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Superintendent’s Message

Welcome back, Dukes!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed your time off during winter break with family and friends. We ended the first half of the school year strong and I look forward to a great second half of the year!

First, I would like to thank the Marlington community for passing the 8.5 mill renewal levy back in November. The renewal allows us to pay for our day-to-day operations including staff salaries, benefits, utilities, etc. The dollars also allow us to provide important student support services, such as occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy and counseling.

The renewal passed by 69 percent, the highest support rating since 1999. At Marlington, we appreciate your support of our vision and goals for the district.

Second, I would also like to announce that the district is currently working on developing a new five-year strategic plan. Our current plan expires in May of 2019 and our goal is to have a new plan approved by the Board of Education by that time.

The strategic plan will set specific goals and benchmarks to improve the district in the areas of communication, curriculum, finances and facilities. Over the next year, we will be seeking community input through surveys, meetings and focus groups. As an integral part of the community, your input is important to the success of our district and we look forward to your participation.

The first step in the strategic planning process will be a community-wide survey conducted for free through Survey Monkey. You can access the survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/MLSstrategicPlanSurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MLSstrategicPlanSurvey). If you would like to fill out a hard copy of the survey, please call 330-823-7458 and one will be mailed to you. All surveys are due Feb. 9, 2018.

If you have any questions regarding the strategic planning process, please contact my office at 330-823-7458.

I wish you all a great start to 2018!

*Joe Knoll*  
Joe Knoll, Superintendent  
Positively Marlington



## Marlington Board of Education Welcomes Two New Members

Beginning in January 2018, the Marlington Local School District Board of Education will welcome two new members, both elected this past November.



**Karen Humphries** is a Marlington High School graduate and a reporter and feature writer for The Hartville

News. She and her husband Tony have a daughter Gracie, a sophomore at Marlington High School.



**Dr. Scott Mason** is a professor and chairs the Department of Chemistry for the University of Mount Union

(UMU). He is also the director of the Pre-Medical Professionals program. His wife, Dr. Sheryl Mason, is also a professor at UMU. They have four children, Thomas (MHS class of 2014), Sarah (MHS class of 2016), Mary and Elizabeth.

Mrs. Humphries and Dr. Mason will join returning board members Carolyn Gabric, Thomas Hippely, Jr. and Mark Ryan.

The Marlington Local School District would also like to thank outgoing board members James Fisher and Gary Scott.



**James Fisher** served on the board since 2010 and was a member of the Policy Committee, Extracurricular

Committee, Building & Grounds Committee and the Curriculum Committee. He was also the Legislative Liaison and Alternate, as well as the Student Achievement Liaison to the Ohio School Boards Association.



**Gary Scott** has been a member of the board since 2014 and was board president in 2016. He served on the

Policy Committee, Extracurricular Committee, Building & Grounds Committee and the Curriculum Committee. He was also the Legislative Liaison and Alternate, as well as the Student Achievement Liaison to the Ohio School Boards Association.

We appreciate their service and dedication to the students of the Marlington Local Schools.

## Marlington High School Hosts Veterans Day Celebration

On Friday, Nov. 10, Marlington High School held its sixth annual Veterans Day celebration in the Marlington High School auditorium. The assembly was open to the public and our local veterans were encouraged to attend as we recognized the sacrifices made by all those that have served.

The program included the presentation of colors by the Marlboro Volunteers, the Pledge of Allegiance led by staff member, Major Erick Cyders, Ohio Air National Guard, the honoring of veteran guests and performances by both the Marlington Band and the high school choir, Duke Street. This year, Tom Swartz of the class of 1966, honored fallen Marlington classmates with a special presentation.

Following the assembly, a community breakfast was served to all special



**Front Row:** Jim Paumier, Bob Cole, Don Boyce, Dan Tolerton, Howie Vadasz, Tom Liverett, Dave Williams, Ferrell Brownlee, John Mayer

**Second Row:** Mike Hilles, Paul Haywood, Alan Oyster, Mike Halter, Dominick Simeone, Ron Dramble, Gary Toussant, Larry Johnson

**Third Row:** Erick Cyders, Frederick Elsass, Craig Datz, Tom Swartz, Tom Mather, Pat Ryan, Dan Gibson

**Fourth Row:** Dale Lucas, John Frank, Tom Frank

**Fifth Row:** Martin Fausnight, Eric Kurtz, Tom Erisey, Bob Battershell, Bob Richards, Robert Zepernick, Roy Dimmerling

guests and attendees.

"We always enjoy taking a day to celebrate those in the community who

have served our country and to offer a teachable moment for our students to never forget the sacrifices made for each of us", said Superintendent Joe

Knoll. "This year, the presentation of a plaque honoring our fallen Marlington heroes was a very meaningful focus of the program."

## Marlington Strategic Plan Community Survey – We Want Your Thoughts!

As mentioned in the Superintendent's Message, the Marlington Local School District is beginning the process of developing a new five-year strategic plan to replace the one expiring in May 2019.

As a district, we want to create a strategic plan that meets the needs of our students, parents, staff and community. As such, we need your input.

The first step in this process is a community survey, which can

be found at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/MLSStrategicPlanSurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MLSStrategicPlanSurvey). Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and help us create the next strategic plan for Marlington.

If you prefer to fill out a hard copy of the survey, please call 330-823-7458 and one will be mailed to you. You can then return it by mail or drop it off at the Administrative Offices.

All surveys are due Feb. 9, 2018.

Thank you for your participation!

## Enroll Now! Adult Special Interest Class – Welding

The Marlington Local School District is seeking interested candidates to participate in an adult special interest welding class. Our hope is to conduct a six-week course beginning in February that includes an introduction to tig and mig welding. The course will be taught in our Engineering Fabrication Lab in the high school and be conducted one night a week. Depending on the interest and availability, the day and minimal cost to cover material expenses will be determined. If you are interest-



ed in participating in this special interest welding class, please contact Superintendent Joe Knoll at 330-823-7458 as soon as possible.

## Marlington Focuses on STEAM Education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math)

STEAM Club at Washington Elementary is off to a great start with 180 students participating weekly in the club. The students look forward to STEAM Club every week and all students do not want to leave. With the help of many volunteers, we currently have six sessions a week with close to 30 kids in each session. The first and second graders are working on engineering challenges with Legos and recyclables to learn to work through the design process. Some of their challenges have been creating their name out of Legos, What can you make out of a paper towel roll? How to lift a pumpkin from the floor to the table without touching it? Make a hide out for a turkey and a new sleigh for Santa. These students are truly incredible to watch as

they think of an idea in their head, the work they create and the excitement they get when they finally get the project to look like their idea in their head. The third, fourth and fifth graders come in every week with the freedom to create, build or program anything they want. The students can use the invention corner that contains donated materials and recyclables to create and build their prototypes. They can also use Legos or K'Nex to create and build their creations. The students have also started on creating their inventions on the 3D printer through 3D Design on the computer. They also have the opportunity to work with one of six different kinds of robots to learn how to build and program. We also have had the opportunity to explore circuitry

through Snap Circuits and Little Bits. Some of the prototypes that have been worked on through the first couple weeks include a chair made out of wood, doll house, working crane, 3D printed glasses, and a working bow and arrow out of cardboard tubes, rubber bands and paint stirrers. We are only eight weeks in and the students are creating and thinking outside of the box.



Steam Club grade 1,2



Steam Club grade 3,4,5

Students are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild. We can't wait to see where they are by the end of the year.

# Marlington and West Branch Recognize Gold Star Families During Military Night



The Marlington and West Branch Local School Districts recognized Gold Star Families from both communities during a special Military Night at the Tuesday, Dec. 5, boys basketball game (Marlington vs. West Branch) at Marlington High School.

Prior to the varsity game, the district recognized Marlington and West Branch's Gold Star Families with a special presentation. Gold Star families are immediate relatives of members of the U.S. Armed Forces who have been killed in combat or in sup-



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For Marlington, the district honored the family of 1st Lt. Ashley White Stumpf and for West Branch, the family of Marine Lance Cpl. Daniel M. McVicker. Both served our country and made the ultimate sacrifice.

In addition to the recognition ceremony, all military personnel were admitted to the game free of charge. Students were also dressed in cam-

ouflage, and both communities were invited to participate.

"In both school districts, it is important for us to recognize those who have served or are currently serving in the military," said Superintendent Joe Knoll. "We also wanted to honor the families of those who have given their lives for our country. While we may be rivals on the court, it was rewarding to bring our districts together for this special evening."

## MAA Welcomes Robert E. and William E. Patton Scholarship Twin Brothers Give Back To Their Alma Mater

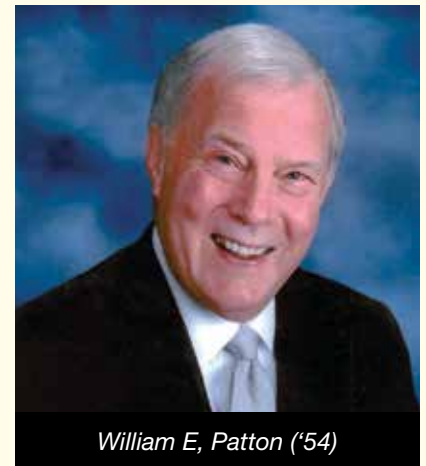
With fond memories of their high school years and in appreciation for their solid education, 1954 Marlboro High School graduates, Bob and Bill Patton, have established the Robert E. and William E. Patton Scholarship to support future generations of Marlington Dukes. The scholarship will be awarded for the first time in April, 2018.

Born to Jesse and Ruth Patton, the twin brothers were en-

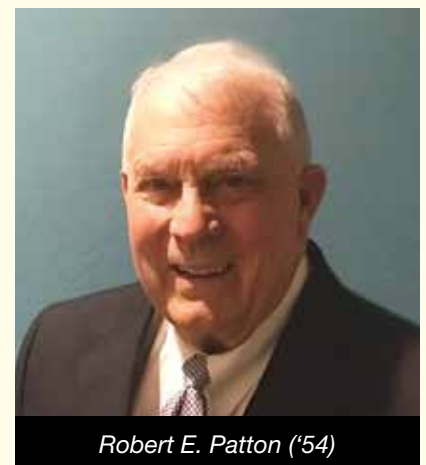
joyed successful business careers. Bob, a CPA and a resident of California for many years, most recently served as consultant and acting Chief Financial Officer for three Southern California companies. He previously served as a founder and principal of StarTronix, a NASDAQ traded holding company with four wholly owned subsidiaries, later serving as VP and CFO of the parent company, responsible for the consolidated corporate ac-

of surgical and examination gloves. For five years after the Massillon company was sold, Patton served as Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for Omni International in Hat Yai, Thailand. He was named Outstanding Alumni in 2001.

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thusiastic Marlboro athletes, stars in high school football, basketball, baseball and track. Bill was the senior class treasurer, Bob was Vice President.

Both graduated from Kent State University and have en-

counting, administration and reporting functions.

Bill worked in various Executive Management roles with Ansell Perry, a manufacturer of high-performance healthcare devices and protection equipment including a full range

of surgical and examination gloves. For five years after the Massillon company was sold, Patton served as Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for Omni International in Hat Yai, Thailand. He was named Outstanding Alumni in 2001.

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ed a portion of their heritage to the MAA. For more information on creating your family legacy scholarship with the Marlington Alumni Association, contact Vondea (Bohaychyk) Sheffer ('76) at (330) 697-4036.

# Marlington Alumni Association

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For more information or to make your gift securely online, please visit [marlingtonalumni.org](http://marlingtonalumni.org).

Please make checks payable to the Marlington Alumni Association, PO Box 6001 • Alliance, OH 44601

## Giving Levels:

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**Duke**  
(Gifts of \$1,000 - \$2499)

**Duchess**  
(Gifts of \$500 - \$999)

**Knight**  
(Gifts of \$100 - \$499)

**Lady**  
(Gifts of \$50 - \$99)

**Earl**  
(Gifts of \$25 - \$49)

**Herald**  
(Gifts of less than \$25)

## Marlington Honors Fallen Graduates

On Friday, November 10, the Marlington Alumni Association (MAA) joined with members of the Class of 1966 to honor fallen classmates at the annual Marlington High School Veterans Day Program.

While planning their 50th reunion two years ago, graduates from the Marlington High School Class of '66 recounted the impact of the Vietnam War on their class. Like other schools in Stark County, their class lost more men in military service than any other classes. In response, they chose to honor those fallen by establishing an MAA scholarship in their memory, and discussed the merits of a

permanent recognition plaque to honor all fallen Marlington Alumni.

The group approached fellow classmates, community leaders and businesses and garnered support for the bronze memorial. Before the memorial was unveiled, biographic information about each of the Marlington alums who gave their lives in military service to our country was presented by Tom Swartz ('66), John Thomas ('66), Deborah White, mother of Ashley White, and MAA President, Vondea Sheaffer.

In order of presentation: **Francis Vadasz**, a 1942 graduate of Marl-

boro High School, was just 21 years old when he was killed in France during WWII; **Alvis Faverly**, a 1965 Marlington High School graduate, died August 18, 1968 in Vietnam at the age of 21; **Denny Wahl**, graduated in 1966 and was killed in Vietnam July 21, 1967; **Rome Edward (Eddie) Dimmerling**, graduated in 1966 and died in Vietnam at the age of 19 on April 20, 1968; **William (Bill) Harley Prather** graduated in 1966 and died in Vietnam on September 12, 1968; **Ronald Garrison** died January 21, 1971 in Vietnam; and **Ashley White**, a 2005 graduate died October 22, 2011 in Af-



Tom Swartz ('66) and Vondea (Bohaychyk) Sheaffer ('76)

ghanistan at the age of 24.

The plaque honoring these alums will hang in the hallway of the high school as a permanent reminder of the greatest sacrifice given.

## Current Scholarships available through the Marlington Alumni Association

Elizabeth Albright  
Education Scholarship

Battershell Family  
Scholarship

Louise Bingham Memorial  
Scholarship

Mary Louise Bixler  
Education Scholarship

Richard W. and Annabelle  
Bohaychyk Memorial  
Scholarship

Gerald P. Burke  
Scholarship

Frank J. & Anna Carozzi  
Memorial Scholarship

Class of '66 Military  
Scholarship

Class of '90 Scholarship

Ford C. Davis Scholarship

Duke Scholarship

General John Churchill  
Academic Warrior Award

Gordon A. Eaton  
Scholarship

Lee and Carolyn Gabric  
Scholarship

Barbara (Yoder) Hall  
Memorial Scholarship

Hastings Scholarship

Thomas Hazen Memorial  
Scholarship

Howard & Trudy  
Kitzmilller Student Athlete  
Scholarship

Kimi Korleski Memorial  
Scholarship

James Krabill Memorial  
Scholarship

Lexington Twp. Vol.  
Firefighter Scholarship in  
Memory of Berkley Barker

Marlington Alumni  
Scholarship

Wayne and Bertha  
McAlister Family  
Scholarship

McIntosh Family  
Scholarship

Pete Moulin Scholarship

Rita Moulin Memorial  
Scholarship

Franklin L. (Butch) Muniz  
Baseball Scholarship

William E. and Robert E.  
Patton Scholarship\*

Ramser Scholarship

Scott and Cheryl  
Robertson Scholarship

Melvin J. Snode Memorial  
Scholarship

Harold (Hal) and Ruth  
Sweitzer Scholarship

Carol Teutsch Memorial  
Scholarship

**(For specific information about scholarship criteria go to [www.marlingtonalumni.org/scholarships](http://www.marlingtonalumni.org/scholarships))**

### Scholarship Applications Due February 1, 2018

In 2017, the MAA awarded 41 scholarships totaling \$64,000 to worthy Marlington Seniors. The MAA Scholarship Committee

evaluates applications, submitted anonymously, and makes awards based on various criteria unique to each scholarship. Awards

are given to deserving students who meet or exceed criteria. Participants can access the application online at [www.marlingtonalumni.org](http://www.marlingtonalumni.org)

or from the Marlington High School Guidance office. Students are encouraged to apply on or before the February 1 deadline.

# 2017 Bus Safety Contest Winners

## LEXINGTON ELEMENTARY



**Bottom L-R:** Alivea Kelly (Kg), Jace Pipus (1st)  
**Standing L-R:** Isaiah Hernandez Andrews (5th), Amiih Cathey (4th)  
 Aaron Brynes (3rd), Kyleigh Kridler (2nd)

## MARLBORO ELEMENTARY



**Bottom L-R:** Dennis Blasiman (2nd), Tyler Walder (1st), Kylie Vickers (Kg)  
**Top L-R:** Justine Doringo (3rd), Carlee Rhome (4th),  
 Claire Battershell (5th)

## WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY



**L-R:** Wyatt Bauman, Leah Nutter, Sydney Davis, Daniel Irwin  
 Kadince Kerns, Brady Denham

## Treasurer's Message

By: Leslie Pierce - Treasurer

I would like to echo the superintendent's gratitude for the community's support of the 8.5 mill operating levy that passed by a wide margin in November 2017. Not only did we see a greater turnout at the polls, but we received a higher percentage of support than we have in almost 20 years! It is very encouraging and exciting to see those types of results. The passing of this operating levy provides approximately \$2.5 million an-

nually toward our annual budget in our Operating/General Fund of approximately \$22 million and is very much appreciated.

We are being very mindful of the dollars we have to support our students and staff with what is needed from an educational perspective. It is apparent the students, staff and community are using and enjoying the investments made for this school year. We look forward to continuing to work

with the community to obtain input as it relates to our overall facility plan for our elementary buildings and high school.

As a reminder, the school district joined the Treasurer of Ohio's 'Ohio Check Book' online reporting of expenditures by school district in Fiscal Year 2017. This online source provides the public access to the school districts spend by year, by vendor, by type of expenditure, etc. The last three audited years of the school

district's spend has been uploaded to this online portal. The website can be found at: <http://local.ohiocheckbook.com/>.

I hope you have a joyous Holiday Season and many blessings in the New Year!

Lastly, as always, we are here to answer any questions you may have. I can be reached at [l\\_pierce@marlingtonlocal.org](mailto:l_pierce@marlingtonlocal.org).



## Curriculum Update

By: Carole M. Sutton, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum Director

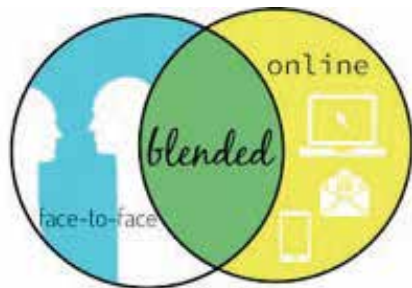
Happy New Year Dukes!! I am most excited for the 2018 year to begin continuing our successes with student learning, professional development and technology enhancements. Some of our highlights thus far include:

### Technology

Our sixth graders received new iPads and cases when they arrived to Marlington Middle School in September. This device “re-fresh” is part of our on-going commitment to provide our students with 1:1 technology. Currently, all middle school and high school students have an iPad or MacBook Air to use and take home.

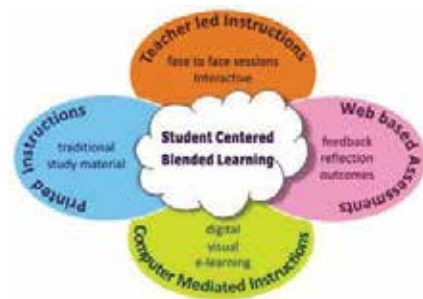
Our middle school Career Exploration and Computer Literacy Co-Academic course received brand new MacBook Air laptops to increase their productivity and experience with the latest technology tools.

### Blended Learning

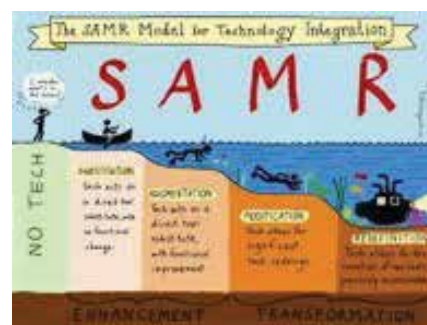


The purposeful balance of technology integration and face to face instruction defines the instructional model at Marlington. Blended Learning is recognized as a framework

where students have some choice and control over learning in a method that is conducive to their personal learning style. Some K-12 classroom examples you will see at Marlington include: station rotation, flipped classroom, project based learning and flex scheduling.



Using the Substitution Augmentation Modification Redefinition (SAMR) Model allows teachers to integrate technology promoting critical thinking, collaboration, creativity and increased communication skills. The goal of each lesson is to move students along the continuum to deeper learning.



Marlington has joined the Ohio Blended Collaborative (OBC). This is unique district opportunity to partner with nine other Ohio districts in the creation and sharing of Blended Learning content and coursework. Mrs. Phillips, French Teacher at MHS and Mrs. Swisher, MS Math teacher are participating in intense professional development to create courses in French and 6th grade math to be shared among the OBC districts. The OBC currently has over twenty teacher created, open source, content courses available for Marlington teachers to use in their classrooms.



### College Credit Plus

Students in grades 7-12 have the opportunity to take courses that will count both as high school credit and college credit. We currently offer eleven courses taught by our own Marlington faculty serving as higher education adjunct professors. These courses include: Spanish I, Computer Applications, Entrepreneurship, Statistics, Pre-Calculus, Chemistry, Psychology and Sociology. We are looking forward to expanding these

inhouse course options next school year.

### Looking into 2018... Partnership with Rodman Library

We are thrilled to announce our partnership with Rodman Library to provide library cards to every student and employee at Marlington Schools. We will go live with AXIS 360 in January offering over 1000 e-books to our students and staff through an app available on our district devices. This partnership is a win-win. There is no cost to the district and the Rodman Library increases its circulation and outreach to the Alliance Area. This is yet another example of all things **Positively Marlington!**

If you have any questions about our curriculum, please contact my office at 330.823.7458.



# Marlington High School

## From the Desk of Mr. Pepper

Wow!!! It has been a crazy nine weeks. The new special education model that we have adopted is making a huge difference in all of our classrooms. Grades are improving and students are buying into the longer intervention time and the differentiation going on daily in our classrooms. The addition of Chris Hewett as a success coach is beginning to pay off for some of our at-risk students. We have all worked hard to break

in a new secretary who is doing a wonderful job. Speaking of new, shout out to the unbelievable job our counselors are doing. Building discipline has dropped this nine weeks and may be credited to our new Positive Behavior and Intervention Supports program initiated this year by our Building Leadership Team. Students are working hard to earn the first academic letters offered at MHS. The Care Team has gone

through an overhaul this year and they are beginning to eliminate the outside barriers that trouble some of our students. What a fun fall it has been with all the successes of our athletic teams and extra-curricular activities. We all know this is only possible with strong coaching and leadership.

- Sam Pepper, Principal

## Choral Department

This year, the Marlington High School Choral Department has been working incredibly hard to reach the level of excellence this district is accustomed to. We began the year with a strong performance at our fall concert, held on Oct. 26, where our Women's Chorus, Chorale, and Duke Street showcased

the music they accomplished in less than two months of rehearsals.

On Nov. 16, Chorale participated in the NBC Honors Choir event that was held at Canton South High School. There, they had the opportunity to work with Dr. Jordan Saul, the cho-



ral director at Baldwin Wallace University, along with other choral musicians from other schools within the NBC. Chorale also sang a protest song from the Civil Rights Movement, "Isn't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round" as their solo piece, which was very well received by the audience. The experience allowed our Marlington students to showcase what they have been working on, listen to what other schools are working on, and learn from

a fantastic collegiate level choral musician. It was a priceless experience that will allow our group to grow immensely.

Throughout the Christmas season, Duke Street went into the community and performed at various venues and events, such as the Marlboro Women's Club Christmas Dinner, Altercare of Alliance, Copeland Oaks, the Washington Hurricane's meeting, The Lodge at New Dawn in Canton South,

## Academic Challenge



Academic Challenge is a fun group of students who enjoy competition and trivia. The team competes against other area schools in a variety of subjects, including geography, government, and literature. The team consists of a varsity and junior varsity team. For the 2017-2018 season, our seniors had the chance to compete on Channel 5's Academic Challenge show which aired on Saturday, Dec. 16. They competed against Fairless and Field High Schools and walked away with the win. The students are proud to represent Marlinton High School and love competing.

## Academic Letter Requirements

Students may now apply for an academic letter at Marlinton High School. This program is meant to recognize students for their exceptional grades, attendance, behavior, community service and ability to represent Marlinton at the highest level. An application may be submitted at the beginning of each nine-week grading period. Requirements are 10 hours of community service for each nine weeks, at least a 3.5 GPA, no discipline referrals, and no more than three excused absences (no unexcused absences). All of the requirements must be met for each of the first nine weeks grading periods. Qualifying students will receive an academic letter, similar to an athlete's varsity letter, and will be awarded a pin

each year after that to place on their academic letter. Marlinton encourages all students to place an emphasis on giving back to the community, earning excellent grades, being a good role model, and doing what is expected. We hope to highlight many of our outstanding students through this program.

McCrea Manor, and all of our elementary schools and the middle school. In addition, Duke Street performed at our Military Night Basketball game on Dec. 5 alongside West Branch in singing our National Anthem.

All three of our choirs at the high school put on our Christmas Concert performing holiday favorites such as "Merry Christmas, Darling," "Carol of the Bells," "Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!" and "All is Well," which helped put our audience in the Christmas spirit! Winding down after the concert, the choirs enjoyed a Christmas party to celebrate all the hard work they have put in this year, and to bond with members of each ensemble. In addition, we watched the 1984

hit film, "Footloose," to get our students excited for our upcoming all-school musical!

## The Marching Dukes

The Marching Dukes of Marlinton finished the year strong with their highest score to date and missed going to State by 1 point! The Jazz Band was invited to perform at Middle Sandy Evangelical Presbyterian church for their Christmas dinner. On December 19th, the 6th through 12th grade band students performed their Holiday Concert at the High School Auditorium. Solo and ensemble spaghetti dinner is on January 13th at the Moulin Center in preparation for the Solo & Ensemble event at Massillon the following week.

**MARLINTON HIGH SCHOOL PROUDLY  
PRESENTS OUR 2018 MUSICAL:**

*Footloose*

Join us for **Footloose**, a musical adaptation of the hit 1984 film that follows the story of Ren McCormack, a teenage boy from Chicago who moves to the small town of Bomont with his mother, Ethel, after his father abandons them. Upon arriving, Ren finds himself at odds with most of the town, including the Reverend Moore. The Reverend has convinced the town to outlaw dancing, which Ren finds unbelievable. With the help of Ariel (the Reverend's daughter) and Willard (Ren's new best friend), Ren tries to convince the Reverend to let the teenagers hold a dance and reverse the town's antiquated laws.

Pre-sale tickets are available for \$5 and can be ordered by filling out an order form online or leaving a message at (330) 823-1300 x.4205.

Tickets at the door are available for \$8 on the nights of the show.

Saturday night's Dinner Theatre tickets are \$20.

**Friday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, April 15 at 2:00 p.m.**

# Marlington Middle School

## From the Desk of Mr. Evanich

The students and staff at Marlington Middle School hopes that everyone enjoyed a joyful holiday season. We are very proud of our newly renovated building and excited to continue to take advantage of the opportunities this project has afforded our students and staff. The staff has done a great job utilizing these newly renovated spaces by providing the students with a variety of engaging learning opportunities. We are also proud of our

students' willingness to help those less fortunate as they brought in over 500 canned goods as part of the Hunger Task Force Food Drive! In addition, our staff was able to adopt several families from our community over the holiday season to help others in need; paying forward and continuing to make our community a great place to live!

**GO DUKES!**

- Nick Evanich, Principal



## Junior Achievement Day



On Nov. 17 the Junior Achievement of East Central Ohio provided local business volunteers with the teaching tools to help our 8th grade students connect what they are learning in school to the real world. Thank you to all of the volunteers who came and informed our students about college, careers, insurance, budgeting, and other valuable life skills! A special thanks to the following local businesses and colleges for allowing your staff to come work with our students: Diebold, First Commonwealth Bank, Coastal Pet Products, AA Hammersmith, Timken, AXA Advisors, Kozmo's Grille, The University of Mount Union and Kent State University (Stark Branch).

## University of Mt Union's STEM Night

All students and their families enjoyed a night of chemistry demonstration and hands-on experiments.



## 6th Grade Camp Muskingum



## Annual Fitness Fundraiser Results

A special thank you to all parents, students, staff and community members for making this event an incredible success!! Not only did your child/children have an amazingly fun Friday, we were also able to raise \$11,000.00, which is a new record.



## Hour of Code

Marlington Middle School students were among the tens of millions that participated in this worldwide event. Heidi Miller, our library and technology assistant led the students through the Computer Science Education Week. Students were excited to participate in this one-hour introduction to the computer science experience. This experience was designed to demystify coding, as part of efforts to provide insight in the apps, games and technology they encounter in everyday life. Students explored their problem solving skills, logic and creativity through a series of tutorials that allowed the students to work alone or in teams. In addition Bryan DeBois, local Software Group Manager, spoke to the students about computer science opportunities in their futures. This was our first year participating in the Hour of Code but not the districts, many of the children also participated during their elementary careers.



Ava Wade, Eva Fey, Mrs. Miller



Miss Prazer, Destiny Hall, Claire Cox, Dylan Vesco



Mr. DeBois with 8th Grade Students

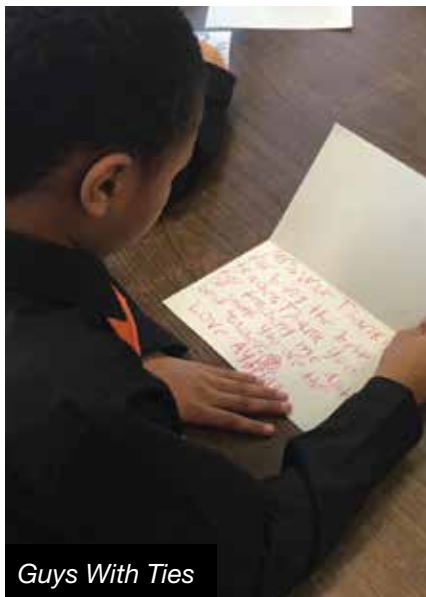
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# Lexington Elementary School

*We care and we believe that all students can learn and be successful!*

## Guys With Ties

We are pleased to announce the start of a new program, Guys With Ties at Lexington Elementary for any boy who wanted to participate in grades three, four and five. The club members meet once a month during their lunch and recess times. Each meeting covers various topics such as first impressions, goal setting, random acts of kindness, manners, dining etiquette and more!



Guys With Ties



Guys With Ties



Guys With Ties - third grade

## From the Desk of Mr. Rogers

Great things are happening at Lexington and we are looking forward to 2018 with anticipation for another wonderful year. We are working on building leaders within our school and promoting our Duke Pride Expectations. The Lexington

Staff wishes you and your loved ones a prosperous, healthy, and HAPPY NEW YEAR! Thank you for your continuous support!

- David Rogers, Principal

## Student Council:

On Friday, Dec. 8, members of Student Council went shopping for Christmas at Marlinton with the support of the Love the Children Ministries organization. The items purchased were then set up at Lexington Elementary and parents in need were able to shop for their children.



Student Council



Student Council

## Lexington Leaders Give Back

In the months of November and December Lexington Elementary gave the opportunity for our students to give back in many different ways. What an awesome way for Lexington to show their DUKE PRIDE!

**Food Drive** - Collected more than 900 items that were donated to the Alliance Salvation Army

**Kiss the Dog Contest** - Raised \$3400 for the Stark County Sheriff's Department to purchase TWO bullet-proof vests for their K-9 dogs

**Jump Rope For Heart** - Collected more than \$2000 for the American Heart Association

**Florida Hurricane Relief Drive** - Collected and sent supplies to a school in need affected by Hurricane Irma in Florida



Kiss the Dog Contest

## Duke Pals

I get by with a little help from my friends! Duke Pals is in its fourth year of a peer monitoring program that links a fifth grade student (pal) with a younger student (peer) to provide additional peer support in the areas of academics, social or behavior.



Duke Pals

The Duke Pals were chosen by fifth grade teachers and have received training to prepare them

for this important role. Thank you for being a positive role model at Lexington!

## Holiday Concert

Our holiday concert was filled with holiday songs performed by our second grade students and fifth grade band.



Holiday Concert

## 4-6-7 Foundation

This Foundation was started by a Lexington Family. Their Mission Statement is: To partner with rural, low income schools to provide additional support and life experiences for children so that they may learn the importance of confidence, dreaming, and action to expand their known worldview. They have provid-

ed MANY opportunities for our Lexington students including but not limited to, purchasing items for our Lexington Leadership Academy, sponsoring our shirts and ties for Guys With Ties and purchasing countless items for our updated STREAM Lab. Thank you for your generosity!



4-6-7 Foundation



4-6-7 Foundation

# Marlboro Elementary School

## Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our student council led the charge in organizing, promoting and collecting over 1,500 items for our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. All of these items help support numerous local families through the Marlboro Christian Church food pantry. It is a true pleasure to foster this relationship with Marlboro CC and help those in need!

## Marlboro Student Council



Our student council continues to impress us all with their hard work to help our school and community. Our 2017-18 student council members are: Peyton Caserta, Becky Hornyak, Lucas Painter, Cole Jones, Bryson Jones, Braydon Ellis, Larissa Fano, Emma Peterson, Carter Howard, Max Nicholls, Kaden Tucker, and Jeanna Hoover. Through-

out the year they are helping with our expectation assemblies, designing student incentives, volunteering at various school events and had an important role in our annual Thanksgiving food drive.

## Friend Helper:

### Kindergarten:

Rebecca Ryan & Remi Kraft

**1st grade:** Abaigael Walker & Caden Steer

**2nd grade:** Kaylee Roden & Cassandra Tarter

**3rd grade:** Addison Kiko & Hayden Pierce

**4th grade:** Serenity Evans & Kyliana Brown

**5th grade:** Jeanna Hoover & Hunter Powers

## Teacher Helper:

**Kindergarten:** John Arquilla & Brantley Miller

**1st grade:** Reagan Hollinger & Chloe Hunter

**2nd grade:** Shane Pierce & Joseph Wells

**3rd grade:** Justine Doringo & Jessica Hornyak

**4th grade:** Jacob Danko-Zorger & Giana Bogunovich

**5th grade:** Hunter Pugh & Becky Hornyak

## From the Desk of Mr. Groholy

The whole Marlboro family hope you had a very happy holiday season and a healthy start to the New Year! We are all so proud of our students' achievements this school year and will continue to build new goals. Each student has taken ownership of our Duke Pride Expectations by being hard

workers, creating positive relationships, and being strong leaders. We encourage you to get involved with our school by volunteering, joining the PTO, or attending one of our many events. Thank you for your continued support!

- Mr. Groholy

## Outstanding Student:

**Kindergarten:** Kylie Vickers & Emma Slys

**1st grade:** Hunter Oyster & Miranda Fenske

**2nd grade:** Matthew Baldwin & Collin Baier

**3rd grade:** Tristan Morris & Caden Conti

**4th grade:** TJ Guess & Daylen Burkhart

**5th grade:** Mary Hottinger & Brennen Peterson

## Students of the Month

The following students have been Student of the Month for their grade-level in October, November, December or January. Congratulations on your hard work!

**Kindergarten:** Allyson Troyer, Emma Slys, Josue Hagan & Brantley Miller

**1st grade:** Carter McGrady, Zoey Breichbiel, Tyler Walder & Reagan Hollinger

**2nd grade:** Max Gibbs, Trey Leek, Marisa Casto & Kaylee Roden

**3rd grade:** Ximena Rodriguez, David Roden, Maddox Fenske & Caden Conti

**4th grade:** Carlee Rhome, Elise Blake, TJ Guess & Logan Redd

**5th grade:** Dasmin Morrow, Mary Hottinger, Emme Young & Austin Bauman



## Guys with Ties & G.I.R.L.S. Club

At Marlboro Elementary, we strive to help students grow academically, but also grow as good citizens in our community. Over the last year we have started two character education programs for our third, fourth and fifth grade students. These programs are Guys with Ties and G.I.R.L.S. Club (Girls In Real Life Situations). Both of these groups meet monthly to discuss many life skills such as; conflict resolution, first impressions, problem solving, dining etiquette, shaking hands, bullying, and even how to tie a tie! We are very proud of our positive young men and ladies!



## Expectation Assembly

To recognize our students for displaying good character traits throughout the first grading period of the school year, Mrs. Mort (school counselor), Mr. Groholy (principal), and our Student Council members host a school expectation assembly each quarter of the school year. During this assembly they talk about our Duke Pride

School Expectations and the characteristics of a hard working student and friend. Students won awards for the following categories: Friend Helper, Teacher Helper, Outstanding Student and Perfect Attendance. The winners are shown below:



# Washington Elementary School

## Annual Character Counts Food Drive

**STUDENTS GIVING BACK:** Students at Washington Elementary School got an A+ in their lesson of giving back and helping others. Under the guidance of Jen Thorn, volunteer coordinator in the school's Character Counts program, the students collected 2,269 cans or boxes of food for the local food pantry. The pantry truck came to the school where some students helped carry the donated food from the school's stage to the truck. It was estimated the load was in excess of 2,000 pounds! Great Job Washington!



**L-R:** Sydney Davis, Matthew Frederick, Alyvia Long, Anna Nelson, Jonathan Thorn, Xavier Shelton and Brady Keller.

**Inside truck:** John Whitehair

## From the Desk of Mr. Swisher

Happy New Year! It is always a pleasure to see all of the children, teachers and support staff when they return to school after a long break. We always enjoy a seamless transition back to school after the holidays, and the kids seem generally refreshed and focused.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our many volunteers that support our students and

staff in many ways throughout the school year. Your contributions and support are what makes our school and community so special, and you are making a difference in the lives of our children. On behalf of the students and staff at Washington Elementary, I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you for all you do.

- Mr. Swisher

# DARE

**TO RESIST DRUGS AND VIOLENCE.**

DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION

The fifth grade students have completed the D.A.R.E. program! D.A.R.E. stands for Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education. Deputy Bogunovich was our D.A.R.E. officer who came to the school once a week to work with fifth graders to help them understand the dangers of addictive substances. She also taught the students strategies for resisting peer pressure to try these substances. Students wrote an essay telling what they learned in D.A.R.E. and made a pledge to stay free of drugs and alcohol. Each student also received a D.A.R.E. t-shirt. We commend these students. Congratulations!

## Annual Thanksgiving Vesper Service



*First grade performs for the Annual Vesper service along with their music teacher Mrs. Susan Cook.*

The Washington Ruritan com-

munity Thanksgiving Vespers Service was held on Sunday Nov. 19, at Washington Elementary. More than two hundred parents and community members listened to our first-grade students perform during the service. This program has been a tradition at our school for many years and a nice way to bring in the holiday season with family. Thank you first graders, parents, staff and community for attending!

## 2nd Grade Christmas Program

On Dec. 18, the second grade students presented their holiday music program for family and friends. Students shared the music they learned and created in their music classroom.



## 5th Grade Hand Bells

The fifth grade bell choirs performed for the holiday concert on Dec. 18. Eleven fifth graders participated in the bell choir, which rehearse before school once each week.



## 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Choir

Washington Elementary School Choir performed at the Holiday Concert on Thursday, Dec. 18. The choir is made up of third, fourth and fifth graders who rehearse every Wednesday morning at 7:45 a.m. Dr. Elaine Anderson, professor of music at the University of Mount Union and Miss Paige Morris accompanied the choir on the cello and the piano, respectively.



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All racers receive a bib, t-shirt, and coupon for a free 6" Subway sandwich. Kids Mud Run t-shirts will be for sale at the kids race.

All proceeds will benefit the Marlington Education Innovation Fund, which provides staff members with resources to improve the educational experiences of our students.

**KIDS FUN MUD RUN - 8:30 AM**

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Free (Donations accepted)

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**5K MUD OBSTACLE CHALLENGE - 9:00 AM**

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