



Kindergarten Lunch Bunch

Kindergartners selected for Kenston's Timmons Elementary Lunch Bunch for their Self Control in January were (l-r) Laila Stanley, Lily Scaccia, Gavin Braverman, Dominic Strano, Brantley Lukas, Jordan Fladger, Lucy DeFranco and Eva Zaranec.



KIS Fourth Grade Students of the Month

Congratulations to the Kenston Intermediate School Students of the Month for December/January. Fourth graders selected for Love and/or Self Control awards were (back row, l-r); Aurora Johnson, Rebecca Shafer, Shauna Doran, Jocelyn Stever and Addison Albrecht; (front row, l-r) Donovan Carney, William Drushel, Joseph Artale and Henry Stice.



First Grade Lunch Bunch

First Grade Lunch Bunch for January was honored with Self Control Awards. They are (back row, l-r) Natalie Strongosky, Ella Skladany, Leah DeLisio, Danielle Johnson, Brooke Corcoran and Amaya Turner; (front row, l-r) Madelynn Pritchard, Ian Pollock and Elouise Mulheman.



KIS Fifth Grade Students of the Month

Kenston Intermediate School Fifth Grade Students of the Month were selected for Love and/or Self Control awards in December/January. Congratulations to (back row, l-r) Ava Kostelnik, Lilah Cornell, Alison Manis, Isabella Otero, Annalise Weber, Erriana Strong and Savanna Woodward ; (front row, l-r) Grace Doyle, Sabrina Billock, Luke Jones, Paige Stedman and Ashlyn Hunter.



Second Grade Lunch Bunch

Congratulations to Second Graders, (back row, l-r) Catarina Kanieski, Emily Collins, Kaitlyn Spellacy and Valeria Borrero Tobon; (front row, l-r) Cole Pealer, Seth Pattie and Matthew Chu.



Coding Collaboration

Kenston Intermediate School students are working together to use coding to program robots to complete a variety of tasks in their Technology classes. Students had the opportunity to complete different missions with their robots including escaping from a room, programming a DJ booth and collecting a package and returning it to home base.



Third Grade Lunch Bunch

Timmons Elementary Lunch Bunch was selected for their Self Control in January. Congratulations to (back row, l-r) Adeline Traylor; Grace Voudris, Alexandra Grunwald, Quinn Robertson and Gianna Gutowitz; (front row, l-r) Zoe Calvello and Emmanuella Chelbezan. Sadie Kepreos not pictured.

Kenston Spirit

Distinguished Hall of Fame

The Kenston Alumni Association is seeking outstanding individuals for induction into the 2018 Distinguished Hall of Fame. These people will be graduates or staff members of Auburn, Bainbridge or Kenston Schools who have achieved success in their careers and have made significant contributions in their fields as well as to society. To be eligible, nominees must have graduated in the Class of 2008 or before or retired/resigned from the district by June 1, 2008 or before, and not currently be employed by the Kenston Schools. Please visit www.kenstonlocal.org for more information. Deadline for nominations is Wednesday, February 28, 2018. Inductees will be recognized during Homecoming 2018.

Alumni Military Hall of Honor

The Kenston Alumni Association in partnership with the District will be creating a Military Hall of Honor with an unveiling set for Veterans Day 2018.

We are proud of our brave and unselfish service members who graduated from Auburn, Bainbridge or Kenston Schools and wish to recognize their service on behalf of the United States of America with a program entitled the Kenston School District Military Hall of Honor.

We are asking community members to submit information to honor active and veteran United States Armed Forces members who graduated from Kenston. Please visit www.kenstonlocal.org for more information.

National Speech & Debate Academic All American

The Kenston School District would like to congratulate Morgan Spehar, on earning the National Speech & Debate Association Academic All American award. This distinguished award recognizes students who have completed at least five semesters of high school; earned the degree of Superior Distinction in Honor Society; achieved rigorous criteria for GPA and/or test score requirements; and demonstrated outstanding character and leadership. From more than 141,000 student members of National Speech & Debate Association, fewer than 500 students earn this award each year.

Zoo Crew

Timmons Elementary School third graders who work hard and show great effort were named to the Zoo Crew. Members of the Zoo Crew are rewarded with goofy and crazy games and activities before school each week for eight weeks. Congratulations to the second quarter Zoo Crew members: Jackson Allotta, Robby Billock, Annmarie Cianciolo, Maggie Davis, Andi Dodd, Brigitte Edwards, Keira El-Hayek, Porter Fontana, Gracie Fouse, Alex Hauptman, Lucy Johnson, Sadie Kepreos, Kendall Martin, Chris McCabe, Colette McIvor, Charlie McMicken, Tucker Meeks, Dedrick Montague, Carley Timmons, Connor Ward, Brady Watson, Oliver West, Dylan Wilson and Hunter Yates.

Kenston Foundation Awards

The Kenston Foundation presented nine Teacher Grants at their annual recognition breakfast. This year over \$10,000 in grants were awarded to teachers across the district to support and enhance classroom curriculum. Funds are raised through donations, special events and the sale of music notes and art palettes at concerts, plays and the Fine Arts Showcase.

Mrs. Julie Green of the Music Department received funding for world percussion instruments including Meinl African Rope Tuned Djembes that will be used to create more authentic sounds for multicultural music. Mock Trial team coach, Mr. Stephan Voudris, was awarded funds to purchase case files for competition. High school math teacher, Mrs. Connie Kramer, had her proposal funded for two (2) standing desks to improve engagement and focus in her classroom. Kenston Middle School 6th Grade Language Arts teachers, Mrs. Sondra Kosinski, Mrs. Kristin Horn and Mrs. Cassidy Powers were awarded funding for "Study Island", an online program that differentiates instruction based on students' needs. High School teachers, Mr. Steven Hoffman and Mr. Ryan Novak, received funding to pilot Nearpod, an interactive mobile presentation that teachers customize to provide enhanced and engaging learning. All second graders will benefit from the grant funded for Timmons Elementary School teacher, Mrs. Maria Patyk. Students will explore hands-on learning through observation and discussion on how worms can change the environment through a worm composting bin. Technology Integration Specialist, Mr. Josh Timmons received funding for 18 Ozobot robots that introduce students to robotic programming. Kenston Middle School teacher, Mrs. Korianne Krill's, proposal for Breakout EDU kits was funded. These activities provide a collaborative learning experience that enhances critical thinking and creativity. High school Science teacher, Mr. Christian Barrus was awarded funds for his students to adapt toys for special needs children by rewiring the external output.

Speech & Debate

Kenston High School placed 4th out of 19 teams at John Carroll University and Hathaway Brown School's Speech and Debate Tournament. Samara Benza placed 2nd in Declamation. Adler Weber and Phillip Witmer-Rich placed 2nd and Megan Herbruck and Savannah Georgian placed 3rd in Duo Interpretation. Jessica Sunderhaft placed 3rd and Savannah Georgian placed 6th in Program Oral Interpretation. Sarah Herbruck placed 3rd and Kim Voudris placed 7th in Informative Speaking. Emily Hall placed 5th in Original Oratory. In debate, Sam Selent, Marcus Novak, and Okan Kardzhala all had winning records.

Kenston placed 6th out of 25 schools in the second to last regular season Speech and Debate tournament of the season, which was held at Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School. Crowned tournament champion was Samara Benza in Declamation, who also qualified for States this week! Earning ribbons in Program Oral Interpretation were Samantha Kirschman, who placed 5th, and Hannah Andrews, who placed 6th. Also placing 6th was Anna Soryal in Informative Speaking, and Emily Hall in Original Oratory. Special congratulations to Freshman Delaney Bochenek, who won three out of her four debates.

All photos and information provided by Kenston Schools.

KHS Parent Conferences

Kenston High School is holding Parent-Teacher Conferences, Feb. 15 from 4-8 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. Parent-Teacher Conferences are an opportunity for parents to learn about their child's progress in school and for teachers to gain insight into their student's home and community lives. The high school utilizes an "open" format with teachers at individual tables, set up in the gym where you can stop to see any or all of your child's teachers. If you need more time than the allotted 5-10 minutes, please contact your child's team leader to set up an appointment. During the school year, utilize Infinite Campus to check your student's weekly progress.

Incoming Parent Meeting

Information Night, for incoming Kindergarten parents, will be held Monday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. at Timmons Elementary School for children entering Kindergarten this August. Children must be five years old on or before Sept. 30, 2018. Registration Packets must be picked up at this time. Kindergarten Registration Packets are different from those posted online.

Kindergarten Registration will be held on Monday, March 5 from 8-11 a.m. and 4:30-7 p.m. at Timmons Elementary School. Please bring the completed packet, and supporting documentation for copying and your calendar to Registration to schedule Kindergarten Screening.

Kenston Football Reverse Raffle

The Bomber Elite Football Club will host a Reverse Raffle with a Grand Prize of \$3,000 on Saturday, Feb. 24 from 6-11p.m. at Bertram Inn. Tickets are \$165 per couple. Tickets are available online at Kenston Community Education. For additional information, please contact kenstonbomberelite@gmail.com.

Save the Date - All Class Reunion

Mark your calendar! The Kenston Alumni Association will be hosting an All-Class Reunion on Friday, May 25 at Centerville Mills. A \$10 charge at the door will fund beverages and snacks. Details will follow by way of the Alumni Association.

January Rotary Senior

Jacqueline Jeromin has been selected Kenston's Chagrin Valley Rotary Club Student of the Month in January. She carries a 4.436, and by the end of her senior year, she will have completed 10 AP classes earning AP Scholar with Distinction honors. She was awarded her academic varsity letter as a freshman and has received 15 departmental awards. She received "Excellence in Mathematics" her junior year for completing all high school offered math courses, and she is a member of Math Club and Mu Alpha Theta. Jackie is currently a National Merit Semifinalist being considered for Finalist status. Jackie has earned Bronze and Silver awards from Girl Scouts as well as two Blue Ribbons and two Gold Seals for Artwork at the Lake/Geauga County Art Show. She is part of Trivia Club and appeared on Academic Challenge as an alternate as a sophomore and competitor as a junior. Additionally in her junior year, she joined and received her varsity letter for Science Olympiad. She has been a part of the Kenston swim team all four years of high school, being honored as a scholar athlete as an underclassman. Outside of school, she has raised money for Woofstock and Rescue Village since age six. Throughout her high school career, she has volunteered at Art by the Falls. She will be attending Northwestern University to study mathematics and history, as well as a minor in Russian.



Jacqueline Jeromin



KHS February Students of the Month

Congratulations to Kenston High School students of the month for February who were selected for special recognition. Honored were (back row, l-r) Kyle Williams, Grant Nelson, Frank DiMarco and Phillip Witmer-Rich; (front row, l-r) Grace Cannon, Britta Treu, Mary O'Neill and Alexa Busby.



SJA Kicks Off One School One Book Program

St. Joan of Arc School kicked off their 3rd annual One School One Book program Tuesday. Each student received the book *Welcome to Wonderland* by Chris Grabenstein, a hilarious story about two friends who use storytelling and bold, outrageous plans to save the greatest place ever, the *Wonderland Hotel*.

Area Student Named to University of New England Dean's List

William S. Shearon of Chagrin Falls has been named to the Dean's List for the 2017 fall semester at the University of New England. Dean's List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

The University of New England is Maine's largest private university, an innovative educational community with two distinctive coastal Maine campuses, a vibrant new campus in Tangier, Morocco, and a robust offering of degree and certificate programs online. UNE is home to Maine's only medical and dental schools—part of a comprehensive health education mission built on a pioneering interprofessional approach that includes pharmacy, nursing and an array of allied health professions.

Mary Lucy Currier Wins NDES Spelling Bee

Congratulations to 6th grade student, Mary Lucy Currier, NDES' Spelling Bee Champion! With 18 stellar spellers in grades 4-8, and 8 rounds, Mary Lucy won on the word "exasperation." Sophia Lee finished as runner-up and Taylor Corwin earned third place. We are proud of all our participants.

Mary Lucy will represent NDES in the Geauga Spelling Bee on Feb. 13.

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Clarion University Fall Dean's List

Kinsey Laninga and Taylor Mahan of Chagrin Falls, have earned placement on the Clarion University of Pennsylvania Dean's List by earning a GPA of 3.50 or higher for the fall 2017 semester.

Millikin University Announces Fall 2017 Dean's List

The following students were named to the Dean's List at Millikin University for fall 2017: Connor Brennan of Chagrin Falls is a freshman in the College of Fine Arts, studying theatre. Students who attempt 12 graded credits during a fall or spring semester and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher earn Dean's List honors.

Camden E. Spencer named to President's List at Elon University

Camden E. Spencer has been named to the President's List for the 2017 fall semester at Elon University in Elon, NC. The President's List is composed of students with no grade below an A-minus in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Camden is a business major and a member of Elon's Club Tennis Team. She is a 2017 graduate of Kenston High School, and she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey R. Spencer of Bainbridge.

Phonics in Motion Encourages Natural Learning Process

Babies are born learners, with a natural curiosity to understand how the world works. From the moment they are born, children are immersed in a multi-sensory world, and the natural learning process begins. At NDES the natural learning process is encouraged with Phonics in Motion (PIM), a multi-sensory teaching method used to aid the teaching of reading and writing.

The components of the PIM method include highly specialized, targeted kinesthetic motions that children associate with letters and letter combinations. Learning the PIM method is broken into four distinct parts: kinesthetic motions; letter formation & directionality; modeled writing; and phonics development & spelling.

"I love using phonics in motion in first grade. I feel that by "seeing" the words, "hearing" the words and by "doing the motion" students who may have trouble reading have the opportunity to hear and motion and learn the sounds. It is amazing how many of my students will tap out words and sound out the words using the motions while they are writing stories," states first grade teacher, Mrs. Katherine Biro.

"Using the language calendar has really helped to prepare students for writing in their everyday lives. Students are learning how letters make sounds, sounds make words, and words make sentences. We use the language calendar to help us understand how to create sentences and how to identify common spelling patterns," explains kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Elizabeth Looman.

With these engaging tools, students make crucial connections with language, which contribute to life-long success as readers, writers and collaborators in a changing world.

NDCL Students Recognized in eXpressions Competition

For only the second time in NDCL history, students were recognized in all three categories in Cleveland Clinic's eXpressions competition: art, language, and math. Of the nearly 1,700 entries from schools throughout the Clinic's entire market area, fewer than 7% earned the judges' recognition. This year only 76 artworks, 36 writing submissions, and five math projects earned awards. Nine NDCL students are among the winners.

"This year's competition was incredibly tough," commented Ms. Christine DeNicola, the Clinic's manager of school based-programs.

eXpressions is an interdisciplinary program that utilizes art, language, and math to engage high school students in the world of scientific research. Through project-based, peer-to-peer learning, students interpret, analyze, and communicate research conducted by Cleveland Clinic summer interns.

In addition to being exhibited in the eXpressions Art, Language, and Math eXhibition at the Global Center for Health Innovation in downtown Cleveland, the award-winning entries will be featured in the program's print and online catalogs. The exhibition at the Global Center will open on Feb. 15 with a formal dedication and reception. Student winners will receive gift cards and their teachers will be awarded educational grants from the Clinic.

NDCL congratulates this year's eXpressions winners and their teachers:

MATHEMATICS: Kyle Borah '20 (Middlefield)
Jacob Craven '20 (Newbury)
Blue Ribbon
Mrs. Marcia Pecsek - teacher

Aditya Achar '20 (Concord)
Erin Gemmell '20 (Painesville Twp)
Jonathan Sharp '20 (Chardon)
Sam Urbanski '20 (Chardon)
Honorable Mention
Mrs. Marcia Pecsek - teacher

ENGLISH :

Hanna Gemmell '19 (Painesville Twp),
Red Ribbon
Miss Katie Ours - teacher

Haley Otto '18 (Mentor)
White Ribbon
Miss Katie Ours - teacher

ART:

Bailey Platzar '18 (Willoughby)
White Ribbon
Mr. Dan Yaniga - teacher

2nd Annual *Ignite Your Career* Features Local Entrepreneur & Reality TV Personality

Geauga Growth Partnership is hosting an exciting, high-energy event, designed to connect Geauga students with Geauga businesses. This year GGP is featuring among other guests, Mr. Jesse Srpan, owner and president of Raw Iron Choppers, who has built a business around what he loves. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVU3pVcrLAo>

Not yet 30 years old, this Geauga County native has a thriving business building custom motorcycles, while working as a welding instructor for Lakeland Community College. He knew by the time he was 13 that he loved welding and building bikes, and with his father's encouragement and support, built his skills sets around these passions. He developed his own shop in Newbury Township.

"I am more than happy to be part of "Ignite Your Career," says Jesse Srpan. "For me, it's all about paying it forward and motivating others."

Consequently, when Mr. Srpan was only 23, he was approached by Discovery Channel to participate in a custom motorcycle-building competition. He was the 2014 winner of Discovery Channel's #Bikerlive (Rust belt episode-ohio).

Jesse Srpan is one of a few presenters who are on tap to Ignite a career flame for Geauga County's upcoming workforce, during GGP's 2nd Annual

Ignite Your Career! Pathways to Success for Students (grades 7-12 with parents), to be presented Monday, March 5 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Sisters of Notre Dame Education Center, 13000 Auburn Rd., Chardon. Registration is required.

Parents and students, register at <https://ignite-your-career-mar5.eventbrite.com>

Businesses that wish to have a table at the event, register at <https://mar5-ignite-career-booth-order.eventbrite.com>

At 6 p.m., families will gather with businesses for a bite to eat, provided by culinary students at Auburn Career Center. After a few brief presentations about 21st Century career opportunities, students and parents will break out to meet with presenting businesses about current and upcoming careers opportunities.

Parent Kimm Leininger was pleased at the outcomes from her family's participation in the inaugural 2017 Ignite Your Career.

"This [Ignite Your Career] event provided us with an opportunity to begin the discussions and to explore our kids' interests related to the presentations we heard that evening," said Ms. Leininger. "Our girls walked away with a lot of things to think about, and quite frankly, so did Neil and I."

This event is more than a symposium and more than a job fair. Students will...

- Explore career options across multiple industries
- Learn about education & training options, and tuition reimbursement programs
- Talk one-on-one with a broad selection of Geauga County companies
- Learn and explore the many pathways to building a fulfilling career

Students: This evening is designed for you. Graduating Seniors, bring your resumes for an opportunity to meet with employers.

Businesses: Promote your company, take applications for employment, connect now with your future workforce!

GGP's Ignite Your Career event is just one of a series of opportunities provided by Geauga Growth Partnership to "prepare tomorrow's workforce today." GGP's Youth Workforce Development (YWD) training programs lead students in cumulative growth through an educational continuum that consists of day-long workshops offered to 8th graders, sophomores, juniors and seniors in High School, culminating with opportunities to participate in real-world work experiences through paid summer Internships in the GGP High School Internship Program. The individual components of the YWD Program are Career Awareness Events, Career Readiness Training, the Internship Program, and the "Ignite Your Career" event, and are offered to all Geauga County schools.

Our next edition will be delivered March 2 and will feature our *Spirit Senior Guide* and *2018 Spirit Camp Guide*.

Editorial Deadline is Feb. 16.

Ad Deadline is Feb. 21.

Legal Lions Advance to Mock Trial Regional

For the third consecutive year, NDCL's mock trial team will advance to regional competition after successfully arguing in district trials at the Lake County Courthouse.

When the gavels fell after a series of morning and afternoon trials, NDCL students also won six individual awards: Briana Cowman '18, best attorney and best witness; Jessica Iacco '18, best attorney; Carter Callender '19, best attorney; Hannah Taylor '19, best witness; and Connor Marrott '21, best witness.

This year's mock trial case focuses on the post-conviction relief petition of a man convicted nearly 20 years ago for murdering his ex-girlfriend and classmate. The defendant seeks to overturn his conviction because of his belief that his attorney's ineffective legal assistance prejudiced his case and unfairly led to his conviction.

NDCL's mock trial program has grown to include three teams this year: the Legal Lions, the Latin Lions, and the Northstars—names that reflect the mascots of NDCL, Cathedral Latin School, and Notre Dame Academy.

Team members owe much of their success to the expert advice provided by their dedicated and generous volunteer legal advisors, including Mr. Martin Delahunty, father of Jackie '16 and John '17; Mr. Ryan Callender, father of Carter '19; Geauga County Common Pleas Judge Carolyn Paschke, mother of Garrett '20; Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge Michael Shaughnessy, father of Megan '12 and Katie '18; and Geauga County Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Mr. Donovan DeLuca '05 and Mr. Nick Burling '01.

The team's network of professional support also includes Chardon Municipal Court Judge Terri Stupica, Geauga County Common Pleas Judge Forrest Burt, Geauga County Common Pleas Magistrate Bruce Smalheer, and attorney Mr. Matt Lallo '02, who officiated at scrimmages and provided valuable feedback.

English teacher Ms. Victoria Frabotta '86 and Social Studies Department Chairperson Mrs. Molly Schneider advise the team, which has already begun strategizing for the regional trials at Cuyahoga County's Old Courthouse in downtown Cleveland on Feb. 16. Top teams from the regional competition advance to the state finals in March in Columbus.

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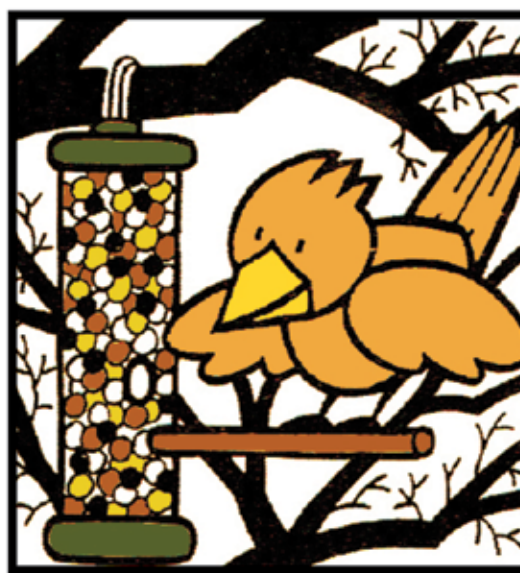
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