for their great accomplishments. A congratulations are in order to Nate Sparks, Alyssa Harrer, and Carlee Leonhardt, all of whom received $500 scholarships to furthering their education. The Academic Boosters and the Wynford community wish you all the best in the future. We were also pleased to grant $500 awards to the elementary, junior high, and high school this year. The elementary Leader-In-Me Lighthouse group will be able to use the funds to supply their growing program needs. For the junior high, the award was used for the snacks and refreshments that are given to students throughout the various testing done during the school year. The high school Blue/Gray/White academic program will be able to use the award to continue building and running the reward program for students.

In other news, it is time to re-enroll for the Kroger Community Rewards for Wynford Academic Boosters! With all your help, the Academic Boosters has already received over $500 in reward funds last year. We thank you all for your support and hope you will continue to contribute to the Wynford Academic Boosters through Kroger Community Rewards program. All who wish to start or continue contributing to the Wynford Academic Boosters through the Kroger Community Rewards system for the upcoming school year can do so with little time and effort. Simply enroll or re-enroll by going to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and clicking sign-in or create an account. The sign-in information is the same as one’s Kroger card and once logged in, click on the participants name and scroll to the bottom for Community Rewards. Once there you will be prompted to enter the group number #42098 or enter in Wynford Academic Boosters. Just by signing up the Wynford Academic Boosters receives funds every time a purchase is made at Kroger. This reward program is a great way to support your local students through the Wynford Academic Boosters with no added cost.