

# The Schools of Buckeye Local



## Welcome To Panther Country

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ISSUE ONE

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOV. 5, PTA AT  
6 P.M.  
SOUTH ELEM.

NOV. 11, PTO AT  
6:30 P.M.  
NORTH ELEM.

NOV. 10 & 11  
VETERANS DAY  
PROGRAMS

NOV. 10 – 12  
PROJECT SUCCESS  
TRAINING

NOV. 13 PAG  
MEETING AT 1 P.M.  
CENTRAL

NOV. 15 MIDNIGHT  
MADNESS WITH  
COACH RABER  
AT BLHS

NOV. 17 PAG  
FAITH COMMUNITY  
LEADERS

NOV. 20 SAFETY  
COMMITTEE MEETING

NOV. 26- DEC. 1  
THANKSGIVING  
BREAK

## SCHOOL COUNSELOR GRANT

Congratulations! Buckeye Local Schools have secured a grant to hire one counselor or social worker for each of the elementary schools in our district. Two of these social workers also travel to the middle schools for two days a week. Students are allowed and encouraged to talk to the counselors about any problems they may be having in school ranging from academics to social issues. Teachers, parents or other qualified personnel may refer students to the Principal and then to the counselor. Parents may even ask for the counselor to speak with their child. We are here to help your family. We hope you will encourage your child to talk out any problems they may be having. Small problems can stay small if we catch them early. We are here to help you!

### NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS

#### WHAT YOU WILL FIND AT BUCKEYE SOUTH ELEMENTARY:

Smiles from South Elementary teachers as they walk into their rooms and find a sack of goodies with a "You've been booed" sign; a pumpkin patch; posters done by a kindergarten class showing what they've already learned this year; a teacher thinks her students are all winners; a class has described themselves by their names, "Fall into Friendship" is a theme of one class. You'll see jars filled with pennies as the students give to United Way. Fourth and fifth graders are climbing a mountain as they learn their Multiplication table. Students are reading for Book-It. Pumpkins and Halloween decorations are everywhere. We've seen fire trucks and firemen during Fire Safety Week. We've experienced fire drills, tornado drills, and lock-downs so that we know how to be safe.

**What you see at South Elementary are teachers, staff, and students working together to have a great school year!**

*Ohio Licensed Professional Counselor  
Janis Maderia*

#### NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL IS PICTURE PERFECT...

Mrs. Wallace has started her now famous "Hall of Fame" picture collection. The students look forward to receiving her wonderful pictures of them throughout the year. When you are visiting be sure to look at the pictures displayed in the hall. I also hear the school dances are worth being on your best behavior so you can attend. It's a great start to a great year at North Middle School.

#### FAMILY FUN CELEBRATION for all grades... Saturday,

December 6, 2008 from 1-4 p.m. for students and their families at Buckeye Local High School. Games, crafts and prizes for families just in time for Christmas. Each Parent Organization from the four elementary schools will be represented to play games and give prizes. Come and celebrate your family. The School Counselor Grant program will have an ongoing presentation for any families that are interested in the free services available as a Buckeye Local student.

FAMILY FUN CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 FROM 1-4 P.M. PRIZES, CRAFTS, GAMES AND FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY AT BUCKEYE LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL PLAN TO COME!



VISIT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE AT [WWW.OMERESA.NET/SCHOOLS/BUCKEYE](http://WWW.OMERESA.NET/SCHOOLS/BUCKEYE)

MR. MARK MILLER, SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUCKEYE LOCAL SCHOOLS, IS CONDUCTING COMMUNITY MEETINGS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS AROUND OUR DISTRICT. A COPY OF HIS PRESENTATION AND A SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS ARE LOCATED ON OUR WEBSITE.

CINDY SCHOOLER  
PROJECT  
COORDINATOR

## WHAT'S HAPPENING at Buckeye North...

Buckeye North Elementary will soon be receiving a Sam's Club gift card in the amount of \$1,000. Each student will also receive a fleece jacket made out of 100% recycled material from "Keep Jefferson County Beautiful" for the students' effort in collecting recyclable plastic. The efforts made by the students, their families, the teachers and other staff generated a volume of plastic that ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in the NATION. Thanks for all of your help! GO GREEN!

*Ohio Licensed Social Worker*

*Bruce Pickens*

**West Elementary** is currently participating in a recycling project. Students and staff are encouraged to recycle paper and plastic products. All people are encouraged to participate in this effort as bins are set up in the school. The school is going to start collecting Nestle Go Play water bottle labels to be able to redeem them for Physical Education (gym) equipment. Please save your Nestle water bottle labels and turn them into the school. West Elementary would like to thank Adena American Legion for the donation of brand new winter coats and gloves for the students that needed them to stay warm this winter. Thank you very much American Legion for your kind and generous donation to our students. We really appreciate it.

*Ohio Licensed Social Worker*

*Holly Grishkevich*

**SWMS Boasts Strong Student Involvement...** Mr. Bell, principal of Southwest Middle, is pleased with the large number of students that are participating in extracurricular activities. Over 40% of the student body is involved in one of the music programs. This includes students participating in either the band or chorus. Over 30% of the student body is involved in at least one of the sports programs. Being involved encourages and advances a

student's development on all levels. Students who are involved are more likely to stay in school.

## Northwest Elementary

### Ranks 8<sup>th</sup> in the NATION...

Students at Northwest Elementary are proud to announce that their school ranked 8<sup>th</sup> nationally in this year's "Return the Warmth" contest. The "Return the Warmth" program is a plastic bottle-recycling contest sponsored by Keep America Beautiful, which is the nation's largest community improvement organization. Mr. Ken Bonnell, principal at Northwest Elementary, says that each student will receive a jacket that was made from the plastics they recycled. Additionally, the school will receive a \$1000 gift card from Sam's Club. Last year the school placed 11<sup>th</sup> in the nation. Mrs. Cheryl DeYarmon is the Project Recycling Coordinator and is the "Go Green Teacher of the Year" for Jefferson County.

*Temp Ohio Licensed Social Worker*

*Anita Westling*

**The School Counselor Grant at Work...** The school counselors and social workers planned several Red Ribbon Week activities this year for the week of October 22 - 31. Many of the prizes were also paid for by the grant.

Most of the staff was able to attend and help at the Olympic Challenge on October 7, 2008. The students were amazing and it was a joy to watch them do their best at each event.

Each quarter students and their families will receive a newsletter like this one, keeping everyone informed of the activities at each school and any new programs sponsored by the grant. This is also financed by the grant. The grant is from the Safe and Drug Free Schools Division of the Dept. of Education in Washington, D.C.