



June 9, 2009

# The Beacon

Youngstown City School District  
Good News and Upcoming Events

“The universal brotherhood of man is our most precious possession.”

~ Mark Twain

## Alpha

60 Alpha students who passed both parts of their winter scantron test were awarded a field trip to the Cleveland Rock-N-Roll Hall of Fame and the Great Lakes Science Center earlier this month.

On June 5th Alpha had their 4th Annual Awards Banquet at New Bethel Baptist Church with over 100 people in attendance.

Members of the APLHA HAWKS landscaped two homes on the East Side of Youngstown in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity.

Alpha will have their 3rd Annual Fun Day on June 11th with a D.J., outside basketball courts, volleyball, softball, football, jump rope contest, line dance, and plenty of food. Parents are invited. The event is from 11AM to 2PM.

## Chaney High School

The play *Grease* was performed at Chaney High School earlier this month. Elementary and middle school students attended during a special performance.

The Cowboy Country Community Cookout held on June 6th was a huge success! All West Side elementary and secondary school students were invited. The Chaney Key Club and Football Team helped facilitate the event.

The Chaney Key Club volunteered at the Salvation Army on May 28. Students prepared and served lunches and cleaned the dining hall as part of their community mission.

The Chaney Awards Assembly was held on June 1st to recognize student achievements and community service.

## **Choffin Career & Technical Center**

Congratulations to the 85 Choffin adult education graduates! The ceremony will be held on June 12th at 6PM in the Chaney auditorium.

This year the ABLE department, housed at Choffin, will honor over 150 GED graduates on June 18th at 6:30PM in the Chaney auditorium.

Congratulations to Raheem Minor and Myke Parker, Commercial Art students at Choffin, who won Best in Show in the Youngstown City Schools Art Show.

A special thanks to the Engineering, Carpentry and Heating & Air Conditioning programs at Choffin who combined their talents to construct a Money Machine to be used as the 4th grading period district attendance incentive.

The Multimedia Production Program at Choffin filmed the Money Machine and will be creating a promotional video for district use next year.

## **East High School**

Over 240 students were recognized at the Second Annual Awards Tea at East. Scholarship checks were presented to various seniors by Home Savings and Loan and other local businesses.

Congratulations to Juan Salinas, a sophomore at East, who qualified to participate in the United States Junior Olympics in boxing.

Two boys relay teams from East competed in the State Track meet in Columbus, on June 5th.

East's Baccalaureate service was held on June 7th. The graduation ceremony will be held Thursday, June 11th at 8AM.

## **Harding**

Congratulations to Josie Lightfoot from Harding for having perfect attendance! She attended a luncheon with the Superintendent and was treated to spa services at Choffin!

Harding students who participate in the S.T.A.R.S. after school program were busy planting a garden across the street from the school during the end of May. This activity was funded through a WEAN Grant.

## **Harding Continued**

Congratulations to the 110 Harding students who will be awarded for their hard work, attendance, and "Green" behavior during OAT preparation. They will spend the morning of June 9th at the Skate Zone in Austintown.

Harding would like to wish good luck to Betty Wiggins and Marcia Berry who are retiring!

## **Hayes**

Congratulations to Hayes Middle School students for their academic achievement this year! Hayes finished the year with 125 students with A,B, and C averages!

## **Paul C. Bunn**

Paul C. Bunn received a \$500 grant from the Boardman Target store to purchase new library books as well as two Wean Foundation Grants that total over \$5,000 for classroom materials and gardening supplies.

Bunn has been happily accepting new student registrations and will continue to accept students throughout the summer.

## **P. Ross Berry**

Congratulations to Shienne White from P. Ross Berry who had lunch and a makeover with the Superintendent on May 26th. She was the winner of the perfect attendance incentive for the 3rd grade period.

33% of students at P. Ross Berry had perfect attendance for the 4th grade period.

Shar'lynn Hopkins from P. Ross Berry was the winner of the 4th grade period perfect attendance incentive and got 30 seconds in the Money Machine.

Congratulations to Adiel Martinez from P. Ross Berry who won Best in Show at the Youngstown City School Art Show.

The P. Ross Berry, Odyssey, and MLK community carnival on May 30th was supported with a large crowd of students, families and community members. Special thanks to staff and students that made this a success.

## Taft

On June 3rd, the 2nd and 3rd grades from Taft visited the Akron Zoo. Students were studying animals and habitats and enjoyed a picnic lunch.

An awards assembly was June 8th at Taft. In addition to the student awards, Taft also be honored past PTA presidents and volunteers from Westminster Presbyterian Church.

The Youngstown Afterschool Alliance Super Stars Summer Program will be held at Taft from June 15th to July 9th. Students will be focusing on math and reading enrichment with field trips.