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The Beacon

Youngstown City School District
Good News and Upcoming Events

“The dream begins with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you to the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a sharp stick called truth.”

~Dan Rather

Chaney High School

Chaney students in the Key Club and National Honor Society earned community service hours by being counselors and peer leaders last week at Camp Fitch.

Several Chaney students participated in YSU's English Festival on April 1.

Chaney Key Club members prepared and served food and cleaned the kitchen and dining hall of the Salvation Army.

A grant from the Downtown Youngstown Kiwanis helped pay for nine Chaney students to attend the YSU Planetarium.

The Chaney Poet Laureate Club welcomed the road show, Poetry Alive!, on March 30, in the school auditorium. Members acted as ushers, assistants, and participants.

Choffin Career & Technical Center

Students at Choffin Career & Technical center collected 496 pounds of food for the Second Harvest Food Bank Harvest For Hunger campaign!

Choffin Adult Education is partnering with Lorain County Community College to deliver an Associate of Applied Science LPN –RN program.

Students in the Option IV Job Training program at Choffin were awarded \$50.00 Southern Park Mall gift certificates from St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

The Biotechnology and Engineering programs at Choffin are gearing up for their annual community service Earth Day project where they will clean up Youngstown!

Congratulations to Traniesha Robinson, a student at Choffin and East, who won third place in trivial pursuit at YSU's English Festival!

East High School

The Freshman School of Excellence at East High School held a spaghetti dinner on March 24th for all freshmen and their parents. Approximately 300 people attended the dinner to discuss transitioning into a successful tenth grade year.

Congratulations to East's ROTC for passing its inspection with 92.5 points out of 100 possible points! They moved from a white star to a blue star for the next three years.

About 100 people attended East's second annual Quincenera Ball on March 27th.

East freshman, Ibn James, was recognized for improving his grades at the Governor's Initiative Conference on March 29th in Columbus.

Congratulations to Sharece Jackson , a student at East, who won second place in the writing games at YSU's English Festival.

The National Honor Society at East inducted thirteen new members into the chapter earlier this month.

The ROTC program at East hosted a very successful blood drive and attained their goal of 20 pints of life saving blood!

Harding

Congratulations to Harding 3rd-5th grade students who had a 73% increase in Math and a 68% increase in Reading based on the Spring Scantron results!

Over 294 students have received incentives for perfect attendance the past 2 weeks at Harding!

25 Harding students attended Camp Fitch with teachers and student counselors from Chaney.

Hayes

The 6th and 7th grade students at Hayes who sent Christmas cards to the 386th Security Forces Squadron deployed in Southwest Asia recently received a thank you card and pictures from the soldiers.

Odyssey

The G.A.I.L group at Odyssey has started presentations in the 3rd and 4th grades to focusing on social contract, conflict resolutions, respect and bullying.

7th grade Odyssey students are peer tutoring 3rd and 4th grade students in reparation for the OAT.

A class at Odyssey has been selling popcorn and has raised \$500.00 for the Second Harvest Food Bank.

P. Ross Berry

Congratulations to P. Ross Berry student, Ayasha Gordon who was the Grand Prize winner in the "Kindness Counts" essay contest sponsored by the Character Education Team!

P. Ross Berry thanks the Youngstown Chapter of Links Inc. for donating school supplies!

Several P. Ross Berry 5th and 6th graders attended Camp Fitch.

Congratulations to Sharon Ragan who received a mini grant from NEOCE through Dr. Lovelace Cameron at YSU for \$3,365.85.

Paul C. Bunn

On April 6th, Bunn hosted an Easter Egg Hunt on the new playground, a building tour, and free pictures with the Easter Bunny for the children in their neighborhood who are attending charter schools!

Grade 3 - 6 teachers at Bunn are busy preparing students for the upcoming OAT. A Test Survival Kit filled with goodies will be given to every student tested.

The Bunn Jump Rope Team, under the leadership of Physical Education teacher Joe Zappia, is a nominee for the "Hands on Volunteer Award of the Mahoning Valley". The awards banquet is on April 22, at Squaw Creek Country Club and tickets cost \$25.

The 2009 Kidscripts Performance by Magical Theater will be held Thursday, April 9 at 1:45 in Bunn's auditorium. Parents are invited to attend!

Taft

During the month of April, all students at Taft Elementary will be planting flowers to welcome spring and beautify the grounds.

The 3rd and 4th graders from Taft Elementary School went to the Young People's Concert at Power's Auditorium earlier this month.

On April 2nd, students at Taft participated in Junior Achievement. YSU students taught lessons in Social Studies, Language Arts, Math and Economics as preparation for the Ohio Achievement Test.

The 2009 Kidscripts Performance by Magical Theater will be held Thursday, April 9 at Taft. The group will be acting out original stories written by the 5th and 6th graders.

Youngstown Early College

Twenty students from YEC will attend the Student Leadership Summit: Realize Your Potential sponsored by Knowledge Works starting April 8 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Mason.

YCSD Preschool

Protestant Family Services adopted the YCSD preschool program. They have donated toys, clothes, pull-ups, and needed supplies for families of our preschoolers. We truly appreciate their thoughtfulness and generosity!