

Knightly News

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School Year is Winding Down

Tim Myers, Superintendent

Spring has been a very successful season for the Black Knights. Baseball and Softball have won BVC championships. Our track and field athletes have performed extremely well. I wish them much success as the tournament trail begins. Spring has also seen more positive school district news on other fronts as well. Our audit deficiencies have been rectified and other recent allegations that have been successfully remediated.

Student safety is a priority that is always at the forefront of our charge as educators. All staff members are trained and retrained on all aspects of student safety, both physical and emotional. Bullying and abuse are current buzz words that can evoke a myriad of responses and connotations. Acts of horse play, while never condoned, take on a much more serious connotation in today's educational environment. Every incident that is observed and reported is handled with the utmost concern for the student's safety.

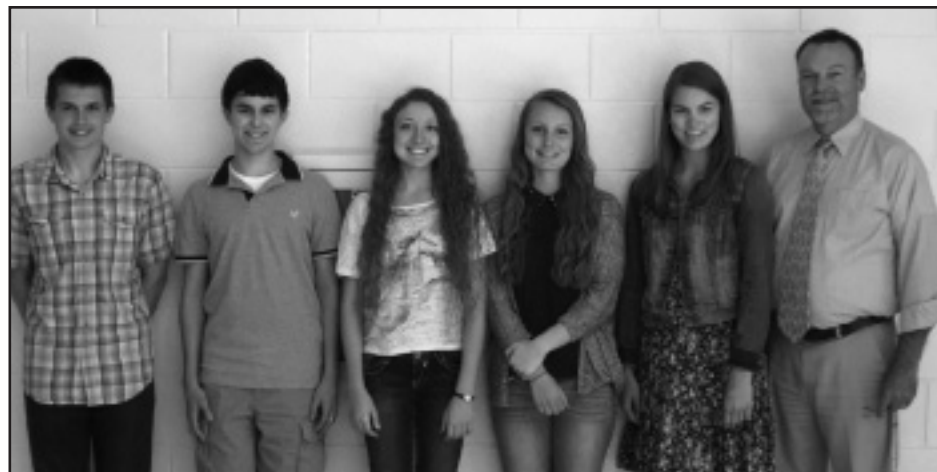
Coaches, teachers, and other staff members can't be in two places at once or everywhere at all times. Students, staff, parents, and community members can help us by informing us immediately of any unwelcome acts either observed or directed at them. The quicker we know, the faster we can investigate and ensure the physical and emotional safety of all. Only by being made aware of any unwelcome acts from as little as minor horse play that may or may not meet the definition of bullying to more intense situations can we act quickly and appropriately lessening the effect of such actions and protecting the well-being of all students. Ongoing training for both students and staff in these areas will continue and expand. One person's idea of fun may be very uncomfortable for another.

I will continue to monitor the biennial budget and its effects on our finances. The tangible personal property tax reimbursement is a significant concern for us. Just recently, I received an engineering study which the Board authorized following the Bond Levy defeat last November. The Board will be reviewing this report. Hopefully, I will be able to report more on these issues in our June, year-end edition of the *Knightly News*.

As always, please contact me with concerns, thoughts, and ideas in regards to your Van Buren Schools. I am always happy to hear your concerns, answer questions, and provide additional facts and details to rumors you may hear. I know that there are thoughts and ideas in the community that could help to make us better. Perhaps I can help you to understand why or why not something was done. I am always looking for opportunities to promote, communicate, and expound on the virtues and successes of the Van Buren Schools. I would be happy to attend any event, large or small, formal or informal, to discuss our Van Buren Schools.

Van Buren Excels at Math Competition

The first annual Hancock County Math Competition was held on Monday, May 4 at the Hancock County ESC Office. Seven schools were allowed to bring 6 students each to compete in the competition. The schools competing were: Arlington, Cory-Rawson, Liberty-Benton, McComb, Riverdale, Vanlue, and Van Buren. Van Buren's students were: Lauren Brown, Alex Duran, Andrew Kelley, Becca Kheiry, Matthew Nieset, and Callie Spears. Cash prizes were awarded to the top three scorers. Van Buren took first and second place with Matthew Nieset receiving first place with a \$50 cash prize and Becca Kheiry receiving a \$35 prize for second place. Alex Duran placed tenth. Thank you to all of the students that participated in the competition and congratulations again to Matthew Nieset and Becca Kheiry.



Matthew Nieset, Alex Duran, Becca Kheiry, Callie Spears, Lauren Brown, Mr. Rader. *Not Pictured:* Andrew Kelley.

Last Day for Students
Friday, May 29, 2015

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Middle School and High School News

VAN BUREN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Third Nine-Week Grading Period 2014 - 2015 School Year

ALL “A’s”

- 6th Grade** Lillian Badertscher, Mercy DeWalt, Steven Franks, Gabrielle Gearhart, Maxwell Greenawalt, Grace Heitkamp, Elijah Holman, Jonathan Hudok, Alexis Jackson, Blake Jones, Mia Leal, Alexandra Marshall, Alisa Matsuo, Lillian McKeown, Isabelle Pawlak, Madilyn Pawlak, Alexandria Reichenbaugh, Justin Ring, Peyton Sendelbach, Megan Sheeks, Gage Swaisgood, Breanna Tabler, Connor Waltmire
- 7th Grade** Nicole Conine, Agnes Durliat, Landon Forsyth, Madelyn Parsell, Amber Pisarsky, Jordan Spoon, Grayson Temple
- 8th Grade** Carrie Below, Joshua Bishop, Faith DeWalt, Hope DeWalt, Miranda Eaton, Brady Harmon, Grace Hoerig, Kyle Hoyng, Jordan Lonyo, Jenessa Miller, Connor Ohlrich, Kylie Riffel, Jessica Rinehart, Olivia Sexton, Natasha Simons, Lily Wagner, Quentin Weddell
- 9th Grade** Madelyn Badertscher, Riley Calzada, Kara Conine, Elizabeth Conner, Jessica DeBouver, Jared Dinarda, Sarah Dishong, Amelia Durliat, Anna Girdler, Matthew Iliff, Drew Insley, Morgan Jackson, Logan Kauffman, Jocelyn Masters, Kailee Missler, Miranda Mowrey, Samuel Phillips, Autumn Pisarsky, Cheyenne Potteiger, Lydia Reineke, Brendon Ring, Lisa Simmons, Carrigan Stacy, Madison Swope, Cora Thomas, Maria Trusty, Brandon Wehrle
- 10th Grade** Emily Bado, Brandon Bell, Aaron Keck, Matthew Nieset, Zoie Nieto, Brylie Rampe, Justen Stall, Emma Strong, Jordan Trenkamp, Mercedes Williamson
- 11th Grade** Kami Boney, Marcus Brand, Logan Brooker, Morgan Drake, Alexander Duran, Brooklyn Hoyng, Avery Insley, Andrew Kelley, Rebecca Kheiry, Ruth Moon, Cole Ohlrich, Carlee Schmelzer, Callie Spears, Kylie Sturgill
- 12th Grade** Emily Anderbery, Caitlin Brink, Andrew Conner, Bailei Hoyng, Jennifer Irving, Essma Kheiry, Kailey Leal, Alyssa Miller, Wade Schimmoeller, Shaynah Selario, Schuyler Turner, Alexis Youngpeter

ALL “A’s” and “B’s”

- 6th Grade** Taylor Adams, Kaitlyn Baer, Kaleb Bishop, Aaron Bresler, Dessa Darling, Skylar Deerwester, Dino Donaldson, Jonah Frederick, Mia George, Aiden Haley, Jada Hicks, Ethan Johnson, Andrew Kostendt, Shaina Lako, Madison Marks, Evelyn Masters, Jace McCartney, Alec Muzy, Travis Neumeister, Kennedy Rader, Reese Recker, Keana Rider, Madalyn Riesen, Annika Rinehart, Samuel Seitz, Kearstin Sherick, Garret Simmermeyer, Brandon Smith, Alyssa Snyder, Adrienne Sortor, Drew VanAtta, Grant Young
- 7th Grade** Karissa Brown, Katelyn Chu, Aaron Clark, Hannah Davis, Garret Drake, Noah Elliott, Felicity Hocanson, Jewelya Hutchison, Spencer Ingwersen, Katarina Koehler, Kendall Kretzinger, Braden Losiewicz, Nickolas McCracken, Hannah Missler, Andrew Overmyer, Madison Parker, Alyssa Potteiger, Emma Reineke, Allyson Rickenbacher, Camrie Roberts, Christopher Routson, Hailey Routzon, Zachary Seitz, Riley Simons, Kaleb Snodgrass, Dalton Swope, Madison Trumbull, Kyle VanHorn, Carey Ware

- 8th Grade** Hannah Betts, Dawson Carruthers, Dominick Donaldson, Johnathon Farthing, Noah Frederick, Nathaniel Gregory, Natalee Harris, Wade Hiatt, Brandon Klausing, James Koehler, Emily LeCroy, Sydney Leeper, Ethan Marialke, Mason McMonigal, Megan Muzy, Mackenzie Saltzman, Jacob Sanders, Hope Serrano, Natalie Williamson
- 9th Grade** Matthew Ayers, Nicholas Beitzel, Lydia Brown, KC Critchet, Jacob Emerine, Khail Fasone, Carl Fleck, Hunter Foltz, Alexander Godzak, Andrew Godzak, Mason Miarer, Brendan Miller, Nathan Potteiger, Jessica Roberts, Sara Rosenberger, Joshua Seitz, Kade Steveson, Chad Thomason, Alina Turner, Drace Wilson, Hunter Wymer
- 10th Grade** McClain Brown, Brady Deitrick, Mitchell Endicott, Kila Fultz, Ivorie Garnes, Alexis Kieffer, Lindsey Klausing, Marly McCartney, Adyson Miller, Abby Patterson, Luke Rickenbacher, Brendan Roszman, Tyler Saltzman, Zachary Schiefer, Noah Schumacker, Lauren Shaw, Lydia Smith, Cassandra Waltmire
- 11th Grade** Alejandro Arriaga, Jacob Badertscher, Briana Barnhisel, Lauren Brown, Justin Chu, Aric Dewey, Mackenzie Edler, Rebekah Frampton, Taylor Gilliland, Samantha Hagans, Elexia Hassan, Mary Kane, Ian Kern, Shelbi Leonard, Zachery Longo, Victoria Manley, Gabriele McCracken, Brant Morton, Jaret Mowrey, Nicklaus Overmyer, Katelyn Reineke, Thomas Rowles, Jared Smith, Mackenzie Wagner
- 12th Grade** Ross Adolph, Allison Arthur, Kristin Conner, Desirae Cooper, Matthew Cooper, Ashleigh Farr, Draeton Fasone, Cameron Fox, Brooke Klausing, Jessica Lawrence, Caitlin Nieset, Brianna Orchard, Isaac Sexton, Grant Wagner, Audrie Ward, Rachel Wymer

CHANGE IN TIME

Senior Awards Assembly
Friday, May 22 at 1:00 P.M.
High School Gymnasium

The Class of 2015
Graduation Ceremony
will take place on Sunday, May 24
at 2:00 P.M. in
the High School Gymnasum.

High School News

HS Final Exam Schedule — May 2015

Wednesday, May 27, 2015		Thursday, May 28, 2015		Friday, May 29, 2015	
7:50 AM – 8:40 AM	AA (Period 1)	7:50 AM – 8:40 AM	AA (Period 1)	7:50 AM – 8:40 AM	AA (Period 1)
8:43 AM – 10:23 AM	Period 1 Exam	8:43 AM – 10:23 AM	Period 3 Exam	8:43 AM – 10:23 AM	Period 2 Exam
10:26 AM – 12:06 PM	Period 4 Exam	10:26 AM – 12:06 PM	Period 5 Exam	10:26 AM – 12:06 PM	Period 6 Exam
12:06 PM – 12:36 PM	Period 6 (Lunch/SH)	12:06 PM – 12:36 PM	Period 6 (Lunch/SH)	10:26 AM – 12:06 PM	Period 7 Exam
12:39 PM – 1:09 PM	Period 7 (Lunch/SH)	12:39 PM – 1:09 PM	Period 7 (Lunch/SH)	12:06 PM – 12:36 PM	Period 6 (Lunch/SH)
1:12 PM – 2:51 PM	Period 9 Exam	1:12 PM – 2:51 PM	Period 8 Exam	12:06 PM – 12:36 PM	Period 7 (Lunch/SH)
				12:40 PM – 2:51 PM	Period 6/7 Study Hall

Students, grades 9-11, are required to take final exams. With parental permission received one week prior to the start of final exams (Wednesday, May 20, 2015), high school students may report each day for their first exam of the day and remain in school until their last exam period of the day is completed, at which time, with parental permission, they may sign out in the high school office. **IMPORTANT:** Students will not be permitted to come to school for an exam, leave school and then return to take an exam scheduled later in the day. Once a student is here for exams, he/she will stay until his/her last exam period of the day is completed. Students leaving the building during the school day will not be permitted to re-enter to take an exam scheduled later in the day. Students not in exams must report to study hall.

During exam days, students who arrive after 7:50 A.M. must sign in at the cafeteria when arriving and have presented (by Wednesday, May 20, 2015) a parent

signed form authorizing the late arrival. After signing in, all students will remain in the cafeteria until the end of the period. Students are not permitted anywhere in the building, other than the cafeteria during an exam period. Students may not go to their lockers during an exam period since this could be disruptive to other students taking exams.

Morning attendance will be taken during the first period exam of each day. Students scheduled for an exam, but not present, will be reported to the office. Students are required to be prepared and ready for their exam prior to the start of the exam. Students tardy to an exam must have a pass from the office before being permitted to take the exam.

Students with schedule conflicts such as Millstream and Post-Secondary Options may reschedule an exam with the teacher. All other exams are to be taken during the scheduled times.



Senior Drew Conner presented his award-winning Four-Way Contest speech to Findlay Rotary Club members at the Findlay Country Club on Monday, April 6. Drew was asked to give the speech after winning the \$400 first prize in the Rotary’s local contest, and he received his prize money after presenting his speech.



The Van Buren Local School District 5-year forecast will be updated on the Van Buren website after the May 14, 2015, Board meeting. Please visit the Treasurer’s webpage to view.

Cheryl Swisher, Treasurer

Visit Van Buren Local School at our website
www.vbschools.net

**Celebrating 2014-2015
MS Awards Assemblies & Year-End Events**

Parents are invited to join us as we celebrate the many accomplishments of our students throughout this school year. Visitors are asked to sign-in through the office.

7th Grade Awards Assembly – Thursday, May 28 8:45 a.m., auditorium
6th Grade Awards Assembly – Thursday, May 28 9:45 a.m., auditorium
8th Grade 'Moving Up' and Awards – Friday, May 29 9:45 a.m., auditorium

High School News

The Van Buren Academic Boosters Proudly Present March Awesome Knights

Students are chosen monthly by each high school teacher based upon one or more of the following: **Academic Achievement; Positive Attitude; Class Participation; Letter Grade Improvement; Outstanding Performance.**

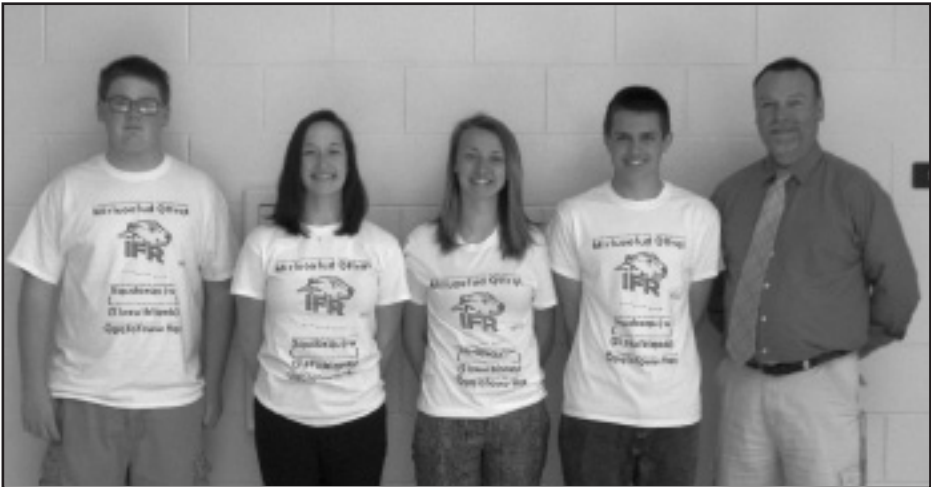
All students chosen monthly will be recognized for their efforts with a gift certificate and a certificate of recognition from the Academic Boosters organization along with having their picture posted on the wall of Knights outside the high school office.



Back Row: Cameron Fox, Emma Strong, Alex Duran, Matthew Nieset, Lauren Brown, Jared Smith, Emily Anderbery, Brendon Ring, Collin Coulter, Mackenzie Dyer, Nick Winkel, Front Row: Sam Frost (Fang Shan), Morgan Jackson, Bailei Hoyng, Nikki Miller, Austin Lako, Brock Thomas, Evan Schuh, Justin Parker, Jaden Tabler. Not Pictured: Bridget Jewell.

VB Sophomores Attend ONU for Math Awareness Day

Four Van Buren sophomores (Matthew Nieset, Zoie Nieto, Brylie Rampe, and Zach Schiefer) were selected to attend the Fourteenth Annual Ohio Northern University's Mathematics Awareness Day on April 14, 2015. They listened to a presentation on careers in mathematics as well as hands-on presentations titled: "Cryptography and Security in an Information World", "What's Your Digital Signature?", and a panel discussion on "The ONU Math/Stats Experience". These presentations highlighted mathematics topics and activities for the students. Thank you to the students for attending this math day.



Zach Schiefer, Zoie Nieto, Brylie Rampe, Matthew Nieset, Mr. Rader.

NEWS FOR CLASS OF 2015

PRACTICE DAY - Thursday, May 21, 2015

Pizza lunch at 12:00 P.M. in Mr. Daniels' shop area. Graduation practice will be **starting at 1:00 P.M.** You will need to be dressed, as you will be for graduation. Girls in dresses, skirts, or nice slacks, nice shoes (not tennis shoes, flip-flops, or jeans). Guys in nice pants, shirt and tie, nice shoes (not tennis shoes, flip-flops, or jeans). **Be sure to bring your cap and gown for pictures.** Everyone will get their picture taken even if they are not buying the pictures. Remember to remove your cap and gown from the bag and get it ironed before pictures. You will be wearing your cap & gown for practice. We will have the class picture first thing and then practice for graduation. You must be in attendance at the graduation practice or you will not participate in the graduation ceremony on Sunday. **All school fees/fines need to be paid before graduation in order to participate in graduation.**

AWARDS ASSEMBLY - Friday, May 22, 2015

Seniors need to be at school by 12:00 noon in the auditorium lobby to turn in their netbooks first and then line up to walk into the awards assembly. The Awards Assembly will be **starting at 1:00 P.M.** You will need to be dressed, as you will be for graduation. Girls in dresses, skirts, or nice slacks, nice shoes (not tennis shoes, flip-flops, or jeans). Guys in nice pants, shirt and tie, nice shoes (not tennis shoes, flip-flops, or jeans). You must be in attendance at the awards assembly or you will not participate in the graduation ceremony on Sunday.

GRADUATION DAY, May 24, 2015

YOU NEED TO BE AT THE SCHOOL AT 1:30 P.M.!! Please meet in the **choir room.**

WHAT TO WEAR: Girls in dresses, skirts, or nice slacks, nice shoes (not tennis shoes, flip-flops, or jeans). Guys in nice pants, shirt and tie, nice shoes (not tennis shoes, flip-flops, or jeans). Mr. Myers has stated that you will not be permitted to attend graduation if you have something other than the tassel on your mortarboard (cap) or IF YOU ARE NOT DRESSED APPROPRIATELY.



Middle School News

The Van Buren Academic Boosters Proudly Present March Virtuous Knights

QUALITIES OF A VIRTUOUS KNIGHT:

Generosity; Respect; Kindness; Pride in School; Responsibility; Enthusiasm; Pride in Self; Hard Working.

Thanks to the Van Buren Academic Boosters and Culver's for their support of the VBMS Virtuous Knight program.



Back Row: Gage Carpenter, Abby Thomas, Marissa Gilbert, Johnny Farthing, Amber Pisarsky, Emma Reineke, Garrett Drake. Front Row: Kadin Ogg, Zach Sparks, Jaden Butler, Shaina Lako, Adrienne Sortor, Jenessa Miller.

Van Buren High/Middle School Guidance

- The June 13 ACT testing deadline for registration is May 8.
- Any student who has to complete class credit work before next year needs to see Mr. Zender by the end of the school year for make-up work information.
- The annual scholastic awards assembly will be on Friday, May 22 at 1:00 P.M. in the high school gymnasium. All parents and friends are welcome to attend. Also, if there are any awards, scholarships, or recognition that you would like your son/daughter to be recognized for, feel free to contact me at school. Seniors are also aware of this.
- If any student is interested in taking any of the OGT test makeups over the summer, they can contact Mr. Zender for more information.
- 'Bump-Up Day' for next year's grades 9-12 will be on Monday, May 18. We will have the run-through of next year's schedule for the students.
- Any high school schedule changes for next year need to be taken care of before the end of the year. We need to have accurate numbers for ordering supplies and materials for classes.
- Guidance office hours this summer will be from 7:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. from June 2 through June 12.
- I will be back in the office starting August 1, 2015.

School Supply Shopping Just Got Easier!

Purchase your 6th - 8th grader's school supplies for 2015-2016 at www.1stdayschoolsupplies.com and everything they need will be in their locker at Opening Knight orientation/Open House! The deadline for orders is June 30!

Reminder on 8th to 9th Grade Eligibility

Eighth grade students are reminded that they must maintain extra-curricular eligibility in order to participate in fall activities and athletics as freshmen including marching band, show choir, cross country, soccer, golf, football, cheer, and volleyball. Students must pass five classes, three of which must be core classes (language arts, math, science, U.S. history).



PRESENTS

Van Buren Academic Boosters

Tuesday

May 19th, 2015

**20% of your sales will benefit the
organization above
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High School News

Senior Class Thanks You

On Saturday, April 11, 2015, the Senior Class sponsored the Third Annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. The money raised from this fun event is going toward funding the class trip to Kalahari and Cedar Point. Nine teams made up of high school boys as well as Mr. Brand participated. The winning trio was the team of Marcus Brand, Chance Sonnenberg and Mr. Brand. Nic Torres, Isaac Sexton, and Brice Lawrence made up the team that came in second place.



School News

VAN BUREN LOCAL SCHOOL
2015 - 2016 School Calendar

August 17	Monday	Teacher Inservice
August 18	Tuesday	Teachers and Staff Meetings
August 19	Wednesday	First Day for Students
September 2 - 4	Wed., Thurs. & Friday	No School - Hancock County Fair
September 7	Monday	No School - Labor Day
September 8	Tuesday	School Resumes
October 16	Friday	Early Release (1:00 P.M.) Inservice
October 23	Friday	End of 1 st 9 weeks
November 19, 23, & 24	Thurs., Mon., and Tuesday	Parent/Teacher Conferences
<i>[Thursday evening, Monday evening, and Tuesday (9:00-3:00)] No School for students Tuesday through Friday</i>		
November 25, 26, & 27	Wed., Thurs. & Friday	No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 21 - January 1	Monday through Friday	Christmas Break
January 4	Monday	School Resumes
January 15	Friday	End of 1st Semester - (End of 2 nd 9 weeks)
January 18	Monday	No School - Martin Luther King Day
February 12	Friday	Early Release (1:00 P.M.) Inservice
February 15	Monday	No School - President's Day
March 18	Friday	End of 3 rd 9 weeks
March 23 - 28	Wed. - Frid. & Monday	No School - Spring Break
May 13	Friday	Early Release (1:00 P.M.) Inservice
May 26	Thursday	Last day for Students - End of 2nd Semester
May 27	Friday	Teacher Work Day
May 29	Sunday	Graduation

Calamity/Weather Make-Up Days - May 27, 31, June 1, 2

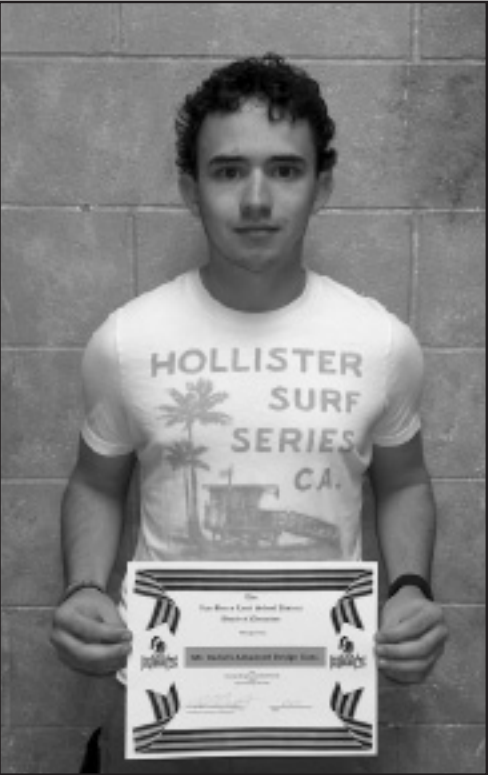
9-Weeks Grading Period

Aug. 19 — Oct. 23 = 44 days
Oct. 26 — Jan. 15 = 46 days
Jan. 19 — March 18 = 43 days
March 21 — May 26 = 45 days

Interim Schedule

Wednesday, September 23
Wednesday, December 2
Wednesday, February 17
Wednesday, April 20

Van Buren Board of Education Recognizes Advanced Design Class



At the April Board meeting, the Board presented Thomas Wolford with a certificate of Board Commendation. Thomas accepted the award on behalf of the Advanced Design class team of Adam Endicott, Riley Miller, Isaac Sexton, Jameson Jacobs, Aaron Scasny, Tanner Schroer, Brayden Harris, Grant Wagner, and himself. The team designed and created a prosthetic hand for Addy Johnson who is the daughter of Mrs. Tiffany (Wheeler) Johnson, a 2005 graduate of Van Buren High School. Members of the team scaled the plans for the prosthetic hand and printed the design on the class 3-D printer.

Art Awards

The Student Art Exhibit is a collection of work from Hancock Country Schools and Findlay City Schools and was on display at the Findlay Art League in April. A special congrats is extended to Elena Beitzel for winning 3rd Place in the H.S category and she received \$200. Abbey Phillips received honorable mention and was awarded \$50. Mercy DeWalt won 2nd place in the M.S. Division and also won \$200 while Thomas Piccirillo earned an Honorable Mention and was awarded \$30. Other participants included Rachel George, Essma Kheiry, Kristin Conner, Draeton Fasone, Paige Schmelzer, Alexis Youngpeter, Dino Donaldson, and Hannah Betts. Congratulations to all!

If you are interested in participating in the Van Buren's Annual Apple Butter Fest held the second Saturday of October, applications are available on Facebook by searching Van Buren Lions. Or if you have questions, you can contact Charlotte Hartman at 419-348-6413 or email at vanburenapplebutter@yahoo.com.

Juried Art Show News

Best of Show Draeton Fasone



Ceramics/Sculpture/Jewelry:

Best of Class - Kristin Conner

1st - Abbey Phillips

2nd - Rachel George

3rd - Samantha Hagans

Honorable Mention - Kristin Conner

Honorable Mention - Paige Schmelzer

Printmaking and Graphics:

Best of Class - Paige Schmelzer

1st - Rachel George

2nd - Essma Kheiry

3rd - Draeton Fasone

Honorable Mention - Alexis Youngpeter

Honorable Mention - Tyler Saltzman

Honorable Mention - Madison Swope

Pencil & Ink Drawing:

Best of Class - J.J. Mowrey

1st - Carrigan Stacy

2nd - Becca Kheiry

3rd - Brittany Arnold

Honorable Mention - Mary Beth Kane

Honorable Mention - Tabby Frost

Pastel & Charcoal:

Best of Class - Mary Beth Kane

1st - Elena Beitzel

2nd - Becca Kheiry

3rd - Kordell Harr

Honorable Mention - Becca Kheiry

Honorable Mention - Shaynah Selario

Art Show Sponsors

A HUGE Thank You to our sponsors for their financial support in providing the trophies, awards, and art t-shirts for every participant.

- V. B. Academic Boosters
- Elder-Beerman/Bon Ton
- Daily Queen

In addition, we were privileged to have Carrie Arnold and Jacob Palte as our judges this year. Mrs. Arnold teaches art at Liberty-Benton and Mr. Palte teaches at Ottawa-Glandorf.

"This exhibition is a great combination of ideas and skills. We had a particularly difficult time deciding on the Varied and Mixed Media category because it is SO strong! Every category has wonderful work and we were so impressed with the level of work and variety the students have accomplished. The students represented in this show should be proud of how their work reflects on the Art Department and Van Buren High School. Congratulations and keep it up!"

-Carrie Arnold and Jacob Palte

Painting:

Best of Class - Mercedes Williamson

1st - Rachel George

2nd - Shaynah Selario

3rd - Essma Kheiry

Honorable Mention - Boston Siferd

Honorable Mention - Rachel George

Peoples Choice Award Shaynah Selario

Rock Star Award & Rookie of the Year Draeton Fasone & Brittany Arnold



Varied & Mixed Media:

Best of Class - Abbey Phillips

1st - Alexis Youngpeter

2nd - Alexis Youngpeter

3rd - Alexis Youngpeter

Honorable Mention - Kristin Conner

Honorable Mention - Essma Kheiry

Honorable Mention - Shaynah Selario

Honorable Mention - Kordell Harr

Honorable Mention - Brityce Hizer



Front Row: Paige Schmelzer, Abbey Phillips, Draeton Fasone, Brittany Arnold, Mercedes Williamson, Mary Beth Kane.

Back Row: Samantha Hagans, Alexis Youngpeter, Essma Kheiry, Brityce Hizer, Carrigan Stacy, Madison Swope, Kordell Harr, J.J. Mowrey, Tabby Frost, Boston Siferd. **Not Pictured:** Elena Beitzel, Kristin Conner, Rachel George, Becca Kheiry, Tyler Saltzman, Shaynah Selario.

High School News

VB Students Meet Author Mitchell Zuckoff

The 12 students in AP English Literature/Composition traveled to Findlay HS on Friday, March 27, to hear author Mitchell Zuckoff's presentation about his *New York Times* bestseller *Lost in Shangri-La*. The students were also able to speak personally with Zuckoff, whose book was chosen as the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library's 2015 CommunityREAD book, prior to his presentation regarding the process he followed for writing this book.



Another Successful "Walk for a Cause"

The Van Buren National Honor Society held its 7th Annual "Walk for a Cause" event on Friday, May 1. High school students pledged to walk five miles in order to obtain donations for Cancer Patient Services of Hancock County. Students enjoyed some great weather while walking around the high school track and competing for prizes.

The event was a huge success, raising \$3,793 this year alone. The National Honor Society has now donated \$35,234 over seven years through this event. We would like to thank everyone who donated to Cancer Patient Services and all those businesses who donated prizes for the event.

Community News

Memorial Day Services

Van Buren Boy Scout Troop 313 will be sponsoring the Community Memorial Day Services at the Bechtel Cemetery on Monday, May 25 at 10:00 A.M. In climate weather, it will be moved to the Van Buren High School auditorium. The speaker is Dan Snyder who is a veteran and served in the Ohio National Guard from 1959-1995 where he served numerous positions. Mr. Snyder lives in Findlay with his wife Barbara and is a senior partner in the law firm of Snyder, Alge & Welch, having practiced law for 50 years.

The Van Buren High School Band will be providing the music. Reading will be furnished by the Boy Scouts all under the direction of Master of Ceremonies, Eagle Scout Thomas Wolford.

A survey was taken last year as to the location of the service, at the cemetery or in the school auditorium, with the results as 60% preferred the cemetery, but are appreciative to have the auditorium as a backup.

Pictures are from last year's Memorial Day Service held in the auditorium, and of the flag disposal. If anyone has any flags that need a proper disposal, please give to any Boy Scout member, Scout Master, or bring to the school no later than Friday, May 22, 2015.



Dodgeball Tournament News

On Saturday afternoon, March 14, 2015, 24 high school/middle school and 8 alumni teams consisting of 5 members per team, came together for the tenth annual Jennifer Masters Scholarship Dodgeball Tournament. The tournament was kicked-off with a ceremonial start from Mr. Masters and his son Darin, acting as a referee.

The winners from the boys high school division that night was The Academic All-Americans consisting of Zach Lonyo, Cole Ohlrich, Trenton Boyette, Franky Pina, and Jon Bach. In the high school girls division The Goofy Goobers defeated Third Times a Charm in the finals. Their team consisted of Kailey Leal, Erin Neal, Taylor Gilliland, Carlee Schmelzer, and Brianne Lasley. In the Middle School Co-Ed division, WHYPHY ran away with the team title. Their team was made up of Connor Ohlrich, Noah Frederick, Olivia Sexton, Kyle Hoyng, and Jessica Rinehart. This was the fourth year the alumni have competed in this annual event, and the increased participation was enjoyed by all! The Young Poppa's consisting of alumni Marty Baird, Nate DeCooman, Brock Mason, Rory Ferguson, and Josh Sattler defeated the team of Jed's.

This year awards were handed out for the best dressed team. This award went to Jose y Sus Amigos consisting of Coach Masters granddaughter, Josie Masters, as well as Morgan Jackson, Alina Turner, Jessica DeBouver, and Sarah Dishong.

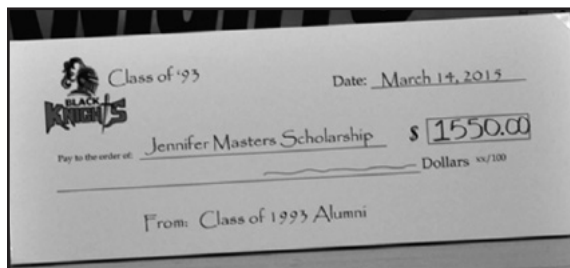
On the night we were able to collect nearly \$7,500 for the Jennifer Masters Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to one Van Buren graduating senior who maintains a G.P.A. greater than 2.0 and has earned a letter in varsity track or cross country. Applications for the scholarship are available in the high school guidance office.

A fun evening was had by all that enjoyed watching and participating!

A big thank you to all of you who came out to watch the Dodgeball tournament and for the following sponsors who donated their time and money:

J. Word Construction, BB&D Painting, Heitkamp Homes, Impulse Apparel, Jed's of Findlay, and Thiel's Wheels, and of course to all of the volunteers that made the night so much fun!

A special thanks to the classes of 1993 and 1995 for the monetary donations collected for the scholarship. We hope to see you all back again next Spring!

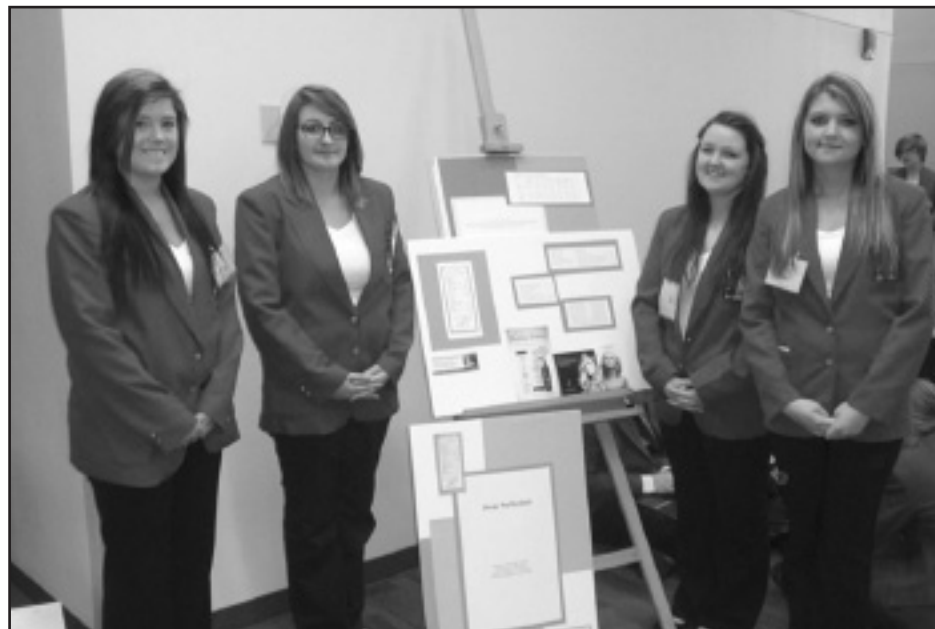


High School News

Van Buren Students Successful at Millstream Career Center Competitions



Senior team members Desi Cunningham (Van Buren), Alexis Escamilla, and Mackenzie Howard (Van Buren) won GOLD in the career pathways showcase competition! Their project was Reflections of Empowerment Cutting Out Domestic Violence - learning about and helping Open Arms Domestic Violence Shelter and the National Cut It Out program sponsored by the Professional Cosmetology Association! Special thanks to Sara Sublett for mentoring this group of students! Way to go girls! Congratulations! They will go on to compete at the national level in Louisville, KY this summer! Best of Luck!



Van Buren's Senior Kenzi Hiatt along with Millstream Career Center classmates Caitlin Longworth, ShyAnne Washburn, and Erika Jones competed in the Entrepreneurship Competition which required creating and designing a business plan and presentation. They felt that they did well. Cosmetology Instructor, Becky L. Bucher commented, "This is the first group to compete in this category. My guinea pigs - or as they say they were made to do it! Either way, I am so proud of them for doing it! We all learned a lot from this experience! Now they know a little bit about what running a salon requires! Even though they did not medal - they are winners in my eyes!"

Attn: Parents/Guardians

If your child(ren)'s workbook and classroom fees have not been paid, please take care of this obligation as soon as possible. If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact any of the offices.



All are welcome ~ Join us
every Monday morning at 8:00 a.m.
at the Van Buren
United Methodist Church

Experience the joy of replacing anxiety with
peace and hope when you pray for your
children with other moms.

www.vanburenathletics.org

Check Us Out

News from the Hancock County Health Department

It is once again time to start thinking about vaccinating your children for the upcoming school year. Any child entering kindergarten or 7th grade will need vaccine updates before the start of the 2015-2016 school year to be in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code guidelines. Tdap is required for the students entering the 7th. We continue to be concerned about the resurgence of pertussis (whooping cough) which is the reason for the Tdap requirement. Along with the Tdap vaccine, we would encourage you to consider the meningitis and chickenpox vaccines for any child age 11 through 18. These vaccines are available at most physician's offices or here at the Hancock County Health Department. The Hancock County Health Department is now a vaccine provider from most local insurance companies and bill insurance for services provided. If you are interested in scheduling for vaccinations at our office please call 419-424-7869. I would strongly encourage you to call and get these scheduled now. Please don't wait until August as our clinics are usually filled to capacity.

**REMEMBER
DON'T WAIT
VACCINATE**

Van Buren Black Knight Football News



VAN BUREN BLACK KNIGHT FOOTBALL LIFT-A-THON FUNDRAISER

Spring 2015

FUNDS:

By conducting a lift-a-thon, the football program is able to raise necessary funds to continue to provide opportunities for all of its members. We appreciate your contribution and support. Although checks are to be made out to the Van Buren Athletic Boosters, all money raised will go directly to the Black Knight football program. Please direct all questions to Coach Shoup at (937) 475-6236 or kshoup@vbschools.net.

Information for donations and/or the pledging process can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/VBliftathon15>

Thank you for your continued support! We hope to see you at the event to witness our athletes in action!

BLACK KNIGHT FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS:

The Black Knight football team will be sponsoring our 6th Annual Lift-a-thon starting at 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, May 30, 2015, to conclude our spring workouts. The student-athletes have been working extremely hard in the weightroom while also juggling numerous other academic and extracurricular activities. The coaching staff is very proud of the progress they have made and we are presenting a great opportunity to reward them for all of their hard work throughout the offseason.

Flag Football for Elementary Students

First through fourth grade students are having the opportunity to participate in flag football this spring. Their first practice/scrimmage was Wednesday, May 6 with about 50 players signed up. There are two more practice/scrimmages that will be held on Wednesdays in May, and a final game on Wednesday, May 27 at 3:00 - 4:45 P.M.



Yearbook News

CLASS OF 2016 STUDENTS AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

Your senior year is right around the corner, and that means you will be getting your senior pictures taken. I would encourage you to try to have your pictures taken this summer so you will not have any problems making the Monday before Thanksgiving deadline to turn in the picture you want to appear in the yearbook. If you are not able to have your pictures taken during the summer, I suggest at least making the appointment during the summer so that the pictures can be taken in plenty of time to meet the deadline. The yearbook staff would also like to include a baby picture (any age) of each senior in the yearbook, and that can be turned in along with the senior picture. Those pictures will be returned to the student at the end of the school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brian Bratt, yearbook adviser, at 299-3384 ext. 407 or bbratt@vbschools.net.



**No School
Memorial Day
Monday, May 25**

**Last Day for Students
Friday, May 29**

Sports News

2015 Van Buren Midget Football Registration

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Initial _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____

Telephone # _____ - _____ - _____

Birthday _____/_____/_____

_____/_____

Month Day Year Male Female

Father's Name _____

Cell # _____

Email Address _____

Mother's Name _____

Cell # _____

Email Address _____

Any medical problem or prohibition player has _____

Person to notify in Emergency _____

Phone # _____

Doctor to notify in Emergency _____

Phone # _____

School _____

Grade (2015-2016) _____

New Player _____

JERSEY AGREEMENT
The team jersey received by your son/daughter is the property of the Van Buren Midget Football Association. It is to be returned in a clean and wearable condition at the end of the football season. Failure to return the game jersey will result in a \$60 fee being assessed to you to replace it. The jersey is to be worn to games only and may be worn to school on game days.

CONSENT FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT (MINOR)
As the parent or legal guardian of the above-named player, I hereby give consent for emergency medical care prescribed by a duly licensed Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Dentistry. This care may be given under whatever conditions are necessary to preserve the life, limb or well-being of my dependent.

I, the parent/guardian of the registrant, a minor, agree that I and the registrant will abide by the rules of the VBMFA, its affiliated organizations, and sponsors. Recognizing the possibility of physical injury associated with football and in consideration for the VBMFA accepting the registrant for its football program and activities (the “Programs”), I hereby release, discharge and/or otherwise indemnify the VBMFA, its affiliated organizations, and sponsors (e.g. Hancock County Football Association, Van Buren Midget Football Association and Football Coaches, Allen Township Trustees, and the Van Buren Community Sports Association), their employees and associated personnel, including the owners of fields and facilities utilized for the Programs, against any claim by or on behalf of the registrant as a result of the registrant’s participation in the Programs and/or being transported to or from the same, which transportation I hereby authorize.

Please sign here to indicate you’ve read and agree to the above:

Name _____

Parent/Legal Guardian (please print)

Signature _____

Date _____

PARENTAL SUPPORT

We ask for active participation of all parents in our program. The program is only as strong as the volunteers that support it. Are you interested in volunteering?

1. Coach _____

2. VB Midget Football Association Board Member _____

3. Concession Stand Coordinator _____

4. Chain Gang Coordinator _____



Van Buren Midget Football Association

Registration is underway for the 2015 Midget Football season. It is open to boys or girls that are currently in 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade that live in the Van Buren School District. All players must fill out the registration form and sign in all the appropriate spots. All new players must also provide a copy of their birth certificate with the registration.

REGISTRATION: ALL NEW PLAYERS MUST ATTEND!

Saturday, May 16 @ Allen Township Hall from 10:00 – 11:30 A.M.

FEES:

The fee to participate is \$60 for the first player in a family and \$50 for the next. Registration fees must be returned with the completed form in order to be eligible to participate. We will be assigning parent(s) from each family to either the concession stand or the chain gang each game. A schedule will be given to the players as soon as the games are scheduled for both JV and Varsity. If you are unable to work on your scheduled day, it will be your responsibility to get another parent to take your place. All fees are due before July 27.

EQUIPMENT:

Equipment will be provided by Van Buren Midget Football. If you are interested in purchasing your own helmet through the Riddell equipment vendor, please inform the coaching staff. All equipment used by a player NOT provided by VBMF must be approved by the coaching staff prior to use.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO **VAN BUREN MIDGET FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.**

If you cannot attend the registration meeting, please mail the completed registration form and check to:

Van Buren Midget Football

Attn: Ron Koehnke

2140 TR 232

Van Buren, OH 45889

Registration

TOTAL

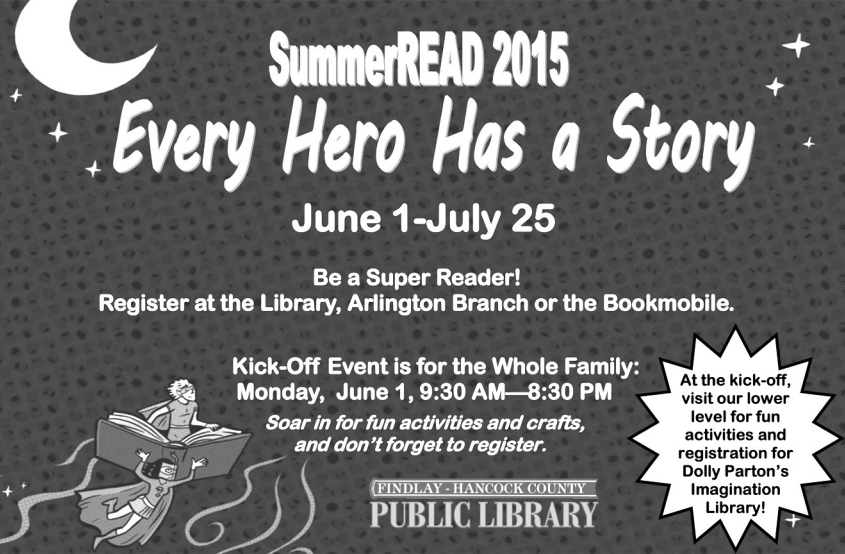
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VB Midget Football Board Members

President – Andy Rader (419-957-8015)
Secretary/Treasurer – Rachelle Koehnke
Varsity Coach – Ron Koehnke (419-957-1130)

Findlay - Hancock County Public Library News



SummerREAD 2015

Every Hero Has a Story

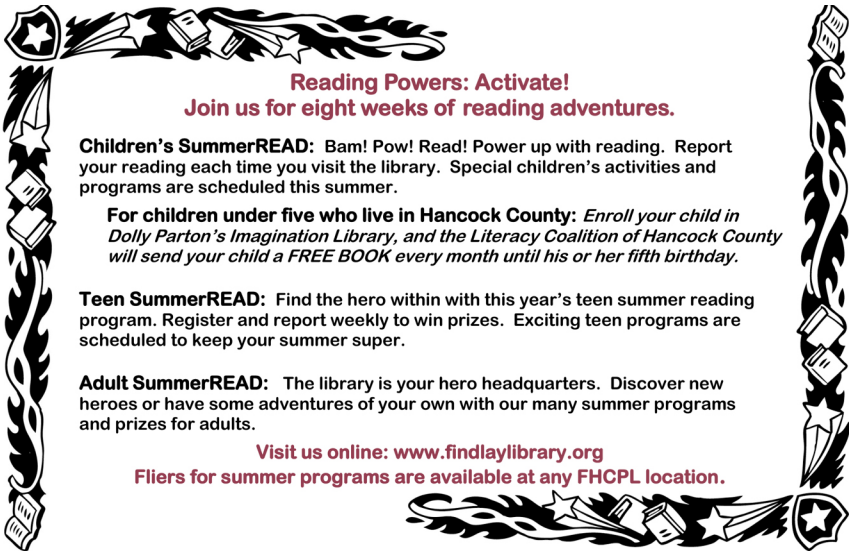
June 1-July 25

Be a Super Reader!
Register at the Library, Arlington Branch or the Bookmobile.

Kick-Off Event is for the Whole Family:
Monday, June 1, 9:30 AM—8:30 PM
Soar in for fun activities and crafts, and don't forget to register.

At the kick-off, visit our lower level for fun activities and registration for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library!

FINDLAY - HANCOCK COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY



Reading Powers: Activate!

Join us for eight weeks of reading adventures.

Children's SummerREAD: Bam! Pow! Read! Power up with reading. Report your reading each time you visit the library. Special children's activities and programs are scheduled this summer.

For children under five who live in Hancock County: Enroll your child in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, and the Literacy Coalition of Hancock County will send your child a FREE BOOK every month until his or her fifth birthday.

Teen SummerREAD: Find the hero within with this year's teen summer reading program. Register and report weekly to win prizes. Exciting teen programs are scheduled to keep your summer super.


Adult SummerREAD: The library is your hero headquarters. Discover new heroes or have some adventures of your own with our many summer programs and prizes for adults.

Visit us online: www.findlaylibrary.org
Fliers for summer programs are available at any FHCPPL location.

Children's Services SummerREAD Programs 2015

June 1—July 25

EVERY HERO HAS A STORY




Story Time

Join us for songs, stories, crafts, and fun!
All ages & accompanied by a caregiver
Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:30—11:30 a.m.
Lindamood Room
Begins Tuesday, June 2
Ends Thursday, July 23


Super Hero Training Academy

Family Event
Come practice your superhero skills!
Saturday June 13
1:00—3:00 p.m.
Lindamood Room



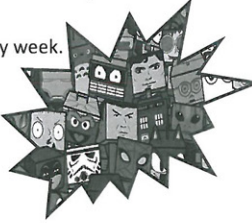
Makerspace

Build new superpowers by making fun arts and engineering projects.
Open to ages 8-12.
Mondays-Thursdays 2:00—3:30 p.m.
Children's Program Room
Begins June 2
Ends July 23




Cubee Club

Create a different cubee friend every week.
Open to 3rd-12th grade.
Every Friday 2:00—4:00 p.m.
Begins June 5
Ends July 24




Book Time with Ronald McDonald

Ages preschool—grade 2 & accompanied by a caregiver
Friday June 19
10:30—11:30 a.m.
Lindamood Room




Bredan the Magician

Family Event
Tuesday June 23
6:30—7:30 p.m.
Lindamood Room




FINDLAY - HANCOCK COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY




Chalk It Up!

Sidewalk Art
Open to all ages
Wednesdays June 3 & 17, July 1 & 15
10:00—11:00 a.m.
*weather permitting




DOCTOR WHO

Whovian Wednesdays
June 24 & July 29, 6—7 p.m.
Crafts, games, discussion and lots of Doctor Who fun!
Don't forget to wear your fan gear!
Open to grades 6th—12th



Books & Breakfast

Bring a book to read and the library will provide the pancakes!
Open to 3rd—12th graders
Mondays June 15 & July 20
9:30—11:30 a.m.




Every Child Ready for School

Early literacy tips and techniques for parents and caregivers.
Wednesday June 17 6:30—7:00 p.m.
Sunday July 26 2:00—2:30 p.m.
Lindamood Room

Work on Reading with Tango

Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Grades K—12
Children's Program Room




Family Movie Nights

Big Hero Six
June 18, 5:30 p.m.


Despicable Me 2
July 23, 5:30 p.m.

*Adults welcome, as long as they are accompanied by a child



Battle of the Superheroes!


Design a superhero of your own and then enjoy super sundaes
Saturday June 27, 1:00—2:30 p.m.
Lindamood Room
*This is a program for the whole family



The Pillowcase Project


Presented by Disney and the American Red Cross: Learn to be prepared for emergencies. Attendees will take home a pillowcase emergency kit.

Monday June 22
10:30—11:30 a.m.
Lindamood Room
Open to children entering grades 3—5




Teen Craft Lab

Fluffy Flip Flops
Thursday June 25
2:00—3:00 p.m.
Lindamood Room
Grades 1st—12th
*bring a pair of flip flops



Loom Bracelets
Thursday July 23
2:00—3:00 p.m.
Lindamood Room
Grades 3rd—12th



See our online calendar to confirm program dates & times: www.findlaylibrary.org

School News

Zach Morgan Memorial Soccer Tournament



WANTED!

- Teams for the Zach Morgan three vs. three Memorial Soccer Tournament on Saturday, June 20th, 2015
- Please sign up at www.zachmorgansoccer.com
- Final deadline for team registration is May 23rd, 2015

VOLUNTEERS

- Field Marshals (Score keepers) and Runners (Score runners) are needed to help for this tournament
- Two hour time slots are available
- Please sign up at www.zachmorgansoccer.com

Zach Morgan was a 16 year old Liberty Benton junior who lost his life tragically on September 23, 2007. Zach exemplified the characteristics of a leader in the way he lived his life. Zach was active in Hancock Youth Leadership and ECLIPSE programs. The Zach Morgan Memorial Soccer Tournament is designed to benefit the students of Hancock County who share Zach's leadership ability. The money raised from this tournament will provide funding for the Zach Morgan Memorial Youth Leadership Fund.



Community News

Docs-N-Socks 5K Run/Walk PLUS: Kids Fun Run

kid's events!
9:00am-12:00pm

- Healthy Snack Making
- Kids Fun Run - 10AM

RACE DATE

Saturday, June 20, 2015

RACE START TIME: 9:00AM

REGISTRATION

PRE: You may check-in/register on Friday, June 19, 8AM-5PM
Packet pick-up is also at this time.

RACE DAY: 7:30AM • 1501 Bright Road, Findlay, OH 45840

ENTRY FEES *early registration closes may 31st*

\$15 Early Registration (includes shirt) \$2 Service Fee
\$20 Late Registration and/or paper entry-after May 31st (limited supply of shirts)
\$10 Kids Fun Run and Events (Ages 10 and under - includes shirt)

save \$5.00! register online



PRIZES

Overall male and female winners: \$100 gift card to Dave's Running Shop
Docs-n-Socks participants will also be entered to win door prizes!
Award will be given to a participant who wears the WILDEST and CRAZIEST socks!

For more information about the race
and registration details, visit us at:
OhioOrtho-SportsMed.com



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& SPORTS MEDICINE, INC.**
Get well. Get moving again.

Docs-N-Socks 5K Run/Walk



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**Paper
registration
is \$20.00**

**REGISTER ONLINE!
OhioOrtho-SportsMed.com
and SAVE \$5**



Participants Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Sex M/F _____

Date of Birth _____

Age _____

Email Address _____

Race T-Shirt Size: XS S M L XL XXL

Participant Signature _____

Date _____

Signature of parent or guardian if under 18 _____

Date _____

Race fees will not be refunded if the race is postponed or cancelled due to weather conditions or any other circumstances beyond the control of the Race Director.

Time Change
HS Senior Awards Assembly
Friday, May 22, 2015
1:00 P.M.
HS Gymnasium

MS Year-End Awards
Thursday, May 28, 2015
HS Auditorium
Seventh Grade @ 8:45 A.M.
Sixth Grade @ 9:45 A.M.

Eighth Grade "Moving Up"
Year-End Awards
Friday, May 29, 2015
HS Auditorium
@ 9:45 A.M.

VB Black Knight Golf Academy

Red Hawk Run Golf Club

June 1 - 5, 2015

The academy is open to young men and women entering grades K-9 at Van Buren Local Schools. Academy fees for the five-day session of the junior academy is:

Grades K-3	\$55 (11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.)
Grades 4-9	\$75 (2:00 - 4:30 P.M.)

Enclose a check for the amount due, payable to **Van Buren Athletic Boosters**, no later than May 20, 2015, (this date allows us to order hats for those golfers attending the camp) along with the completed registration form. Mail registration form and payment to: Van Buren High School • Eric Heitkamp, Golf Coach • 217 South Main Street • Van Buren, Ohio 45889.

Any questions, please call 299-3384 ext. 416 during school hours, or e-mail Mr. Heitkamp at ehaitkamp@vbschools.net or visit our website at www.vbhsgolf.com.

2015 VB Black Knight Golf Academy

Student's Name _____ Phone# _____

E-Mail Address (Student's) _____

Age as of May 31, 2015 _____ Grade as of August 2015 _____

Parent(s) or Guardian Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address (Parent's) _____

Hat Size of Camper: Jr. Cap (ages 4-8) _____ Youth Cap (Ages 9-14) _____

Parent or Guardian Agreement: I understand that Van Buren Local Schools, Red Hawk Golf Club, the academy, and everyone connected with the staff assumes no responsibility for accidents, injury, medical, or dental expenses incurred by my son or daughter during the Van Buren Black Knight Golf Academy. Each student is covered by a family accident insurance plan.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____