

The Schools of Buckeye Local



Welcome To Panther Country

MAY 2009
ISSUE FOUR

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FUTURE DATES FOR
ONE HOUR 5:30 P.M.
LEVY SUB
COMMITTEE
MEETINGS ARE
JUNE 11, 18
JULY 9, 23
FINAL WEEK OF
ACTIVITIES JULY 27
— AUGUST 1.

SUB COMMITTEES ARE:

1. VOTER RESEARCH
AND REGISTRATION
2. FUNDRAISING
3. ABSENTEE
BALLOTS
4. COMMUNITY
OUTREACH
5. PRESENTATIONS
6. MEDIA/PUBLICITY
7. ENDORSEMENTS
8. ELECTION DAY
ACTIVITIES

WE ARE ALWAYS
LOOKING FOR
PEOPLE TO SERVE ON
THESE COMMITTEES.
PLEASE CONTACT
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WOULD LIKE TO
VOLUNTEER

ELECTION DATE
FOR LEVY —
AUGUST 4TH.

COUNSELOR GRANT PROGRAM

This concludes our first year with the Counselor Grant Program at Buckeye Local Schools. It has been a wonderful year and we have seen over 170 children individually counseled in the program. Our staff has been trained in three programs that are being implemented in the schools. These programs will enhance learning and promote positive behavior far into the future. This grant is up for renewal yearly with a maximum total of three years. We will find out if our grant is renewed by June 11. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Miller (our Superintendent), the Board of Education, our principals, teachers, Central Office staff, support staff at the schools, bus drivers, community clergy and community leaders for all their help and encouragement this year. It is a pleasure to work with people who strive for excellence in their personal lives, work and with our students. Thank you! We hope to see you next year.

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS

NORTHWEST HELPS THE ENVIRONMENT

Mrs. Cheryl DeYarmon, Project Recycling Coordinator, is happy to report that donations from students saved 11 Olive Ridley Sea Turtles and has sponsored 35,000 square feet of rainforest through Rainforest Rescue. The students also collected a little over 24,000 pounds of paper and 2,741 bags of plastic. Several students from Northwest recently participated in the "Trashy Art Contest" sponsored by Jefferson County Recycling. This contest requires all entries to be made from materials that would have been thrown in the trash. Ciera Leput won first place and most popular. Jessie Sands won second place. Lilly Still won the directors choice award and Lakota Jacobs received an honorable mention. Thank you students and Mrs. DeYarmon for your dedication to helping the environment.

-Anita Westling, LSW

NORTH ELEMENTARY

Our Relay for Life Team held an Easter Bunny Breakfast on April 4th. Our celebrity cooks included Chief John Ingram and Cpt. Sean Norman of Wells Township. Everyone did a fantastic job on making sure that they were present for the OAT testing this year. We are all hoping for great scores. Our 2nd annual flower sale that benefits our Mr. Dalrymple Scholarship Fund was held in April. Flowers and vegetable plants that were delivered were BEAUTIFUL. May 4th-8th was our annual Recycling Drive. We collected over 9000 lbs. Right to Read Week was held on May 11th-15th. Highlighting the week was a visit from author Margaret Wolford as well as a visit from Oglebay Towngate Theater with their production of "Rumpelstiltskin". We will end our year with our 2nd annual DUCK RACE. Proceeds will go to our Relay for Life team. We invite all District families to come and enjoy our Relay for Life celebration at the stadium in Yorkville on June 5th and 6th. Come and walk and enjoy!! Have a wonderful summer. Be safe!!

-Bruce Pickens, LSW

HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATION —
SUNDAY, MAY 31
6:00 P.M. AT WWII
MEMORIAL STADIUM
IN YORKVILLE

LAST DAY OF
SCHOOL —
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

NOTICE FOR
RENEWAL OF
COUNSELOR
GRANT BY JUNE
11.

BACK-TO-
SCHOOL BASH
SATURDAY,
AUGUST 1, FROM
2-4 P.M.

2009-10
SCHOOL YEAR
STARTS TUESDAY,
AUGUST 25.

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

MR. MARK MILLER,
SUPERINTENDENT FOR
BUCKEYE LOCAL
SCHOOLS, HAS BEEN
CONDUCTING
COMMUNITY MEETINGS
AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS
AROUND OUR DISTRICT.
A COPY OF HIS
PRESENTATION IS
LOCATED ON OUR
WEBSITE.

CINDY SCHOOLER
PROJECT
COORDINATOR

North Middle School

On May 15th our school, in collaboration with The American Cancer Society, hosted a Mini-Relay for Life. During the event, the team members take laps around the track to honor the courageous spirit of those battling cancer and pay tribute to the memory of those who have lost their lives to cancer. Following the singing of the National Anthem by Mr. Retzer, the first lap was led by 8 cancer Survivors. Our Mini-Relay raised \$2100. The Sixth Grade winner 1st Place: Derek Starr. The seventh Grade winner 1st Place: Richard Potts; Eighth Grade 1st Place winner: Ms. Relay winners: 1st Place Chuckie Stock, 2nd Place Christian Purr. Mr. Relay Winners: 1st Place Carey Vanscooter, 2nd Place Shannon Morando. Music was provided by DJ/Dare Officer Sean Norman. Wonderful food was prepared by parents and the community. A GREAT TIME was had by all. *Bruce Pickens, LSW*

SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The month of April was quiet as teachers and students prepared for and then took the Ohio Achievement Test. This test measures what students should know in Reading, Writing, and Math at their grade level by the end of the year in grades 3-8. I think I heard a collective sigh of relief when they were done! As you might expect May has been a busy month. All classes have field trips. The Kindergarten classes went to Oglebay Good Zoo and enjoyed seeing the animals. I heard the snakes were the biggest hit. First grades went to the One Room School House. I wonder if they enjoy their classroom just a little bit more after seeing it. As I write this, the second graders are looking forward to their trip to Oglebay. The fourth and fifth grades have gone to Fernwood to learn about clean water and to Ft Steuben where they learned some local history. Our PTA celebrated National Teachers Day by giving all staff a very nice and delicious luncheon and a gift everyone can use. The week of the 18th we're looking forward to Louie the Lightening Bug come and also the Band concert. Mrs. Stephens and the 5th grade students have been practicing; I can hear

the sounds from my room and I can't wait until the concert. They sound really good. Of course, we can't forget about Fun Day on the 29th. Our PTA really goes all out to give the students a good time. They have Kurt James and his inflatables, a magician and classroom relays. Also, every student receives a t-shirt. By the time you read this, your student will be starting their summer vacation. I wish you all a very happy and enjoyable summer. *Janis Maderia, LPC*

MINI-RELAY FOR LIFE HELD AT SOUTHWEST

The faculty and students at SouthWest Middle School held a Mini-Relay for Life on Friday, May 22nd. Students walked in front of the school keeping track of the number of laps completed. The number of laps that each grade level walked determined the Relay Champs. In addition to the relay, students enjoyed music and karaoke and other outdoor activities. The highlight of the day was a concert by the band JFK. The band features SouthWest's own Mr. Jim Berze. Everyone had a good time while raising much-needed funds to fight cancer. *Anita Westling, LSW*

WEST ELEMENTARY

Well, it's almost time for summer and school is coming to a close for the year. Here at West, we've had some fun activities to end the year! Right to Read week was a great opportunity for students to learn the importance of reading. For every book they read, they could vote for a staff member to kiss a pig. Of course, Mrs. Runnion was the lucky one! Also, a local author, Brenda J. Johnson Harris, came to read her book to the students and answer their questions. Thanks to the Right to Read Week Committee, the students got to visit with a petting zoo too! The school also had a Mini-Relay activity that was for all students. And the annual Memorial Day program, led by Mrs. Soos, was wonderful. The PTO put on a wonderful luncheon for all staff to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Day. Thanks and have a great summer!

-Holly Grishkevich, LSW