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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF SMF SCHOOLS

WOODLAND'S READ-A-THON FUNDRAISER

Our students at Woodland logged 118,889 minutes of total reading time before spring break this year! Thanks to the generous donations from families, Woodland was able to raise a total of \$10,000. These funds will create great impact for our students and staff. We are so thankful for everyone who donated and participated.



For their amazing work, students were rewarded with a day of fun including prizes, carnival games, a Rubik's Cube contest, a movie day, and the chance to pie their favorite teachers. It's safe to say Woodland had a blast!



INCLUSION DAY 2024

Monday, March 4, 2024 was Inclusion Day!

Our Stow Munroe Falls City Schools crew donned orange attire to join Summit DD in painting the county **ORANGE**. This day served as a way to kick off Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, promoting inclusion.

The day served as a nice reminder that community is stronger when everyone is included!



AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

April is Autism Acceptance Month. At SMF, we work to foster a community where everyone feels accepted and supported. Join us and [the Autism Society of America](#) in creating a space where everyone in the Autism community feels connected and empowered to live their lives fully.

When we say everyone, we mean everyone. SMF is committed to promoting autism acceptance, celebrate neurodiversity and individual differences, and advancing inclusivity within our spaces.



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools is participating in Mental Health Awareness Month this May.

We are dedicating to reducing stigma and extending support to those who need it within our community. We recognize that many individuals experience mental health struggles, and we want to join the national movement to increase mental health education and advocate for policies that support the well-being of individuals and their loved ones.

UNIFIED SPORTS DAY

On March 15th, 2024, the Unified Sports Tournament took place in the Stow-Munroe Falls High School gymnasium.

Unified Sports is dedicated to promoting social inclusion through shared sports training and competition experiences. It brings people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team.

Unified Sports was inspired by one simple principle: training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding. Students got the chance to participate in basketball games where everyone had the opportunity to play.





THE SMFHS CHOIR PROGRAM TAKES ON MUSIC CITY



The SMFHS Choir Program took an inspirational and moving trip to Nashville, TN this Spring! In just two days, the students were lucky to soak in the sights and, of course, sounds of the Music City including:

- A visit to The National Museum of African American Music
- Recording session at RCA Studio B - where Elvis recorded most of his albums (and Mr. Campagna got to play the same piano Elvis played in the recordings!)
- A life-sized replica of the ancient Greek Parthenon in Centennial Park
- A backstage tour of the Grand Ole Opry, with 3 SMF students getting to sing in the circle on stage!
- A vocal workshop at Vanderbilt University with choral director David Binns Williams
- Performance at the Country Music Hall of Fame, including a flash mob performance in the Rotunda where all of the inductees are listed and pictured
- Attended a live broadcast performance of the 50th Anniversary of the Grand Ole Opry!

One of the eight songs that the SMFHS Choir performed on this trip, "Will The Circle Be Unbroken" holds special significance to the city of Nashville, to the Grand Ole Opry, to country music, and to musicians everywhere.

Johnny Cash described the "circle" as music itself, being passed down from generation to generation.

These talented students are now forever part of that circle, and so will anyone's life that is touched by the music they perform.

[Click to watch the "Will The Circle Be Unbroken" performance.](#)



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RIDE360 TO MY RIDE K-12

Attention Bulldog Bus Rider Families!

The **Ride360** app that SMF Schools uses to provide our families with **student transportation information** is being retired by the company. They have made a new and improved app that is now available to all users.

This new app, **My Ride K-12**, can be downloaded now in the **Apple and Android app stores**. You will need to download the new app to access updated transportation information for your student(s).

Username and passwords from Ride 360 will carry over into My Ride K-12.

Additionally, you can use your existing log-in information to access a web version of My Ride K-12 at myridek12.tylerapp.com.

UNIVERSITY OF AKRON RUBBER BAND PROJECT

Four Kimpton Middle Schoolers took on the 16th Annual Rubber Band Contest for Young Inventors at the University of Akron.

The students were challenged to design and create a functional invention or art piece that incorporates at least one rubber band. Once completed, students wrote a brief message and submitted pictures of their creations for judging.

The Akron Global Polymer Academy, a branch of the University of Akron's School of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering, established the competition in 2008.

Its annual goals are to foster interest in polymers among students and draw them into the fascinating realm of STEAM education (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics). The design process, problem-solving, research, communication and innovation are highlighted in this immersive learning project.

In the Science and Engineering Division of the contest:

- Nate Miezen and Carson Murphy created the “Golf Ball Dispenser 3000”
- Brayden Phillips invented the “Cold Drink Creator”
- Sa'mya Rose developed the “Balloon/Cup Drum”

In the Arts and Leisure Division of the contest:

- Zoey Kuzemchak created the “Hanging Flower Basket”

“ I'm really proud that all of these students followed through on the whole process and ended up with some great inventions/artwork!”

~ Catherine Howard said, Kimpton science teacher and team 7-2 advisor.



UNIVERSITY OF AKRON RUBBER BAND PROJECT



KIMPTON MIDDLE SCHOOL 8TH GRADER ETHAN FERRARI'S WKYC 3NEWS APPEARANCE

8th Grader Ethan Ferrari wows viewers with his weather forecast at WKYC in Cleveland.

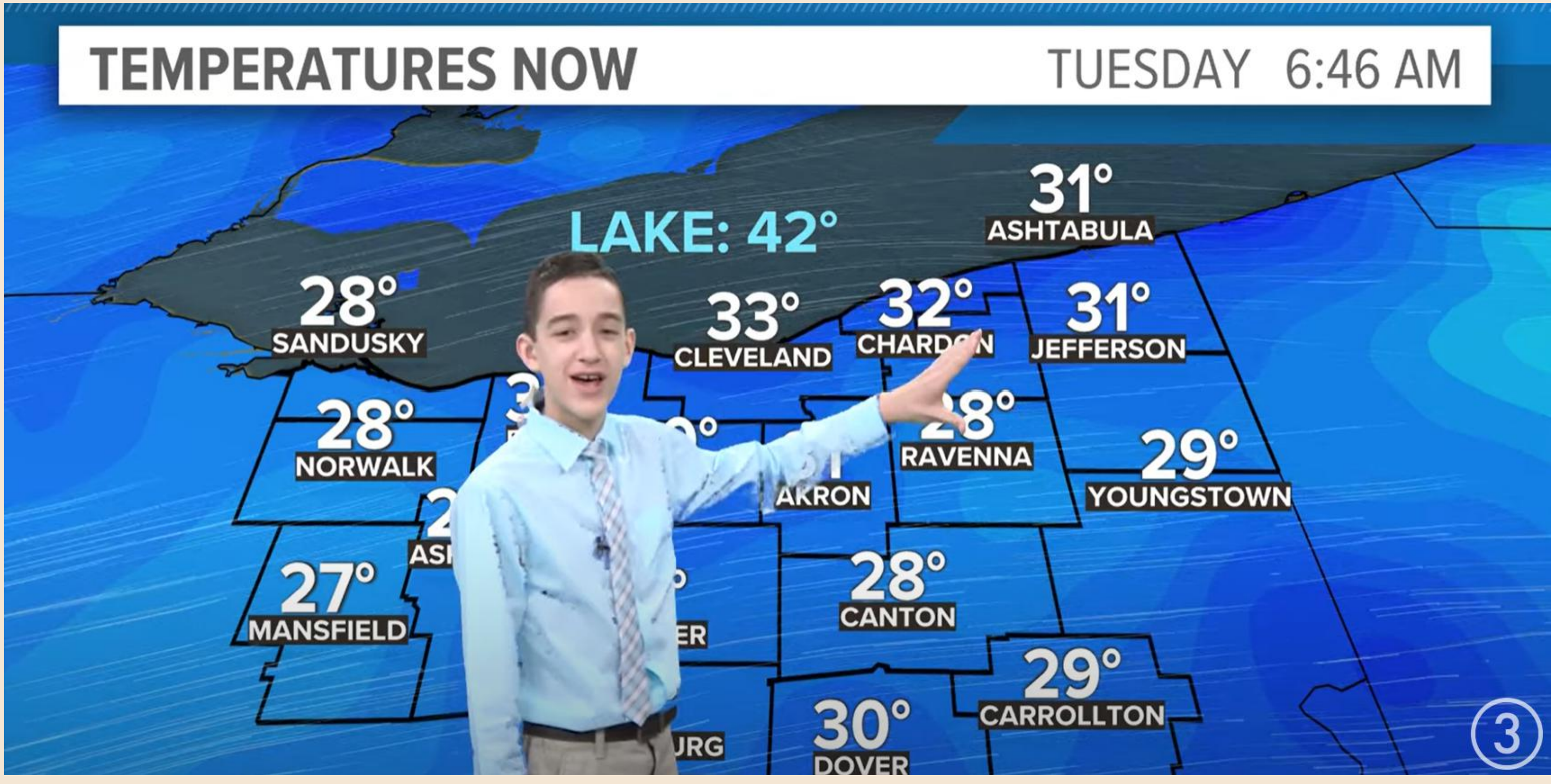
Ethan discovered a passion for weather back in 2020, when he experienced a tornado warning in our area. The experience fascinated him and inspired him to look into the field further. Now he is appearing on WKYC, delivering a perfect forecast and leaving viewers speechless from his natural talent. During his time on air, Ethan even got the chance to meet Al Roker of The Today Show who was in New York! Way to go, Ethan!



WKYC STUDIOS



STUDIO 1A



THE CTE 2ND ANNUAL COOL TECH CHALLENGE

The CTE 2nd Annual Cool Tech Challenge took place on Friday, April 12th. Congratulations to the following Computer Science Pathways students for winning in the following categories:

The Most Creative Innovation Award goes to **Katie Benson, Ryan Berringer and Charlie Clements** for their Study Sphere App.

The Best Solution to a Problem Award goes to **Jackson Lewis, Christian Michalak and McKade Morris** for their Outdoorsman's Guide App.

And the **Overall Judges Award** goes to **Aidan Siegfried and Ryan Grant** for their Melody Mentor App.



ECHO HILLS 1ST GRADER PAYTON SMITH RECEIVES HEROISM AWARD



Safety town graduate Payton Smith used lessons she learned from Firefighter Mel two years prior in a recent house fire.

When a fire broke out in her family's home, the 1st grader instantly remembered her training and knew what she was supposed to do.



Even though she wasn't dressed for the cold weather, Payton knew to not waste time finding a coat. She ran out of the house and went to her designated safe meeting place at their neighbor's house.



Firefighter Mel and Chief Stone from the Stow Fire Department visited Payton during the school day to present her with a plaque and thank her for taking important safety messages home to her family. She was presented with an Award of Heroism at school with her family alongside her.

We are so proud of you Payton!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



Get ready Stow-Munroe Falls parents...Kindergarten registration is now open!

Enrollment for the 2024 - 2025 school year is now open for grades K - 12.



When you are ready to enroll your student, head over to www.smfschools.org/parents/enrollment.

There, you will click “Grades K-12 are now open”. You can either sign in as a new or existing parent. Once you are signed in, you will be able to add your child.

Registration will remain open throughout the coming weeks, giving families ample time to complete the process and ensure their child's enrollment for the upcoming school year. For parents who were unable to attend today's registration, additional dates and times have been scheduled to accommodate everyone.

As kindergarten registration continues, anticipation builds for the start of a new school year filled with learning, growth, and endless possibilities for the youngest members of the Stow-Munroe Falls community.

SMFHS CELEBRATES SPRING SIGNING DAY

On March 19, 2024, the gymnasium of Stow-Munroe Falls High School buzzed with excitement as family, friends, coaches, and fellow students gathered to celebrate the achievements of their talented athletes. Each signing marked not only the culmination of years of hard work and dedication but also the beginning of a new chapter in their athletic and academic journeys.

Desmond Boyd Jr. is set to join Kent State University to compete in track and field. Coach Douglas Herbert said, “Des is an incredibly hard worker, but perhaps the most impactful part of having Des on the team is his leadership. He is an incredibly approachable young man who is equally invested in his teammates' success as he is his own. Kent State is getting an incredible young man.”

Dynamic duo Corinne Casenhiser and Paityn Marino will be joining the soccer team at Walsh University in the fall, while Gianna Cella will be playing volleyball for Malone University.

Alexander Roberts is set to join Otterbein University to compete in track and field. Coach Herbert comments, “Alex is a smart kid with a ton of untapped potential. He can be successful in a variety of events both through the sprints and jumps. We’re excited to see what he can accomplish at the next level with Otterbein.”



Joining the University of Mount Union football team is Jonah Johnson.

“As a football program, we are really excited to see Jonah make the decision to continue playing football at the next level. Playing college football, regardless of at what level, requires a tremendous amount of dedication and perseverance to be successful. We are equally excited that football is providing an opportunity for Jonah to continue his academic pursuits and eventually earn his college degree. I am looking forward to seeing the continued growth and maturation in Jonah over the next 4-5 years at Mount Union,” said Coach Martin Poder.

Sage Lorentz chose the University of the Cumberlands in Kentucky for swimming and diving. Grant Smith, known for his skills on the lacrosse field, decided to continue his athletic career at Muskingum University. Maddox Snyder earned a spot on the men's volleyball team at the University of Mount Union.

SMFHS CELEBRATES SPRING SIGNING DAY

Senior baseball captains Joseph Lehner and Casey Stuart have chosen to continue playing baseball next year. Joseph Lehner opted to pursue his baseball career at Cuyahoga Community College while Casey Stuart is pursuing baseball at Salem University.

Coach Aaron DeBord said, “Joey transferred to Stow after his sophomore season and immediately became an impact player on the field. More importantly Joey played the game the right way, is an incredible young man, and has impacted our players and coaches off the field in a positive way. He is a 2 year captain and is the backbone of our team. I am so happy for Joe to get his opportunity at Tri-C.”

“Casey Stuart transferred to Stow after his freshman year. Since then Casey has battled injuries and is healthy and ready to go for a successful senior campaign. This off-season Casey made incredible strides and was selected as captain by his teammates. He is a tireless worker and a fantastic young man who should succeed on and off the field at Salem College,” said Coach DeBord.



With their talent and determination, these student-athletes are set to achieve incredible success in both sports and academics.

As these students embark on the next chapter of their athletic journeys, they carry with them the pride and support of the entire Stow-Munroe Falls community.



SIGNING DAY GALLERY



NATIONAL SCHOOL LIBRARIAN DAY

On April 4th, 2024, the Stow-Munroe Falls City School District recognized our incredible school librarians on National Librarian Day.



STOW-MUNROE FALLS CITY SCHOOLS CELEBRATES MUSIC EDUCATION RECOGNITION

The National Association of Music Merchants Foundation (NAMM) has honored Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools, naming them among the top "Best Communities for Music Education" for the year 2024. The NAMM Foundation is actively engaged in championing music education initiatives across numerous schools, extending invaluable resources and programs to educators, parents, and community leaders alike. This marks the 14th year that Stow-Munroe City School District has earned this recognition.

Greg Newman, Director of Bands, expressed gratitude for the acknowledgment, emphasizing the district's enduring commitment to music education. "This honor serves as official recognition of our dedication to providing a comprehensive education that includes the arts and highlights the vital work we do in educating the public about music and its impact."



Echoing Newman's sentiments, Becca Moskovitz, Musical Assistant Director at Lakeview Intermediate, praised the exceptional music education provided by Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools. "We have been impressed with the music education in our SMFCS since day one! Elementary school concerts were always entertaining and filled with impressive age-appropriate skills. The choir, band, and orchestra programs in the older grades progress children quickly and developed our children's talents, increasing their love of music exponentially! Currently, both of our children are very happy and confident in the choir programs, and we are always entertained and in awe of the performances delivered. Bravo to the hard-working and talented educators who we are lucky to have as part of our SMFCSD!" said Moskovitz.

The honor bestowed upon Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools by NAMM Foundation signifies a resounding affirmation of the district's unwavering dedication to excellence in music education and its profound impact on the lives of students.

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