
Knightly News

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Information Videos, School and Community Safety, Springtime

By Tim Myers, Superintendent

In the last newsletter I talked about a regular video message that I was going to start producing for the staff and community. I have created a page on the district's web site called the "Superintendent's Corner". You can find this page by going to the web site <http://vbschools.net> and clicking on the Quick Links in the upper right hand corner. Videos and other district news and notes will be found on this page. The videos will also be uploaded to the district's Facebook page. The first video was available late in February. There is another video from me and one from the Board of Education planned for March.

Every year the administrative team reviews our district safety plans. The incident in Florida and the actions that the shooter took brings up questions about our plan. We will be meeting in March with the local first responders and make any necessary adjustments to our plan. Student safety is a high priority in our district.

Even with our safety plan, the Boot, our emergency radios, and other protections that we have put in place, history shows us that determined individual(s) may be hard to stop. Our intent is to do everything that we can to delay an intruder, keep them out of our buildings, and train students and staff on best practices to keep everyone as safe as possible.

The school district is partnering with the Village of Van Buren and Hancock County Sheriff's Department by hosting a Home Safety Seminar in our auditorium on Wednesday, March 28, at 7:00 PM. The presentation will be called C.R.A.S.E (Citizen Response to Active Shooter Event). The C.R.A.S.E. course will provide you with a brief overview of active shooters in the USA and what you could do if an active shooter is present at your place of business, home, or any other place you may be at!! I invite all staff and community members to this important presentation.

On a positive note, Spring is nearly here. I invite you to attend any music, spring sport, and other activities that will be occurring over the next few months. Invite your friends and neighbors as well.

Board News

In the next few months our goal will be exploring answers to questions such as, "What do school boards do?", "What makes a great school board member?", and "What makes an effective school board?" Along, with other topics such as, electing effective school board members, whether to run for the school board, and signs of an effective school board member. We will also have available videos and articles about topics and background about our current board.

My name is Jeff Salisbury and I have been on and off the Van Buren School Board since 2008. My wife and I have three children that have attended and graduated from Van Buren and have found their passion in current occupations. In the past years, I also have been the token male elementary playground monitor, read to kindergartners, coached, worked at the fair tent, and a lot of other fun things and times. Many of you may know me and for those who don't, I do hope to have the chance to meet you.

OMEA All-State Choir



Mr. Will Baughman and Sophomore Noah Elliot after performing at the OMEA PD Conference 2018!

Three VBMS 8th Graders Sing in District Honors Festival Choir

Congratulations to eighth graders Evan Clark, Ben Hudok, and Ellie Fenstermaker for being selected as members of the OMEA District III Honor Festival Choir. The ensemble performed at Wapakoneta H.S. on March 3.



HS and MS Honors

VAN BUREN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Second Nine-Week Grading Period 2017 - 2018 School Year

ALL “A’s”

6th Grade Allan Anders, Abigail Badertscher, Rebecca Betts, Vivian Brant, Yung Chien (Melody) Chang, Erica Coffey, Anna Durliat, Landon Fisher, Carson Foltz, Zoe Fruth, Madelyn Fry, Abigail Haley, Reed Harmon, Landen Heath, Morgan Johnson, Abigail (Abby) Leatherman, Elijah Mason, Ella Serrano, Seth Van Horn, Curtis Ware, Maggie Wehrle, Grant Welte

7th Grade Allison Badertscher, Sasha Busey, Alexia Camarano, Jack Campbell, Casey Donaldson, Peter Harrington, Alexis Nivison-Brassell, Claire Recker, Hudson Sendelbach, John Wheeler

8th Grade Ali Bishop, Catherine Cavera, Rachel Cavera, Shane Coombes, Taylor DeBoo, Christopher Emerine, Emma Henry, Benjamin Hudok, Cassadie Jacobs, Josiah McKeown, Madeline Northcutt, Kendra Odenweller, Megan Pisarsky, Brooke Riegle, Ashlynn Sortor, Lindsey Stultz, Ella Webster, Karissa Welte, Alan Woodall

9th Grade Lillian Badertscher, Kaitlyn Baer, Gannon Bahn, Wesley Casselman, Mercy DeWalt, Steven Franks, Gabrielle Gearhart, Maxwell Greenawalt, Grace Heitkamp, Teja Hoge, Elijah Holman, Jonathan Hudok, Blake Jones, Shaina Lako, Mia Leal, Calloway Luke, Madison Marks, Alexandra Marshall, Evelyn Masters, Isabelle Pawlak, Madilyn Pawlak, Reese Recker, Justin Ring, Peyton Sendelbach, Megan Sheeks, Gage Swaisgood, Breanna Tabler

10th Grade Karis Brown, Katelyn Chu, Hannah Davis, Agnes Durliat, Carson Gertz, Felicity Hocanson, Zoe Horne, Justine Hunt, Jewelya Hutchison, Nickolas McCracken, Madison Parker, Madelyn Parsell, Amber Pisarsky, Allyson Rickenbacher, Camrie Roberts, Lindsey Shaw, Jordan Spoon, Leah Stall, Grayson Temple, Kyle Van Horn

11th Grade Carrie Below, Joshua Bishop, Miranda Eaton, Brady Harmon, Kyle Hoyng, Emily LeCroy, Jordan Lonyo, Connor Ohlrich, Nicholas Rettig, Jessica Rinehart, Hana Saito, Mackenzie Saltzman, Jacob Sanders, Wyatt Schlaeppi, Olivia Sexton, Jayla Waller

12th Grade Elizabeth Conner, Sarah Dishong, Amelia Durliat, Clayton Eichman, Anna Girdler, Quinton Graber, Drew Insley, Morgan Jackson, Janelle Keck, Jocelyn Masters, Miranda Mowrey, Autumn Pisarsky, Lydia Reineke, Brendon Ring, Lisa Simmons, Madison Swope, Jaden Tabler, Cora Thomas, Maria Trusty, Brandon Wehrle, Madilyn Youngpeter

ALL “A’s” and “B’s”

6th Grade Parker Beilharz, Dillian Blosser, Abigail Bowen, Adam Carey, Ava Cramer, Laynee Crow, Ashlee Deitrick, Madisyn Ferguson, Kayla Fisher, Blake Francis, Ryan Gifford, Anthony (AJ) Griffith, Thomas Hagans, Mussie Hanson, Ryan Harmon, Andersen Harnjo, James Homan, Brooke Ingwersen, Shifalika Kalwa Shiva, Andon Keckler, Tram Le, Sara Martin, Zackery McKee, Annie Moro, Walter Oestreich, Chase Ogg, Gabrielle Parsell, Brylee Ponn, Nathan Reynolds, Nathan Riegle, Kennedy Sterling, Kenzie Steveson, Easton Vackert, Melodee Vermillion, Collin Wagner, Caleb Waltmire

7th Grade Shelbee Atchison, Paige Bowman, Brandon Buff, Aeris Butler, Bella Carrocccio, Jillian Clymer, Nathan Curry, Logan Dilgard, Ryleigh Doyle, Braxton Egts, Alexander Gearhart, Gabriel George, Morgan Graber, Mason Greenawalt, Jackson Gregory, Avery Heitkamp, Weston Heitkamp, Brienna Hutchins, Kennedy Jones, Katie Krantz, Ava Leal, Madison Martin, Carter Miller, McKenna Morey, Catheryn Roy, Nathaniel Ryan, Cassandra Saltzman, Summer Siefer, Faith Smith, Ryleigh Smith, Benjamin Stultz, Carter Thomas, Cody Thomas, Griffin VanScoder, Samantha Wilcox

8th Grade Eliya Amos, Hayden Carr, Owen Coffey, Morgan DeBoo, Jacob Deiter, Clarence Durliat, Elise Fenstermaker, Ainsley Forsyth, Melodie Garnes, Jared Hocanson, Clare Hoerig, Anthony Huffman, Adrienne Jackson, Rylee Johnson, Abigail Losiewicz, Landon Miller, Annabelle Omlor, Zachary Pina, Sophia Reineke, Brody Runion, Taylor Stewart, Ryan Strapp, Evan Van Vorhis, Keagan Wymer

9th Grade	Cody Beagle, Kaleb Bishop, Aaron Bresler, Dessa Darling, Skylar Deerwester, Dino Donaldson, Jonah Frederick, Virginia Harr, Jada Hicks, Alexis Jackson, Jordan Keckler, Jace McCartney, Adam McKinniss, Alec Muzy, Travis Neumeister, Jacob Plummer, Kennedy Rader, Keana Rider, Madalyn Riesen, Annika Rinehart, Kearstin Sherick, Garret Simmermeyer, Brandon Smith, Alyssa Snyder, Sarah Stapley, Drew VanAtta, Ian Wall, Connor Waltmire
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10th Grade Tyler Arbaugh, Isabella Ayers, Logan Betts-Baldwin, DeLainie Bland, Zoe Brown, Tyler Cain, Griffin Duron, Noah Elliott, Timmothy Emerine, Spencer Ingwersen, Grant Insley, Michael Kramer, Kendall Kretzinger, Braden Losiewicz, Hannah Missler, Joshua Orians, Andrew Overmyer, Alyssa Potteiger, Emma Reineke, Christopher Routson, Hailey Routzon, Kaleb Snodgrass, Nathaniel Stacy, Dalton Swope, Madison Trumbull, Carey Ware, Daniel (Saige) Warren, Jared Wieggers, Cody Word

11th Grade Joshua Bowles, Faith DeWalt, Hope DeWalt, Johnathon Farthing, Taylor Franklin, Emma Geyman, Grace Hoerig, Andrea Iliff, James Koehler, Savannah Martin, Jenessa Miller, Megan Muzy, Audrey Nessler, McKenzie Rigsby, Amanda Strapp, Sean Trenkamp, Natalie Williamson, Jerod Wright

12th Grade Matthew Ayers, Madelyn Badertscher, Kevin Beall, Nicholas Beitzel, Abrahm Cunningham, Jessica DeBouver, Jacob Emerine, Khail Fasone, Carl Fleck, Hunter Foltz, Alexander Godzak, Andrew Godzak, Logan Marshall, Mason Miarer, Samuel Phillips, Nathan Potteiger, Jessica Roberts, Sara Rosenberger, Carrigan Stacy, Kade Steveson, Alina Turner

Follow the Van Buren Yearbook on Twitter and Instagram for all of the latest yearbook updates and pictures! @vbyearbook

MS/HS News

Van Buren Academic Boosters Proudly Present January 2018 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 receive a gift certificate and a certificate of recognition from the Academic Boosters organization as well as having their picture placed in the showcase next to the high school office. The gift certificates this year have been donated by Ralphie's and McDonald's.



Back Row: Rachel King, Hunter Foltz, Courtney Frost, Jacob Emerine, Jenessa Miller, Kyle Van Horn, C.J. Wise, Johnathon Farthing, Aiden Haley, Dino Donaldson. **Front Row:** Natalie Garner, Peyton Sendelbach, Alexandra Marshall, Katelyn Chu, Jewelya Hutchison, Justine Hunt, Lydia Reineke, Megan Muzy, Dani Hall. **Not Pictured:** Sam Frost, Matthew Iliff, Alyssa Snyder.

Van Buren High School/Middle School Guidance - Mr. Zender

- The state ACT test for Juniors will be given March 20 at Maranatha Church. We will bus students to the testing facilities leaving school at 8:50 AM. Those students will then be permitted to leave for home after returning back to school, around 12:30 - 1:00 PM, if the parent form has been signed.
- Any student who has to complete class credit work for a failed class before next year needs to see Mr. Zender by the end of the school year for make-up work information.
- All local Van Buren Scholarships will be available in the guidance office starting April 1. I will also send them via my Google Class Room to student.
- The annual high school awards presentation will be on Monday, May 21 in the auditorium at 10:00 AM. Parents and friends are welcome to attend. Please forward any college scholarships to Mr. Zender to be presented to the seniors at the awards.
- Scheduling for next year is currently taking place for all high school students. Any changes in your class selections need to be made by the end of the school year.

Van Buren Academic Boosters Proudly Present January & February 2018 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.



January Back Row: Carson Foltz, Kendra Odenweller, Ben Hudok, Maddie Northcutt, Madison Martin, Ryleigh Smith, Connor Koehnke, Gauge Rael, Zach Pina, Weston Heitkamp, Brody Smith. **Front Row:** Dillan Blosser, Ryan Harmon, Landen Heath, Ava McCracken, Cassadie Jacobs, Claire Recker. **Not Pictured:** Cate Cavera, Evan VanVorhis.



February - Back Row: Madison Elliott, Brie Hutchins, Olivia Hollar, Emma Henry, Hunter Schroeder, Anthony Huffman, Damon Okeke, Carter Thomas, Shane Coombes, Gavin Schroer. **Front Row:** Lindsey Stultz, Melodee Vermillion, Emerald Scott, James Homan, Andersen Harnjo, Hudson Sendelbach, Madelyn Fry, Erica Coffey, Catheryn Roy.

HS News

MS News

Poetry Out Loud School Champion Crowned



On January 25, the English department awarded senior Autumn Pisarsky with the title of Poetry Out Loud school champion, which propelled her to the regional contest held February 20 at the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts.

Poetry Out Loud, which The National Endowment for the Arts and Poetry Foundation sponsor, allows students to

present poems at school, regional, state, and national levels in an attempt to earn the \$20,000 grand prize.

Three students, Pisarsky, senior Alex Godzak, and junior Lilly Saum, met during Wednesday activity periods from November through January to work on their poems, but students had to do most of the work on their own time. While it might seem that memorization would be the only requirement for this contest, students were also judged on their physical presence, voice and articulation, dramatic appropriateness, evidence of understanding, and overall performance.

The contest was held in the auditorium and consisted of two rounds. The poems students presented came from the Poetry Out Loud anthology, and at least one poem had to be less than 25 lines and pre-20th century (or meeting those two criteria could be spread across the two poems).

At the Northwest/Toledo regional contest, Pisarsky faced five other contestants as she attempted to advance to the state competition in Columbus. She presented her poems, "The Significance of Location" by Pattiann Rogers and "As Kingfishers Catch Fire" by Gerard Manley Hopkins, to a crowd of approximately 50 people, but presenters from Lima Central Catholic and Toledo School for the Arts were declared the regional winners.

The English teachers are proud of how Autumn, Alex, and Lilly represented Van Buren throughout the preparation and contest and hope even more students will participate next year. If you know of someone who might be interested, please encourage them to get involved.

VBMS Enjoys "Freedom Riders" at Tiffin Ritz Theater

The VBMS language arts teachers coordinated a school-wide trip to the Ritz Theater in Tiffin to watch "Freedom Riders", a play based on the Freedom Riders in 1961. The performance included drama and original music and was performed by the Mad River Theater Works, a troupe from Zanesfield, Ohio.

VBMS State Testing Scheduled

Van Buren Schools has set their Ohio state testing schedule for this spring. We ask that families work to avoid these dates for appointments or absences.

- Tuesday 4/10 and Wednesday 4/11/18: Language arts (grades 6, 7, 8)
- Tuesday 4/17 and Wednesday 4/18/18: Math (grades 6, 7, 8)
- Tuesday 4/24 and Wednesday 4/25/18: Science (grade 8)

Engineers Meet with Students

Fifteen engineers from a variety of disciplines spoke with VBMS advisory groups for two purposes: To lend their expertise to their Future Cities design challenge project and to share their jobs. These professionals represented GM, Marathon Petroleum, Ohio Northern University, Hancock-Wood Electric, Kuss Filtration, AirGas, and E.S. Wagner. Many thanks to these volunteers for their work with our students!



Grant Instills Importance of Personal Brand

Dr. Scott Grant of Triple Threat Leadership and the University of Findlay (and Van Buren's former athletic director) spoke with middle and high school students in late February about using social media to represent their personal brand. Too often, we hear about the evils of social media - Scott provided students examples of how young people have used social media to spread good and to best represent themselves.



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www.vbschools.net

FFA News

Learning to Do, Doing to Learn

Students in the agricultural education classes have a lot of opportunities around them. Currently, we are raising Netherland Dwarf and Lionhead Rabbits, as well as a batch of broiler chickens, a flock of laying hens, and two ducks! All of these animals serve different purposes. Our rabbits, are being raised by students to help them with their SAEs. SAEs are a Supervised Agricultural Experience in which students are required to have, and it can help them earn awards such a State FFA Degree, an American FFA Degree, and even Proficiency Awards. The students are breeding and raising the rabbits and selling them as 4-H projects, FFA projects, and pets. Some of our students will even show them at the Hancock Co. Fair this summer! We currently have seven lionhead bunnies available.

As for the chickens, we are raising the broilers to learn about how poultry processing works and comparing their growth to our laying hens. Students will be able to help from start to finish in the process, and see how we get eggs and our poultry products. The ducks are projects we are trying to see if students are interested in raising them for the fair.

The ag students are responsible for 100% of the care and maintenance of these animals. That includes things such as grooming, nail trimming, checking weights, feed and watering, and changing out bedding. Here in the Ag Education Classroom, we believe the best way to learn is by doing.



Officer Books

There were three Van Buren FFA officers that were required to create officer books for the state. Those officers were Emma Geyman, Hannah Betts, and Marisa Gilbert. Emma Geyman is the reporter, Hannah Betts is the Secretary, and Marisa Gilbert is the treasurer. These books were taken down to evaluations to be judged. The reporter book received Gold, the Secretary book received Gold, and the report-ers book received Silver. Good job on Officer books, we are very proud of you all!



Public Speaking

On February 15, there were many members of the Van Buren FFA Chapter who participated in the public speaking contest. They participated in Beginning Creed, Advanced Creed, and Advance Prepared. Kiersten Sherick and Alex Riechenbaugh participated in Beginning Creed. Kiersten placed 12th and Alex placed 11th. Johnny Farthing and Mikaela Voland participated in Advanced Creed. Johnny placed first and Mikaela placed 3rd. Emma Geyman participated in Advanced Prepared and placed 2nd. Johnny and Emma moved on to districts. At the district level, Johnny placed first and Emma placed 2nd. Johnny and Emma both are moving on to state. We are very proud of all of the members and their hard work!



Ag Sales

On February 14, four members of the Van Buren FFA chapter participated in the ag sales contest. This contest was held at Lincolnview High School. The four members participating were Kylie Sonnenberg, Johnny Farthing, Marisa Gilbert, and Hannah Betts. At this contest, the members were trying to sell a product. They were trying to sell Rebecca Lane Products. These are natural homemade products which include goat milk lotion, “boo boo” cream, sugar scrub, and lip balm. The team got 3rd overall and received a plaque! We are so proud of all of you!



Elementary News

February Knights of the Round Table

Students selected by their noon monitors enjoyed lunch and an ice cream treat as "Round Table Knights" — a reward for their positive attitude and behavior during the month of February. Students were also able to invite a friend or family member to join them at the round table. Congratulations to these students!



Back Row: Audrey Krupp, Kennedy Bowlin, Ben Heitkamp, Amelia Leatherman, Chance Frey. *Middle Row:* Trace Kisseberth, Audrey Riegle, Ellison Rader, Molly Finley, Kensey Stewart, Colin Treece, Arya Awal. *Front Row:* Ariel Kemp, Jada Sumney, Mathew Omlor, Gia Kark, Alawhara Alanazi, Karter Rinker, Marcus Bishop. *Not Pictured:* Kolten Morey, Leah Sheeks, Emma Arendorf, Duda Oliveira, Khiaire Ibarra.



Van Buren Girls Softball Team will host its annual Olive Garden Dinner Fundraiser on Thursday, March 22, 2018, from 4:00 - 6:00 P.M. in the Elementary Cafeteria.

Cost is \$8 adult meal includes spaghetti, 2 breadsticks, salad, dessert, and a drink
and \$4 kid meal (under 10 yrs. old) includes a smaller portion of spaghetti, 1 breadstick, salad, dessert, and a drink.

Tickets available from any high school softball player or Coach Stacy Sharp at ssharp@vbschools.net

Preschool Screening

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018

A developmental screening for 3, 4 and 5 year-old children for whom there may be concerns in the areas of gross or fine motor skills, speech-language or readiness. In addition a vision and hearing screening will be offered.

For students in the following school districts:
Arcadia ~ Arlington ~ Cory Rawson ~ Liberty Benton
McComb ~ Riverdale ~ Van Buren ~ Vanlue

SCREENING LOCATION:

Findlay First Nazarene Church
2501 Broad Avenue, Findlay

It's
FREE!

****PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED****

For a screening appointment call:
419.422.7525, ext. 209
Between the dates of
March 12, 2018 and April 6, 2018
(A confirmation will be mailed)

Register early! ~ Sessions fill quickly!

Conducted by:

HANCOCK COUNTY
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER

"Meeting Student Needs Through Cooperative Efforts"

7746 C.R. 140, Findlay, OH 45840
Phone 419.422.7525 ~ Fax 419.422.8766

***Class of 2018 Graduation
Sunday, May 27, 2018
@ 2:00 P.M. in the
High School Gymnasium***

Elementary Art News

Youth Art Month Show

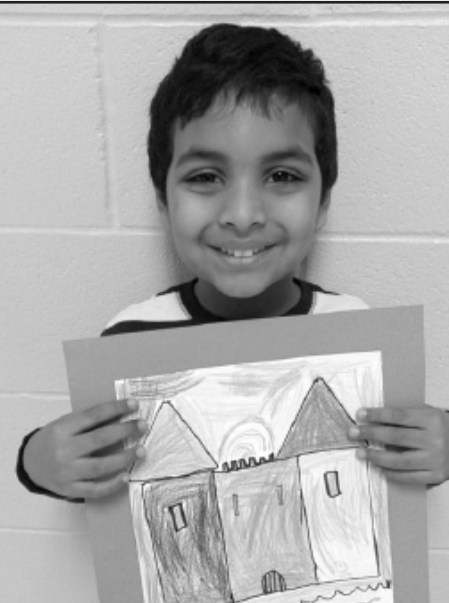
This year marks the Northwest Ohio Art Education Association’s 39th Annual Regional Youth Art Month Show. Exceptional artwork has been selected from students in grades K-8 from nine regions in Northwest Ohio to be displayed in this exhibition. Eight students from Van Buren Elementary School were selected to be honored for their outstanding creativity and craftsmanship. This exhibition will include artwork from; Emilio Nunez, Aedan Riesen, Acacia Hernandez, Kolten Wilson, Case Clymer, Coltan Gibson, and Abhinav Dinavahi. The artwork is being displayed February 25 – April 17, 2018, at the Commodore Building, which is located at 140 E. Indiana Ave., Perrysburg, OH 43551. The opening reception for students and their families was held at the same location on March 11, 2018, from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Congratulations on the outstanding artwork!



Case Clymer



Kolten Wilson



Abhinav Dinavahi



Acacia Hernandez's Artwork

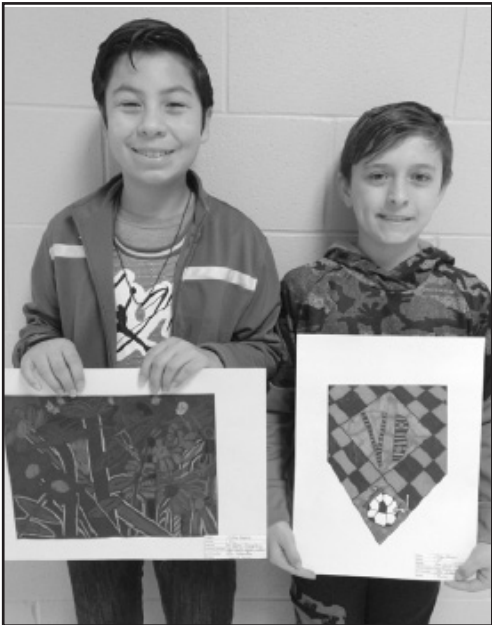
OAEA Youth Art Month Exhibition

Van Buren Elementary School is proud to announce that Carlie Roeber, fifth grade, and Logan Gonyer, kindergarten, have had artwork chosen to be displayed in the 2018 Ohio Art Education’s Association’s Youth Art Month Exhibition. The exhibition represents Ohio students in grades kindergarten through eighth and was on display at the State Teachers Retirement Systems (STRS) building in Columbus, Ohio from February 17 – March 16.

One hundred thirty-five pieces were selected for the juried show from the nine regions of the state that represent OAEA. The exhibit is sponsored by Ohio Art Education Association which is the professional organization for art teachers in Ohio. OAEA works to promote the arts and recognizes quality student art throughout the state through various exhibits at state and regional levels. The Youth Art Month Exhibition comes about through many volunteer hours by art teachers in the state of Ohio. Carlie and Logan’s art work was submitted for the show by Mrs. Zehender. A reception and awards ceremony was held at the STRS building on Saturday March 3, 2018, for the young artists, their families and teachers.



Coltan Gibson



Emilio Nunez, Aedan Riesen

School News

VAN BUREN LOCAL SCHOOL
2018 - 2019 School Calendar

August 14	Tuesday	Teachers and Staff Meetings
August 15	Wednesday	First Day for Students
August 29 - 31	Wed., Thurs. & Friday	No School - Hancock County Fair
September 3	Monday	No School - Labor Day
September 4	Tuesday	School Resumes
September 21	Friday	No School for Students - Teacher Inservice
October 19	Friday	End of 1 st 9 weeks
November 15, 19, & 20	Thurs., Mon., and Tuesday	Parent/Teacher Conferences <i>[Thursday evening, Monday evening, and Tuesday (9:00-3:00)]</i>
November 19	Monday	No School for Students - Teacher Inservice
~ No School for students Monday - Friday (November 19 - 23) ~		
November 21, 22, & 23	Wed., Thurs. & Friday	No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 20 - January 2	Thursday through Wednesday	Christmas Break
January 3	Thursday	School Resumes
January 11	Friday	End of 1st Semester - (End of 2 nd 9 weeks)
January 18	Friday	Early Release (1:00 P.M.) Teacher Inservice
January 21	Monday	No School - Martin Luther King Day
February 15	Friday	No School for Students - Teacher Inservice
February 18	Monday	No School - President's Day
March 15	Friday	End of 3 rd 9 weeks
April 18, 19, & 22	Thursday, Friday, & Monday	No School - Spring Break
April 26	Friday	Early Release (1:00 P.M.) Teacher Inservice
May 23	Thursday	Last day for Students - End of 2nd Semester
May 24	Friday	Teacher Work Day
May 26	Sunday	Graduation

Calamity/Weather Make-Up Days - Will be added to the end of the school calendar

9-Weeks Grading Period

Aug. 15 — Oct. 19 = 44 days
Oct. 22 — Jan. 11 = 45 days
Jan. 14 — March 15 = 43 days
March 18 — May 23 = 46 days

Interim Schedule

Wednesday, September 19
Wednesday, November 28
Wednesday, February 13
Wednesday, April 24



CALLING ALL
GIRLS.....It's
Time to PAR-
TEE, Golf-
Style!

The Lady Black Knights Golf Team has been in existence since 2008. The team has experienced much success over the years, but it's time to REBUILD! There will be an Informational Meeting for Parents and girls on Thursday, March 22, 2018, at 7:30 PM in the Community Room. If you are a young lady currently in grades 8-11, you and your parent(s) are invited and encouraged to attend to discuss the season, have questions answered, and find out what a VALUABLE experience this could be! Hope to see you in attendance! In the meantime, if you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Coach Rhonda Nye at Rnye@vbschools.net or call 419-257-3756 (and leave a message). GO BLACK KNIGHTS!!!!

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 the office.

No School — Spring Break
Thursday, Friday, & Monday, March 29 - April 2, 2018

Yearbook News

Athletic Booster News

Yearbook Orders

Thank you to all who purchased a copy of the 2017 Knight and Squire. Last year’s staff put in a lot of hard work to create a book that our community can be proud of, and this year’s staff is working hard to do the same.

The 2018 Knight will include the high school and middle school, and the 2018 Squire will included elementary events. The price for the HS/MS yearbook is \$55 and only available until May 18. A student can purchase protective plastic covers for \$3. The price for the 2018 Squire (elementary) yearbook is \$20. A student can fill out the form on this page and give it to his/her teacher (elementary) or give it to Mr. Bratt in Room 235. When your student makes an order, please make sure that if he/she is paying by check, the check is made payable to the 2018 Knight and/or 2018 Squire for the number of books purchased.

Another purchase option is to buy online. Simply go to *www.vbschools.net*, click on the Buy a Yearbook button, and follow the on-screen instructions. If you choose to purchase your yearbook(s) using this option, the individual prices are only available (\$55 and \$20). **New this year, a student can have his/her name stamped onto the 2018 Knight yearbook for \$6 through online ordering ONLY.** Prices are in effect through May18.

The yearbook staff thanks you for your support of the Knight and Squire, and we look forward to serving you in the future. If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Bratt, yearbook adviser, at (419) 299-3384 (ext. 407).

Order Form for the 2018 Knight and Squire
Van Buren Elementary, Middle School and High School

Name _____

Grade/Teacher _____ Date _____

\$55.00 each

Price of the 2018 Knight in FULL COLOR (coverage of the middle school and high school)

\$3.00each

Plastic protective cover for your book (2018 Knight only)

\$20.00 each

Price of the 2018 Squire in FULL COLOR (coverage of the elementary school)

Please fill out the following form and return it to your teacher (elementary) or Mr. Bratt in room 235 (middle and high school). Thank you, and enjoy your yearbook!

Quantity	Item	Price/Unit	Total Amount
	2018 <u>Knight</u>	\$55.00	
	Plastic Cover	\$3.00	
	2018 <u>Squire</u>	\$20.00	
Please make all checks payable to: 2018 <u>Knight</u> and/or 2018 <u>Squire</u>.			Total

PEOPLE WHO PURCHASED COPIES OF THE 2016 and 2017 KNIGHT

The following alumni need to pick up in the HS office their copies of the 2016 and 2017 Knight that they ordered: 2016 - Trenton Boyette, Brant Morton, Brandon Shepherd; and 2017 - Brittany Arnold, Tyler Bair, Jessika Cobb, Parker Evans, Annie Gilliland, Matthew Nieset, Lexi Woessner. Please stop to pick those up in the high school office at your earliest convenience. Thank you again for your support of Van Buren and our yearbook.

Van Buren Athletic Boosters Reverse Raffle
Saturday, April 28, 2018

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 28, 2018. This year’s event will be held at The Sterling Center, 4570 Fostoria Ave., Findlay, OH 45840. Doors open and dinner begins at 6:00 P.M. Raffle starts at 7:00 P.M. \$5,000 grand prize and \$4,000 in other monetary prizes.

Raffle tickets are \$50 each, which includes a catered meal. Meal tickets are also available at \$25 each. In order to guarantee your meal, purchase your tickets **before April 9**.

If you would like reserved seating, please email Stacey Foltz at *hoslercorbin@bright.net* or call 419-348-6201, and provide names of all to be included in your party.

You are encouraged to make this raffle another great success by helping out with ticket sales, black & orange raffle, silent auction, or door prizes. If you can help or would like to donate something, please contact any of the Athletic Booster Board members or email *VanBurenAthleticBoosters@gmail.com*.

The Reverse Raffle is one of our biggest fundraisers and due to its tremendous success in the past, our organization has been able to contribute over \$25,000 annually to support our middle school and high school athletes, cheerleaders, and coaches.

2018 Reverse Raffle on-line ticket ordering process:

1.

Log on to the VB Booster website at
https://sites.google.com/site/vanburenab/
2.

Select the link called "Buy Tickets Online"
3.

Enter the required data on the website, which is needed to track the orders
4.

You have the option to pay by check or via PayPal with any major credit card
5.

If by check, print the form as instructed and mail the check to the PO Box indicated
6.

If by credit card, you will link to PayPal where you can enter your credit card information. Be sure to re-enter the # of tickets
7.

The "Sales Tax" is simply a processing fee that we are charged from PayPal and is equal to 2.5%
8.

Submit order and it will be routed to the Boosters for tracking
9.

The Booster organization will contact you about ticket delivery

This approach is required due to State regulations that do not allow any school employee or coach to handle booster money. Please support this approach and buy your tickets online or send your payment to the PO Box. If you are printing the form and sending it in and would like to have your tickets mailed to you, please provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Please direct any questions to a booster board member. Board members’ contact information is listed on the website.

Thank you for your generous and continued support of Van Buren High School and Middle School Athletics. GO KNIGHTS!!!

Your VB Athletic Booster Officers: Todd Roberts, Shelly Fasone, Curt Cramer, Jerry Saltzman, Matt Griffin, Shawn Fultz, Stacey Foltz, Amy Mason, Andy Snodgrass, Phil Brown, and Wesley Scherf.

Music News

Van Buren High School
Music Department presents



Friday and Saturday
April 20 & 21, 2018
7:30 P.M.

\$12 – ADULTS
\$8 – STUDENTS

Tickets go on sale to the public
during the week of the show 30 minutes
before and after school and 1/2 hour before curtain.

Call 419-299-3221, extension 1
for more information and to leave any messages.

Become a patron of the Van Buren Musical!

\$25 = two advance sale tickets and a patron ad in the program.

See the patron ad form for more information! Patrons receive the
first opportunity for seat reservations!

It is Show Choir Time!

On Saturday, February 24, 2018, *The Association* made finals at the St. Clairesville Class C Show Choir Competition. We earned 4th place overall. We also won the "Best Band" award, and Maria Trusty was named "Best Performer" for *The Association*.

On Saturday, March 3, 2018, *The Association* competed at the Solon Show Choir Invitational. We competed with 19 other groups and ended up placing 9th overall. *The Association* received a 2nd place trophy for being the 1st runner up in Class C (out of 5 groups). We are very proud and excited of our placement, considering the caliber of groups for which we competed.



BECOME A PATRON OF THE VAN BUREN MUSICAL
SEUSSICAL

APRIL 20 - 21, 2018 – VAN BUREN AUDITORIUM

For \$25, a patron of the musical receives the following:

- ADVERTISEMENT in the program, showing your support!
- TWO tickets to any day's performance (or spread out over two days if you desire.) *THESE ARE ADVANCE SALE TICKETS so you know you'll be getting the best seats in the house!*

To be included in the program, return the bottom order form, filled out, and with your payment (checks made payable to VAN BUREN MUSICAL), by **April 13, 2018, to:**

Van Buren Musical/Patron Ad
Van Buren High School
217 S. Main Street
Van Buren OH 45889

If you want to pick out tickets yourself, you may do so before or after school ONLY during the week of April 16-20.

Questions? Email Will Baughman, musical director, at wbaughman@vbschools.net or call 419-299-3221 x1.

VAN BUREN MUSIC AND DRAMA DEPARTMENTS

PATRON AD

Seussical

NAME AND MESSAGE – PLEASE PRINT ABOVE ON LINES PROVIDED

2 lines of copy – 36 characters per line maximum

Indicate number of tickets (2 Given Per Ad):

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Reserve Tickets For:

Name

Phone Number

EMAIL (optional)

PLEASE PICK OUT SEATS FOR ME (check here) (will be available at will call on the evening of the performance)


I WISH TO PICK OUT THE SEATS (check here) (any tickets not picked out by April 19 will be picked out by musical staff for you)

Great Schools Organization Honors VBHS

Van Buren High School was selected as a College Success Award winner by the *Great Schools Organization*, a national non-profit education resource. The College Success Award is the first of its kind to recognize public high schools that are doing a great job in preparing graduating seniors for postsecondary success, based on enrollment, remediation, and persistence data.

This award is being given to high schools in nine states – Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, and Ohio. The award is designed to celebrate schools that have “cracked the code” on supporting postsecondary student success and shine a light on the most effective, best practices.

March - April Menu/Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																		
<p>** Menu subject to change **</p> <p>18 MARCH</p>	<p>•French Toast Sticks, Scrambled Eggs, Hash-browns, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Rice Bowl, Chips & Guacamole or Salsa, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Softball @ Old Fort (scrim), 5:30 PM</p> <p>19</p>	<p>•Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Cookie, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Spaghetti, Green Beans, Breadstick, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Baseball @ Upper Sandusky (scrimmage) Var Softball w/Upper Sandusky (scrimmage)</p> <p>20</p>	<p>•Pizza Bagels, Corn, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Mini Corn Dogs, French Fries, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp. Center</p> <p>21</p>	<p>•Turkey Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Crispitos, Taco Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Boys Basketball State Semi-Finals Tournament @ OSU, 8:30 PM Var Baseball @ Genoa (scrim) Softball Olive Garden Dinner, Elem Cafeteria, 4:00 - 6:00 PM</p> <p>22</p>	<p>•Quesadilla, Taco Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Fish Tacos, Coleslaw, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>13th Annual Dodgeball Tourney, HS Gym, TBA</p> <p>23</p>	<p>Boys Basketball State Finals @ OSU, 2:00 PM Show Choir at Wapakoneta "Music and More" Competition, TBA</p> <p>24</p>																		
<p>Regular Print - Elementary Menu (K-5)</p> <p>Italicized Print - MS & HS Menu (6-12)</p> <p>25</p>	<p>•Chicken Patty Sandwich, Carrots w/Ranch, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Breakfast Burrito, Hashbrowns, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Softball @ Elmwood, 4:45 PM MS Track @ Lima Perry</p> <p>26</p>	<p>•Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Baked Potato Bar, Tossed Salad, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Baseball @ Patrick Henry Var Softball @ Patrick Henry Var Track w/McComb & Kenton, 4:30 PM</p> <p>27</p>	<p>•Beefy Nachos, Corn, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Turkey Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Cooked Carrots, Dinner Roll, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Early Dismissal @ 1:00 PM for Inservice</p> <p>Var Baseball w/Liberty Benton Var Softball w/Liberty Benton Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp. Center</p> <p>28</p>	<p>SPRING BREAK</p> <p>Var Baseball @ Elmwood, 4:45 PM Var Track @ Blue Devil Relays @ Carey, 4:00 PM</p> <p>29</p>	<p>SPRING BREAK</p> <p>Good Friday</p> <p>30</p>	<p>31</p>																		
<p><i>Happy Easter</i></p>  <p>1 APRIL</p>	<p>SPRING BREAK</p> <p>Var Baseball @ McComb Var Softball @ McComb Athletic Boosters - 6:30 PM, Community Room</p> <p>2</p>	<p>•Hamburgers, French Fries, Cherry Tomatoes, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Breadstick, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Track @ Hardin Northern w/ Cory Rawson & Arlington, 4:30 PM JV Baseball w/Patrick Henry</p> <p>3</p>	<p>•Chinese Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Pizza, Cherry Tomatoes, Tossed Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Baseball w/Cory Rawson Var Softball w/Cory Rawson Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp. Center</p> <p>4</p>	<p>•BBQ Chicken Sandwich, Cheesy Lentils, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Pancake & Sausage Bites, Hashbrown Casserole, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>JV Baseball @ Findlay MS Track w/Crestline & New Reigel, 5:00 PM</p> <p>5</p>	<p>•Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Fajita Quesadilla, Southwest Lentils, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Baseball @ Lakota Var Softball @ Lakota Doug Mowrey Memorial HS Track Invitational, 4:30 PM</p> <p>6</p>	<p>Var Baseball w/Tiffin Calvert, 11:00 AM Var Softball @ Hardin Northern (DH), 11:00 AM MS Track - Black Knight Relays, 9:00 AM Color Guard Finals @ Wapakoneta HS, TBA</p> <p>7</p>																		
<p>This institute is an equal opportunity provider and employer.</p> <p>Cub Scout Pinewood Derby, HS Gymnasium, 1:00 PM</p> <p>8</p>	<p>•French Toast Sticks, Hash Browns, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Hamburgers, French Fries, Cheesy Lentil Bake, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Baseball @ Arlington Var Softball @ Arlington Music Boosters - 7:00 PM, Fine Arts Wing</p> <p>9</p>	<p>•Corn Dog, Sweet Potato French Fries, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Build Your Own Macaroni & Cheese, Peas, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>VB PTO meeting, - 8:00 AM, Elem Cafeteria Var Track @ Ottawa Hills w/ Toledo Christian, TBA</p> <p>10</p>	<p>•Chicken Alfredo, Peas, Breadstick, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Ultimate Nacho Bar, Salsa, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Baseball @ Arcadia Var Softball @ Arcadia Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp. Center</p> <p>11</p>	<p>•Walking Tacos, Black Bean Bake, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Popcorn Chicken Bowl, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>JV Baseball w/Liberty Benton</p> <p>12</p>	<p>•Pizza, Tossed Salad, Crackers, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Shepherd's Pie, Tossed Salad, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Baseball w/New Riegel Var Softball w/New Riegel MS Track @ Raider JH Invite @ Lakota HS, 4:30 PM</p> <p>13</p>	<p>Var Baseball @ Bluffton (DH) 11:00 AM Var Softball @ Miller City (DH) 11:00 AM Var Track - Joe Tussing Invite @ Patrick Henry, 9:00 AM</p> <p>14</p>																		
<p>New Lunch Prices:</p> <table><tr><td>K-5</td><td>\$2.35</td></tr><tr><td>6-12</td><td>\$2.60</td></tr><tr><td>Ala Carte</td><td>\$2.85</td></tr><tr><td>Salad Bar</td><td>\$2.85</td></tr><tr><td>Adult</td><td>\$3.00</td></tr><tr><td>Milk</td><td>\$0.50</td></tr><tr><td>Sandwich</td><td>\$1.90</td></tr><tr><td>French Fries</td><td>\$1.75</td></tr><tr><td>Ice Cream</td><td>\$1.00</td></tr></table> <p>15</p>	K-5	\$2.35	6-12	\$2.60	Ala Carte	\$2.85	Salad Bar	\$2.85	Adult	\$3.00	Milk	\$0.50	Sandwich	\$1.90	French Fries	\$1.75	Ice Cream	\$1.00	<p>•Pancake Sausage Bites, Hashbrowns, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Meatloaf, Augratin Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Dinner Roll, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Baseball w/North Baltimore Var Softball w/North Baltimore MS Track w/Pandora Gilboa & Riverdale, 4:30 PM</p> <p>16</p>	<p>•Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Brownies, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Fortune Cookie, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Track w/Columbus Grove, Allen East, & Kalida, 4:30 PM JV Baseball @ Patrick Henry</p> <p>17</p>	<p>•Beefy Nachos, Taco Salad, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Chicken Quesadilla, Mexican Rice & Salad, Refried Beans, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Baseball w/Leipsic Var Softball w/Leipsic MS Track w/Allen East & Arcadia, 5:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 PM, Allen Twp. Center</p> <p>18</p>	<p>•Pizza Bagels, Corn, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Greek Rice Bowl, White Bean Dip w/Pita Bread, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Academic Boosters - 2:00 PM, Community Room JV Baseball @ Hopewell Loudon, 5:00 PM Board of Education meeting, 6:00 PM, Community Room</p> <p>19</p>	<p>•Tacos, Nachos & Cheese, Cherry Tomatoes, Asst. Fruit, Milk •Philly Cheesesteak Sandwich, Fajita Vegetables, French Fries, Asst. Fruit, Milk</p> <p>VBPTO Donuts with Dad, 6:45 AM Var Baseball w/Gibsonburg, 4:30 PM HS Musical <i>Seussical</i> performance, 7:30 PM, Auditorium</p> <p>20</p>	<p>Var Baseball w/Allen East (DH), 11:00 AM Var Softball w/Ada (DH) 11:00 AM Var Track @ Bill Krause Invite (Tiffin Columbian), 9:30 AM HS Musical <i>Seussical</i> performance, 7:30 PM, Auditorium</p> <p>21</p>
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POSTAL CUSTOMER RR 081

**Early dismissals have been scheduled for
Teacher Inservice meetings.**

Students will be dismissed at 1:00 P.M.

Please mark your calendar with the following dates:

Wednesday, March 28, 2018 • Friday, May 11, 2018

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

**⌘ No School ⌘
Spring Break**

**Thursday, Friday, & Monday,
March 29 - April 2, 2018**

Last year, the Village partnered with the Hancock County Sheriff's Office to learn about our rights in protecting yourself inside and outside the home. The title of the Home Safety Seminar was "Your Safety, Your Responsibility." Topics included: Self-defense in public, self-defense in the home (castle doctrine), home safety action plans, and improve the security of your home. This year the presentation is called C.R.A.S.E (Citizen Response to Active Shooter Event) and will be held in the auditorium at the high school on March 28 at 7:00 PM. ,The C.R.A.S.E. course will provide you with a brief overview of active shooters in the USA and what you could do if an active shooter is present at your place of business, home, or any other place you may be at!!

***Last Day of School for Students
Thursday, May 24, 2018***

Follow @ VanBurenMS on Facebook and Twitter!
Get late-breaking updates on school events and
see all of the amazing things our rockstar staff
and students are going every day!!!