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Dixie Wrestlers End Season Triumphantly

Four Dixie High School wrestlers qualified for the 2010 Ohio State Wrestling Tournament in March, and one of them became Dixie's first-ever Ohio State Wrestling Champion! **Ethan Hayes**, who was the 2009 state runner-up, was predicted to win in his weight class. With a season record of 46-2, he took the mat with confidence and won his first three matches with scores of 12-5, 12-3, and 3-2, setting him up for the State Finals against Chippewa High School's Justin Schafrath, who entered the tournament with a 46-1 record. Ethan triumphed over his opponent to take the Division III State Championship with a decisive 9-2 victory.

Four Dixie wrestlers qualified for the state tournament at the district tournament in February: **Josh Vonbehren** took 4th place in the 112 lb. weight class; **Dustin Chatterton**, wrestling at 145 lbs., took 3rd place; **Ethan Hayes** won his weight class at 215 lbs.; and **Cody Johnson** placed 4th in the 285 lbs. weight class. Josh and Cody were first-time qualifiers, while Dustin and Ethan each had a year of experience competing at the state level.

In addition to Ethan's impressive performance, Dustin placed 7th in his weight class and Cody placed 8th in his. Having three of the program's four wrestlers place in the state tourney was a first for the Dixie wrestling program, as was the team's 12th place finish. New Lebanon can be very proud of its Dixie High School wrestlers.



Cutting Edge Technology at Dixie Schools

This year the New Lebanon Local Schools introduced an exciting and innovative tool to the educational process. The District installed Interactive Whiteboards in every core academic classroom and most other classrooms, including middle and high school art and band rooms, the elementary school music room, all special education classrooms, and the Horizons classrooms.

An Interactive Whiteboard (IWB) is actually an electronic display board that can connect with the teacher's computer, VCR/DVD player, or projector. The teacher can create and project lessons on the IWB directly from the classroom computer. Teachers and students interact by writing on the board with stylus-type pens or using the pens to manipulate data on the board. The IWB's will be beneficial to our students by:

- enhancing teachers' creativity and decreasing the time they spend managing resources for lessons;
- supporting the teaching of handwriting and fine motor skills for younger students;
- recalling information from previous lessons for students who have been absent, or enabling teachers to review past lessons that are relevant to currently material; and
- providing sensory interaction and other visual cues which help lengthen students' attention span.

One of the best parts about getting the IWBs is that **no local tax dollars were spent** to obtain them! New Lebanon Local Schools were able to use stimulus money from the Federal Government to purchase these state-of-the-art teaching tools for our staff and students.

New Lebanon Local Schools is fortunate to have excellent teachers who have embraced the new technology, attended training sessions to learn how to use it, and are making the most of the benefits it can bring to their classrooms. After just a couple of months in the classrooms, it's clear that the Interactive Whiteboards' will have a significant, positive, and ongoing impact.



OMLA Honors Dixie Middle School Recognition Program

When a delegation from the Ohio Middle Level Association visited Dixie Middle School early this year, they were obviously very impressed; in February, OMLA honored New Lebanon's middle school with a Component Award for Staff and Student Recognition.

The award-winning program includes grade-level Honors Assemblies at the end of each quarter when students receive certificates for attendance and achievement: Principal's List (3.75-4.0); Honor List (3.5-3.74); and Merit List (3.25-3.49). Pictures of the award-winning students are posted on the Honors Bulletin Board and their names are entered into drawings for prizes donated by generous community members. The assemblies conclude with fun events like charades or pie-eating contests between teachers and students.

The recognition program also includes a point system called the "Hound Power Credit Card." Teachers staple a "credit card" slip with a checklist of five criteria based on the PEP (Preparation, Effort, Poise) concept to the inside cover of each student's planner. The students try to end the nine week period having earned points in all five of the qualities the teachers expect: preparation, effort, poise, attendance, and behavior. Near the end of the quarter, teachers plan a special day when students may choose from a variety of activities, such as free play time in the gym, a walking trip to McDonald's, or popcorn and a movie. The more points a student earns, the more activities he or she has to choose from. Students also earn "dog tags" representing the number of credits they earned that quarter.

Teachers and staff deserve credit for their hard work, too. Staff recognition takes place informally through e-mailed kudos and more formally during monthly staff meetings. Each month principal Dr. Gary Schomburg asks staff members to nominate colleagues who have put forth extra effort to help students and each other. Nominees are announced at the meeting and receive an "extra effort" lapel pin. The main prize, though, is an old, worn shoe that the winner gets to display to show for their efforts to "go the extra distance for kids"!



DMS Inventors – and their Teacher – Are Winners!

The 5th Annual Miami Valley Invention Convention was held at Wright State University on Saturday, March 20th. Fourteen imaginative and hard-working Dixie 5th and 6th graders competed against 147 students from across nine Ohio counties. They were **Cassidy Alspaugh, Jacob, Madison Swigart, Hannah Woolery, Mara Burnett, Brittany Crowe, Lauren Mahan, Madison Orman, Thomas Pedrotti, Jordan Buxton, Judy Cronenwett, Shelby Frieszell, Allison Fulcher, and Celeste Bombick**. Each student received a ribbon and certificate, as well as a T-shirt with a logo that reads, "Rocket Scientists Rock!"

Brittany Crowe won the top prize among all sixth graders participating in the Invention Convention and was awarded a \$500 college scholarship. Brittany's ingenious invention, the "Sudzy Soap Dispenser" was a special faucet designed to dispense soap along with water in sinks made for children (who sometimes "forget" to use soap!). **Jacob, Thomas Pedrotti, Celeste Bombick, Madison Orman, and Lauren Mahan** were also named "Extreme Innovators," and each of them received a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond. Seventh grader **Jordan Buxton** was chosen as one of ten finalists in the "Coolest Creations" contest for her "Sock Partners," designed to keep pairs of socks from getting separated in the washer and dryer. Invention Convention sponsor Time Warner Cable videotaped the finalists as they explained their inventions, and the show was aired between April 8th and 30th.

In addition to Dixie's student winners, their dedicated and enthusiastic teacher-advisor, Mrs. Jenni Davis, was chosen as the Miami Valley Invention Convention's 2010 Teacher of Excellence. Her students will enjoy Mrs. Davis' award; her prizes include a \$1,500 classroom computer setup, a trip to COSI, a pizza party, and a school presentation from the PT Reptile Program, which includes some fascinating (and large) reptiles.

Congratulations to our Dixie Middle School inventors!



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A Rockin' Grandparents Day at Greycie's Drive-In

Dixie Elementary's Grandparents' Day on April 9th was the culminating event of the annual Scholastic Book Fair week, and once again the day was a rousing success! The theme of this year's Book Fair – and Grandparents' Day – was centered around the 1950's and "Greycie's 50's Drive-In" (named for the elementary school's mascot, Greycie). The highlights of the day for most of the grandparents were the concerts presented by each grade level under the direction of Dixie's music teacher, Mrs. Melissa Risner.

Grandparents tapped their toes and even sang along to familiar favorites from when they were kids, like "Rockin' Robin" and "You Ain't Nothin' but a Hound Dog." Everyone also enjoyed the "cruise in," with more than a dozen cars from the 50's and 60's on display in the parking lot.



As always, Grandparents' Day significantly contributed to the success of the annual Scholastic Book Fair, coordinated by librarian Mrs. Ann Stork and the PTF. Thanks largely to grandparents buying books for their grandchildren, the library earned nearly \$10,000. Mrs. Stork uses Book Fair profits to purchase a wide variety of books, enabling the library to continue as an important resource for teachers and students.

Dixie Dads and Daughters

"Go to the Hop"

On Friday, April 9, the Dixie Elementary PTF hosted its first annual Daddy-Daughter Dance. Continuing the theme from the book fair and Grandparents' Day, girls decked out in their poodle skirts and saddle shoes and hit the dance floor – with their dads in their leather jackets and Chuck Taylors right behind them.



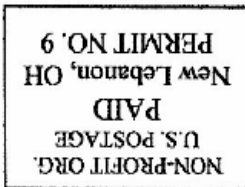
Each girl received a carnation corsage before having her picture taken with Dad. Travis Barger, the DJ, kept the music rockin' in the cafeteria with 50's hits as well as popular tunes from today. Dixie Elementary's gym teacher, Miss Emily Perry, enjoyed watching her girls show off the two dances they learned in gym class.

When they needed a rest, the dancers could head to the gym to bowl a few frames, make a souvenir record craft, get a temporary tattoo, or relax with a root beer float and a cookie. Most of the girls competed in at least one of the contests held during the evening and the door prizes will help the girls and their dads remember their special evening.





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New Lebanon Local Schools District Calendar

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| May 21 | Graduation at Oasis Church in Middletown – 7:00 p.m. |
| May 24 | Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:30 p.m. |
| May 26 | 4 th Grade Graduation – 1:30 p.m.
Last Day for Students in KG A |
| May 27 | 8 th Grade Graduation – 9:00 a.m.
Last Day for Students
Last Day for Students in KG B |

Congratulations Grads !