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QUARTERLY UPDATE FROM SHELBY CITY SCHOOLS

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

A Lot to Celebrate at Shelby City Schools



Michael Browning
Superintendent

We have much to celebrate this winter and a few important updates for you. In this newsletter, you will find more information about our new health center on Shelby Schools campus on page 3. We are thankful to all those who made the opening of the health center possible and are proud to promote access to health and wellness for our students and community members.

In our schools, we are celebrating the continued success of our Big Brothers Program, a new sixth grade "Life Skills" class, the Shelby Academic Boosters Club, and our elementary schools' Kindness Week. These initiatives show how our community and our educators continue to rally

around our students to promote growth and achievement. It also shows our students' commitment to learning and how they exemplify values like responsibility, service, and compassion – which should make us educators, parents, and community members so proud.

In this newsletter, you can also read more about kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year on page 4 and an opportunity to chat with me, your superintendent, over a warm cup of coffee at The Well Coffee Shop on March 16, April 20, and May 18.

Stay warm, be well, and most importantly, Go Whippets!

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Shelby Booster "Boosting" Academics

The Shelby Academic Boosters Club continues to support a variety of academic-focused projects across the district. Recent projects include:

- ▶ Honor cords and stoles for high-achieving graduates
- ▶ Sponsorship of the Shelby Middle School Power of the Pen team
- ▶ Recognition clings for Shelby Middle School
- ▶ Spelling Bees for grades 4-8
- ▶ Academic Challenge competition uniforms
- ▶ Capital purchase for new PK-8 building

The Boosters have also awarded scholarships each May during the Senior Awards. Over the past several years, they have honored 6-12 college-bound seniors with scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000, thanks to the community's contributions. We are so grateful to have the dedication and support of the Academic Boosters Club!





A Note of Appreciation to Our School Board

We are grateful to the Shelby School Board of Education for their hard work and leadership in our district.



From left to right. Standing: Randy Broderick, Brad Ream, and President, Scott Rose
Seated: Heather Braun and Vice President Kim Nadolsky



Big Brother Program Stays Focused on Academics

Several Whippet basketball players participate in a Big Brother program each year. The seniors mentor sixth-grade boys with a focus on promoting good academic performance.

Elementary School Celebrates Kindness Week

During the week of Feb. 12-15, students drew their attention to kindness. Each day was celebrated with a spirit day and theme (Manners Monday, Thank You Tuesday, What Can I Do To Help? Wednesday, and Thoughtful Thursday), and inspirational quotes were shared over the announcements. Random acts of kindness were celebrated throughout the building. Kindness Week culminated with a service project on behalf of the Richland County Humane Society.

Shelby guidance counselors work diligently to promote kindness throughout the year, but go all out during Kindness Week. They led the way in discussing differences and how important it is that we treat others with kindness and respect. During this special week, we especially wanted students to realize how even everyday small acts of kindness can make a big difference in other people's lives.

We're grateful to have so many students who act as an example of what kindness means every day in our building!



These students rocked our Kindness Spirit Week's Crazy Hair Day!



Update from The T

Have you ever wondered about the role of the Treasurer's office in our school district? You're not alone, and we're here to shed some light on our responsibilities. In the Treasurer's office, we oversee all financial aspects of Shelby City Schools, ensuring transparency and efficiency in managing our district's resources.

Our team includes Susan Porch, who manages accounts payable, receipts, and inventory, alongside Heather Fairchild, who oversees payroll and benefits. Together, we are committed to maintaining the financial integrity of our schools.



Nationwide Children’s Hospital Opens New Health Center on Shelby Schools Campus

In partnership with Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Shelby City Schools hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Dec. 6, 2023, for its all-new school-based health center. With its grand opening, Shelby Schools joined 16 other schools in the state to house a Nationwide Children’s Health Center on its campus.

The center is located at the Board of Education building at 109 W. Smiley Ave. and offers a variety of services to all Shelby City Schools students and anyone in the community ages 0-21, including well checks, immunizations, sports physicals, sick care, and asthma and diabetes management.

In Ohio, about half of school-aged children don’t have a primary care medical home. Additionally, before the center opened in a temporary location last summer, only 36% of

Shelby students were up to date on their well care. At the time of the ribbon cutting ceremony, however, center staff had seen 300 kids—100 of those visits were for well care.

School leadership and Nationwide Children’s staff hope the partnership will promote healthy living for students and community members by making sure young people are seen by health professionals and given the treatment they need in a timely manner.

The center is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For questions or to schedule an appointment, call 614-355-2590, option 3, or visit our website at <https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/specialties/school-based-health-services-care-connection>.

Sixth Grade “Life Skills” Class Helps Students Become Kind, Responsible Citizens

Good life skills are fundamental to being a kind, articulate, and responsible citizen. When two sixth-grade educators recognized a need to develop life skills in their sixth-grade class, they teamed up and got to work.

Ms. Wiles, a sixth-grade intervention specialist, and Mr. Craig, a sixth-grade social studies teacher, meet daily with select students to develop and practice skills like money management, creating weekly menus and grocery lists, laundry, basic first aid, communications skills (like talking on the phone, shaking hands, looking someone in the eye, and good email etiquette), and more.

During one particular class, students worked at a classroom “Donut Shop.” Students role-played and rotated jobs (order taker, order filler, cashier, and customer) in order to learn new skills with each order. One student said, “This is just like at a restaurant where people write down what you want and give it to the cooks!”

By teaching valuable life skills to students, Ms. Wiles and Mr. Craig are also helping to grow their student’s self-confidence and unlock their potential. We are so thankful for Ms. Wiles and Mr. Craig for developing a practical yet innovative solution. Our students continue to benefit from our teacher’s collaboration and effort!



Treasurer

Our responsibilities extend from processing purchase orders and public records requests to conducting financial forecasting and reporting. We also manage federal, state, and local grants, ensuring that every dollar is accounted for and used to enhance our students’ educational experience.

If you have any questions for us, please feel free to contact me at 419-342-3647 or lykins.bethl@shelbyk12.org.



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A Coffee Chat with the Superintendent

Join Shelby Superintendent Michael Browning at the Blackfork Commons Mercantile + Well Coffee Shop (24 W. Main St.) for a morning coffee chat! Hosted from 9-10 a.m., stop by on one of the following Saturdays:

March 16 • April 20 • May 18

These coffee chats are open to anyone in the community and will offer time to ask questions, connect with our superintendent, and possibly walk away with a special coffee mug! We look forward to seeing you there!

Did you miss
kindergarten
registration?

There is
still time.

Please reach out to
the board office at
419-342-3647.