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Arrowhead, Fort Island, and Herberich Primary Schools Expand Leveled Reading Libraries

In an effort to further differentiate the curriculum and tailor instruction to the individual needs of students, all three Primary Schools in the Copley-Fairlawn City School District have been engaged in developing leveled building and classroom libraries. These leveled libraries provide a collection of fiction and non-fiction books that can be "matched" to students based upon their independent and instructional reading levels. Classroom and intervention teachers assess students at the start of the year to determine where a student's reading level currently is and then monitor his/her progress throughout the year. The libraries contain multiple copies of books that classroom teachers utilize for reading instruction and a variety of individual books that are used to promote independent reading in school and at home. These libraries have been made possible and will continue to grow due to the support of grant, district, and PTA funding. We appreciate the generous support of our PTAs and the Copley-Fairlawn City Schools Foundation for their support of our leveled libraries.

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Changes in State Funding For Schools Coming


The State of Ohio is in the process of changing how school districts will be funded. Previously, a formula was utilized that was based on per pupil allocations. The new method is called PASS (Pathway to Student Success). This method is based on organizational units and utilizes an average building population number across the state. Based upon the number of students in a building, funding is received for licensed staff, administration, special education, gifted services, and other areas.

State funding that our district receives will be cut by 1% for Fiscal Year 2010, and another 1% for Fiscal Year 2011. State funding for bus purchases has also been eliminated. The district has not seen full details of the new PASS program but the state is hoping to get us the information sometime in October. The Copley Fairlawn City School District continues to strive to provide top level education while remaining fiscally responsible in light of the current economic climate.

Learning Today ~ Leading Tomorrow

**Ohio Department of Education
 Announces Top Rating of
 "EXCELLENT with DISTINCTION"
 for Copley-Fairlawn City School District**

Ohio Department of Education State Test Results

 Congratulations to our Copley-Fairlawn students and staff and thank you to our teachers, support staff and administrators on our district's "Excellent with Distinction" rating from the Ohio Department of Education. Copley High School and Copley-Fairlawn Middle School received the highest ratings possible from the state. Our three primary schools, Arrowhead, Fort Island and Herberich, rank in the top 3-10% of all primary schools in Summit County. We are proud of our principals, teachers, and staff. This marks the seventh time in the past eight years that the school district has received an excellent rating. This is the first year that the district has received the top rating "with Distinction" since the Ohio Department of Education changed the rating system in 2007-2008. The Ohio Department of Education Local Reports Cards for the Copley-Fairlawn City School District and each individual school building are posted on our website. The link to our website is <http://www.copley-fairlawn.org>.

Ohio School District Ratings
 Ohio Department of Education - 2008/2009

Designation	Districts
Excellent with Distinction	116
Excellent	154
Effective	251
Continuous Improvement	79
Academic Watch	9
Academic Emergency	1

 **Important Dates**
 Fall 2009

Oct. 22 & Nov. 5 - Evening Conferences (K-8)
 Nov. 6 - End of First Grading Period
 Nov. 12 & 19 - Evening Conferences (9-12)
 Nov. 26-30 - Fall Break
 Dec. 21-Jan. 1 - Winter Break

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CHS Academic Challenge Team Second in the Nation



The 2008-2009 Academic Challenge Team from Copley High School finished the season with an impressive 123-26 record. This record included tournament wins at Aurora, St. Charles Prep (Columbus), Cory Salem Memorial (Copley), the Summit County League, Bowling Green National Academic Quiz Tournament, Northmont (Dayton area), Cloverleaf, and the Copley Invitational. The team also finished in 7th place for the Brain Game televised on the Ohio News Network.

The team won the Washington, D.C. phase of the 48 team National Academic Challenge Tournament on June 5-7 and went on to the final phase in Chicago the next weekend. In this competition, the team placed 2nd in the nation. Members of the 2008-2009 CHS team include **Grace Patuwo, Subra Jana, Kevin Qin, Edward Pang,** and **Jackson Kulas**. The team is coached by Mrs. Sue Korosa, Mr. Andy Stephens, and Mrs. Bren Wion. The team looks forward to the 2009-2010 season. Congratulations and good luck this year.

Copley-Fairlawn City Schools Offers Parent Mentor Program

It is the mission of the Copley-Fairlawn City Schools Parent Mentor Program to provide the necessary support for families of children with disabilities within the Copley-Fairlawn School District. The CFCS Parent Mentor Program will help you and your child navigate through the special education system. The Copley-Fairlawn City School District Parent Mentors are volunteers and offer support and information to parents of special needs children in a number of different ways. Our goal is to empower parents to be the best advocates for their children. This program is designed to foster parent and professional teamwork.

As parents of a special needs student, they have experienced the sometimes difficult educational journey with their own child. Over the years, they have discovered that the challenges faced by parents and educators of special needs students can be managed by showing resolve, seeking information and sharing knowledge.

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Copley High School Student Recognition



Copley High School is pleased to announce that senior **Brooke Norval** is among the 16,000 high school seniors that are Semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Brooke will have an opportunity to continue in the competition for one of approximately 8,200 Merit Scholarship awards, worth a total of approximately \$36 million, to be offered next spring.

Semifinalists must advance to the Finalist level of the competition by fulfilling additional requirements that include having an outstanding academic record, being endorsed and recommended by the high school principal, and submitting SAT I scores that confirm the student's earlier PSAT/NMQST performances, as well as, information about the student's educational interests, goals, and participation and leadership in school and community activities. **Congratulations Brooke!**

Copley High School is pleased to announce that seniors **Alex Calderone, Kim Crowley, Andrew Makishi** and **Emily Nace** have been named Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program. These students received a Certificate of Commendation from the school and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). Commended Students placed in the top five percent of more than one million students who entered the Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test as juniors. **Congratulations Alex, Kim, Andrew, and Emily!**

Copley High School Adds Mandarin Chinese to Curriculum

We are pleased to share that our new Mandarin Chinese course at Copley High School is off to a terrific start. Copley-Fairlawn City Schools is one of three districts in Summit County to offer this course. Mrs. Pingfen Sung teaches three courses of Chinese I at Copley High School. We feel that this course offering will allow our students to gain an understanding of the Chinese culture and to grasp a language that will make them competitive, not only in their higher education endeavors, but in the global marketplace as well.

Copley-Fairlawn City Schools Unveils Newly Designed Website

The Copley-Fairlawn City Schools introduced a new website on August 24, 2009. The new website provides our families and community members with up-to-date information on programming, curriculum, and district events. Each department and building has an individual section to provide details about our school district. Please take some time to visit our new site. We are looking to continue to improve our site with accessibility options such as online registration and e-alerts for families and community members interested in taking advantage of them. If you have specific feedback regarding the site, please feel free to contact us. You can locate contact information under Administration/Contact Information.



Copley High School Shares Advanced Placement Test Results

Advanced Placement test scores in all areas have improved since last year.

Congratulations to the AP Physics, Spanish Language and US History students who significantly increased their scores. Of the 22 students that took the AP Calculus exam, 4 students earned a 4 and the other 18 students scored the highest possible score of 5.

About 18 percent of the nearly 1.7 million students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently higher level to earn one of the three AP Scholar Awards. At Copley High School, 86 students took an AP exam and 27 of these students earned AP Scholar Awards and recognition. Of the 27 students, twelve students qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on a five point scale on all exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. Ten students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award and five students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honors Award.

Curriculum Additions for the 2010-2011 School Year

The District is currently looking into expanding our offerings for the 2010-2011 school year. Currently under consideration is an Honors Biology course in 8th grade and two additional Advanced Placement offerings at Copley High School. More information will be forthcoming regarding course offerings at the middle school and high school next spring.

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Copley-Fairlawn Middle School Teachers Recognized at OSBA Fall Meeting

Mr. Bryan Neuhauser and Mrs. Toula Elefter were chosen to be participants at the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Student Achievement Conference this November in Columbus for their work with multi-media technology in their classrooms. The OSBA event offers an opportunity for Copley-Fairlawn to showcase our technology which helps to enhance achievement in our schools. The selection for Copley-Fairlawn Middle School was based upon their program's creativity and positive impact on student achievement. Mr. Neuhauser and Mrs. Elefter will present their information to school districts from across the state. To honor this selection, Copley-Fairlawn Middle School was recognized with a framed certificate during the Annual OSBA Fall Meeting on October 7th at the Tangier Restaurant in Akron.

Students in Grades K-12 Receive New Science Materials

Science curriculum coordinators and building principals met throughout the course of the 2008-2009 school year to review our K-12 science course of study and materials. Each grade level has received new materials which will assist our staff in maintaining our high level of science instruction. A variety of hands-on materials, coupled with solid textbook material, will provide our students with a strong science foundation based upon the Ohio Academic Content Standards.