Welcome to Duke Pride with Dr. Mike! We hope that the information provided will keep everyone informed about what is going on in the Marlington Local School District. We ask that if anyone has any student and/or staff achievements that deserve to be highlighted, please email information to Lea Packey at l_packey@marlingtonlocal.org.

- **Congratulations** to Marlington Middle School 8th grader **Luke Stanley** who participated in the 96 pound weight class at the OAC Divisional State Champion (small schools) Wrestling Tournament. Luke had a first round bye and pinned his next three opponents to capture the Championship. Awesome Job Luke!

- **Congratulations** to **Anna Nelson**, who is in 8th grade and recently placed first in Jr. High Rail Horsemanship and also in Jr. High Pattern Horsemanship at the Youth Equestrian Development Association's Heart for Horses Show Weekend at Garwood Arena in Columbiana, Ohio on February 13, 2021. Anna is currently ranked 9th in the nation in rail horsemanship and 13th in the nation in pattern horsemanship in the YEDA Jr. High Emerald Division. Awesome Job Anna!

- **Congratulations** to the following students who were recently honored at the Stark County High School Sports Awards, which are sponsored by The Canton Repository and USA Today Sports. They are: **Noah Graham** – Cross Country; **Bella Graham** – Cross Country; **Macagey Laure** – Soccer; **Callie Swisher** – Soccer; **Charlie Mort** – Golf; and **Maria Warner** – Golf. Great Job!

- **Congratulations** to several of our wrestlers who competed at "The Surge" open wrestling tournament in New Philadelphia on Sunday. **Nash Hallman**, Preschool- 3rd in Class; **Andrew Bell**, 1st Grade- 2nd in Class; **Tristan Mitchell**, 1st Grade- 1st in Class; **Ila Hallman**, 2nd Grade- 3rd in Class; **Ray Gindlesperger**, 2nd Grade- 2nd in Class; **Khorren Rich-French**, 3rd Grade- 1st in Class; **Jeremiah Brockway-Battershell**, 4th Grade- 1st in Class; **Cooper Hallman**, 4th Grade- 1st in Class; **Talon Cyders**, 6th Grade- 4th in Class; **Brady Mort**, 6th Grade- 4th in Class. Great Job!
• Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Winners:

Washington Elementary
Brady Tolley, first place
Jack Jarvis, second place
Connor Cole, third place

Marlboro Elementary
Collin Baier – first place
Marra Powers – second place
Michael Long – third place

Lexington Elementary
Oliver Bungard, first place
Kyleigh Kridler – second place
Shelby Odey – third place

• Congratulations to our Marlington’s Girl’s Swim Team Baila Bugara, Claire Cox, Leah Guess, Megan Montgomery, Savanna Richards, Olivia Ryan, Ashley Tarter, and Kylie Tolerton. These ladies represented the Marlington Girls Swim team in the Northeast District Swim Meet this past Friday in Geneva, Ohio. The team finished in 4th place in their division and in 1st place among public schools in attendance. We wish them the best as they advance them on to compete in 9 events TODAY at OHSAA division II Girls State Swim Meet at the natatorium in Canton, Ohio! We congratulate them on their record-breaking season and cheer them on as we await news from today.

• Congratulations to our Girls Basketball Team for earning a Conference EBC Title. Awesome Job Ladies!

• Congratulations to Meredith Joyce, from the high school, on her nomination as Teacher of the Month in the Canton Repository. Great Job Meredith!

• Congratulations to Katie Unklesby from Washington Elementary on her nomination as Teacher of the Month in the Canton Repository. Great Job Katie!

• Congratulations to Addison McKay, a 6th grader, on her nomination as a United Way Kid of Character in the Canton Repository. Awesome Job Addison!

• Congratulations to Kaden Tucker, a 7th grader, on his nomination as a United Way Kid of Character in the Canton Repository. Awesome Job Kaden!
• **Congratulations to Maddie Bean**, a freshman, who recently participated in the Girls State Wrestling Tournament, which is in its second year of existence. Maddy received third place at 101 pounds in our region and qualified for the state tournament. This is the first time that Marlington has participated in this event. Maddie is the first Duke to place at the regional, first girls state qualifier and won a match at the Girls State tournament as a freshman. Awesome Job Maddie!

• **Just a reminder** concerning our upcoming days off school due to COVID vaccination for staff:

  Tuesday, March 9, 2021 – No School – Calamity Day – No DDA/Remote Learning  
  Wednesday, March 10, 2021 - No School – Calamity Day – No DDA/Remote Learning

Dr. Michael R. Shreffler, Superintendent

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