



Success

WINTER 2022



QUARTERLY UPDATE FROM SHELBY CITY SCHOOLS

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Resident:

Much like the famous roller coasters at Cedar Point, Ohio is also known for its up and down weather patterns. Hopefully, we are nearly through the worst of the winter weather and the first signs of spring are just around the corner.



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*- Tim Tarvin, Superintendent
Shelby City Schools*

district, students and parents. Whether it is students and staff learning the configuration of a new building, or parents becoming accustomed to new traffic patterns, please know the Shelby staff has been brainstorming and laying out plans to make the transition to the PK-8

As we head into the last stretch of this school year, I want to emphasize that it is still vitally important that we continue to be diligent about our COVID practices, because if we are not, our numbers can quickly resemble a rollercoaster. Please continue to monitor your children's health and keep them at home if they are running a fever or displaying any symptoms associated with COVID-19. It is this spirit of cooperation that has helped our schools stay open throughout the entire school year, thus far. Thank you for your help!

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And speaking of changes...the very fact that we are moving four different buildings into one all-encompassing facility will require a variety of changes for the school

building as smooth as possible. In the upcoming months, the administration and principals will be sharing information with students and parents to help answer questions and serve as a guide for a memorable opening day when we begin school on September 6, 2022.

As always, if you have questions about an article in this newsletter, or anything else for that matter, please feel free to contact the Board of Education office at your convenience.

Thanks again for your incredible support, stay safe; go Whippets!

Tim Tarvin

Superintendent, Shelby City Schools

Check out the latest photos of our facilities projects by visiting our website at shelbyk12.org

An Update from the Treasurer

Beth Lykins, Treasurer

It is important to Shelby City Schools to stretch taxpayer dollars to the best of our ability. We have applied for a variety of grants to address some of our district's needs without costing the Shelby community.

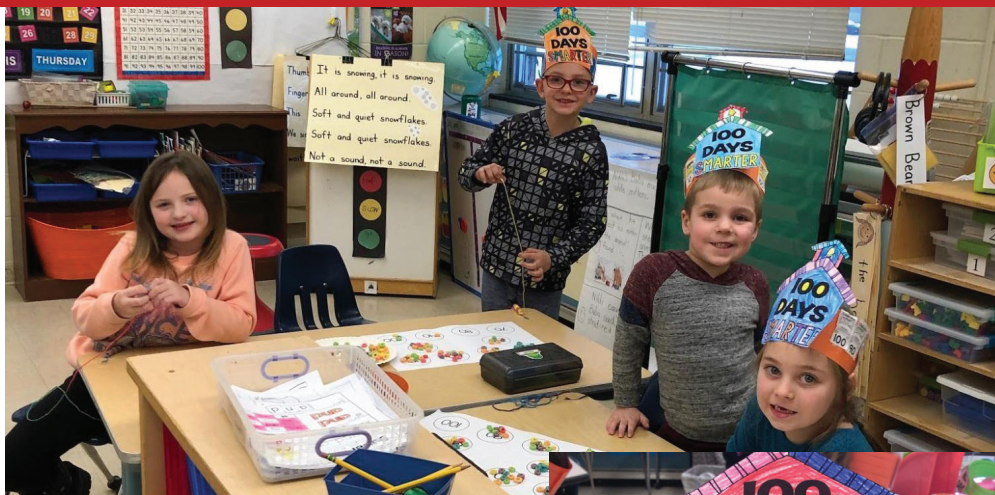
It is an exciting time for our district. Due to awarded grant money, some essential purchases can be made to ensure the safety of Shelby students.

We transport 715 students through ten routes, totaling 850 miles a day. Our bus maintenance department keeps our buses very well maintained, but our district was in need of two buses. The Ohio Department of Education awarded Shelby \$106,554 as a part of the School Bus Purchase Program, to be used toward the purchase of the needed buses!

Our district was also awarded a School Safety Grant totaling \$10,142.98 through the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC). This money is to be used toward improvements to the overall physical security and safety of our buildings.

To help ensure transparency, we will be transitioning to BoardDocs, a paperless meeting management software. This will allow agendas and minutes to be available to the public in a searchable format on our district website.

If you have any questions regarding the district finances, please feel free to contact the Board of Education office. I am available to answer questions that arise at any time.

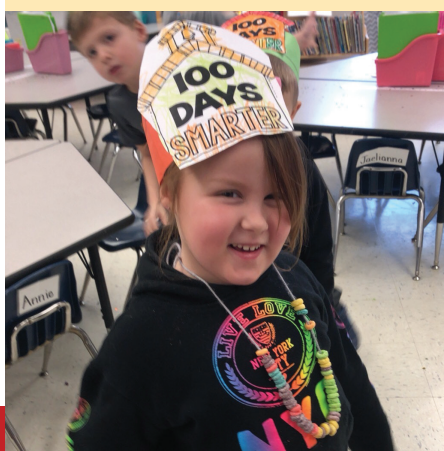


Our Kindergarten Students are 100 Days Smarter!

In January, our Shelby City Schools kindergarten students celebrated being "100 Days Smarter!" On their 100th day of school, students participated in a wide variety of activities, all focused on the magical number 100. The celebration included making a necklace out of 100 pieces of cereal, creating a "100 Days Smarter" crown, dressing up like they were 100 years old, competing in 100 different exercise challenges and building a 100 gumball machine craft. All of these special activities provided our young learners with extended counting skills, number sense skills, as well as an opportunity to use both gross and fine motor skills.

Kindergarten is a pretty big deal. From learning how to 'do' school at the age of 5 or 6, to becoming leaders, readers, writers, and mathematicians – there have been lots of opportunities for growing and learning together over the past 100 days. When asked about kindergarten, student Zoey W., said, "I love Kindergarten because I love to learn and my brain gets smarter. I love to meet new friends."

For the next 100 days of Kindergarten, we continue our mission of doing our best learning and growing to get ready for first grade and our brand new elementary school.





Whipping Up Real-World Experience in the Whippet Up Cafe

The best way to teach students about real-world work experience, is to immerse students in the real world. Mrs. Mahaney, a teacher at the high school, started Whippet Up Cafe as a way to provide authentic work experience to her students within the halls of the high school!

Students work as baristas, deliverers and bankers – rotating jobs every two weeks. The baristas make the drinks. The deliverers deliver the drinks around the school and run the coffee cart. The bankers fill out drink tickets as orders come in and handle the money each day.

The students make the drinks and deliver them with Mrs. Bechtol, a paraprofessional in the building. Once all orders have been fulfilled, Mrs. Bechtol takes the coffee cart around the building with the deliverers, who pump coffee and collect money. Mrs. Wilson, another paraprofessional in the classroom, assists students with morning work while the Whippet Café is open for business!

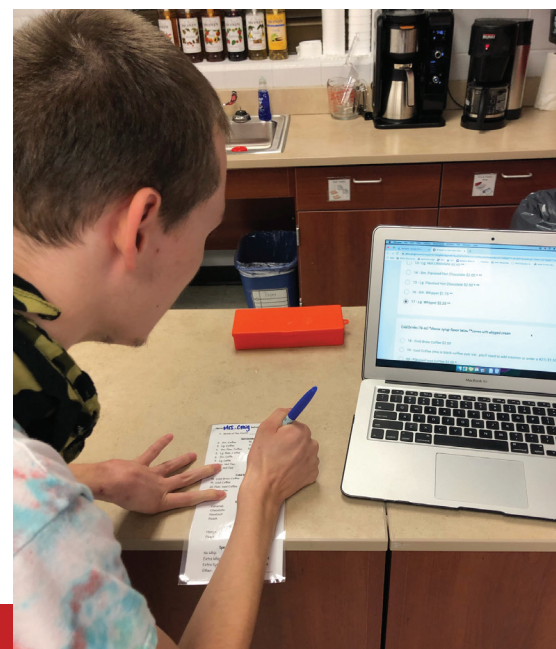
Each menu item is numbered, to allow the students to easily find the recipe card and the item in the iPad to make the transaction by simply matching numbers. Each recipe card lists simple steps with pictures to help the students complete orders as independently as possible.

The students have learned so many valuable skills: following multi-step directions, learning how to use various tools and supplies, problem solving, cleaning, customer service, counting money and entering information into a Google sheet. While Mrs. Mahaney knew the students would gain valuable work experience, she did not anticipate how this would bring the high school community together. The cafe has quickly welcomed more students and staff into her classroom than ever before. The students also have been out and about around the building more than ever.

Students and staff can stop in or call the classroom, fill out an online order form, or wait for the cart to

come around to order drinks. The money raised at the Whippet Up Cafe will be used for supplies and materials for the classroom, field trips to reward the students' hard work and participation in various fundraisers that go on during the school year.

The Whippet Up Cafe has been an excellent addition to the school environment for every student and staff member in the building.





Snow Trails ADVENTURE

When life gives Shelby snow, we head *downhill*! This winter, all Shelby Middle School students were invited to participate in a night of snow-tubing fun at Snow Trails, sponsored by the teachers of SMS! Over 200 fifth- through eighth-grade students gathered for the event!





Enrollment for the Little Whippets Preschool is NOW OPEN!

It is time to enroll in the 2022-2023 Shelby City Schools Little Whippets Preschool program!

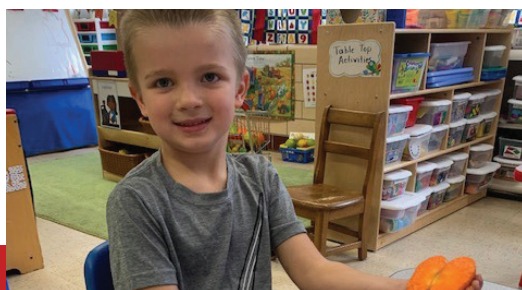
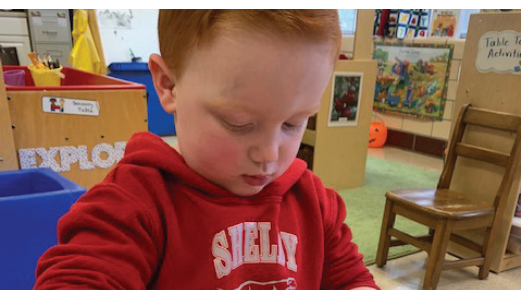
Our preschool is a 5-Star Rated Step Up to Quality Program through the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). We provide preschool for any child between the ages 3 and 5.

Our preschool students are prepared for kindergarten. We use Ohio's Early Learning Development Standards as a guide for instruction and align our curriculum to prepare our students for their next phase of education. Our half-day program offers morning or afternoon sessions, runs Monday through Thursday and follows the Shelby City School District calendar.

Beginning September 2022, we are excited to welcome our youngest whippets to our new PK-8 building. If you are interested in sending your child to preschool, please complete the online enrollment through FinalForms. If you do not have internet access, we are happy to schedule an appointment to complete the online enrollment forms in person at the Board of Education Office during regular business hours.

We are looking forward to a year of enrichment and hands-on learning in our new learning space in the coming year!

To locate the online enrollment information and learn more about our program, visit www.shelbyk12.org and find the preschool enrollment information under "FinalForms."



Grades 5–8

STUDENT RECOGNITION

We love celebrating the academic efforts of our students! Recently, students who demonstrated outstanding academic achievements gathered in the gym to allow staff members the opportunity to congratulate students on a job well done.



From Classroom to Table

Mrs. Carol Mullet's third-grade classroom at Dowds Elementary has been busy this school year learning about plants! Thanks to a grant from the Richland County Foundation, the classroom is complete with a tower garden! The students have planted a variety of vegetables, including green beans, strawberries, lettuce and kale. To add some variation, they also planted some flowers!

The students have eaten their lettuce twice, and they plan to make kale chips using the fruits of their labor. The students have developed a sense of ownership for the garden. They take pride in caring for the plants, as they take turns watering and harvesting the vegetables as needed.

What an incredible lesson in agricultural science!





Construction Moves Forward, On Time and Within Budget



As we inch closer to the end of the school year, Shelby City Schools continues to make the construction timeline and budget a priority. The construction of the PK-8 building construction is on track to open its doors for the first day of school, September 6. In order to ensure this happens, extra crews have been brought in on the project.

Watching the progress has been exciting. Crews are working hard to finish enclosing the structure and focusing on finishes. The PK-2 pod is the furthest along and we are looking forward to following the progress of the rest of the building.

The construction of our athletic facilities continues to progress as well, but soil conditions and weather are factors in the process. Our goal is to have our facilities updated in time for the start of the school year.

Crews aim to upgrade the baseball field and install new turf in April. Upon completion of the baseball field, they will resurface the tennis courts. If the weather cooperates, the plan is to install the football field turf in July, followed by resurfacing the track.

We are thrilled to provide state-of-the-art learning environments and athletic facilities for our Whippets. By this time next year, students will be learning in a new PK-8 building and our athletic facilities including an updated track and upgraded baseball, softball and football fields should be housing our Whippet athletes.

We will continue to share details with the community as they emerge and we welcome you to contact the Board of Education building with any questions.






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