Massillon Begins the Process of School Consolidation

At its March 21 meeting, the Massillon City Schools Board of Education voted to close three of the district's elementary schools: Bowers, Emerson, and Smith. It also voted to close the board of education office and realign the middle school as a fourth through eighth-grade building.

“These were difficult decisions to make, and they will impact families, staff, and the district as a whole,” said Superintendent Richard Goodright. “With decreased funding from the state, we had to do something. We gathered data, researched our options and came to the conclusion that this is the best decision to make, given our situation.”

Bowers, Emerson, and Smith Elementary Schools held the fewest students, and the consolidation of schools will allow the district to maximize student seats at Franklin, Gorrell, and Whittier for preschool and K–3 students. The district will also look to relocate the board of education office, Massillon Digital Academy (MDA), and Adult Basic Literacy Education (ABLE) into remaining spaces, possibly one of the vacated buildings.

Massillon will have to redraw its elementary boundary lines and revise the bus routes to accommodate students going to different schools. The consolidation of schools will also require a consolidation of staff, which will be a savings to the district.

“I want our students and families to be reassured that our academic delivery model will remain intact,” Goodright said. “Bringing new students and teachers together will generate collaboration and new ideas that will help our students achieve. We will keep our parents and the community up-to-date on the steps of this transition process.”

Massillon City Schools Focuses on Community Engagement

At Massillon, we are focusing on moving the district in the right direction for our students, their families, and the community. In order to do this effectively, we wanted the community to be a part of the discussion.

In February, we held four Community Table Top Discussions regarding specific issues facing the district. We also formed a Strategic Planning Committee comprised of district employees, parents, and community members. This committee met twice in March and twice in April with the goal of creating a strategic plan to guide the district through the next 12 to 24 months. The Massillon Board of Education is set to vote on the strategic plan at its April 25 meeting.

The district will be conducting a phone poll in April to help accurately gauge the community’s thoughts on a number of topics. We will also be holding two focus groups on April 19 to have in-depth discussions with our parents and community members about the Massillon City Schools.

In addition, we have a place to submit questions and concerns on the home page of our website that can be used at anytime. With the dedication of our administrators, teachers, and staff, and constructive feedback from our community, we can successfully overcome the challenges facing our district.
Interim Treasurer’s Report

The Expediture Flow Reports are a great tool to monitor where our dollars are being spent. Listed below are expenses by general category in a school budget. The majority of our dollars are going to instruction, which is great!

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The cornerstones of education are teaching and learning, which generally occur in the building classroom. This function often includes teachers, teacher aides, or paraprofessionals, as well as materials, computers, books, and other consumable materials that are used with students in the classroom setting.

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Building support includes facilities and operations at the building and central office levels. It is made up of multiple functions, which combine both capital goods (building, buses, heating equipment, etc.) and the resources necessary to operate, clean, repair, and improve them. Purchasing for the lunchroom operation is also included in this category.

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This category includes the functions of the building principal’s office costs incurred as the principal’s office sets the goals and directions and makes key decisions for the building. Also included are central office costs incurred for the Board of Education, Superintendent’s Office, Fiscal Services, and Support Services. These costs encompass planning, research, information services, staff services, and data processing expenditures.

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Students need support outside the classroom and beyond their academic instruction. They need guidance counseling, help in the media center or library, college advising, field trips, and psychological testing.

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The employees in the district need support, staff development, training, retraining, and additional college courses.

Volunteer Spotlight

When coach Mark Findley asked a soft-spoken sophomore to help as a student manager for the Tiger basketball team during his junior year ('77), Robert (Bob) Antonille jumped at the chance to volunteer to help the team. Thirty-five years later, Bob is still an active volunteer within Massillon City Schools. He shares his time with both boys and girls athletic programs, doing whatever is asked of him. He has served in various leadership roles with the PTO at the elementary and middle school level. Matt Plybon, the principal at Whittier Elementary, said he has always been able to count on Bob to help at his school. Principal Plybon pointed to Bob as a go-to kind of parent when the chips are down and support is needed.

Bob is best known for his 30+ year association with the Basketball Benchwarmers. Longtime Tiger basketball coach Dave Null said that we need more individuals like Bob working with the schools. According to Coach Null, Bob supports the program and the kids faithfully with no agenda other than to help the Tiger basketball team be the best it can be. Matt Creamer worked 16 seasons with Bob while he coached the Tigers. He was very appreciative of all the behind-the-scenes work that Bob did for him and the basketball program. He said that Bob contributed countless hours above what is normally expected of a volunteer.

Bob, thanks for all you do!

Should you require assistance, please call the central office at 330.830.3900

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Career Technical Education Spotlight

Nursing Program

The Nursing Program recently went on a field trip to the Great Lakes Science Center. They have been working on various fundraising to help with Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) competitions and program costs. After a successful blood drive in January, they are planning, with the American Red Cross, another in May. Students are getting ready for local HOSA competitions in preparation for state competitions. Juniors completed their American Heart Association certifications in January and started STNA classes in February. Seniors completed phlebotomy classes and started their clinical experiences.

For several years, the Nursing Program has donated money and helped at a holiday party for a mental health agency that works with children and their families.

Business Management

Ms. Palmer’s senior Business Management class hosted the first “Tigers Got Talent,” talent show on January 27. Student Danni Lohr came up with the idea to support and encourage several teachers at Washington High School who are battling various forms of cancer. This event gave students a chance to utilize their business management skills as they did all the legwork: advertising, setting up auditions, designing tickets, selecting judges, and coordinating activities for the actual show. The students raised $810 for the American Cancer Society. The winners were the amazing group of Cody Hawkins, Jesse Galchick, Chris Crowl, Andy Smith, and Alex Passwaters. They gave their $50 prize money to the ACS, so the final total was $860. Also amazing was our very own David Joiner. He rocked the house.

The seniors involved in the project were Danni Lohr, Ryan Ricker, Zach Diacontonas, Dominic Harris, Amber McKnight, Jon Metzger, Emily Nieuwander, Kenneth Reed, Jared Ricker, and Johnathin Velvies.

Pharmacy Program

The pharmacy tech program is off to a great start. This is the first year for the career tech program at Washington High School. The students just completed health science fundamentals and are now learning about pharmacy laws and regulations. Students learn how to fill a prescription, enter data into a computer, compound medication, and use aseptic techniques.

The program has a mock pharmacy lab with a laminar flow hood and a vertical flow hood that were donated by local hospitals. These will help prepare the students for work in a hospital environment, where they will work with IV and chemotherapy drugs.

Medical Office

Medical Office students recently completed a project with the Massillon Lions Club where they used two new machines to do vision screening for Massillon City School students. The Medical Office students entered student data into the vision machines making it more efficient to screen approximately 600 students. The students are busy now studying medical terminology and medical office procedures.

State Reps Visit CTE

On February 27, Ohio Senator Scott Oelslager visited WHS and its Career Tech Programs and students. Board members Phil Elum and Mary Strukel were present for the visit as well. Then, on March 16, Ohio Representatives Kirk Schuring and Christina Hagan also visited Washington High School. These visits involved a school tour and stops in our classrooms. Students had an opportunity to interact with these members of our Ohio Congress. During these visits, the legislators learned about how well prepared our students will be for the workforce of tomorrow. The students shared knowledge and skills that they are learning in their Career Tech programs. Teachers talked about the changes from vocational to career technical education and the opportunities to earn college credit today.
**Washington High School Students Earn Top Awards**

**DECA Students Place Well**

Twenty-one Massillon Marketing/E-Commerce and Interactive Media DECA students competed at the state DECA Conference in Columbus recently. Over 1,700 students from an estimated 120 schools participated. Students took a 100-question test and presented a case study to judges. There were up to 40 students competing in each area.

**Six Massillon students qualified for the DECA International Conference that will be held in Salt Lake City in April:**

**THIRD PLACE**
Marcus Daniels and Brandon Jackson: *Sports and Entertainment Team Event*

**FOURTH PLACE**
Nate Dean, Nikki Thomas, and Lauren Troyer: *Creative Marketing Written Event*

**FOURTH PLACE**
Jim Mutigli: *Sports and Entertainment Series Event*

**The following were district winners:**

**FIRST PLACE**
Marcus Daniels and Brandon Jackson: *Sports and Entertainment Team Event*

Kyle James and Chandler Craddock: *Marketing Communications Team Event*

Nash Stanton and Ivan McClay: *Financial Services Team Event*

Nikki Thomas: *Sports and Entertainment*

Nate Dean: *Business Services*

Mike Urwin: *Quick Serve*

Steven Mead: *Food Marketing*

Sean Wise: *Automotive*

Collin Brace: *Principles of Finance*

**SECOND PLACE**
Joshua Richards: *Business Finance*

Darean Urban: *Marketing Management*

Danae Garretson: *Hotel and Lodging*

Christian Paris: *Automotive Services*

Jim Mutigli: *Sports and Entertainment*

Kayleigh Spencer: *Retail Merchandising*

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**Five Choirs—Straight Superior Ratings**

The Washington High School choirs competed at Large Group Adjudicated Events on Saturday, March 10, at Lake High School. The Advanced Choir, Men’s Chorus, and Women’s Chorus each received straight superior ratings in Class AA. The Concert Choir received straight superior ratings in Class B, and the Freshman Choir received straight superior ratings in Class C. All choirs will be participating in State Large Group Adjudicated Events at Jackson High School on May 4 and 5.

The preparation of the students was evident in the performance room and in the sight reading room. All five choirs earned all superior ratings! It doesn’t get any better than this. Wow, students, we are really proud of you!

It is wonderful to have such talented and dedicated students at Washington High School. The entire community can take pride in the students’ success and accomplishments. The community’s continuing support of the students is appreciated.

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Charles E. Brown
WHS CLASS OF 1962

HONORED IN THE AREAS OF:
Athletics, Human Services, Youth Development

EDUCATION:
B.A. from Syracuse University, 1966

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:
After playing football for the Massillon Tigers, Brown went on to play at Syracuse University before heading to the NFL, where he played with the Chicago Bears and Buffalo Bills. After football, Brown dedicated himself to bettering the world around him through his involvement in a number of organizations. Most notably, he served as the executive director of the Robert Taylor Boys and Girls Club in Chicago.

He also co-founded One Tiger, Inc., a nonprofit organization committed to benefiting Massillon youth.

AWARDS AND HONORS:
Brown was named an All-American in high school and All-Conference in college; elected to Canton Old-Timers Hall of Fame and the Washington High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT MR. BROWN:
He has served as president of the NFL Alumni Association of Chicago, a group whose mission is to enhance the physical and financial well-being of retired NFL players.

Dave McAfee
WHS CLASS OF 1981

HONORED IN THE AREAS OF:
Music

EDUCATION:

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:
A musician at his core, he founded Dave McAfee Productions, Inc. in 2007. The company specializes in studio recording, producing, showcasing, and talent development. Best known for his drumming, McAfee has played and toured with country artists including Toby Keith, Mason Dixon, Bryan White, and Wade Hayes. McAfee appeared on and co-produced Jamey Johnson’s album, “The Lonesome Song,” which was nominated for three Grammy Awards including Best Album.

AWARDS AND HONORS:
McAfee was chosen as the 2009 Modern Drummer Magazine Readers’ Poll Award Winner. McAfee has received seven Grammy nominations, including two for albums he co-produced. He also helped country musician Jamey Johnson earn recognition for his song, “In Color,” which won the 2009 ACM and CMA Song of the Year Award.

SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT MR. MCAFEE:
While on tour with bands and musicians, McAfee has performed in more than 300 U.S. cities and 23 countries.

James E. Johnson
WHS CLASS OF 1948

HONORED IN THE AREAS OF:
Domestic and international marketing and sales

EDUCATION:
Civil Engineering, the Case Institute of Technology, 1948–49; B.S. in Mathematics from Kent State University, 1953

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:
A research and development engineer for Goodyear Aerospace, Johnson later worked for Griscom Russell Co., then B.F. Goodrich, where he served as manager of international tire operations, director of licensing international operations, director of export marketing international operations, and general manager of international operations.

A lifelong resident of Massillon, Johnson was committed to serving the city. A Tiger football season ticket-holder from 1948 until his death in 2010, Johnson served as a member of international operations, director of international operations, and general manager of international operations.

SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT MR. JOHNSON:
Throughout his career, Johnson received awards from countries in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and the Far East as well as South and Central America and Southeast Asia.

Leo Grosswiller
WHS CLASS OF 1950

HONORED IN THE AREA OF:
Engineering

EDUCATION: B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Cincinnati, 1960; post-graduate courses, Carnegie-Mellon Institute of Technology, 1973

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:
Leo Grosswiller worked 42 years with Diebold, having most recently served as the company’s manager of security products development and engineering. His primary job was to design and manage the development of vaults, vault doors, after-hour depositories, money safes, and remote banking system products—including ATM and pneumatic air tube systems.

AWARDS AND HONORS:
Mr. Grosswiller acquired more than 25 patents for Diebold security and transaction products. He was honored by the National Inventor’s Hall of Fame in 1996 as one of the museum’s “Distinguished Corporate Inventors.”

SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT MR. GROSSWILLER:
He served as the engineering manager and development contributor of the Hope Diamond display case at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.
Massillon Middle School Students Excel
The Middle School offers a wide variety of programs and activities to its students. We are proud to recognize several students for their accomplishments during the course of the 2011-2012 school year.

Claudia Pedro: Ohio Lottery Academic All-Star
Massillon Middle School student, Claudia Pedro was recognized by the Ohio Lottery as the February 2011 Academic All-Star. Claudia was nominated by her teacher, Mrs. Monica Shrader. Claudia was nominated not only for her academic success but was recognized for her positive attitude, energetic nature, and extra-curricular involvement.

Quinn Piorkowski: VFW Winner
Seventh grade MMS student Quinn Piorkowski entered a writing contest held by our local VFW 3124. This year’s topic was “Are You Proud of Your Country?” Quinn wrote a beautiful essay, which won him the district title and $500. From there, he advanced to the regionals, where he received another $250. This is the first time Massillon qualified a student to the regionals.

Victoria Nelson: Stage of Life Semi-Finalist
Victoria Nelson, seventh grade Tiger Writers member, was a semi-finalist for a national writing contest, Stage of Life. Victoria wrote an essay in response to the writing prompt, “Person to Watch in 2012,” placing twelfth for her essay titled “Rachel Joy Scott and Rachel’s Challenge.” Her essay is posted on the Stage of Life website at www.stageoflife.com.

Andrew Gillogly: MMS Artist
Andrew Gillogly is a busy young man! Andrew submitted an entry in the Kent State art contest for Gold and Silver keys, where he earned a certificate of participation. Also Andrew has entered the Ohio Schools magazine cover contest for what you like best about Ohio schools and is currently waiting on results for that entry. Andrew writes the comic strip for the MMS newspaper; he has a drawing displayed in the Massillon Museum’s school display, Celebration in Art; he is in the art club at MMS; and he takes private art lessons at the Massillon Museum.

Annual MMS Pancake Breakfast a Success
On February 11, Massillon Middle School hosted the annual Pancake Breakfast and Community Fair. This was a free event open to the community. Several agencies were available to provide information, services, and assistance to families in our district. Ms. Angie Klick provided several community members with free tax preparation services, and additional staff members assisted in serving breakfast and welcoming the Massillon community to MMS. Several gift baskets were donated by MMS staff members and participating organizations to offset the cost of the breakfast. The event was a huge success thanks to the help of area organizations, Angie Klick, Chris Beggs, and Vicki Horvath.

MMS Tiger “I” Movement
Mr. Sykora’s mod 6/7 class is involved in something truly special! The Tiger “I” Movement. This idea comes from the movie, Pay It Forward. The “tiger” in the title is self explanatory. The “I” stands for the students themselves. They personally want to make a commitment to reading and using their abilities to thank our great community. The “movement” is the students taking on the challenge of reading as many books as possible, getting sponsors for each book they read, and then giving it all back to the community.

Our students at MMS are very thankful for all of the community support that they receive. This is a way for the students to thank the community and the citizens of Massillon for all that they do to ensure they have a great education. On one random day this spring, the students who participated will go out into the community and give back all they have earned from reading to say thank you.

After only four weeks the students have read over 25 books and have raised over $200 to give back to the community. They are really excited to be reading and giving back.

Thoroughly Modern Millie
Our story takes place in the excitement of New York City in 1922. Searching for a new life, Millie has moved to the city during a time when women were entering the workforce and the rules of love and social behavior were changing forever. What Millie finds when she arrives in New York is a cast full of entertaining characters that makes city life alive with fun and intrigue. Starring in the show are Kathryn Newsom as Millie Dillmount, Quinn Piorkowski as Jimmy Smith, Justin Ollis as Trevor Graydon, Karoline Smith as Miss Dorothy, Emma Stine as Mrs. Meers, Tajj Crowder as Ching Ho, Stephen Sober as Bun Foo, and Ava Radel as Miss Flannery.
MMS Math Team

Congratulations to all the fifth, sixth, and seventh grade MMS “mathletes” who participated in the Greater Canton Council of Teachers of Mathematics Tournament held at Jackson Middle School on Saturday, March 3. The MMS Math Team was coached by Debbie Barbieri, Amy Wagner, and Dave Kurzen. The team had its best year ever—earning 35 awards.

Spelling Bee Winners Announced

Seventh grader Collette Webster (left) won the Massillon Middle School Spelling Bee that was held on Thursday, February 9. Eighth-grader Dakota Dunwiddie earned the title of runner-up. Colette advanced to the Regional Grand Final Spelling Bee on March 3, where she represented MMS.

DAR Recognizes MMS Students

Antonia McClain and Naudia Spicer entered a JJAC contest with the Canton Local Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) group. Students either made a stamp design or poster design or wrote an essay for the theme “Enhancing the Present.” Antonia McClain earned the honors of local, state, and district winner for her stamp design. Naudia Spicer was recognized as the local, state, and district winner for her poster design. Both students are currently waiting for results from the national level. Antonia and Naudia will be attending the state recognition luncheon in Columbus on April 14. They will also attend the local recognition program on May 2 in Canton.

Band Students Recognized

Ava Radel, Stephen Sober, Cara Bonheimer, and Alex Hermann were all recognized as April band students of the month. Band director, Mr. James Unferdorfer describes these four students as hard workers and positive leaders. All of these students are dedicated to band, improving individually, and making the MMS band and the others in it, the best they can be!

Rotary Club Students of the Month

The Massillon Rotary Club recognizes two Massillon Middle School Students each month at a luncheon. These students are chosen because they demonstrate exemplary qualities of character, display great work ethic, and conduct themselves in a respectful manner. These students are examples of the many terrific students at MMS!

Middle School Band Students of the Month—Ava Radel, Alex Hermann, Cara Bonheimer, and Stephen Sober

Rotary Club Students of the Month—Bret Toney, Justin Ollis, Luke Young, Vince McConnell, Donnie Heather, Amanda Covert, Camryn Bickel, Wendy Woodring, Abigail Lilli, and Autumn Zirk.
Bowers: Student Walking Club

Bowers students enjoy collecting tokens and gain health benefits by participating in the school’s Walking Club.

Emerson: Right-to-Read Week

The theme for this year’s right-to-read at Emerson was “READ with DR. SEUSS.” We started the week with a birthday party for Dr. Seuss. Party activities included decorating cupcakes for a snack, musical chairs, making green oobleck, corn hole, tic-tac-toe, and changing teachers for a time. We dressed differently each day: green clothing day, crazy socks days, pajama day, and mismatched day. Parents also participated in the week’s activities. Over 65 parents came to enjoy lunch with their child/children during this week. The parents also went to Dr. Seuss’ room and read with their child/children. Our week ended with a Massillon Public Library reader, who performed skits with the students.

Franklin: Project MORE Intervention

Mentoring in Ohio for Reading Excellence (Project MORE) can provide intensive intervention for students at risk for reading failure, in order to promote increased achievement and outcomes.

- Scientifically based reading research volunteer reading mentoring project for students
- Encourages high expectations for all students
- Offers 1:1 instruction at individual’s reading level
- Provides 30-minute sessions 4 times per week for 32 weeks during school hours
- Significantly improves reading levels of diverse elementary learners
- Requires minimal local school funds: cost effective
- Reinforces home/school connection
- Strengthens community awareness and relations
- Works for individual classrooms or building-wide

Playing video games, watching television, and surfing the Internet are producing the most overweight generation of children in American history! Several staff members envisioned a fitness program that would get our students in shape while having fun and reducing playground hassles. Students are challenged to walk a 20-lap course to earn a token (foot) on a chain. After 100 laps, they earn a special token for the chain. We sent home a flyer asking for volunteers and received an overwhelming response. The most precious resource in our lives is time, and we so appreciate the time our volunteers give two times a week promoting fitness and health for our children. Our volunteers—Laura Miller, Heather Price, Emily Stevenson, Russell Pugh, Jen Fair, Chris Uplinger, Charlotte Rainsburg, Cindy Hurst, Monica Rohr, Denise Farnham, Kristen Schweier, and Karen Tobin—truly make a difference!
Gorrell: Focus on Respect

With the help of Mrs. Link, school guidance, the students of Gorrell Elementary have been studying the six Pillars of Character. The month of March has been designated for respect. Mrs. Link has been conducting lessons within the classrooms that help students identify respectful and disrespectful behavior. She teaches that treating people with respect leads to friendships and positive interpersonal relationships.

Here are some things you can do to reinforce the message and our related learning activities.

★ Talk with your child about the importance of treating other people with respect. Make sure he/she knows that it is important to you and that it will lead to stronger friendships.

★ Watch a television program together and talk about the various ways in which the characters acted respectfully or disrespectfully towards one another. Watch for put-downs, insults, and subtle forms of bullying.

★ Help your child become sensitive to his or her own behaviors or language that may be of a disrespectful nature as he or she deals with siblings or friends.

★ Remember that you are a powerful role model for your child. If you treat people respectfully, that is what your child will learn from you.

Elementary Schools Focus on Learning and Character-Building

L.J. Smith: James and the Giant Peach

The students at L.J. Smith Elementary were entertained by the North Canton playhouse with their production of James and The Giant Peach. The students watched as the story came to life. Plus, several students became actors in a few scenes. The students did an outstanding job of being good listeners during the hour-long production.

Whittier: “Everything You Need to Know You Learn in Kindergarten”

Spring is definitely in the air at Whittier Elementary. Through our newly adopted reading series, Treasures, the kindergartners have been reading and studying about plants and how they grow. This cross-curricular unit has been very exciting for the kindergartners. The children planted bean seeds and are watching the growth process through a small baggie. Some of our other kindergartners planted their seeds in soil. We definitely have some candidates for the Future Farmers of America!

To learn more about what’s happening in our schools, visit: www.massillonschools.org

Alexis Dixon is in Mrs. Black’s kindergarten class and Clayton Speicher is in Mrs. Kortis’ kindergarten class.

Gorrell’s retired principal, Mrs. Harper, returns to the school as a volunteer.

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Meet the Treasurer

Sandra Moeglin has been hired as the new treasurer at Massillon City Schools. She comes to Massillon from the Marlington Local School District in Alliance, where she’s spent the last four years as treasurer.

“Sandy really stood out to us during the interview process,” said Superintendent Richard Goodright. “She was professional, well prepared and knowledgeable, and provided excellent references. I think she will be a positive asset to our district.”

Sandy’s contract begins August 1, but she will be splitting her time between Massillon and Marlington as needed. Tamra Hurst will continue to act as interim treasurer until Sandy’s contract officially begins.

Sandy graduated from Carrollton High School and received her associate degree from Stark State and received her bachelor’s degree from Malone University. She began her career at the Brown Local School District in Malvern, first as the superintendent’s secretary and then as the district treasurer.

Sandy lives in Malvern with her husband.

“I am excited to begin my new role as treasurer of the Massillon City Schools,” said Sandy. “I look forward to getting to know the Massillon community and working with the board of education and administrative staff as they prepare their vision to move the district in a positive direction.”

Online and On-the-Go

Massillon Digital Academy (MDA) is doing things differently this year by offering students choices in computer type and Internet connectivity. In years past, MDA provided students a CPU, monitor, keyboard, mouse, and all of the cords that go with those items. This year, students have the opportunity to use a traditional desktop computer or a 3G HP 10-inch netbook.

In partnership with Verizon, MDA was able to procure the netbooks and offer wireless connectivity. By doing this, students can get Internet access wherever there is cell coverage. This has given students a boost in usage and time on task. They are able to travel and not be tied down to a desk in order to complete work.

However, MDA still maintains its partnership with Massillon Cable to provide Internet access at home for those students who like to have one place to work. When choosing this option, students are given desktop computers and everything that goes with them.

As you can see, Massillon Digital Academy is truly providing any time, any place access to online content.

Preschool Artful Living Program

The Artful Living Program enriches the lives of preschoolers four days a week (every preschool day) in Massillon City Schools. Arts immersion provided by the Massillon Museum, Massillon Public Library, Ananda Center for the Arts, and the Canton Symphony Orchestra, sparks imagination, creativity, and the children’s interest in learning all aspects of the curriculum.

The Massillon Museum spearheaded The Artful Living Program in 2006 as a research endeavor aimed at showing the effect of immersing young minds in the arts, which founders believed would improve vision, creativity, and leadership characteristics. In action, the program brings professional artists to preschool classes every day to present arts-related activities that are integrated into the classroom teacher’s lesson plan.

An additional component of The Artful Living Program provides families with direction and resources to live in an artful manner. Program Director Christopher Craft lists the traits of an Artful Living lifestyle: a questioning mind, an observant eye, family involvement with children’s education, awareness of the beauty of the world, a desire to improve the world, awareness of the broad issues of society, a relationship with society as a consumer and a contributing member, an environment reflecting balance and beauty, vision to project outcomes of action, a large group of interests, and attentiveness to personal appearance.

Ashland University will track the influence of the Artful Living Program as today’s preschoolers proceed through their educational process, analyzing and interpreting the information to continue to refine and disseminate the program.

Massillon Middle School students had a terrific time as they welcomed the community for MMS Pancake Day and Community Fair.
Massillon’s Student Athletes Succeed

Massillon Lady Tigers
The Lady Tigers finished the season with a 15–7 record. They advanced to the second round of the sectional tournament where they lost a hard-fought battle to Wooster in overtime. The Lady Tigers were able to accomplish several team goals throughout the course of the season. They won the Mayor’s Cup trophy for a third straight year, allowing them to retire the trophy. Throughout the course of the season several school records were broken. Nae Nae McElroy was able to tie the record of most points in a game with 36 points against Akron East. Also against Akron East, Nae Nae broke the school record for free throw attempts in a game with 22 attempts. Nae Nae finished her career at Washington High School in fourth place on the all-time scorer’s list with 949 career points.

Nikki Thomas also broke several school records this season. She now holds the record for blocked shots in a game with 15, which she accomplished against North Canton Hoover. Nikki broke the school record for blocked shots in a season with 109 and set a new career record for blocks with 185. Nikki put herself in fifth place on the all-time career rebounds list with 504 total rebounds.

Katie Clark was able to set school records from shooting beyond the arc. Katie now holds the school record for three-point field goals with 89 three-pointers during her career. Katie also holds the record for three-pointers attempted with 317.

The Lady Tiger Basketball team is looking forward to another successful season in 2012–2013.

Massillon Tiger Wrestling
Once again this year the Tiger wrestling program sent junior Ivan McClay and senior Lane Louive to the state wrestling tournament. Ivan was once again able to get himself onto the podium in Columbus with another third-place finish in the 120-pound weight class. He finished the season with a record of 33–4. Being a junior, Ivan has his eyes on returning to Columbus next season for a run at the state title. Lane Louive just missed placing at the state tournament by losing his second round consolation match. He finished the season with an impressive record of 31–4. Next season the Tiger wrestling program is once again looking for a successful season. Led by junior Ivan McClay and other young wrestlers, the team plans to send several people to the state tournament.

Gymnastics
Recently at The NEGC Winter Classic Championship Sabrina Skelly finished second in the all-around competition, finished first on the floor exercise, and finished third on the bars. Also placing was Sam Dehoff who finished second on the vault. These two girls also claimed end-of-the-year awards with Sabrina earning second team for the all around and Sam Dehoff earning second team on the vault. The gymnastics team was also able to beat McKinley in a dual match by a score of 118–115. Good luck to the gymnastics team next season.

Seventh Grade Boys Basketball Team
Congratulations to Massillon Middle School’s seventh grade boys basketball team for completing a 16-0 season, the first in Massillon Middle School’s history! The team is coached by Coach Travis Ullum and Coach Ray Riley.
Parents! New Transportation Guidelines
You Must Know for the 2012–2013 School Year

**Babysitters and Daycare Providers:**
Transportation will be available to and from babysitter and daycare providers with the following stipulations: (a) babysitters and daycare providers must reside in the student’s school of attendance area, (b) the babysitter and daycare provider must be outside the one-mile elementary school walk boundary, and (c) babysitter and daycare provider transportation arrangements must be based on a five-day schedule for busing to be provided.

**Bus Assignments:**
Students are assigned buses through the transportation department. Should any changes need to be made, please direct those changes to the transportation department and your home school.

**Bus Conduct:**
Students should conduct themselves on the school bus as they would in the classroom. Students that exhibit rude or disrespectful behavior towards their bus driver, fight with others, use foul language, or do not follow safety directions from the driver may be subject to progressive and permanent bus suspension. Remember, riding the bus is a privilege and not a right!

**Bus Schedules:**
The bus schedules are set up by the transportation department and approved by the Board of Education.

**Bus Stops:**
Students are required to board and depart buses at their assigned stop unless prior authorization is granted. Parents may request bus stop location changes through the transportation department or school administrator.

**Delayed Buses:**
If your child’s bus is delayed more than 15 minutes, please instruct your child to return home. Parents may call the transportation department regarding delayed buses.

**Designated Place of Safety:**
Each student will be given a place of safety where he or she should wait until the bus arrives in the morning and departs in the afternoon.

**Open Enrollment:**
Intra-district transportation is not provided for open enrollment students. Open enrollment students may utilize transportation within the home school attendance area so long as it abides by stipulations in the “Babysitter and Daycare Provider” section and may not result in the creation of another bus route.

**Inclement Weather Closing:**
In case of inclement weather, every effort is made to cancel school before 6:00 a.m. Please tune to WHBC FM 94.1 or to TV Channels 3, 4, 5, or 8 for updated school closings or delays.

**Last Bell:**
Parents can expect their child/children home from school any time after the last bell rings up to the scheduled time the bus is due to arrive.

**Emergency Transportation:**
If your child needs transportation that is out of the ordinary, please notify the school and the transportation department so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

**Pick-up Times:**
Students are requested to arrive at the assigned bus stop five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Students must be in the view of the driver upon approach to the bus stop. Please note: buses will not be directed to return to pick up missed students.

**Walk Boundaries:**
Elementary – 1 mile; Middle School – 1 mile; High School – 1.5 miles

**Young Riders:**
Parents of kindergarten children must be visible to the driver at the time their child arrives home or at their designated bus stop.

**Questions:**
If you have any questions, please feel free to call the transportation office at 330-830-3910.