

The Schools of Buckeye Local



Welcome To Panther Country

JANUARY 2009
ISSUE TWO

UPCOMING
EVENTS:

JANUARY 29 –
PARENT/TEACHER
CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 16 – NO
SCHOOL
(PRESIDENT'S DAY)

FEBRUARY 27 –
TWO HOUR DELAY

MARCH 20 – TWO
HOUR DELAY

MARCH 27 – END OF
THIRD GRADING
PERIOD

AUGUST 4, 2009
LEVY ON BALLOT

LOOKING FOR
VOLUNTEERS TO
ORGANIZE AND
CANVAS ABOUT THE
LEVY. CONTACT
CENTRAL OFFICE IF
YOU WOULD LIKE TO
VOLUNTEER.

MR. MILLER IS
CURRENTLY MEETING
WITH STAFF AT EACH
BUILDING
CONCERNING
QUESTIONS AND
ADDRESSING ANY
CONCERNS.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR GRANT

The School Counselor Grant staff has completed all their training for the three programs: Creating Lasting Family Connections, Positive Behavior Support and Project Success. You will be hearing more about these programs from your local schools and churches. The school website will also have up-dates on these programs.

The Family Fun Day Celebration in December was a great success thanks to you and your attendance. We had over 200 people attend on the snowy Saturday. We hope to have another Celebration next year. A special thank you to the Parent Organizations for the great job and to the local public library for presenting a special Story Time.

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS

WHAT YOU WILL FIND AT BUCKEYE SOUTH ELEMENTARY:

Students were very involved in the Presidential election this past fall. They voted Barack Obama to office a week before the general population did!

As students prepared for the Thanksgiving holiday there were lists of things they are thankful for also on the walls. One of my favorites read, "I'm thankful for being happy."

Congratulations to Ryan Moffo who came in first place in the school Spelling Bell and Nicholas Concato who placed second. The next competition will be the District Spelling Bee at Buckeye Local High School on January 21st.

The first grade classes have a gingerbread man on the run! He has been spotted in Florida, California, New Mexico, and several other states. This program introduces the students to the states, as well as east, west, south, and north. There is a huge map on the wall and the postcards with yarn stretching to each state from where the cards have been sent. December was a busy month for everyone here at South. There was a Santa Shop where students were able to buy their Christmas gifts and also have their pictures taken with Santa. Thanks to our PTA for all their work. The Christmas program was wonderful and enjoyed by all. Thanks Mrs. Stevens.
*Ohio Licensed Professional Counselor
Janis Maderia*

North Elementary students were invited to a wonderful Veteran's Day program put on by the North Middle School Students in honor of all veterans. We commend the NMS on a fine performance and congratulate and thank all Veteran's in the area. North Elementary's Charity Fund held a Poinsettia sale which was fantastic. We thank all that participated. Because of the great fundraiser, we were able to help and assist 15 families this holiday season. In December, we had a beautiful float in the Wells Township Parade and even made the papers with our picture!! Mrs. Stephens did a wonderful job with all of the students in our Christmas Play. We had some great solos from many of our talented children. Great job everyone! PTO held our annual Santa's workshop and provided lots of goodies for our children to buy for their Christmas shopping. Thanks PTO. Starting the new year, we are ready to buckle down and get ready for our testing and for all the academics we are about to master. Our After School program will begin this week due to inclement weather last week. We hope to have a great turnout - because this will really boost their preparation and learning. Each time students attend they will receive a ticket for prizes that are drawn at the end of the program. One special prize will be drawn for those that have perfect attendance.
*Ohio Licensed Social Worker
Bruce Pickens*



MR. MILLER STAFF
MEETING DATES:

JAN 20 – BLHS
JAN 26 – SWMS
JAN 28 –
COUNSELORS
FEB 2 – NW
ELEMENTARY
FEB 4 – SOUTH
ELEMENTARY
FEB 9 – NMS AND
NORTH ELEM.
FEB 11 - WEST

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MR. MARK MILLER,
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CINDY SCHOOLER
PROJECT
COORDINATOR

Northwest Elementary

Have You DIBELed Today?

We are busy DIBELing here at Northwest Elementary again this year!

DIBELS stands for Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills. DIBELS are short, 1-minute tests given to every student to help their teachers target their reading skills to the areas where they need the most help. These tests were researched at the University of Oregon and offer us grade level benchmarks, or goals, for reading fluency. Fluency is a student's ability to read quickly and accurately, and it not only makes our students into good readers, but also helps their comprehension.

These results are very important to your student's teacher, but they will NOT be used as a grade! DIBELS scores are not used as a basis for retention or as a part of our grading system. The test results can help us to see if your student needs additional help in reading and can support their class work to make a clearer picture of their overall reading ability.

If you have more questions about DIBELS or your student's scores please call the school. We will be happy to help in any way we can!

Ohio Licensed Social Worker

Anita Westling

West Elementary would like to thank the American Legion #565 in Adena for bringing lots of toys for students of our school. We appreciate their kindness and generosity during the Christmas season. I'm sure their thoughtfulness made our students' Christmas' brighter this season. Thank you so much. Also, we are continuing our recycling project. There are bins set up throughout our school. Please consider recycling your paper and plastic products. We are beginning to collect Nestle Pure Life labels from Nestle water bottles at West Elementary School. These labels will be redeemed for new gym equipment! Please turn in your labels from Nestle Pure Life water bottles to the school.

Ohio Licensed Social Worker
Holly Grishkevich

Buckeye North Middle School

held a Spelling Bee December 17th. The contestants were, Kaylee DeCesare, Devin Tennant, Taylor Bohl, Summer Richter, Chayse Staten, Michaela Ciaramitaro, Braden Martin, Caylee Arnett, Chelsea Jenkins, Stacie Burkhead, Rachel Hoagland, Erica Lewis, Christina Wurschum, Noel Coulter, Jocelyn Belon, Anthony Sterling, Veronica Smith, Abby Yanssens, Megan Vanezalos, Dayln Grubb, Alexandria Jackson, Miranda Roe, Mara Dixon, Syarra Hughes, and Kyle Sutphin.... The 8 Finalists are Braden Martin, Chayse Staten, Rachel Hoagland, Stacie Burkhead, Michaela Ciaramitaro, Taylor Bohl, Syarra Hughes, Abby Yanssens. Alternates include Anthony Sterling and Christina Wurschum. It has been a very festive holiday season here at North Middle School with such events as a Christmas Dance and a band concert that was standing room only. The Life Skills Class made beautiful Ginger Bread Houses and also made and served cookies and punch and other goodies to the entire school. YUM-YUM!!!

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Bruce Pickens

SouthWest Honored

SouthWest Middle School has been recognized as a State Superintendent's School of Promise for the 2007-08 school year. SouthWest is one of only 146 schools in the State of Ohio to receive this honor. This designation is based upon a student's achievement in reading. Congratulations to the entire student body and staff at SouthWest Middle School on your accomplishment.

Ohio Licensed Social Worker
Anita Westling