

Small Schools, Big Futures

# LANCER & LETTER

AMESVILLE & COOLVILLE ELEMENTARIES • FEDERAL HOCKING MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL



ABOVE: 6TH GRADE STUDENTS  
EMMA WILSON AND CANDICE STUTLER



RIGHT: 3RD GRADERS COLLABORATE WITH  
KINDERGARTEN KIDS MAKING EDIBLE SCULPTURES

## The Arts are Alive at Federal Hocking

"You can see and hear the arts when you walk through our halls," beams Cathe Blower, Principal of Amesville Elementary. "Everywhere you look student artwork is there."

All of the Federal Hocking local schools have full-time visual art and music teachers, something many districts do not have. "It's important that all of our children get art, music, and physical education every week," says Coolville Principal Mary Mitchell.

Access to the arts continues at the middle and high school. Not only are there classes in the arts, but students have the opportunity to perform in a wide array of artistic groups. At the secondary school Principal Cliff Bonner adds, "we have bands, choirs, and a drama program that puts on plays as well as an art program that competes in multiple shows and contests."

"This is all part of our commitment to educate the whole child,"

says Superintendent George Wood. "Our community wants children not only to learn to read and write, but also to enjoy and engage with the arts. It is part of being a well-rounded person, and it gives kids one more way to develop their talents."

In this issue of the Lancer Letter we feature the arts programs at Federal Hocking and we invite you to attend a show, concert, or play this spring!

### Arts are Elementary

While uncommon in many elementary schools, both Coolville and Amesville Elementary Schools have full-time Art and Music teachers. Along with a full-time

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## Pre-School & Kindergarten Registration

Children who will be 4 or 5 years old by August 1, 2016 can be registered. Please call for your appointment.

Amesville: 740-448-2501

Coolville: 740-667-3121

### Pre-School Registration

AMESVILLE  
APRIL 20

COOLVILLE  
APRIL 6

### Kindergarten Registration

AMESVILLE  
APRIL 13

COOLVILLE  
APRIL 20

**Parent or guardian will need to bring the child being registered along with these documents:**

- Birth certificate
- Immunization record
- Parent/guardian I.D.
- Any custody papers
- Proof of address
- **Pre-school only:** Proof of income (1040 or Food Stamp/OWF number)
- **Kindergarten only:** Child's Social Security card



2ND GRADE STUDENTS ZACH BAKER & LEVI CHRISTOPHER, VOLUNTEER KATHERINE RILEY

Physical Education teacher, this means students have an experience with the arts every week. When you visit either school and see the walls covered with student art work, you have no doubt that good art instruction goes on here.

At Coolville art teacher Sharon Phillips works hard to integrate arts education into classroom activities. Recently fourth grade students who were studying landforms created clay models of the various land forms and presented them to classmates and others. The models of mountains, glaciers, sinkholes, and hot springs were delightfully full of snakes, bears, and tourists taking in the sights. Kindergarten students doing an author study of Jan Brett were reading *Gingerbread Baby* and were working on story parts as well as math. To complement that work, in Phillips' art class the kindergartners made 3D gingerbread men and used the experience to work on concepts of 3D shapes in the environment. Ms. Phillips is also working on creating rotating displays of student art work in local restaurants and businesses as well as offering adult art courses after school.

Amesville art teacher Katie Pearce has had several all school projects, including creating note cards with student artistic views of the Amesville School. The 'Empty Bowls' project offered students a chance to create and sell ceramic bowls, and then donated \$1,000 from their sale to the local food bank. Amesville student artists are also working on collaborative pieces for the spring carnival including large paper flowers, Kandinsky inspired trees, hearts made from paper butterflies, and still life paintings. There will also be four quilts that display scenes from the school and community during the four seasons.

Music teachers Conor Hartwick (Coolville) and Lindsey Hoffman (Amesville) are both relatively new to Federal Hocking but are already in the swing of things. At both schools the tradition of

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**ART CLUB** FROM LEFT: BRIANNA WARD, KENDRA DUNCAN, MATISON HAGGY, SIENNA HILL, EMILY SCHALL; IN BACK: JASMINE STALDER, ANNA HALL

musical presentations goes on with winter and spring concerts featuring all students. Both schools also offer band, preparing 5th and 6th graders to join the Marching Lancers when they get to middle school, where Mr. Hartwick is also the assistant director.

Clearly there are plenty of ways for students to engage in the arts at our elementary schools where art is all around them.

### Show Time at the Secondary School

When students come to Federal Hocking Middle and High School, they no longer have art or music automatically in their schedules. Instead, they choose from a wide array of arts classes during their six years.

In music, students are offered Middle or High School Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band, and Choir. There is also a range of music appreciation classes, with a lot of interest in the History of Rock and Roll in recent years.

*"Middle School Concert Band numbers are way up," according to music instructor Julia Olson, "and the jazz band numbers have exploded. These kids have the passion for music, and the drive to improve each and every rehearsal!"*





6TH GRADE COOLVILLE STUDENTS DISPLAY THEIR ART AT ART OHIO UNIVERSITY, FROM LEFT: GRACIE NULL, HALEE KNAPP, MATTIE STOOPS, AND MIKINZI OLLOM

In the visual arts, long-time teacher Ellen Hadley offers students a range of choices. After an introductory class where students are introduced to two dimensional art forms (painting, drawing, water colors, etc.) students can move on to ceramics and art studios where they develop their own projects. There is also an art club that supports students in entering art competitions. Students have recently won citations in the Governor's Art Show and in the Ohio Art Teachers' "Emerging Artists" show. Additionally, two art students recently had their abstract watercolor paintings selected to represent the 91st State House District in the House of Representatives Exhibit. These paintings will hang in the State House for the next two years.

There is also an active art club, which supports student artists in entering art competitions and hosting shows. The club, in collaboration with the drama club, hosts the children's art area at the Nelsonville Music Festival each year.

For students who want to act, and who doesn't, there are the middle and high school drama clubs. This spring the high school troupe will present "Peter-Wendy", a new take on the Peter Pan story. Drama is also offered as a class to students who want to dig deeper into the art form from all aspects including acting, directing, and playwriting. Last fall the class presented "Super Scary" as part of the Fall Arts Showcase.

A new addition to the arts has been photography in conjunction with the Tech Prep program at the secondary school. Students learn the fundamentals of photography as well as the digital tools that can now be used to print, enhance, and explore photographic images. A display of student work is annually featured at Arts West in Athens (see more about Tech Prep, next page).

"Across the board we are very proud of all of the arts opportunities our teachers offer our students," said Principal Bonner. "Whether kids want to act, sing, paint, throw pots, play an instrument, or be involved behind the scenes on a stage crew, we offer it all."

## Get Involved with the Arts

All of the young artists in Federal Hocking are happy to share their talents with the community. Spring is a great time to catch their performances. The public is always welcome!



PEYTON GATES AND JAYLYNN HILL WITH WATERCOLORS THAT WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE OHIO STATE HOUSE

# Spring Arts Events

AMESVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## An Evening of the Arts

Tuesday, May 10, 5:30-7:30  
Art Show and Spring Concert

COOLVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Arts Evening, 4th-6th Grade

Thursday, March 17  
5:30 Ice Cream Social and Art Auction  
6:30 Concert

FEDERAL HOCKING MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

## National Arts Honor Society "8 x 10"

Photo Exhibit at Arts West, Athens  
Opens on March 3, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Runs all March

## Spring Arts Festival

March 23, 6:00 PM  
Art and music from Middle and High School

## Spring Play "Peter-Wendy"

April 15 & 16, 7:00 PM  
and April 17 2:00 PM

## Spring Music Concert

May 17, 7:00 PM  
Middle and High School Concert Bands and Choirs  
High School Jazz Band

# Tech Prep: Preparing Students for the Future

One of the signature programs at Federal Hocking is Information Technology: Interactive Multimedia. "This program introduces students to and prepares them for the evolving technology fields," according to instructor Sonja Coble.

In the program students can take a wide range of courses from Introduction to Information Technology to Video and Audio Production to Graphic and Web Design. The courses are offered to students in grades eight through twelve. Students can also have an Internship in the program, where they advance their skills through independent projects.

Technology is one of the fastest growing segments of our economy. We make sure our students have access to this field.

"The Tech Prep program is a great addition to the overall school, beyond just the students who really focus on it," adds Principal Cliff Bonner. "This program has provided us with the possibility of all students creating digital portfolios to take with them after graduation."



**BPA TEAM MEMBERS AT BPA NATIONAL CONVENTION, CHICAGO, 2012**  
BACK ROW: SHAYNE GILLIAN, MAX CARNEY, BRANDON RUSSELL, TYLOR CLEMONS  
FRONT ROW: KATELYN BAKER, BRITTANY DAMMAN, SIERRA CAUSEY, KRISTA COMINSKY

In addition to the course work, students in the program can also participate in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) club. This group offers the opportunity for students to learn leadership skills, and participate in skills contests and service projects. The BPA service project is to partner with the Special Olympics. In addition to helping raise funds for Special Olympics through the Polar Plunge and other activities, club members also serve as mentors, coaches, and assistants for the athletes.

The club has made its mark in contests on both the state and national level. Dozens of students compete in contests ranging from Computer Modeling, Website Design, Extemporaneous Speaking, Economic Research, and Broadcast News. Past FH teams have finished fourth

nationally in Computer Modeling (2012 in Chicago) and second nationally in Animation (2013 in Orlando). The program has also had a student win the 2013 BPA National Scholarship.

One of the true measures of the success of the program is where our graduates take these skills after high school. Students from the Tech Prep program have been accepted at Ohio State, Otterbein, the New England Institute of Art and Design, and the Columbus Academy of Art and Design along with dozens of others, as well as all four branches of the military.

"Whatever part of the program students take, or if they take the entire program, they become proficient in cutting edge technological skills," Coble points out. "All of the Adobe tools, Autodesk tools, MS Office, Google Apps and more are taught. You can use these skills in a multitude of careers and of course they come in handy in college."

Career opportunities for program graduates include design fields (graphic, website, game design), computer technology (such as computer programming, software development, IT service and support), and engineering (audio and video production and engineering).

To find out more about the program, contact Instructor Sonja Coble or Amy Buchman, Guidance Counselor, at the high school.

**LEARNING TO BUILD A COMPUTER**  
DONNIE MCCAIN, GREG WILSON, MICHAEL COOPER





BY 1ST GRADER  
HEIDI FRITZ

## Happy Birthday Amesville School!

In 1930 the current Amesville Elementary School opened as the Ames-Bern High School. Built to educate the children of Ames and Bern Townships, the hallowed halls have seen many classes come and go.

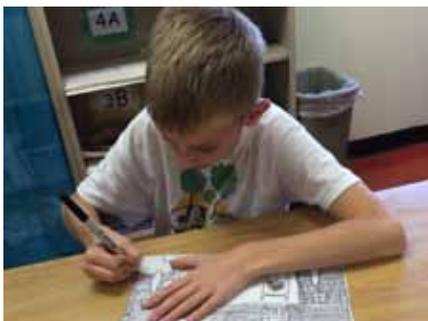
When the Federal Hocking district was created in 1967 (its first graduating class was 1968), the current building served students in grades 7-12 and there was a smaller building for Grades K-6. Today it houses Pre-K through sixth grade children.

Last December the students and staff put on a birthday celebration for our old friend. The original idea came from Principal Cathe Blower (FH Class of 1986) and under the direction of art teacher Katie Pearce, children created drawings, paintings, and collages of Amesville School. Some of this artwork was chosen and used to create greeting cards featuring the school.

"The fact that the building is in such good condition and is still being used is a testament to the value this community puts on education," said George Wood, Superintendent of Schools. "The building preserves all sorts of traditions—our current principal at Amesville, Cathe Blower, is the child of two Ames-Bern graduates. Her office still has some of the original furniture from the school."

The birthday celebration was held on Dec. 15, 2015. If you missed it and would like to purchase sets of note cards made from student art that depicts the school, call Amesville Elementary: 740-448-2501.

4TH GRADERS DRAWING THEIR SCHOOL BUILDING, FROM LEFT: EVERETT GILMORE, LOGAN MCCOMBS, AND MAGNOLIA BALLEW



# Careers in Writing & Science

## FH Alumni Return to Share Their Experience

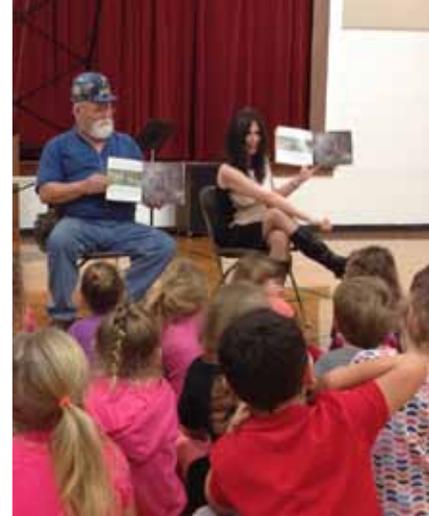
Federal Hocking students have seen what waits for them after graduation by visiting with alumni of our schools. Our elementary and middle/high schools have recently hosted graduates who shared with students their work as well as how to plan for the future.

**Author Stacie Vaughn Hutton (FH '90) brought her new book *Shovelful of Sunshine* to share with children at Coolville and Amesville Elementary Schools.**

Joined by Federal Hocking Board Member John Young (FH '68), Stacie shared the story while John, a former coal miner, demonstrated coal mining equipment. Stacie and John read the story in voices and parts to make it more meaningful for students.

"Stacie also shared her drafts of her work—this was one of my favorite parts, so students could see how she needed to work through the story not just once but several times to make the wording correct to 'paint the picture' that she wanted," noted Amesville Principal Cathe Blower. "She also had to work closely with the illustrator to bring her words to life in pictures. These are the skills that we are working on with students—they, as real authors, have to continue to revisit pieces, to rework them, to focus on the parts that will truly bring the story to life for readers. Having someone from our area who is a published author shows our students that there are authors all around us—and they are authors of stories too!"

Stacie wanted to thank everyone: "Many thanks to the Federal Hocking community for the warm welcome home. I met so many outstanding teachers and students who showed me how hard they had been working on reading and writing. They were even ready for the inferential



AUTHOR STACIE VAUGHN HUTTON FH '90 & JOHN YOUNG FH '68, READING HER BOOK TO ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

type questions!" And a special thanks to Amesville teacher Tracy Keirns (FH '88) who arranged the visit.

**Middle and High School students had a visit from 1998 graduate Dr. Christina Nixon (née Sowards).**

Dr. Nixon is an accomplished scientist and writer whose current research interests are issues of global health. Christina is passionate about improving the quality of life



DR. CHRISTINA NIXON (SOWARDS) FH'98 SPEAKING TO THE MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

available to individuals the world over by tackling global problems including sustainable environmental management. For the past 12 years, Christina has worked on a variety of scientific problems from health care development in Ecuador to sea turtle conservation in Mexico. Christina completed her B.S. in biology at Eureka College,

Eureka, Illinois where she held a Ronald W. Reagan Fellowship. She earned her Ph.D. in molecular biology, cellular biology, and biochemistry from Brown University.

Dr. Nixon shared her research with students and talked about opportunities for careers in science. "I really want girls to know that they have a future in science if they are interested." "She is the same passionate, engaged, and joyful human being she was when she was a student in these halls," remembered Superintendent Wood.

A big thank you to Stacie and Chrissy for spending time with us. We look forward to more visits from our graduates—the door is always open for you to come and share with future Federal Hocking alums.





# LANCERS

## 2016 SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

Schedule changes due to weather will be posted at:  
[www.fedhock.com](http://www.fedhock.com)

### VARSITY BASEBALL

				GAME TIME	BUS DEPARTS
Mon	3/28	Nelsonville-York	Home	5:00 PM	
Tues	3/29	Miller	Home	5:00 PM	
Thur	3/31	Waterford	Away	5:00 PM	3:30 PM
Fri	4/1	Trimble	Home	5:00 PM	
Mon	4/4	Belpre	Away	5:00 PM	3:30 PM
Tues	4/5	Wellston@Chilly	Away	7:30 PM	4:30 AM
Wed	4/6	Southern	Home	5:00 PM	
Fri	4/8	Eastern	Away	5:00 PM	3:30 PM
Mon	4/11	Wahama	Away	5:00 PM	3:30 PM
Tues	4/12	South Gallia	Home	5:00 PM	
Fri	4/15	Miller	Away	5:00 PM	3:30 PM
Mon	4/18	Waterford	Home	5:00 PM	
Wed	4/20	Trimble	Away	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Fri	4/22	Belpre	Home	5:00 PM	
Mon	4/25	Southern	Away	5:00 PM	3:00 PM
Tues	4/26	Eastern	Home	5:00 PM	
Thur	4/28	NY@PaintSt/Chily	Away	5:00 PM	2:45 PM
Fri	4/29	South Gallia	Away	5:00 PM	3:00 PM

### VARSITY SOFTBALL

				GAME TIME	BUS DEPARTS
Sat	3/26	Nelsonville-York (DH)	Away	11:00 AM	9:00 PM
Tues	3/29	Miller	Home	5:00 PM	
Thur	3/31	Waterford	Away	5:00 PM	3:30 PM
Fri	4/1	Trimble	Home	5:00 PM	
Mon	4/4	Belpre	Away	5:00 PM	3:30 PM
Tues	4/5	Wellston	Away	5:00 PM	3:00 PM
Wed	4/6	Southern	Home	5:00 PM	
Fri	4/8	Eastern	Away	5:00 PM	3:30 PM
Mon	4/11	Wahama	Away	5:00 PM	3:30 PM
Tues	4/12	South Gallia	Home	5:00 PM	
Fri	4/15	Miller	Away	5:00 PM	3:30 PM
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Wed	4/20	Trimble	Away	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Fri	4/22	Belpre	Home	5:00 PM	
Mon	4/25	Southern	Away	5:00 PM	3:00 PM
Tues	4/26	Eastern	Home	5:00 PM	
Fri	4/29	South Gallia	Away	5:00 PM	3:00 PM
Mon	5/2	Fort Frye	Away	5:00 PM	3:30 PM

### INDOOR TRACK!

This winter coach David Miller kept his track team in shape and motivated with indoor track events at Marietta College.

It was just their second season, with five Lancers competing in multiple running and jumping events: Devon Robinson, Isaac Miller, Gabe Fuller, Randall Torrence, Seth Frost. Highlighting the winter season was Gabe Fuller, when he cleared 36 feet, 11-1/2 inches in the triple-jump! He was the overall winner of the triple jump, and qualified for state. "Gabe had never done the triple jump before which makes qualifying for the state competition an amazing achievement," said the coach. "We're all excited for the outdoor track season to begin—this is just the beginning!"

### VARSITY TRACK & FIELD

				GAME TIME	BUS DEPARTS
Tues	3/29	Vinton County Open	Away	4:30 PM	3:00 PM
Sat	4/2	Rocky Brands@NY	Away	9:30 AM	7:00 AM
Tues	4/5	Fort Frye	Away	5:00 PM	3:00 PM
Thur	4/7	Berne Union	Away	4:30 PM	3:00 PM
Tues	4/12	Nelsonville-Y Open	Away	4:30 PM	3:00 PM
Sat	4/16	Warren Invitational	Away	10:00 AM	7:00 AM
Tues	4/19	Warren Quad	Away	4:30 PM	3:00 PM
Tues	4/26	Spartan Relays	Away	4:30 PM	3:00 PM
Thur	5/5	TVC Hocking@ NY	Away	4:30 PM	3:00 PM

### 7/8<sup>TH</sup> TRACK & FIELD

				GAME TIME	BUS DEPARTS
Wed	3/30	Nelsonville Open	Away	4:30 PM	3:00 PM
Wed.	4/6	Nelsonville Open	Away	4:30 PM	3:00 PM
Mon	4/11	Vinton County Open	Away	4:30 AM	3:00 PM
Fri.	4/22	Buckeye Invitational	Away	4:00 PM	3:00 PM
Sat.	5/7	MS TVC @ V.C.	Away	10:00 AM	8:00 AM

## Middle School Girls Basketball Finishes Successful Season

The FH 7th and 8th grade girls basketball teams finished a successful season in February, taking the runner up position in both tourneys. The 7th grade team finished as regular season TVC champs with a record of 13-2 before falling to Eastern by a score of 21-24 in the TVC Conference Tourney Finals. The 8th grade team was also TVC regular season champs at 15-4, but fell to Miller 30-24 in the TVC tourney final.

"The future looks bright for girls basketball at FH," said Principal Cliff Bonner. "Look for these girls to really shine as they move up to the high school."

### SPRING SPORTS START SOON!

The schedule for spring sports can be found in this newsletter (previous page) but remember, rainouts are frequent and we will post any changes in schedule on our web site and on Facebook.

With the weather turning warmer spring sports, softball, baseball, and track are all beginning to gear up! The softball program will be lead by Jamie Washburn and over on the baseball side Luke Richards takes the helm assisted by familiar faces Brent Chadwell, and Albert Green. Jerry Weaver returns as head track coach assisted by David Miller and Ronald Prioleau.

## FH Senior Wins BEST IN SHOW!



Congratulations to senior A.J. Cobb who received the Best in Show, Painting award at the 2014 Ohio Art Educators Association "Emerging Artists" exhibition. A.J. created his award winning watercolor "Cracks" in Ellen Hadley's Art class. The work was displayed at the State Teachers' Retirement Building in Columbus.

LANCER WELCOME WAGON

# Spring Fun Day!

Saturday, March 19th • 9 a.m. to Noon • At the Middle School

All pre-school age children are invited to a Spring Fun Day at the Middle School, sponsored by the Lancer Welcome Wagon. Free breakfast for all will be served from 9 to 10 a.m. Learning activities and games will go on all morning! Special appearance by the Easter Bunny who will be handing out free books and door prizes to all children!