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MAUMEE CITY SCHOOLS SCHOOLNOTES

A newsletter for the residents of the Maumee City School District



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Superintendent's Column

By Todd Cramer, Ed.D.

Always Innovating. Always Inspiring.

With one-third of the school year already behind us, I wanted to share updates as we continue to live out our core beliefs and make sure we are "Always Innovating and Always Inspiring." In addition to working to accomplish our district goals which encompass rigor, relevance, relationships, and being fiscally responsible, the school district is also constantly seeking your feedback. I always appreciate those who are able to take time to sit down and share their thoughts and opinions.

Maumee City Schools - Always Innovating

Our preschool and elementary grade teachers have been involved with a number of initiatives this year as we continue to engage in a multitude of efforts to ensure we are maximizing the potential of every student. Our staff has also been working with the Ohio Writing Project which is an initiative that supports teachers from across our state. It has been named one of the most effective and cost-efficient professional development programs in the history of our country and we are proud to bring this program to Maumee.

I recently visited with students in our MakerSpace at Gateway Middle School as they participated in an afterschool club where they design, create, and improve individual and group projects. Each building has a schedule that allows MakerSpaces to be open to students either before school, after school, or during high school lunch periods. Outside our MakerSpaces, I visit classrooms across the district and witness teachers engaging students as they learn by using all types of technology. Virtual reality is one of the most popular recent additions as students wear VR glasses and tour historical and famous locations across the globe.

And, there is learning going on across the district that doesn't require technology. I visited a classroom and saw middle school students engaged in a team-based vocabulary review where they worked with partners and were individually assessed by contributing to the team score. They were encouraged to collaborate to maximize both their individual and team potential.

Maumee High School has been focused on exploring new math curriculum as well as continuing to build our Computer Science and Robotics programs. This, in addition to having more than 600 Chromebooks in the hands of our students, allows for 21st century learning opportunities throughout the school day.

Maumee City Schools - Always Inspiring

Our staff members continue to find new and creative ways to inspire the best in our students as well as one another. We welcomed teachers from other schools to our recent Technology Summit professional development day and have hosted several other school districts, one traveling more than two hours, to tour our buildings and learn from our staff.

We are grateful to the Maumee community for your support of our programs and facilities. Knowing that we can be an inspiration to educators across the state tells me that the educational programming in place for this community's children is preparing them to be successful in college and successful in careers that do not yet exist, but will by the time they enter the workforce. It is truly inspiring to see the looks on our students' faces as they connect with classroom content and are inspired to do their best each and every day.

In addition to those who work inside our classrooms, I am also inspired by those who serve our district in other capacities. Following a recent windstorm, our buildings & grounds staff, as well as our custodians, quickly made sure sidewalks and playgrounds were safe for our students.

Everything I just described takes place for one reason - which happens to be one of the core beliefs of our school district - Students Come First.



Meet Maumee High School's Distinguished Alumnus Award Winners for 2019

Sylvia (Saldana) Washburn ('68)



Sylvia was a public, elementary school teacher for more than 34 years. She earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Toledo and has received numerous recognitions for her work in the classroom and as a mentor/facilitator for fellow educators.

One of Sylvia's most notable awards came from the Walt Disney Company. In 1989 she was named Disney Outstanding Elementary Teacher from a field of educators from across the country, and then in 1990 was selected as the Outstanding Teacher of the Year by her peers. Sylvia served as a member of Ohio Governor Ted Strickland's Institute on Creativity & Innovation for two-plus years, was an A+ for Energy Ambassador for the British Petroleum Company from 2006-2008, and received an ECHO Award from the Boys and Girls Club of Toledo. She was also an integral part of the Toledo Federation of Teachers for more than 35 years, serving as an officer and on the Board of Directors.

Sylvia cares deeply for Maumee and the surrounding community, serving on numerous boards and participating in many clubs and activities. She was a Maumee City School board member for 12 years, and also on the boards of St. Luke's Hospital and the Maumee Senior Center. Sylvia is an active member of the Maumee Rotary Club, serving on numerous committees and she has been named a Paul Harris Fellow. She is a member of The Ohio State University Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program and assists with educational programs and activities for local residents. Sylvia and her husband Myles live in Maumee and have two sons, Evan (MHS Class of 2005) and Alex (MHS Class of 2007), and one granddaughter, Ellise Marie.

Alan K. Fellhauer ('63) and Rosie (Faulkner) Fellhauer ('65)



The Fellhauers are receiving the Distinguished Alumnus Award as a team. Over their 51 years of marriage, they have worked together to create several businesses, support the communities in which they have lived, while still keeping roots in Maumee. They have served on boards and capital campaigns, sponsored youth athletic teams, funded scholarships, and donated to foundations with a mission to support children, youth and education.

Alan started his career as a crew member at the McDonald's on Byrne Road in 1963 while attending BGSU. After serving two years in the Army, he returned home to McDonald's management. He worked his way up through the company and eventually he and Rosie became McDonald's franchisees, owning as many as 14 restaurants in the Ann Arbor & Canton, Michigan area. They also started three businesses in Toledo, were on the board of Central Cities Ministries and were active fundraisers for St. Anthony's Villa (Boysville).

As the owner/operators of McDonald's Restaurants for more than 33 years, Alan and Rosie are passionate about Ronald McDonald House Charities. In the 1980s, they were actively involved in the building of the Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor. Alan was also very active on committees starting Toledo's Ronald McDonald House and the Jamie Farr Classic.

Alan is credited with mentoring employees and always receives accolades from employees and peers alike. He has helped several people to get their own franchise or start their own businesses and often gets calls asking for advice.

Alan and Rosie live in Milan, Michigan and in 2014 sold the last of their businesses, retired, and now have time to travel and especially spend time with family. They have three sons, three daughters-in-law and are the proud grandparents to seven grandchildren. Their sons Jeff and Marc and their families live in Michigan and their son Dan and his family live in Virginia.

Bryce G. Harbaugh ('61)



Bryce, with his wife Judy, co-owns Midwest Management Systems, an organizational development firm located in Toledo. The company is a franchise partner of the global company, Leadership Management, Inc. which has headquarters in Waco, Texas. They have two grown children, Will and Molly, who live in Summit, NJ and Arlington, MA, respectively. Will and his wife

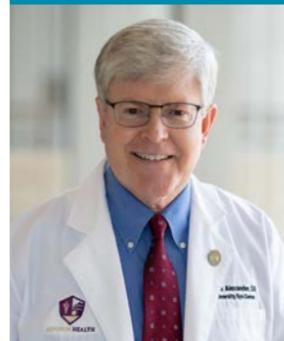
Hannah, are the parents of the couple's two granddaughters, Hadley (9) and Charlotte (7).

Bryce earned his undergraduate degree in History from Dartmouth College and his master's degree in Asian Studies from the University of Michigan. He served as an active duty U.S. Army officer (Oct. 1966 - Dec. 1969). He went through parachute and Ranger training, a one-year tour in Vietnam (Aug. 1967 - Aug. 1968) with the 5th Special Forces Group, and then finished his military service as an instructor at the Mountain Camp of the Army's Ranger Training Command in North Georgia. Bryce then spent a year in Taiwan, followed by a 12-year career with the YMCA where he worked side by side with Judy. The Harbaughs left the YMCA in 1985 and assumed ownership of Midwest Management Systems.

Bryce is an elder at First Presbyterian Church (FPC) in Maumee and was elected to this leadership position by the congregation because of his "high character, integrity, and demonstrated service to the church and community." He has been a member of FPC for more than three decades and has served the church in numerous capacities.

Bryce is presently President of the Board at Grace Community Center in Toledo, a social service agency that focuses on improving the lives of the most impoverished citizens of the city. He is also one of several leaders with "Muslim-Christian Dialogue," a group based at FPC that seeks to foster understanding and healthy relationships between the Christian and Muslim communities in northwest Ohio. They intend to retire in the Glass City.

Kevin L. Alexander, O.D., Ph.D. ('69)



Dr. Alexander is the President of Marshall B. Ketchum University in Fullerton, California. He earned his O.D. and Ph.D. degrees at The Ohio State University. Following graduation, he was an OSU professor, teaching ocular disease and pharmacology, while he began his practice in Columbus, Ohio. Returning to Toledo in the late eighties, he joined with ophthalmologists to help pioneer optometric co-management of cataract and retina patients. During that time Dr. Alexander established an ocular disease residency and is credited with creating the first fellowship in vitreoretinal disease for optometrists.

In 2000, Dr. Alexander left clinical practice to become Dean of the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University. In 2008, he became President of Southern California College of Optometry and expanded its mission to include interdisciplinary health care education by creating Marshall B. Ketchum University (MBKU). Dr. Alexander was named the first President of MBKU in 2013, adding Physician Assistant studies and Pharmacy to the century-old optometry program. From 2013 to 2018 construction projects doubled the size of the MBKU campus.

Dr. Alexander has presented more than 275 lectures in 15 states, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and five countries. He has authored numerous articles and edited a textbook. Dr. Alexander has served as President of volunteer optometric organizations including the Ohio Optometric Association, Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry, and the American Optometric Association. He has received The Ohio State Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, the H. Ward Ewalt Award for Distinguished Professional Service, was named an Ohio Optometrist of the Year, and is a National Optometry Hall of Fame inductee. Dr. Alexander is married to Dr. Carol L. Alexander, also an optometrist, and enjoys flying and photography.

Congratulations to the Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees and Hall of Excellence & Contribution Inductee

Maumee High School is proud to announce the individuals who will be inducted into the Maumee High School Athletic Hall of Fame and the Maumee High School Athletic Hall of Excellence & Contribution in 2019. Their photographs and biographies will be included in the next issue of SchoolNotes.

**Brett Boggs ('03) • Paul Muenzer (1932-2014)
Kurt Olman ('72) (1954-1984)**

I Want to Invite You ...

The school district opens the administration building and Gateway Middle School to residents for indoor walking, Monday through Friday.

Administration Building: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Door #1)

Gateway Middle School: 6 - 8 p.m. (Door #15)

Athletic competitions are happening almost daily in our middle and high school gymnasiums and I want to invite the community to see our Panthers in action. Student athletes enjoy having the stands filled with Panther fans. The complete winter schedule is posted on our website and App.

You are Cordially Invited to Awards Banquet on January 26

A dinner and awards banquet will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at Parkway Place in Maumee. Event emcee is Eric Haubert, MHS grad and local television sports reporter/anchor. Inductees will also be honored on Friday, January 25 at halftime of a varsity basketball game.

Tickets are on sale now and cost \$45.

Visit the Maumee City Schools website - under LATEST NEWS - to find more information. The web address is: www.maumee.k12.oh.us

Save the Date ...

A CLASS ACT

A fundraising event
For the Panther Pride Foundation

In honor of
Charlie Carr (MHS'72)

Saturday, March 16, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.

Brandywine Country Club
6904 Salisbury Road, Maumee

Dinner
Live Entertainment
Live & Silent Auction

For more information:
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Helping Students 'Find Their Voice' & Be More Confident Writers Maumee Teachers Using New Strategies



Writing is a huge factor in everyday life and when a child is struggling, it poses a problem. That's where the Ohio Writing Project (OWP) comes in. OWP is a teacher professional development program that gives teachers new ways to engage students and increase their desire to write. OWP has trained more than 100,000 kindergarten–5th grade teachers. OWP best practices focus less on the mechanics of writing and more on the content. All of Maumee's elementary classroom teachers have been trained.

While grammar, spelling, and punctuation are still important, children are less likely to be discouraged by red marks on their papers when mechanics are not the sole focus. Michelle Shafer, Director of Teaching and Learning for Maumee City Schools, says students find more enjoyment in the art of writing when OWP tactics are used in a classroom. She explains one of the program tactics that involves

the young writers participating in a "quick write." Students are given a small passage, from which they self-select a phrase or theme and begin to build off what interests them. They write as much as they can for five minutes, simply allowing the words to flow.

According to Mrs. Shafer, "Writing doesn't have to begin when children understand all their letters and sounds. Maumee students are writing stories in kindergarten." As an example, kindergarten classes will be writing toy reviews after winter break. They will choose one toy they received and write a review to read to the class. "Allowing them to give these reviews will boost their confidence in their ability to form cohesive thoughts and arguments and they will be writing about something important to them," Mrs. Shafer adds.

OWP instructors are based at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and they have recently started work in Northwest Ohio, and Maumee, Springfield and Otesgo are the first area districts to have OWP-trained teachers.

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Maumee High School DECA Students Organize Harvest for Hunger



Maumee High School DECA students joined forces with the Angel Tree Ministry through St. Paul's Episcopal Church for the fourth annual Harvest for Hunger this past October. It was designed as a friendly competition between the second period classes at MHS as staff and students donated not only money but non-perishable food items for the community's less fortunate families. Almost \$1,000 in non-perishable food items and \$1,000 in gift cards to local stores were collected.

Santa Claus Came Early To Maumee



More than 40 Maumee High School students spent their free time wrapping hundreds of gifts after school on November 27. The gifts were for about 100 younger Maumee City Schools students. This is all possible thanks to one community member who has purchased and donated the gifts anonymously for the past four years. Maumee's Secret Santa provides close to 700 gifts and explains that she has three purposes for what she does: provide gifts to children whose families may be struggling during the holidays; inspire high school students to be community and service minded - always willing to help others, and finally to encourage other members of the community to help local families. Maumee City Schools is extremely grateful to our Secret Santa.



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Students Learn Engineering Skills

STEAM Lab Project Excites Elementary Students

When designing a STEAM Lab challenge for students, teachers like Lexi Marshall look for ways to blend science, math, design, and creative skills. Taking on an engineering project like making popsicle stick Ferris Wheels is a popular challenge and the latest one underway for 4th and 5th graders at Wayne Trail Elementary School.

"The kids are learning to work as teams of engineers," Mrs. Marshall explains. "They are problem solving, collaborating, experimenting, reworking their designs to make them better, and learning that it's OK to fail and need to rework something or even start all over again. It's all part of the learning process."

This Ferris Wheel challenge touched on principles of geometry (math), motion and forces (physics), structures and their purposes such as supporting a load (engineering), as well as collaboration and problem-solving.



Four Exchange Students Welcomed to Maumee High School



(L-R) Clara Bernhardt – Germany, Emilie Engelen – Norway, Martha Barrios Segura – Guatemala, Quinya Mei – China

Maumee High School welcomes four exchange students this school year. Each student will spend the entire academic year at MHS before returning home. They acclimated quickly and each is involved in school activities.

"Each of our international exchange students has brought her own unique cultural perspective to the high school," says Principal Matthew Dick. "And, each one is actively involved in the Maumee community through academics, athletics, music, and volunteerism."

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