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BOARD OF EDUCATION



Board Tours

The Wadsworth City Board of Education conducted its annual tour of the district on May 10 and 17. Board members spent time observing and talking with students, teachers, and principals. The group is pictured touring Valley View Elementary. Pictured l-r: Jody McDougal, Board Member; Julie Batey, Board President; Linda Kramer, Board Member; Chris Roberts, VV Principal; Andy Hill, Superintendent; and Doug Beeman, Treasurer.

RETIRING STAFF

Pepper Bates



Sharon Bauman



Mary Demrovsky



John Gramuglia



Steve Hadgis



Best wishes to our retiring staff! Thank you for your dedication and hard work. Enjoy this new journey in your life and may you find a new purpose for red pens! Congratulations and happy retirement to Pepper Bates, Gifted and Instructional Assessment; Sharon Bauman, Aesop Coordinator/Clerk; Mary Demrovsky, VV Educational Aide; John Gramuglia, WHS Yearbook/Newspaper Teacher; Steve Hadgis, Instrumental Music Teacher; and Vicki Long, VV Kindergarten Teacher (not pictured).

HONORS AND AWARDS



Ohio STEM Exemplars

Kip Shipley, Four Cities Compact Engineering Design and Technology Teacher, was honored by the Ohio Academy of Science for his work in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) field. Kip was the only teacher in the NE-Central Ohio Region to be selected as an Ohio STEM Exemplar.

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Auditor of State Award

Wadsworth City Schools' excellent record keeping has earned it the "Auditor of State Award." This award is presented to local government and school districts after meeting criteria of a "clean" audit report. Pictured receiving the award are Doug Beeman, Treasurer; Christine Chase, Accounting Supervisor; Cheryl Harris, Secretary to the Treasurer; and Jill Young, Payroll Supervisor.



Inspiration Award

Scott Callaghan, WHS English Teacher, was honored at the Medina County "Top Scholars" Recognition Dinner on April 21. Erin Kilbride, WHS Senior, selected Scott as her choice of the "most influential school employee." Congratulations, Scott!

North Region Road-e-o

Congratulations to WCS's bus drivers who participated in the North Region Road-e-o on Saturday, April 23, at Solon Schools with 119 other drivers. Pictured l-r Debbie Britton, placed 84th; Michael Gatrell, placed 19th; Debbie Miller, Transportation Supervisor; Andrew Augustynovich, placed 31st; Susan Howard, placed 56th; and Desi Bradford, placed 11th. WCS was also a co-winner in the "Spirit Table" category.



Wadsworth Chamber Business Employee of the Year

Sandy Hall, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, was awarded the 2016 Rosie Award in the category of "Business Employee of the Year" at the Wadsworth Chamber of Commerce dinner on April 27. The Rosie Awards are held to recognize and honor individuals, businesses and organizations that make Wadsworth a great place to live and work.

WHS Teacher of the Year

Shelly Rohrer, WHS Science Teacher, was selected as the WHS 2016 Teacher of the Year during the Fine Arts Assembly on May 3. Students in the National Honor Society choose a teacher who goes above and beyond to help their students. Shelly is pictured (center) with her family who surprised her during the assembly.



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Wadsworth Older Adults Foundation Hall of Fame

Roger Havens, Franklin Principal, was selected as an inductee to the 2015 Wadsworth Older Adults Foundation's Senior Advocate Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame awards are designed to recognize those in the community who make a significant difference for older adults. Congratulations, Roger!

NEWS AND NOTES



Lisa Edwards, VV Student Attendant, and Lori Snoke, VV 1st Grade Teacher, attended the graduation of their children from Ohio Northern University Pharmacy School on May 8. Dr. Chris Edwards and Dr. Allison Snoke are both WHS class of 2010 graduates. Chris will be taking a job with Giant Eagle Pharmacy and Allison will be completing a residency at the University of Michigan. Congratulations to parents and graduates!

WHERE THE GRIZZLIES GO!

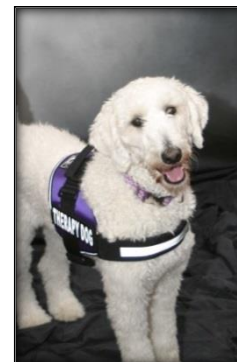
Mary Linn, Franklin 4th Grade Teacher, spent her winter break at Disney with her two sons, Zachary (freshman) and Landon (FR 2nd grade). (Pictured at right.)



Isham staff members Mike DeVaughn, Kim Haic, Stephanie Schmeltzer, Beth Beal and Vicki Fugate attended "The Children's Cup – a Night at the Races" on May 7 to support Children's Center of Medina County. "A Night at the Races" is held during the Kentucky Derby and funds raised during

the event are needed to continue helping abused and neglected children of Medina County.

Speaking of helping children in crisis, meet Abbie! Abbie is a trained therapy dog and will be responding to crisis as well as supporting students, as needed, under the direction of Beth Beth, School Counselor.



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NEW LITTLE GRIZZLIES



Jace Adam Gibson

Adam and Jessica Gibson, WHS Mathematics Teacher, announce the birth of their son, Jace Adam Gibson, on January 21, at 2:45 p.m. Jace weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce.



Beckett John Davis

John and Kalyn Davis, WHS Vocal Music Teacher, announce the birth of their son, Beckett John Davis, on January 27, at 8:22 a.m. He weighed 8 pounds 8 ounces and was 21 ½ inches long. Beckett has a 5-year-old brother, Hampton, and three-year-old sister, Hannah.



Pierce Marshall Runkle

Kelsey and Cory Runkle, WMS Intervention Specialist, announce the birth of their son on April 2. Pierce Marshall Runkle weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces and was 20 inches long.



Tucker Elliott Doherty

Terri Doherty, Secretary to the Director of Instruction and Professional Development, and her husband, Duffy, welcomed their first grandchild, Tucker Elliott Doherty, on April 10. Tucker weighed 6 pounds 7 ounces. Tucker lives in Seattle, Washington with his parents Joel (WHS'09) and Rachel Doherty.

Send your baby and wedding announcements to Sandy Hall at shall@wadsworthschools.org to put in the Superintendent's Staff Spotlight.

FACEBOOK

Be sure to "like" the WCS Facebook page to get current news on awards, recognition and announcements: <https://www.facebook.com/WadsworthCitySchools/>

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CONDOLENCES



William D. "Bill" Thompson passed away on March 11. Bill started his career by teaching Physical Education at Isham, Valley View, and Franklin from 1967 to 1973. He then moved to WHS to teach Health and Physical Education until he retired in 1993.



Elizabeth A. Khoury passed away on March 5. Elizabeth was hired as an English teacher at WHS in 1998. She taught English until her resignation in 2011.



Heidi Farver passed away on February 9. Heidi was hired in 2000 as a Title I Tutor and spent her entire career working with students at Isham Elementary until the time of her death. Her husband, Denny; brother, Lance; and mother, Persis, are retired WCS teachers.

Condolences go to Renee and Joe Magnacca, Facilities Director, on the death of Renee's mother, Beverly Milliken, on December 23.

SUMMER CHALLENGE

Take pictures to share in the first Spotlight of the 2016-17 school year! Pictures can include vacations, staycations, family events, new babies, and weddings! Send pictures with captions to Sandy Hall at shall@wadsworthschools.org.

