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QUARTERLY UPDATE FROM SHELBY CITY SCHOOLS

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Closing Out Another Successful Year



Michael Browning
Superintendent

Dear Shelby Community,

As we wrap up this incredible school year, I am filled with pride and gratitude for all the achievements and milestones we have reached together. Our spring newsletter is brimming with exciting news and updates.

This spring, Shelby Elementary, Middle, and High Schools received the Purple Star designation for exceptional support of military-connected families. We also celebrated first

and second grade teacher Carter Townsend's first book, "Sassy, Mo, and Hopper Go Fishing."

The fifth-grade Academic Challenge team won first place out of 28 teams, and the Eco-Whippet Club organized a successful electronics drive and visited Oberlin College to learn about sustainability. Our eighth graders enjoyed an educational trip to Washington, D.C., and the Shelby Whippets boys basketball team made history by advancing to the state Final Four.

To our graduating Class of 2024, congratulations on reaching this remarkable milestone! Your hard work, resilience, and dedication have led you to this moment, and we couldn't be prouder of your achievements. We look forward to seeing the amazing things you will accomplish in the future.

To all our Shelby students, families, and community members, thank you for your unwavering support and dedication throughout the school year. Your involvement and commitment have been instrumental in our success.

I have come to realize what a special place Shelby truly is. I am so appreciative of the warm welcome I have received from the community and have loved getting to know the staff and families and immersing myself in local activities. As both a staff member and parent, I can confidently say that Shelby City Schools staff is second to none, and there is no place I would rather be.

I hope to see you this summer around town, at the Shelby Farmers Market, or back at Bicycle Days. Have a joyful and relaxing summer, and most importantly, go Whippets!

Michael Browning
Superintendent
Shelby City Schools

Eighth Grade Trip to Washington, D.C.

The eighth grade class had an unforgettable trip to Washington, D.C. They visited historical landmarks, engaged in educational activities, and made memories that will last a lifetime. We appreciate the efforts of all the chaperones and organizers who ensured a smooth and enriching experience for our students.





Update from The Treasurer



Dear Shelby Community,

I am pleased to share that the Shelby City Schools Board of Education recently approved our district's five-year financial forecast. This forecast is a crucial tool that helps us plan for the future and ensure the financial health and stability of our schools.

The approved forecast reflects a positive outlook for Shelby City Schools, with revenues and expenditures balanced over the next five years. This stability is largely due to careful financial planning and prudent fiscal management. It is important to note that the forecast takes into account various factors, including state funding, local property taxes, and the expected costs of operating our schools.

One key aspect of the forecast is the anticipated increase in state funding, which will provide additional resources to support our educational programs and services. Additionally, the district has been successful in managing costs effectively, ensuring that we can continue to provide high-quality education to our students without compromising on essential services.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the community for your continued support and commitment to our schools. Your involvement and advocacy play a vital role in maintaining the strength and success of our district. As we look ahead, we remain dedicated to maintaining fiscal responsibility while investing in the future of our students.

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

Sincerely,
Beth Lykins
Treasurer

Shelby Schools Earn Purple Star Designation for Outstanding Support

A round of applause to Shelby Elementary, Middle, and High School for attaining the Purple Star designation from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce! This outstanding achievement highlights our steadfast commitment to supporting military-connected students and families.

The Purple Star designation is awarded to schools that demonstrate a major commitment to students and families connected to our nation's military. To earn this honor, Shelby Schools have implemented programs and practices that cater to the unique needs of military families, ensuring a supportive and inclusive environment for all.

This dedication sets a shining example of what community and inclusivity looks like. By prioritizing the well-being and success of military-connected students, Shelby Schools are fostering a culture of understanding and support that benefits everyone.

Eco-Whippet Club

The middle school Eco-Whippet Club is making significant strides in promoting environmental sustainability through various impactful initiatives!

This past April, 23 dedicated club members organized their fifth annual community electronics drive. The event saw an unprecedented turnout, with approximately 15,000 pounds of electronics collected for recycling, ensuring these items did not end up in landfills.



The club members worked diligently in two shifts over four hours, accepting everything from TVs and telephones to vacuums and Christmas lights. In partnership with the Richland County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority, they also collected products containing freon, resulting in three additional truckloads of items being safely diverted from landfills.

This initiative not only showcased their commitment to environmental stewardship but also highlighted the importance of recycling, reusing, and repurposing within the community.



Fifth-Grade Academic Challenge Team Takes First Place

Congratulations to our fifth-grade Academic Challenge team for clinching first place out of 28 teams! Your hard work, dedication, and teamwork truly paid off. We are immensely proud of you and look forward to seeing your continued success in future challenges!





Additionally, Mrs. Rowlands' Eco-Whippet Club had a fantastic educational experience at Oberlin College. During their visit, students explored various sustainability initiatives and learned about Oberlin's ambitious 2025 Carbon Neutral Pledge. The trip provided an eye-opening glimpse into greener living options, featuring highlights such as geothermal setup, the Carbon-neutral Adam Joseph Lewis Center, the Living Machine for wastewater, building energy use indicator orbs, and more.

This enriching trip not only educated students about sustainable practices but also inspired them to think about how they can contribute to a greener future. The experience left a lasting impression, highlighting practical and innovative solutions to environmental challenges.

The middle school Eco-Whippet Club's efforts in recycling and sustainability demonstrate their commitment to creating a positive environmental impact. Their community outreach and educational experiences continue to inspire and educate on the importance of environmental conservation.



Eco-Whippets at Oberlin College!

Shelby Teacher Carter Townsend Publishes First Book!

Carter Townsend, a beloved first and second grade teacher, has written her first book, "Sassy, Mo, and Hopper Go Fishing." To celebrate, the staff organized a special book signing and breakfast event. The occasion was made even more special with the presence of Mrs. Townsend's sweet mom!

Mrs. Townsend's book is a delightful tale that is sure to capture the hearts of young readers. We are incredibly proud of her accomplishment and look forward to seeing the positive impact her storytelling will have on children.



Shelby Whippets Basketball Team Makes Historic Final Four Run

The Shelby Whippets boys basketball team made history by advancing to the state Final Four for the first time ever! With an impressive overall record of 25-3 and a perfect 14-0 in the conference, the Whippets showcased their talent and determination throughout the season.

Their journey to the Final Four was marked by a series of remarkable victories. The team triumphed over the top-ranked Lutheran West with a score of 55-46 in the regional championship, led by senior Alex Bruskotter's standout performance of 27 points, including a nearly perfect 15-of-16 from the free throw line.

The Whippets' success can also be attributed to the experienced coaching staff, including assistant coach Todd Kehres, whose own Final Four experience as a player has been invaluable. Additionally, the team has drawn inspiration from Casey Lantz, a senior who excelled despite playing on a tender ankle. His

mother, Natalie Lantz, also has a rich history with the Whippets, having reached the Final Four as a player in 1992.

We are incredibly proud! Your historical achievement has earned you a well-deserved place among Ohio's elite teams. Congratulations, Whippets!





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Congratulations to our Class of 2024!

As you embark on your next adventure, we celebrate your hard work, dedication, and the remarkable achievements you've accomplished during your time at Shelby. You have exemplified resilience, tenacity, and the true spirit of a Whippet, and we are immensely proud of each and every one of you.



Important Upcoming Fall Sports Dates

The OHSAA Mandatory Fall Sports Meeting will take place on Thursday, July 28 at 6 p.m. in the Shelby High School PAC. All middle and high school students participating in fall sports must attend, along with at least one parent or guardian.

First Day of Fall Sports Practices for Middle School and High School:

Golf
July 29

Football, Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball
July 31

Cross Country
August 1

The Shelby Whippet Fall Sports Preview is on Friday, Aug. 12.

Stay tuned for more updates on our fall sports schedule. Let's get ready to cheer on our Whippets!