



SUCCESS

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QUARTERLY UPDATE FROM SHELBY CITY SCHOOLS

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Momentum for the Months Ahead



Michael Browning
Superintendent

With only three months left in the school year, I can't help but look in the rearview mirror and reflect on so many recent district success stories.

From hands-on projects to bringing history to life, our students have been engaged in meaningful learning experiences. Beyond the classroom, students continue to lead and connect through programs like Leader in Me, Big Brothers and Big Sisters and our new mentorship initiative. Meanwhile, athletics and extracurricular activities have given students a chance to shine. This includes Eve Schwemley surpassing 1,000 career points!

Now, all eyes turn to the final stretch of the school year. Graduation will be here before we know it. The coming months will be filled with concerts, academic

showcases, testing and spring sports. Our students will be demonstrating what they have learned in classrooms, on the field and on the stage. These months are busy but also full of moments that remind us why we do this work. Let's stay engaged and celebrate every step our students take toward their next chapter.

This school year has been full of achievements in and out of the classroom. Thank you to our staff, families and community for your continued support. Your involvement makes a difference in the lives of our students. I encourage you to stay connected as we look ahead to the rest of the year. Whether by attending a Shelby Community Breakfast, joining me for Mornings with Michael or simply cheering on our students, let's keep building on this momentum together.

Go Whippets!

Michael Browning

Leader in Me Takes Root at Shelby Elementary

Leader in Me has arrived at Shelby Elementary School, bringing new opportunities for students to grow as leaders. Through this program, students are developing leadership and life skills, learning responsibility and building confidence. Students can explore their interests while strengthening their leadership skills in clubs like:

- Gardening
- Tennis
- Walking club
- Jewelry making
- Solving mysteries
- Coloring
- Charcuterie
- Creating with Lego



Fifth Grade Tennis Club Gets Served Fun and Inspiration

Senior tennis players Annie Mahek and McKenna Baker stopped by Miss Berry's fifth-grade tennis club to share their experiences and give a glimpse into high school tennis. Students learned how to keep score, asked questions and had a blast!



Update from The Treasurer



Beth Lykins
Treasurer

As we prepare for the next school year, the district is closely monitoring the governor's budget proposal and any potential changes to school funding. Gov. Mike DeWine recently outlined his plan, which includes continued implementation of the Fair School Funding Plan, additional support for school bus safety grants and expanded access to driver education in high schools. The proposal also emphasizes early literacy efforts and introduces the Ohio

See Program, which would provide eye exams and eyeglasses to kindergarten through third-grade students.

While the full impact of these measures on our district remains to be seen, we will continue evaluating our budget and planning responsibly to ensure we meet the needs of our students, staff and community. As more details become available, we will provide updates on how any funding adjustments may affect our schools. Our priority remains maintaining a strong financial foundation while supporting student success.

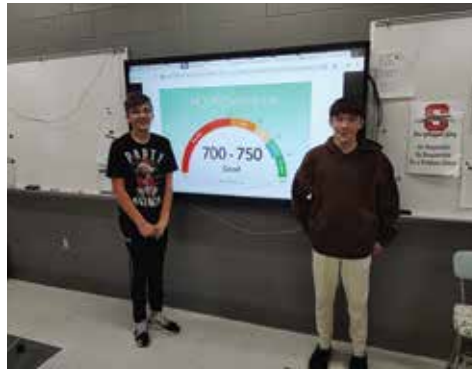
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Third Graders Go Back in Time

Third graders stepped back in time during a field trip to Morton Schoolhouse to experience a day in a child's life in the 1800s. They tried their hand at writing with ink and feather pens, practiced lessons on slate boards and read from McGuffey Readers. The day wrapped up with old-fashioned games, making history come alive in the most fun way!

A Picture-Perfect Start to Art

Shelby High School Intro to Art students are putting their creativity to the test with grid drawings. Using a grid, they're transferring and enlarging images with impressive precision. This project is just one reason Intro to Art is always a favorite!



FCS Students Get Money Smart

Shelby Middle School Family Consumer Science (FCS) students are diving into personal finance, learning everything from budgeting and saving to credit scores and pay stubs. It's all about making smart money moves for the future!



Ready to Hit the Road?

Have you heard about Shelby City Schools' driver education program? It is more than just a class—it's a personalized experience led by Debbie Addison. As both the program coordinator and instructor, Debbie makes the process simple for families, from online coursework to behind-the-wheel training. Debbie is known for going the extra mile—literally. She works around students' schedules, often picking them up from after-school activities and dropping them off at home, saving families time. At \$350, Shelby's course is an accessible option and more affordable than most other driver education programs. For questions or to enroll, visit mvesc.org or email addison.debbie@shelbyk12.org.



Debra Addison
Driver Ed Program/Bus Driver/Kitchen Staff



A Thousand Reasons to Cheer for Eve Schwemley

A well-deserved moment of recognition for Eve Schwemley is in order. In January, Eve became just the seventh Lady Whippet to surpass 1,000 career points. Congratulations, Eve! What an incredible achievement!



Mechanical Principles Class Crafts Success

Mr. Eisenhauer's Mechanical Principles students didn't just build final projects; they crafted masterpieces. With skill and creativity, they designed everything from lamps and tables to custom decor and even a handcrafted chess board. Their talent and craftsmanship proves that hands-on learning sparks impressive results!



Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Big Impact

A special shout out to the big brothers and big sisters who participate in the Basketball Big Brothers and Cheer Big Sisters programs. This Shelby program gives high school athletes the chance to mentor younger students, now in its 16th year for basketball and 6th year for cheer. Senior football, basketball and varsity cheerleaders meet weekly with their "littles" to eat lunch, offer academic help or just spend time together. "The littles absolutely love the weekly visits and extra attention," said program coordinator Karen Harvey, adding that the program not only builds friendships but also teaches leadership, teamwork and support—both on and off the field.

A big THANK YOU to Karen Harvey for her dedication and leadership in this program year after year!



Shelby Students Shine at Academic Challenge

Shelby's fourth, fifth and sixth-grade Academic Challenge teams put their knowledge to the test in recent tournaments, earning impressive finishes against tough competition. In their first-ever tournament, the fourth-grade team placed 9th out of 22 teams, while fifth grade's two teams finished 12th and 24th out of 34. Sixth grade had three teams competing, with standout placements of 3rd, 15th and 20th out of 32. Great work, teams!



Seventh-Graders Bring Julius Caesar to Life

Mrs. Nelson's class stepped into the world of ancient Rome, taking on the roles of Roman senators and putting their own spin on a Julius Caesar play. From drama to debate, they made history come alive in the classroom!





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A Coffee Chat with the Superintendent

Mornings with Michael Grab a Cup and Catch Up

Join Superintendent Michael Browning for **Mornings with Michael**. It's a great chance to chat, ask questions and enjoy some coffee together!

**The Well Coffee Shop at
Blackfork Commons Mercantile**

March 22 at 9 a.m. | May 17 at 9 a.m.

Safety Town

Shelby's Safety Town will be held June 9-13 from 9-11:30 a.m. daily for children entering kindergarten. The program teaches essential safety skills in a fun, hands-on environment.

Registration forms are available during kindergarten registration or in the Shelby Elementary main office. A \$10 fee is due with the form. Scholarships are available.

For more information, contact Director Anne Finn at finn. anne@shelbyk12.org.

Mentorship Makes a Difference at Shelby

A recently launched program is pairing younger and older students to build leadership skills and a sense of community. Kindergarteners team up with sixth graders, first graders with seventh and second graders with eighth, quarterly for activities like reading, crafts and games. Students are embracing the experience, forming positive relationships and taking pride in mentoring, with future plans to support each other during state testing and special events. There has been a new energy in the halls as students look forward to the connections they're building.



Join Us For Shelby Community Breakfast!

Enjoy breakfast and live student performances while connecting with our school community. Mark your calendar for 9-10 a.m. on these dates:

March 5
SMS Choir at PK-8 Café

April 2
MS/HS Jazz Band at Shelby High School

May 7
SMS Band at PK-8 Café