

The Greyhound



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Third Graders' "Greyhound Wax Museum" Brings History to Life

For two afternoons in May, Dixie third graders stepped back in time to transform their school cafeteria into the Greyhound Wax Museum. As the "museum" filled with parents, grandparents, teachers, staff, visitors from the community, and students from other grades, more than 80 children dressed as famous Americans sat as still as statues. Figures like George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Harriet Tubman, Orville and Wilbur Wright, and Pocahontas were there ... and so were Marilyn Monroe, Elvis Presley, and Michael Jackson!



The "wax figures" sat in front of tri-fold backdrops that displayed PowerPoint slides the kids had created in computer lab. Students researched and wrote extensive reports about the lives of their chosen historical figures, and photos and the information were also displayed.

On the bench next to each "figure" was a large red "button" with the word "PRESS" on it. When a visitor pressed the button, the "wax figure" came to life and gave a short speech that included their accomplishments and some not-so-well-known facts. Each speech ended with "Thank you for visiting the Greyhound Wax Museum today!"

Dixie's third-grade teachers were very proud of their students, and visitors were impressed with what Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Hypes, Mrs. Vince, and Mrs. Ruble had helped them accomplish. The Greyhound Wax Museum provided a uniquely interesting, creative, and fun way for kids to learn reading, writing, research, public speaking, and computer skills – and to show off what they'd learned through their hard work.

Exploring Careers at DMS

For several weeks in May, students at Dixie Middle School learned about some of the many careers open to them in the future.

Sixth graders selected careers that interested them and did research to learn about the responsibilities, potential salary, educational requirements, and skills necessary for success in that field. Their efforts culminated in a Career Expo in the school cafeteria; they created informative display boards, prepared brief oral presentations about their chosen careers, and "dressed for work" as scientists, doctors, soldiers, a carpenter, and a wedding planner – to name a few. "Pastry chef" Brooke Owens received the award for Best Presentation Board, and Justin Howard, a "zoologist," was named Most Creatively Dressed.



Fifth-grade students also had the opportunity to learn from the sixth graders' research; as they browsed through the Expo, they were able to ask questions and listen to presentations about careers that caught their interest.

For their part, 7th and 8th graders enjoyed a special Career Day at the middle school on Friday, May 21st. A number of adult volunteers, including a photographer, a massage therapist, an engineer, representatives from our local police and fire departments, and several scientists and health care workers, told the students about their own careers. The day was both interesting and important for these older students who will find themselves making career choices not so many years from now.

DMS students and staff are grateful to the parents, community members, and Dixie alumni who made their career explorations a success.

Thanks!

Living Science and History at Woodland Altars

For three days and two nights in May, more than 50 Dixie Elementary 4th graders enjoyed a great adventure at the Woodland Altars “School of Discovery” in Peebles, Ohio. With parents and three of their 4th grade teachers, Mrs. Bailey, Miss Kline, and Miss Lapinsky, as chaperones, students participated in a wide variety of programs on natural science, history, and leadership. The kids welcomed having the opportunities to see and touch some of the mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians that they had learned about in their classes in New Lebanon. They also visited Serpent Mound, a unique Native American burial site shaped like a quarter-mile long coiling snake.



The students' first evening at camp included traditional songs and games around a campfire, but the second night was more intense. On that evening, the kids learned about the Underground Railroad by playing the role of “slaves” as they traveled through the woods, hunted by “slave catchers.” The experience allowed the fourth graders to better understand the danger that runaway slaves faced and the fear they must have felt on their way to freedom in the years before the Civil War.

The 4th graders' Woodland Altars trip lasted just a few days, but their memories will last much longer.

A Strong DHS Track Season Takes the 100-meter Relay Team to State

The Dixie High School Track Teams ended their season with a strong showing at the SWBL meets, where the boys' team, under Coach Sturgell and Coach Hughes, placed 2nd overall, and the girls, led by Coach Via, placed 5th. Several team members also qualified to compete at the regional track meet: **Megan Uzzel** and **Lindsay Seim** (pole vault); **Adriana Frizell** (discus); **Sherry Myers** (long jump); **De'Aaron Isaac** (110-meter and 300-meter hurdles); and **William Stapleton** (1600-meter run). The 100 meter relay team, composed of **Andrew Barnett**, **Tony Prater**, **Billy Hauser** and **Ryan Jordan**, placed 2nd at the regional meet, with a time of 44.00 seconds. Their outstanding performance earned them a trip to the OHSAA state track meet where they placed 10th in their event.

Middle School Has Record-Breaking Track Season

The Dixie Middle School 2010 track season was a great success, adding ten trophies to the school's already crowded trophy case. The boys' team, under the leadership of Coach Saurer and Coach Prater, placed 1st four times and 2nd three times during the season, and placed 2nd in the SWBL Championship.

The girls' team, under Coach Brown and Coach Guggenbiller, placed 1st six times and 2nd and 3rd once each. At the SWBL Championship, the girls finished in 3rd place with the most points in Dixie Middle School's history! Team members also broke eight school records this season: **Katelyn Parker** (pole vault); **Katelyn Parker** and **Jesalyn Shade** (pole vault relay); **Raven Beach** (shot put); **Raven Beach** and **Jessie Thomas** (shot put relay); **Kylie Hundley** (long jump); **Kylie Hundley** and **Abbey Bertke** (long jump relay); **Jordan Buxton**, **Hanna Sanders**, **Rachel Powers** and **Chelsea Evans** (Sprint Medley); and **Kylie Hundley**, **Katelyn Parker**, **Chelsea Evans**, and **Abby Bertke** (4X200 relay - a record that had stood since 1981!)



DHS National Honor Society Inducts 25 New Members

The Dixie High School chapter of the National Honor Society and NHS adviser Mrs. Becky Blevins welcomed 25 new members at the annual induction ceremony on Tuesday, May 4th. Addressing inductees at the ceremony, senior NHS officers **Lindsay Seim, Danielle Kneisley, Erin Cummins,** and **Mary Stoermer,** along with next year's president-elect **Shelby Smith,** spoke about the principles of the National Honor Society: scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

As Dixie High's principal, Mr. Doug Dunham, called their names, each current member lit a candle and signed the NHS membership book. Then they escorted the new members to light their own candles, sign the book, and receive their National Honor Society membership pin. After the induction ceremony, NHS members and their families celebrated at a luncheon held at the New Lebanon First Baptist Church.

This year's newly inducted NHS members are **Carly Bach, De'Aaron Isaac, Ciara Bates, Taylor Knox, Madison Buxton, Allison Lee, Kaleb Campbell, Katlynn Leis, Breeann Cole, Megan Mintz, Andrew Collins, Garrett Moore, Xavier Everhart, Micah Moore, Gabrielle Forman, Spencer Moses, Miki Harris, Ryan Scott, Michaela Haughey, Micala Stone, Ryan Hayes, Joshua VonBehren, Ethan Hayes, Amie Woodgeard,** and **Courtney Hawk.**

Mixing Fun and Math Skills at DMS

Mrs. Davis' fifth-grade math students hosted a Math Carnival on May 20 at Dixie Middle School. Students worked in



pairs on the project, the culmination of a two-week review of the Ohio fifth-grade math curriculum. They designed games based on the state's standards for math proficiency. Project pairs also created posters to advertise their games and explain how to play. Each game required players to correctly answer questions about basic math facts, percentages, geometric shapes, fractions, decimals, order of operations, exponents, mean/median/mode, or probability.

On carnival day, other fifth graders and DMS staff came to play. Winners received tickets to spend at the "prize table," full of goodies donated by students and staff. Everyone had a great time, and surely learned more about math!

A Busy Day at DHS: Parents in the Morning; Houndfest in the Afternoon

On Friday morning May 14th, Dixie High School held its first annual Parent Shadow Day, followed by "Houndfest" in the afternoon.

Nearly 90 Dixie High parents "shadowed" their sons and daughters through a shortened version of their kids' regular daily schedule. In some classes parents just observed, but in others they actually participated in activities. In Choir, parents sang "I Want to Hold Your Hand" along with their kids; while many parents knew the words, some of the kids hadn't heard the song before. After a "rigorous" morning of classes, parents and students ate lunch together before heading to the football field for Houndfest.

Organized by the Student Council, Houndfest pitted freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior classes against one another in rather unusual games, including balloon toss, musical spoons (like musical chairs – sort of), sled pull, chug-a-pop relay, and the "hound finale" – a series of random, nonsensical relays. Every student participated in at least one event, and the top performers earned points for their class. The seniors were the "big winners." Their reward? Every class received a dog bone, but the seniors received the biggest one!

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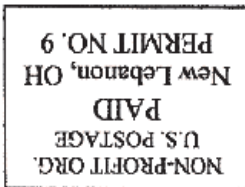
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New Lebanon Local Schools District Calendar

July 26	Regular Board of Education Meeting	6:30 p.m.
August 9	Special Board of Education Meeting	4:30 p.m.
August 16	Pre-school - 12th Grade "Welcome Back Night"	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
August 18	First Day for Students in Grades 1-12	
August 20	Meet the Team Night	6:00 p.m.
August 23	Regular Board of Education Meeting	4:30 p.m.
	First Day for Kindergarten A Students	
August 24	First Day for Kindergarten B Students	

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