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Superintendent's Message:

Happy New Year!

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 school year! 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. At Marlington, we appreciate your support of our vision and goals for the district.

The air conditioning installation at the high school has been completed and work is currently being done on Phase I of the window/door replacement project. Our staff and students were very appreciative of the AC

during the start of school and have already noticed a difference in classrooms where windows have been installed. Phase II of the window/door project was recently approved by the Board and we hope work will begin this spring.

As we look forward to continuing on our path to success, I would like to discuss the progress being made on our new five-year strategic plan approved by the Board in March 2019. Our strategic plan focuses on the following areas:

- Awareness/Communication
- Curriculum
- Finance
- Facilities
- Climate and Culture

In support of Goal #1: Awareness/Communication, we have created a community-wide survey to gather feedback to actively engage district stakeholders. The survey will be conducted for free through Survey

Monkey. You can access the questions at www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z7R29RM.

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 on February 7, 2020.

In addition, I am planning to hold various "Cup of Joe" sessions to establish regular community forums in an effort to share timely news and updates on important topics that affect the school district and its future. Coffee and snacks will be provided.

As you read this newsletter, you will see how wonderful our school system truly is, which is only made possible by our outstanding students and staff. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes in the new year!

Superintendent Joseph Knoll



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Marlington High School Hosts Annual Veterans Day Celebration



Front Row - Left to Right: Bob Cole, Bill Liber, Tom Swartz, Larry Johnson, Derryl Hoover, Dominic Simeone and Scott Young

Second Row - Left to Right: Larry Dramble, Paul Haywood, Tom Erisey, Larry Sampson, Tom Frank, Howie Vadasz and Mike Halter

Third Row - Left to Right: Bob Battershell, Jim Paumier, John Frank, Larry Baswell, Thomas Liverett, Alan Oyster and Tom Mather

Fourth Row - Left to Right: Patrick Ryan, Tom Ullbricht, Michael Collins, Erick Cyders, Joe McCoy, Dan Gibson, Ron Dramble and Frederick Elsass

Photo courtesy of Michael Skolosh

Our annual Veterans Day Assembly was held on Friday, November 8 in the high school auditorium. Mr. Spondyl, Marlington High School principal, welcomed all of

those in attendance. The Presentation of Colors was conducted by the Marlboro Volunteers and the audience was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Major Er-

ick Cyders of the United States Air Force. A moment of silence was held followed by the National Anthem performed by Duke Street. Mr. Knoll, Marlington Local Schools Superintendent, welcomed all of our honored guests and specifically honored two of Marlington's own: Major Erick Cyders, who will be retiring from the Air Force after twenty years of service and Petty Officer Michael Collins, who is currently serving

and is a School Resource Officer. The band then played the Armed Forces Medley. Mr. Curt Hamilton was the featured speaker and spoke on the gratitude that he feels for those who have served or are currently serving. The morning concluded with a video, a performance of "Amazing Grace" by Duke Street and "Taps" played by members of the Marching Dukes of Marlington.

"I am blessed to be a part of a district that honors its veterans. It is important that we recognize and teach our students about the important sacrifices our veterans have made for our country."

-Superintendent Joseph Knoll



2019 Bus Safety Contest Winners

LEXINGTON ELEMENTARY



WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY



KG – Tayleigh Hoffman – Mrs. Gullace
 1st – Payson Hall – Mrs. Hall
 2nd – Allyson Troyer – Mrs. Karasarides
 3rd – Zoey Brechbier – Mrs. Schick
 4th – Morgan Loar – Mrs. Lauter
 5th – Chelsea Miller – Mrs. Kellams

KG – Cora Dipietro – Mrs. Hull
 1st – Natalie Dipold – Mrs. Gerber
 2nd – Teresa Warner – Ms. Spalding
 3rd – Reagan Hollinger – Mrs. Bowser
 4th – Riley Slattery – Mrs. Hart
 5th – Natalie Johnson – Mr. Bailey

The Marlington Education Innovation Fund offers the staff of the Marlington Local School District the opportunity to submit a grant proposal to receive support for innovative programs and initiatives that directly impact the academic performance and educational environment of Marlington Local students.

In order to support the Marlington Local School District and its initiatives, grant submissions for the 2020-2021 school year must support one or more of the following strategic plan areas:

- STEM Education
- Common Core State Standards
- 21st Century Learning skills
- 1-to-1 technology integration
- Professional development for teachers
- Community Engagement

For more information or to donate, visit www.marlingtoneducationfund.com.



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Curriculum Update Strategic Plan

Happy New Year to the Duke community! Improving student learning experiences continues to be the priority of the district.

Strategic Plan:

Goal #2 Curriculum/Technology/Post Graduation Plans

1. Continue to review and improve academic programming offerings in PreK-12.
2. Create and implement a district master technology plan.
3. Increase student and parent awareness and participation in career and technical education initiatives.
4. Strengthen the implementation of strategies and services utilized to ensure remediation-free graduates.
5. Perform audit of all educational tools (text, hardware, software (currently in use to ensure efficiency and effectiveness and purpose.
6. Review current special education, Life Skills and gifted programming to ensure all students have access to appropriate and engaging curriculum; increase opportunities to inform parents and students of their educational services offered by the district.

Progress of Strategic Plan:

1. TBTs, BLTs and B2LT (Blended Learning Leadership Team) meets regularly.
2. HS Department Chairs meet twice monthly to review progress on teaching and learning.
3. Grades 6-12 are completing a comprehensive audit of curriculum maps to align with Ohio State Tests and Content Standard Revisions.
4. Grades K-5 are completing a comprehensive audit and alignment of grade-level assessments to monitor student learning.
5. The technology team is on track to have a draft Technology Plan ready for administrative preview by the first quarter deadline.
6. Career tech faculty are increasing promotional activities including holding open houses, job fairs and community commerce and showcase events.
7. Offering summer school, credit recovery, increasing CCP courses on campus and accredited Marlington teachers as adjunct faculty.
8. As part of the Master Technology Plan, the technology team has developed a process for software and application adoption through our B2LT.
9. Director of Pupil Services created a monthly district newsletter to enhance communication within and outside the district special education programming.



Treasurer's Message

Greetings from the Treasurer's Office. We are honored to provide fiscal services to the staff, students and community of the Marlington Local School District.

The Treasurer is fiscally responsible for an annual budget of approximately \$30.5 million. She works with the superintendent to report, monitor and plan fiscal operations and she is directly responsible for adhering to board policy, state statute, and/or state or federal regulations.

2019 was a busy year in Marlington. In June of 2019, the district entered into a contract to install air conditioning and to replace windows at Marlington High School. The total cost of the project is \$1,465,219.00. The Board of Education approved Phase 2 of the project, estimated at \$250,000, for replacement of windows and doors at the high school at the November 2019 meeting. Thank you to the Board of Education for making these needed improvements come to fruition.

In November 2019, the Board approved the district's five-year forecast. The forecast projects deficit spending in all years forecasted and demonstrates the need for prudent decision making by the administration and Board of Education as the district looks ahead into the coming school years. A copy of the forecast can be found on the district website on the Treasurer Portal page.

The five-year forecast highlights anticipated revenue from the NEXUS pipeline. Initial revenue estimates of \$3.4 million per year may be optimistic as NEXUS has recently filed for a thirty percent (38%) reduction in taxable value. More information regarding this filing will be forthcoming in 2020.

The biennial budget adopted by the State Legislature for FY2019-20 and FY2020-21 holds Foundation funds to the level of 2019. This means that Marlington will not receive any additional state per pupil funding for the two years of the biennium. The district will, however, receive from the State \$1.2 million in Student Success and Wellness funds during the period. These funds are restricted to specific categories of expenditures. We will continue to monitor and advocate for public education funding at the State level.

Effective January 1, 2020, Marlington welcomed Kathryn Brugger as the new Treasurer. Kathryn comes to Marlington from the Cuyahoga Falls City School district where she served as Assistant Treasurer.

I truly have enjoyed my four months serving as Interim Treasurer here at Marlington. Everyone has been so welcoming and the staff has been fantastic to work with. Marlington is truly a great place to be!

- Tamra Hurst

Meet the New Treasurer



At the October 2019 regular meeting, the Board hired Kathryn E. Brugger as Treasurer effective January 2, 2020. Mrs. Brugger is a graduate of Kent State University with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. She began her career in 2010 at Claymont City Schools as the Assistant Treasurer and worked there until 2014 when she went to Cuyahoga Falls as the Assistant Treasurer. During her time at Cuyahoga Falls, she has served three times as the Interim Treasurer. Katie and her husband Jonathan

have two daughters, Lucy age seven and Eliza age two, along with her fur babies, Lola, who is a white Standard Poodle, and Zelda, who is a Sphinx cat. Katie also has an associate's degree in Equestrian Studies from the University of Findlay and enjoys spending time riding and training horses.

Marlington Board of Education Welcomes Two New Members



Josh Hagan

Beginning in January 2020, the Marlington Local Board of Education will welcome two new members, both elected this past November.



Danielle Stevens

Josh Hagan is a Marlington graduate and is a plumber, HVAC technician, office manager and online sales manager. He and his wife Sara are the parents of Maria, Catarina and Josué.

Danielle Stevens is a Marlington graduate and is a loan processor. She and her husband Derek Stevens are the parents of Drake.

The Marlington Local School District would also like to thank outgoing board members, Mark Ryan and Tom Hippely.

Mark Ryan has served on the board since 2008 and has been a member of all of our Board committees during his tenure. He has also served as a legislative liaison and alternate to the Ohio School Boards Association.

Tom Hippely has served on the Board since 2016 and he has been a member of the curriculum committee, building and grounds committee and extra-curricular committee. Tom has also served as the delegate to the Ohio School Boards Association and the Student Achievement Liaison to Ohio School Boards Association.

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



Marlinton Alumni Association

Moore Family Establishes Memorial Legacy

New Award Honors Community Leader Donald Moore



The MAA is pleased to partner with the Moore family to honor the memory of a man who was a quiet blessing and inspiration to many.

Donald Dewey Moore was a 1945 graduate of Marlboro High School and served his country in the United States Navy, stationed in Europe in wartime conditions. He and his wife, Betty Enoch ('50), married in 1950 and lived most of their lives in New Baltimore, Ohio.

The Moore family shares a rich and treasured legacy within the Marlinton district. Don's siblings Dorothy (Moore) Conner ('44), John Moore ('47), Mary (Moore) Psolla ('52), Martha

(Moore) Cornette ('54) were all graduates of Marlboro High School. Don and Betty's children, Dr. Janice (Moore) Spalding ('68), Deborah (Moore) Hess ('70), Dr. Kim J. Moore ('73), and Kristine (Moore) Yavelak ('76), are also all graduates of Marlinton High School. Continuing the Moore Marlinton tradition, two great grandsons attend Marlinton, Ben Yoder ('22) and Sam Yoder ('25).

People who knew Donald remember him for his strong faith, his love for his

family and friends, and his service to the community. As the owner of Tri-Moore Homes and Marlboro Excavating, Don employed and mentored many young men who went on to become civic leaders, educators and doctors. His work in building the New Baltimore Community Park continues to be a blessing to families, providing a safe place for children to swing and play ball. Moore also dug graves at Marlboro Cemetery for more than 40 years and served as caretaker for the New Baltimore Cemetery. A member of New Baltimore Community Church, Aldersgate United Methodist Church and Bethany Mennonite Church, Don always served in roles of leadership and mentorship. He was an active member of the Marlboro Lions Club and Marlboro Ruritans and he and Betty attended national conventions of these organizations.

He gifted many people with his masterful carpentry and woodworking skills. His many hobbies included golf, bowling, singing in the choir and men's groups, and taking many memorable motorcycle trips with good friends, the Pontiuses.

His wife, sisters Mary and Martha, children, and their families, including 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, are honored to remember Don Moore with this special award. He was active in alumni events and, for more than 20 years, rallied good friends from the class of 1945 to bring a foursome to the annual MAA golf outing. Education and his alma mater were close to his heart and this legacy scholarship is a fitting and permanent memorial.

Please accept my donation

In honor/memory of _____ or

in recognition of (person/occasion) _____

Please notify _____ or _____ no notification is necessary.

Address _____

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This donation is from _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Email _____

Please designate this gift to the _____ Scholarship Fund.

For more information or to make your gift securely online, please visit marlingtonalumni.org.
Please make checks payable to the Marlinton Alumni Association, PO Box 6001 • Alliance, OH 44601

Giving Levels:

Gold Duke
(Gifts of \$5,000 or more)

Silver Duke
(Gifts of \$2,500 - \$4,999)

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)

Current Scholarships Available Through the Marlington Alumni Association

The MAA is pleased to partner with generous alumni and friends to provide academic assistance to deserving Marlington seniors. Each scholarship focuses on specific interests and academic pursuits. (For specific information about scholarship criteria go to www.marlingtonalumni.org/scholarships.)

Academics

- Gerald P. Burke Scholarship
- Class of 1968 Scholarship
- Class of 1990 Scholarship
- Thomas Hazen Memorial Scholarship
- Marlington Alumni Association Scholarship
- Marlington Alumni Association Duke Scholarship
- Wayne and Bertha McAlister Family Scholarship
- Pete Moulin Scholarship
- Rita Moulin Memorial Scholarship
- William E. and Robert E. Patton Scholarship
- Melvin J. Snode Memorial Scholarship
- Frank J. & Anna Carozzi Memorial Scholarship

Agriculture/Horticulture

- Lee and Carolyn Gabric Scholarship
- James Krabill Memorial Scholarship

Business/Sports

- Scott and Cheryl Robertson Scholarship

Education

- Elizabeth Albright Education Scholarship
- Mary Louise Bixler Education Scholarship
- McIntosh Family Scholarship

Foreign Language

- Ramser Scholarship

Military Service

- Class of '66 Military Scholarship

Music/Art/Fine Arts

- Louise Bingham Memorial Scholarship
- Howard and Ruthann Dickerhoof Memorial Scholarship
- Barbara (Yoder) Hall Memorial Scholarship
- Kimi Korleski Memorial Scholarship
- Harold (Hal) and Ruth Sweitzer Scholarship

Science/Medicine/Engineering

- Ford C. Davis Scholarship
- Mary Elizabeth (Betty) and Harold (Bud) Devies Memorial Scholarship
- Hastings Scholarship
- Carol Teutsch Memorial Scholarship

Sports/Academics

- General John Churchill Academic Warrior Award
- Howard & Trudy Kitzmiller Student Athlete Scholarship

Student Athlete Scholarship

- Franklin L. (Butch) Muniz Baseball Scholarship

Tech/Trade/Associates Programs

- Battershell Family Scholarship
- Richard W. and Annabelle Bohaychyk Memorial Scholarship
- Coastal Pet- Stout Family Scholarship
- Lexington Twp. Vol. Firefighter Scholarship in Memory of Berkley Barker

IRA or Qualified Retirement Plan Beneficiaries

Generally, assets held in an IRA or retirement plan are subject to both income tax and estate taxes. To limit taxes, you may choose to name one or more charities as beneficiary of all or a portion of your qualified plan or IRA. Upon your death, funds would transfer, free of income or estate tax. You may consult with your financial institution or investment advisor to update your designations.

Donation of Appreciated Securities

To avoid paying capital gains tax, consider a gift of your appreciated stocks, now or in the future. You can support the program of your choice and deduct the full value of the security. Your bank or investment advisor can conveniently administer the transaction.

For a confidential conversation about the ways your gift can be used to support the Marlington Alumni Association, feel welcome to contact Vondea Sheaffer, President at (330) 697-4036 or marlingtonalumni@yahoo.com.

A recent gift from the estate of Ross W. and ('33) Marjorie McCallum ('35) will honor the life and legacy of two Marlboro High School graduates and enable the MAA to continue to support new generations of Dukes.

Ross and Marjorie were lifelong residents of the Marlington community. They married December 4, 1940 and until Ross's death, at

the age of 94 in 2009, had celebrated 68 years together. Ross was a farmer and also worked at Crane Company for 28 years. Marjorie enjoyed cooking, baking and traveling, especially to Florida to visit family and friends. The couple were longtime members of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Marjorie died September 26, 2018 at the age of 101.

Scholarship Applications Due February 1, 2020

In 2019, the MAA awarded 44 scholarships totaling \$77,000 to worthy Marlington Seniors. Since 1989, the MAA has provided an amazing 505 scholarships totaling \$773,500. Your gifts make

an immediate impact and support the young men and women who will be our communities' employees, business owners and leaders.

The MAA Scholarship Committee eval-

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



Your Legacy, Their Future

One of the Marlington Alumni Associations greatest sources of hope for future Dukes are legacy gifts from alumni and friends like you!

Legacy donors, individuals who have included the MAA in their estate plans, come from all walks of life - some from modest means and some from wealth. Their common ground

is their passion for future Dukes and their willingness to invest in something that will outlive them.

Would you like to include the MAA in your estate plans? Here are some commonly used methods you might consider. Most can easily be accomplished without the assistance of an attorney.

Gifts by Will or Living Trust

Your will or Revocable Living Trust allows you to provide for the people and causes you love most. A charitable bequest to the MAA can easily be written into your plans or added to an existing will or trust using language such as this: "I give and bequeath to the Marlington Alumni Association (MAA), tax Identification Number 34- 1670638, PO Box 6001, Alliance, OH 44601 (Insert specific amount, asset or percentage of your estate)." If needed, your attorney will provide further assistance.

Payable on Death (POD) or Transfer on Death (TOD)

You can easily include one or more beneficiaries on your bank account, certificate of deposit or brokerage account. Simply speak with your financial institution to have a Payable on Death (POD) or Transfer on Death (TOD) designation added to your account. While the notation does not change your ownership, it causes the funds in your account to pass

directly to your named beneficiaries upon your death. You may designate more than one POD or TOD beneficiary. For example, your beneficiary designation might give 25% to charity and provide for the balance to be equally divided among your children.

Insurance Beneficiary Designation

You may name one or more charities as the beneficiaries of part/all of the death benefit from an insurance policy. As with POD/TOD options, your beneficiary designation might give a portion to charity and provide for the balance to be divided as you designate. You can make a beneficiary change on your own or with the assistance of your insurance agent.

Employment Opportunities - We Need You!

We are looking for individuals who would like to substitute in the following areas:

Bus Driver • Secretary • Cafeteria Worker • Student Aide/Monitor • Custodian

If you are interested in substituting in any of these positions, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 330-823-7458 for more information. For more information on driving a bus, please contact the Transportation Director at 330-829-1990.

Qualifications for All Positions:

1. Be at least eighteen (18) years of age
2. Pass a state and federal criminal background records check
3. Complete an online application
4. Be of good moral character
5. Obtain an Educational Aide Permit (student aide/monitor position only)

Additional Qualifications for Bus Driving Positions:

1. Present a negative drug and alcohol test
2. Present physical capability to safely and appropriately lift pre-school and special needs students
3. Pass a physical
4. Have a minimum of two (2) years driving experience
5. Present a satisfactory driving record

QUARTER AUCTION



**Saturday, March 14, 2020
12 – 2 p.m.**

(doors open at 11:30 a.m.)

Robertson Kitchen & Bath Gallery
2155 West Main St., Alliance, Ohio 44601



Marlington Honored to Be a Purple Star District



In 2018, the Marlington Local School District was recognized as a Purple Star District from the Ohio Department of Education. The Purple Star Award recognizes schools that are supportive of the community's veterans and military families. To maintain this designation, schools must have a staff point of contact for military students and families who serve as the primary liaison between them and the school. Mr. Steve Miller fills this role for Marlington. Additionally, the district must have a dedicated page on its website featuring resources for military families, which can be found at www.marlingtonlocal.org/MilitarySupport.aspx.

The school district recognizes local veterans in a variety of ways throughout the school year. Each Veterans Day, Marlington High School hosts a Veterans Day program that includes a presentation of the colors by the Marlboro volunteers, performances by the band and choir and guest speakers to honor

the veterans in attendance. Our elementary buildings welcome the Marlboro Volunteers to celebrate and honor our local veterans as well.

On Friday, January 17, 2020, Marlington will hold its third annual Military Appreciation Night, which will take place during the Marlington High School varsity basketball game against Canton South. All Marlington and Canton South current and former military personnel, will receive FREE admission into the game. They will also be recognized during a special presentation prior to the start of the varsity game. All attendees are asked to wear PURPLE to the event! Marlington is honored to have received the Purple Star Award and to continue to teach our students to honor and support all veterans, current members of the military, as well as military families. We look forward each school year to recognizing our community's veterans and those who have made sacrifices for our country and its citizens. Hope you can join us!



JOIN US!

MILITARY APPRECIATION

NIGHT

M VS. **CS**

Friday, January 17
7 p.m.

Marlington High School
(During the Boys Varsity Basketball
game vs. Canton South)

All Marlington and Canton South, current and former, military personnel will receive **FREE** admission into the game.

A special presentation will be held prior to the game to recognize all those who have served in the armed forces.

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Cup of Joe

Join us for sessions with Superintendent Joe Knoll to establish regular community forums in an effort to share timely news and updates on important topics that affect the school district and its future. Coffee and snacks will be provided.

Tuesday, Feb. 18

- 9:00 a.m. - Tannenhauf Golf Club
(11411 McCallum Ave NE, Alliance, OH 44601)
6:00 p.m. - Science Hill Church
(12316 Beeson St, Alliance, OH 44601)

Tuesday, Feb. 25

- 9:00 a.m. - Tannenhauf Golf Club
(11411 McCallum Ave NE, Alliance, OH 44601)
6:00 p.m. - Science Hill Church
(12316 Beeson St, Alliance, OH 44601)

Monday, March 23

- 9:00 a.m. - Marlinton Middle School Administration Office
(10325 Moulin Avenue NE, Alliance, Ohio 44601)
6:00 p.m. - Marlinton Middle School Administration Office
(10325 Moulin Avenue NE, Alliance, Ohio 44601)

Monday, March 30

- 9:00 a.m. - Marlinton Middle School Administration Office
(10325 Moulin Avenue NE, Alliance, Ohio 44601)
6:00 p.m. - Marlinton Middle School Administration Office
(10325 Moulin Avenue NE, Alliance, Ohio 44601)

Mental Health/Wellness Parent Series Save the Date

This series will focus on teaching parents about mental health resources and things to look for to ensure your child's safety and well-being.

Thursday, February 13, 6-7 p.m.

Marlington Middle School Cafeteria

A question and answer will follow the presentation.

Tuesday, March 10
6-7 p.m.

Marlington Middle School
Cafeteria

Tuesday, March 17
6-7 p.m.

Marlington Middle School
Cafeteria

Tuesday, March 24
6-7 p.m.

Marlington Middle School
Cafeteria

Tuesday, March 31
6-7 p.m.

Marlington Middle School
Cafeteria

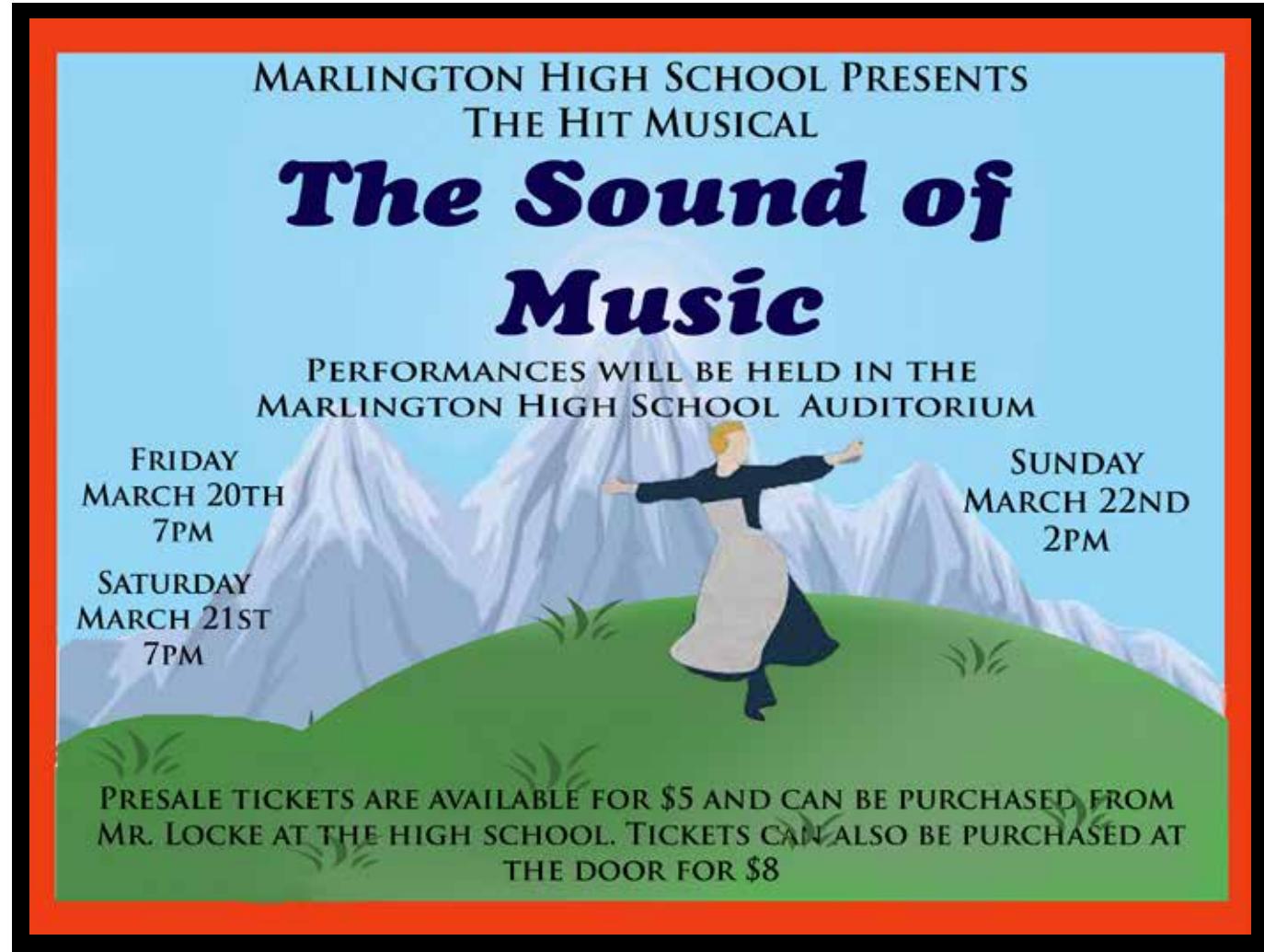
Marlington High School

From the Desk of Mr. Spondyl:

Happy New Year from the high school! We hope everyone had a fantastic holiday break and are excited to get back to school. It has been a great first half of the school year and we are looking forward to continuing the rest of the year. The high school has been very busy recently with our students participating in multiple sports, organizations and activities. We added another section of our ROX group this year and now have over 25 girls participating. We have added Gamers Club this year that is led by Deputy Bogunovich and Deputy Collins and a Social Skills group that Mrs. Ryan organized. We have some new structural features as well including scoreboards in the gym and new windows.

As a staff, we appreciate your support and all you do for your students. The students at Marlington High School make it a wonderful place to be and that would not be possible without a true partnership between school, parents and community. Thank you again for everything and I hope you have a great 2020!

-Mr. Spondyl, Principal



Team Trevor Night

The 4th Annual Team Trevor Night is coming to MHS on Friday, January 31, 2020. That night many events will be held during the basketball game vs. Salem including a chili cook-off, 50/50 raffle, basket raffles, bake sale, half court shot, and t-shirt sales. Team Trevor is an organization dedicated to supporting advances in cancer treatment for children and providing support for both patients and families facing childhood cancer. Prior to the varsity game, we will honor cancer survivors. If you or someone you know would be willing to be recognized, please contact Diane Mitchell in the athletic office. Pre-order for short or long-sleeved shirts will be available through January 10, and tickets for the chili cook-off will also be available for \$5. We are looking for event sponsors, gift basket donors and chili cook-off entrants. If interested in helping out, please contact Amy Kohmann at the high school or view details at www.team-trevor.org.

Duke Street



During the holiday season, members of Duke Street and Duchess Voices were busy entertaining community members at various venues such as the Sebring Mansion, Quail Hollow, Heritage Oaks, Alliance Friends Church and Robertson's, to name a few. In all, both groups performed for roughly 20 different local businesses, organizations, assisted living communities and community gatherings throughout the holiday season. On December 19, Duke Street and Duchess Voices visited both elementaries, the middle school, and the administration building to entertain our school district.



Decorating the Giving Tree.



Students donate to the annual food drive.

Blood Drive



Character Counts held its first blood drive of the season on December 10 at the high school. Thank you to students, staff and community members for taking time out of their busy day to donate the gift of life.

Café au Paint



In order to help raise funds for our Quebec trip, French students sold tickets to Café au Paint. 25 people enjoyed cocoa, tea and coffee, sampled yummy French treats, and created Christmas masterpieces in the high school cafeteria. We will be hosting another Valentine's themed Café au Paint on Monday, February 10. Save the date and contact Shelly McAlister (s_mcalister@marlingtonlocal.org) if interested.

MHS Visit

Curtis Tinlin from Kent State Stark visited the Algebra 1A and 1B classes. Both staff and students enjoyed not only his magic, but also the activities he had students engage in which stressed thinking and using their knowledge.



Marlington Middle School

From the Desk of Mr. Evanich

Marlington Middle School would like to wish everyone a happy and safe new year! Our students are doing a fantastic job of learning and growing both as students and citizens. The staff of MMS continues to research, develop and present engaging lessons, which translates into tremendous learning opportunities for our students. Additionally, the students are demonstrating what it means to be respectful, responsible leaders by looking out for one another and caring for each other as our students progress through their adolescent years. Our students went above and beyond in supporting our community by donating over 450 items to the Alliance Food Pantry during the annual fall food drive led by our student council. We are also very proud that through donations from our staff, local churches, organizations and private individuals, Kathy Weibush, our Family Support Specialist, was able to coordinate holiday assistance for over 40 students and families from MMS.



Food drive

Gamers Club



Gamers Club was started five years ago as an avenue to build student interaction, friendship and a sense of team in an otherwise lonely gaming world. The club has grown from 10-12 students a week to 25-30 each week. Through wonderful donations and administrative purchases, they now have two gaming systems and a variety of games for students to play. The students look forward to spending one day a week socializing and competing while enjoying pizza and refreshments with their peers. The club has made such an impact that the high school has started their own Gamers Club as well. Mrs. D'Eramo, Deputy Bogunovich and Deputy Collins would like to thank the community and the Marlington Administration for their incredible support of the club and the students involved.

ROX - Ruling Our eXperiences



Rox
RULING OUR EXPERIENCES

Girls learn to build skills on how to handle conflicts and real-life scenarios in order to become confident, strong leaders as young women. ROX empowers girls to become advocates for themselves and others, while giving them encouragement and motivation to pursue their goals.

Mount Union STEM Night

Students and their families enjoyed a night of chemistry demonstrations and hands-on experiments, hosted by the University of Mount Union's American Chemical Society, under the direction of Dr. Cheryl Mason and Dr. Scott Mason.



8th-Grade Junior Achievement Day

On November 22, 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 and businesses who came out and informed our students about college, careers, insurance, budgeting and other valuable life skills!



Life Skills

A new semester-long class this year is Life Skills. Students are divided into two groups at the beginning of the class and are referred to as the Orange or Black group. This class is designed to explore abilities and behaviors that help adolescents deal with the challenges of everyday life. It is a broad subject that, through a small group classroom setting and a larger group setting in the gym, will cover topics like: communication skills, personal skills, cooperation, decision making, self-awareness, fitness and information technology. Student's Physical Education needs will also be met through this course.

Life Skills will meet everyday for one semester. The class is set up to accommodate students in a classroom setting twice a week and in the gym twice a week. We ask that students have gym shoes everyday for the semester to accommodate any changes in the schedule that may occur. Once a week, we combine classes for a Fitness Day. This day is used to introduce various lifetime physical activities, provide time to work on fitness goals and offer additional support to all students on any of the lessons covered through out the week.



Lexington Elementary School

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

Student Council

On Friday, Dec. 6, members of Student Council went shopping for Christmas at Marlington with the support of the Love the Children Ministries organization. The items purchased were then set up at Grace Community Church and parents in need were able to shop for their children.



From the Desk of Mr. Rogers

Great things are happening at Lexington and we are looking forward to 2020 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

Holiday Concert

Our holiday concert was held at Marlington High School. It was filled with holiday songs performed by our second, third, and fourth-grade students. A special thank you to Mr. Gregory for organizing the event and to Alex Thompson and Jessica Boal for the set design.



Candyland Math and Reading Night

We had over 300 people in attendance for our annual Math and Reading Night. 15 classrooms were set up with activities. A few of the favorite activities, according to the surveys, were Jelly Spelly, Flavorful Figures, and Rainbow Floats. The candy buffet and selfie station were also huge hits. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this fun and educational evening! A special thank you to Mrs. Wittensoldner and the elementary Title Staff for a great night.



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Frosty's Craft Show

A big shout out to the community for supporting Marlington Elementary PTO at our annual Frosty's Craft Show. We had a great turnout for our vendors and a wonderful day was had by all! A special thank you to Carrie Lane for organizing this event for us for the last several years. This would not be possible without all of her hard work!



Frosty's Craft Show



Frosty's Craft Show

Washington Elementary School

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Washington Elementary student council led the charge in organizing, promoting and collecting over 2,700 items for our annual Thanksgiving food drive. Each class participated in a competition to collect the most items and this year's champions were Mrs. Croft's fourth-graders. All of the items collected were donated to The Alliance Food Pantry and Marlboro Christian Church. We thank our families for their continued support of this project to give back to our community!



Washington Student Council



Annual Thanksgiving Vespers

The third, fourth and fifth-grade choir presented their music program for the Washington Ruritan Thanksgiving Vesper Service on Sunday, November 24. The program featured patriotic, Thanksgiving and autumn songs and poems while sharing what the children have learned in their music classes. These students had a wonderful time performing for their families and local community members. A special thanks to the Washington Ruritans for their continued support of our students!



A Message from Mr. Groholy

Happy holidays to our Washington families and community members. We have had a great start to our school year, as many students have stepped up and shown their Duke Pride in a positive way. Our staff makes it a priority to help students build positive relationships with others and

learn to be leaders in our community. It has been wonderful to see our students work together to leave a positive footprint in our community. We all wish you a great start to the new year!

- Mr. Groholy

G.I.R.L.S Club & Guys With Ties

Each month a group of our third-grade girls and boys meet with their respective groups for lunch, conversation and lessons. These groups teach many life skills such as: conflict resolution, first impressions, problem solving, dining etiquette, shaking hands, anti-bullying and even how to tie a tie! We are very proud of our positive young ladies and men!



STEAM Club

STEAM Club is off to a great start with 170 students participating weekly. The students look forward to STEAM Club every week and they never want to leave. The first and second graders are working on engineering challenges with Legos and recyclables to learn the design process. Some of their activities have been creating their name out of Legos or recyclables and giving them freedom to build with certain letters. We have had some great inventions! 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. The students also have the opportunity to work with one of five different kinds of robots to learn how to build and program them. 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 popsicle house, hockey sticks, dinosaur night light, bench for outside the school and a working hydro pump. We are only six weeks in and the students are creating and thinking outside of the box. Students are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild. We can't wait to see where they are by the end of the year!



Christmas Programs

Washington Elementary's Holiday music program was held on Thursday, December 5 at 6 p.m. in the Marlington High School Auditorium. The program featured the second, third, and fourth-grade music classes along with the school choir. This concert highlighted many of our favorite Christmas songs and the many musical talents of our students. A special thanks to Mrs. Cook for putting together another memorable student performance!





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ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

As part of the Ohio Challenge Series by Subway, the Marlington Local School District is hosting the sixth annual Duke Melee 5K and Obstacle Challenge.

This event has two options to choose from. You can choose the:

TRADITIONAL 5K RUN/WALK OR THE 5K MUD RUN OBSTACLE CHALLENGE

REGISTER AT [HTTPS://OHIOCHALLENGESERIES.ENMOTIVE.COM](https://OHIOCHALLENGESERIES.ENMOTIVE.COM)

For the cost of entry, participants receive a bib, t-shirt and coupon for a free 6" Subway sandwich.

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

Need for info? Questions can be submitted electronically from the registration webpage or you can call the district office at **330-823-7458**.

We can't wait to see you cross the finish line!

**SATURDAY
MAY 2, 2020**

9AM

**MARLINGTON
HIGH SCHOOL**

REGISTRATION WILL BE BY THE AUDITORIUM IN MHS. 10450 MOULIN AVE NE, ALLIANCE, OH 44601

COST

DUKE MELEE 5K RUN/WALK (ages 10 and above)

\$25 pre-registration/\$30 day of race

5K MUD RUN OBSTACLE CHALLENGE (high school students and above)

\$35 pre-registration/\$40 day of race

FOR THE KIDS FOR THE EVERYONE

The Duke Kids Fun Mud Run is open to all children 10 and under and is FREE of charge (donations accepted). The fun run will begin at 8:30 a.m. on the high school track at the stadium.

The Families With Special Abilities Walk is open to everyone and is FREE of charge (donations accepted). The walk will begin at 8:30 a.m. on the high school track at the stadium.

PARKING

Plenty of parking will be available in both the high school and middle school lots.

APPLES 2 APPLES SERIES

THIS EVENT IS PART OF THE APPLES 2 APPLES SERIES. THE SERIES INCLUDES REGISTRATION FOR THE FIVE EVENTS BELOW FOR \$100! TO REGISTER, PLEASE FOLLOW THE LINK: APPLES 2 APPLES SERIES.

03/14/2020 - 2020 LOUISVILLE ST. PATRICK'S DAY 5K AT LOUISVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

05/02/2020 - 2020 DUKE MELEE OBSTACLE CHALLENGE & 5K RUN/WALK AT MARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

05/25/2020 - 2020 HERO RUN 5K RUN/WALK AT PERRY HIGH SCHOOL

07/25/2020 - 2020 KEVIN PECK MEMORIAL 5K AT ST. HELENA HERITAGE PARK

09/19/2020 - 2020 MAD HATTER 5K RUN/WALK AT MANCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL