

The Colt Cornerstone

November 22, 2024

Butler News...



Butler Elementary honored local Veterans with an assembly on Tuesday, November 12th. **Kamryn Goodrow**, Petty Officer First Class United States Navy, spoke about her time in the service and how it shaped her life. She is the mother of three Butler Elementary students, **Grant, Oliver, and Ethan**.



Margot Alibeckoff did a fantastic job filling in for Mr. Brasure conducting the band as they provided patriotic music to honor our guests. Our **kindergarten** classes sang the National Anthem and American Soldier. **Mr. Black** led our **third graders** with two musical selections, "America, The Beautiful" and "Our Heroes Will Live On." Third grade students concluded their portion of the program by reciting the American Creed.



Thirty five Veterans were recognized and stayed for coffee and doughnuts after the program. They also received personal thank you notes created by our students.



Students who earned the first quarter PBIS incentive were treated to a new experience. The YMCA on Wheels program came to Butler Elementary and set up three activity stations for students to play on the upper field. **Coach Bechtel** also provided a longball station to ensure students had four 20 minute play times. **Support staff** helped supervise students to provide our teachers extra time to prepare for conferences.



On November 11, Bellville Elementary hosted a Veteran’s Day Celebration. Under **Mrs. Twedt’s** direction, each of the grade levels contributed to the celebration. The gym was decorated with photos and memorabilia of veterans near and dear to students and staff, with the ultimate piece being the American Flag made out of student made celebrations. Veterans were clapped into the gym by all students and staff. Every veteran was sent home with a personalized thank you card made by students. Honored guest speakers **Larry Firmi Jr.** and **Larry Firmi Senior** were interviewed by 5th grade military connected students. Special thanks to **Mrs. Ashley Twedt** and **Mrs. Ashley Williamson** for their involvement in planning and carrying out the event.

Larry Firmi jr was born and raised here in the valley. He is a Graduate of Clear fork high school. He is 20 years old and is currently serving in the United States air national guard as a fire protection specialist.

Larry Firmi sr, was born in Warren Ohio and moved to Mansfield in 1999. He served in the United States Air Force reserve from 1995-2003 as a security forces specialist and was called to active duty after the attacks on September 11th, 2001.



COLT PRIDE



Bellville News...

For the last couple of weeks Bellville Elementary has been engaged in a **Penny War!** Students have been challenged to find the spare change under couch cushions and in between car seats. The top three classes to raise the most money force their teachers to wear turkey suits the day before Thanksgiving break. But even more importantly, the teachers of the top 3 earning classes will donate the raised money to a charity of their choice. Last year, **Mrs. Rinehart's class** won, and they made a donation of \$1,000 to the **Ronald McDonald Foundation**, which allowed Bellville Elementary to co-sponsor a room at the Ronald McDonald House. We will look forward to this year's results!



Mrs. Sansom honored **Tucker Horn**, 1st grade student for demonstrating **Problem Solving Behavior**

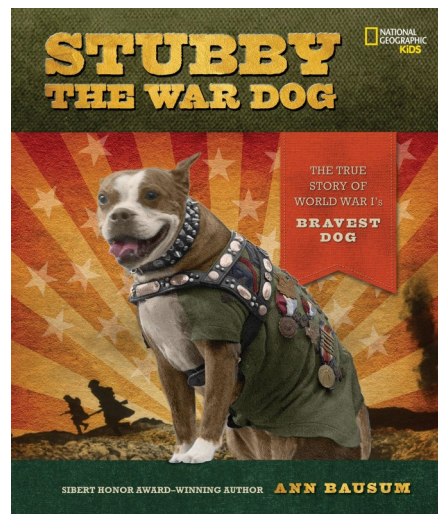
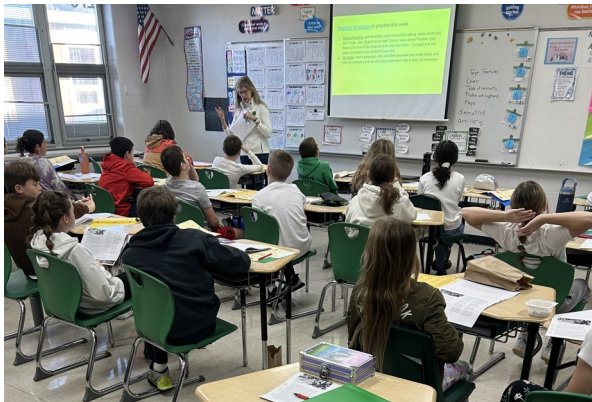
Recently, the Bellville PBIS committee has been honoring students who have been Caught Being a Colt for their positive behavior. Teachers have the opportunity to nominate students for exhibiting positive behavior using **Colt PRIDE. P – Problem Solving; R – Respect; I – Integrity, D - Discipline; E – Empathy.** At the end of each day, chosen students report to afternoon announcements to receive a special certificate, and the teacher that nominated them shares information about the nomination. This week, **Mr Danne-miller, Mrs. Sansom, Mrs. Dials, and Ms. Wend** all introduced their nominees over the announcements. What a great experience!

Middle School Veteran's Day Activities...

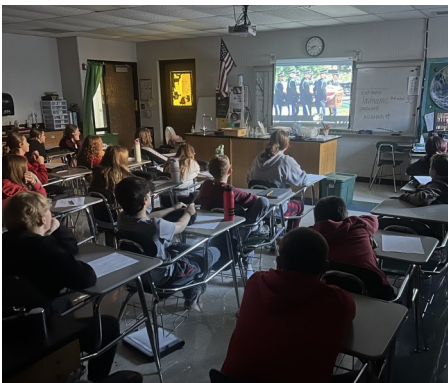
Whitney Bates had her 8th grade students work on constructing airplanes, boats, and other structures related to branches of the Military.



Mrs. Campbell's 6th grade class read a story about Sgt. Stubby the Dog



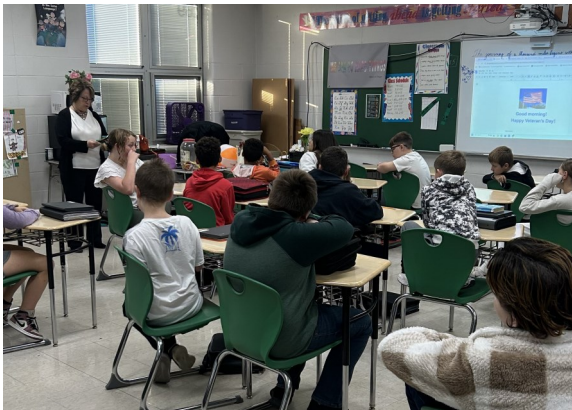
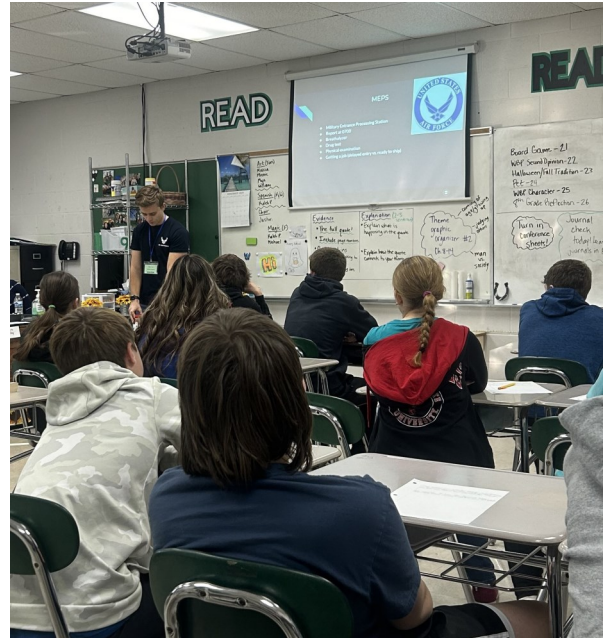
Mrs. Staley showed a video about the soldiers that stand guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Sol-



Mr. Staab's Health classes wrote letters to Veterans thanking them for their service and sacrifices.

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Miss Vargo welcomed her brother Dominic into her class to discuss his experience going through recruitment as he enlisted in the Air Force.



Ms. Popa read excerpts from her father's journal from his time in the service and showed videos explaining what his time in the military was like.



We had 70% of our **Middle School Students** participate in wearing **Red, White, and Blue**.

High School News...



Mr. Echelberger coordinated with several groups to organize the CFHS Veteran's Day Assembly. **Purple Start Students**, the **Honor Guard**, and the **previous Miss Ohio** all were part of the ceremony.



The Rubber Ducky Story

Mr. Jancura was gifted a rubber duck from a student a few years ago and it has sat on his piano as a reminder of the student. The duck mysteriously disappeared one day. He shared with students he was looking for the duck and why. Unexpectedly, a whole gaggle of ducks slowly started to appear. They line the top of his piano and he has a table where much larger rubber ducks sit. He is adding the students' names to the ducks as he receives them as a way to remember his students. "Mr. J" is one lucky duck to have so many caring students!



High School News Continued..

Students from CFHS and **Marion Harding High School** participated in the MOAC Exchange Program. Students had the opportunity to visit each of the schools and learn more about students, schools, athletics and academics in each of the buildings.



Girls Soccer: Conference Champions, Player of the Year- **Mel Blubaugh**, First Team- **Mel Blubaugh, Brinley Barnett, Addie Blakely, Ashton Wine**, Coach of the Year- **Brittany Bechtel**



Boys Soccer: **Liam Beer and Owen Weikle, Cade Beachy**- First Team



Football: **Evan Hamilton**- First Team Offensive Line



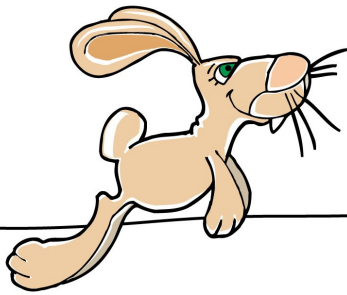
Girls Golf: **Baylie Salkovick**- First Team



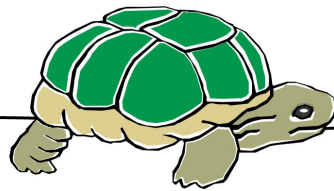
Girls Tennis: **Noel Cline**- First Team

Information from our Food Service Manager

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School Breakfast



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School Breakfast



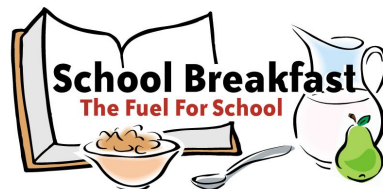
EAT SCHOOL BREAKFAST
it gives you energy

Clear Fork School District

Breakfast Starts at 7:15 in all buildings

Prices: Full Price is \$1.50 Free/Reduced is \$0

Location Served: Cafeteria



Message from John Thomas, Interim Superintendent...

Mr. Thomas has completed all of his staff interviews and will begin compiling his report very soon!

Other Important News...

Trigger, the silver lab, is a new addition to our Middle school! Trigger is AKC Trained, and has been Board approved to be a reading buddy/emotional support animal. He is owned by our very own, **Meredith Wendling**! Let's welcome Trigger!



Ashley Twedt, presented **Military Family Appreciation Certificates** to our staff members at the November 19, Board Meeting. Thank you Ashley for being such a wonderful advocate for our military families!

