

Superintendent Board Report: April 23, 2018

Elementary Center:

It has been a very busy month of April...

- ~Kindergarten Registration has been completed with a total thus far of 43 registered students & 4 with intent of registering.
- ~The Science Fair and Art Show was a success with many parents and students attending.
- ~PSSA testing is almost complete with 4th grade Science being administered on the 24th & 25th.
- ~Security Officer and Transportation Secretary interviews are completed.
- ~Kids of Steel have received a \$1,000 grant for use towards new physical ed. equipment.
- ~Spring Book Fair begins April 30th.

Junior/Senior High School:

1. Assessments:
 - PSSA completed in grades 3-6 in ELA and Math, just makeups
 - PSSA Science in grades 4 and 8 on April 24th
 - NOCTI completed for Ag Production, makeups for 1 student now
 - AP Testing - May 7-18
 - Keystones for English Literature, Biology, Algebra 1 - May 15-17
2. Cherry Blossom Festival - May 11; Prom May 18
3. Jr. High Student Council Officer Elections - May
4. Student of the month: Will Cowden

Pupil Services:

The District acknowledged April as Autism awareness month. The staff and students were encouraged to wear blue on Thursdays throughout the month.

Spring /Fling Vendor Craft show was a huge success for the life skills class this year. The students worked in the concession stand and sold their ornament craft. I would like to thank paraprofessionals Becky Mroz and Debbie McGinnis for all their hard work in making this event happen.

Parent training series: Fort Cherry is in collaboration with both Avella and Burgettstown with regards to training for parents of special needs children. Each District will host a training throughout the school year. Avella is hosting this week - Friday at 4:45 - 6:00. The topic is geared around understanding basic special education regulations and procedures. If anyone is interested in attending please contact my office or look on our website for further information. Fort Cherry will host next month.

Athletic:

Softball: Currently 2-6 on the year. Play Avella today and Burgettstown tomorrow at home.

Baseball: Currently 5-2 on the year. Play at Bentworth today and home vs. Carmichaels on Wednesday.

Track and Field: Girls track and field finished the season 8-0 and are first time section champions. They will compete in the WPIAL playoffs on May 1st at a site and time to be determined.

Congratulations to a number of award winners this past Saturday at the Washington/Greene County Track and Field Championships. Nate Higham earned field MVP status with three 2nd place finishes in the Long Jump, High Jump, and Triple Jump. Jillian Panizza won a gold medal in the freshmen/sophomore mile, in 5 minutes and 58 seconds. Mara Whalen also achieved gold in the 400 meter dash and a silver medal in the 200 meter dash. And finally, the girls 1600 meter relay team of Mara Whalen, Morgan Zickefoose, Jacyn Hartner, and McKenzie Faure earned a gold medal with a WPIAL leading time of 4 minutes and 15 seconds! Congrats to all athletes who competed!

Misc: Spring sports award breakfast will be on Thursday, May 10th. WPIAL track championships will be on Thursday, May 17th at Baldwin.

Safety and Security:

1. Security - The 420 Day national protest to celebrate the 1999 Columbine HS shooting scheduled to occur today never materialized here on campus.
2. Classroom Numbers - Mr. Parsons has completed making the vinyl room numbers to be placed on the exterior windows of all windows in both buildings. The maintenance crew will be installing them over the summer.
3. Classroom doors - We are looking into installing an additional device, besides the Columbine locks we currently have, to prevent entry into the classrooms during an active shooter event.

Technology:

- DJ Hoy, in addition to Onsite tickets, operated the student tech office for Chromebook repairs and troubleshooting of student devices.
- DJ is working on planning a field trip for the Tech Rangers.
- CCL repaired 12 Chromebooks sent in for parts/repairs.
- CCL assisted administration with eRate finalization.