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## Superintendent's Message

### THE STATE OF OREGON CITY SCHOOLS!



With the new year starting, I would like to share the current state of our school system.

OCS is thriving in so many areas right now. Regarding our financial condition, OCS has a positive Five-Year Forecast with strong cash balances through the 26-27 school year. We have worked hard to reduce operational expenses and adjust personnel costs supporting educational programs. The future is never certain related to school funding, but for now we are stable. I am very proud of our athletic culture and increased participation throughout our 7-12 sports programs. We value the importance of quality coaching, sportsmanship, and positive sideline behavior. Athletic department leaders are taking a focused approach to ensuring these values are upheld so the student-athlete and fan experiences bring positive memories.

OCS students are achieving academic excellence. We provide something for everyone throughout the district. Our state report card is strong, our career-tech programs are growing, and our curriculum continues to adjust to better meet the needs of today's students. We have a strong veteran Board of Education and administrative team working with a dedicated group of teachers and support staff.

Finally, we are raising more private funds than ever before through our Oregon Schools Foundation. Business and alumni outreach is thriving. OCS has many, many positives, but there continue to be challenges. The district received Federal ESSER funds which helped offset the budget for several years. These funds will no longer be available after this year. The district may have to come to the voters for additional operating funds at some point in the next five years.

Facilities are aging and continued investment into facilities are necessary. Items like roofs, asphalt, bleachers, stadium repair, and general school repairs are extremely costly. We are tackling these items, but they are beginning to add up. Taking care of our students and families is now the expectation.

Not only are we required to teach core academic subjects, but OCS now provides medical care, mental health care, basic clothing and hygiene care, and support for community services. We have embraced this new role, but resources are tough.

Finally, the political landscape has shifted away from overall support of public education to criticism and increased regulation. This is resulting in a significant reduction in available Ohio certified teachers and administrators. The applicant pools are very low whenever we have an opening and this may ultimately affect academic performance. Teaching is a great profession and we need more parents to encourage it.

We are blessed to have strong community support. Districts with low drama and strong support do well.  
We have one of those districts. Happy New Year!

Hal Gregory, Superintendent

## LEFT OUR MARK WHERE LINCOLN STOOD

On November 8, Clay's Honors American Government students visited the Ohio Statehouse to learn about the state capital and state government.

Students took a tour of the statehouse and also walked above the dome in a cupola tour.

They were met on the floor of the Ohio House chamber by an aide of Representative Josh Williams and then listened to a presentation by Secretary of State Frank LaRose.

A brief sojourn to the Ohio Theater was also made. Student Caleb Finkbeiner said, "I found it interesting to know that I was in the place where Lincoln knew he was elected President of the United States.

I also found out that the members of the House of Representatives have personal aids to help them with their schedule.

Overall, it was a great experience and I would recommend going on a tour if you can." Student Nicholas Fisher said, "One thing I learned from the trip was that the staircase to the top of the state house (also known as the Cupola) was built as a community service job for the penitentiary. When we got to



Clay Students in the house chamber

the top, we got to sign and write our names on the sphere in the center of the room. It was a very amazing and

astonishing view from the top and I was honored to now have my name on there."





## BULLSEYE

A popular club at Eisenhower Intermediate is the Archery Club, run by physical education teacher Lisa Stevens. Ms. Stevens has had a love of the sport since she first learned to shoot in her backyard at the age of nine. She teaches archery as part of the physical education classes at Ike. That part of the class had become so popular that Ms. Stevens decided to create the club. Stevens has been

leading the club at Ike for more than a decade, and was trained by the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP). A grant was filed to purchase the equipment to be used in physical education classes. One strict rule Steven enforces is that students must learn and pass a test on the NASP 11 steps to archery success and all of the safety protocols before being allowed to shoot. Students aim to have their

picture displayed on the “Bullseye Wall of Fame” in the Ike gymnasium. The display features students’ first archery bullseye. As far as the benefits of archery, Stevens said, “It takes a lot of focus, concentration and patience. It is good for self-discipline and responsibility. Some of the kids are really good. I have had students who have pursued it. I teach NASP scoring and competition rules because there

are some kids who compete in the spring in the Arnold Classic in Columbus.” Archery Club is just one opportunity for involvement at Ike. The school offers many other opportunities for students to get involved, including being a part of the yearbook staff, Youth to Youth Club, The Soaring Times newspaper staff, Student Council, Fitness Club, Tennis Club and the Junior Limelighters.



Pictured above: Leah Cornell, Devin Luce, Keslyn Collins, Bryden VanWormer, Nathan Barker, and Jack Kalmbach line up for a chance at a bullseye



Pictured right: Nathan Barker gets some tips from Ms. Stevens

## WE GOT THE BEAT

The Coy music teacher, Liz Allgeier, and Coy’s STEAM teacher, Julie Kujawa, collaborated between STEAM and Music to make drums for a rhythm unit. Students made the drums during STEAM time with donated flower containers from Kroger. Addison Sattler’s mom, Julie Sweet, arranged for the donation.

Students used the Kami app on their Chromebooks to make a colorful shape design using the shapes tool, colors, and drawing tools. They also used colored duct tape to secure the designs onto their drums. It was over a month-long project. Then students used the drums during Music time as part of their rhythm unit.



Mrs. Galvan's 2nd grade class shows off their drums



Mrs. Collins' 2nd grade class shows off their drums



Students practice their drumming skills in music class



Students are focused as they learn the different rhythms of drumming



## HOUR OF CODE

Coy celebrated the Hour Of Code in the first week of December. Each grade level participated by completing different activities like Dance Party and Code Boogie on their Chromebooks.

Our younger students played a Christmas game with Coding Mice that taught them how to code using directional symbols on the mice. Students also were busy learning to code with our newest robot, Sphero Indi.

Indi is a small car robot that moves according to color tiles on the floor. Students were given two challenges: find out what each color-coded tile does, and build a path around your partner for Indi to move. Students celebrated the holiday season by "dancing around the Christmas tree" with Indi, too. The Sphero Indi robot classroom kits were provided by the Oregon Schools Foundation Grant program.



Kindergartners take part in a coding mice game



1st graders Joshua Sanchez and Ava Shafer attempt to maneuver Indi around their Christmas tree



1st grader, Lucy Dean, shows her excitement for Indi the robot!



2nd grader, Jack Urbanski, stands in the center while his partner arranges colored tiles and moves Indi around him.

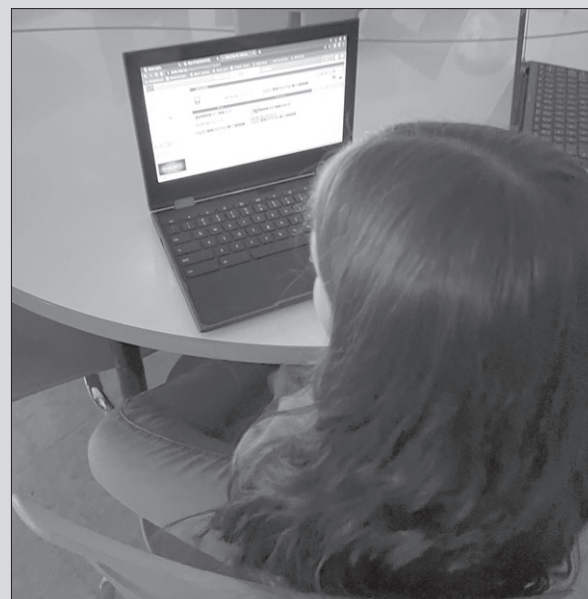
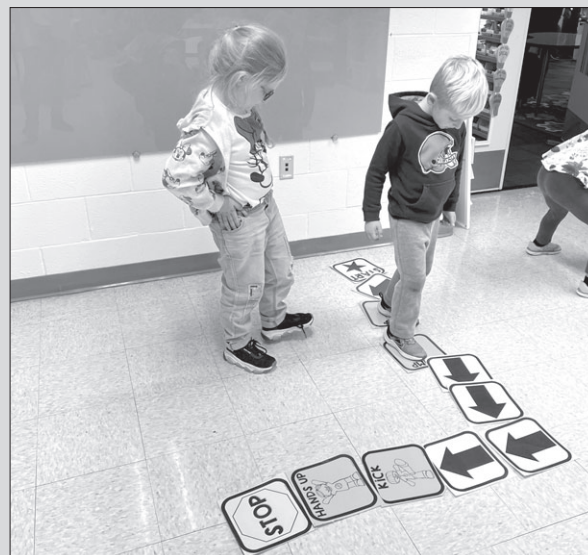
## HOUR OF CODE WEEK

All Starr students, grades kindergarten through fourth grade, participated in the Hour of Code Week on December 4 - 8. The Hour of Code was started as a one-hour introduction to computer science.

Designed to demystify "code," it shows that anybody can learn the basics and to broaden participation in the field of computer science. It has since become a worldwide effort to celebrate computer science, starting with one-hour coding activities.

Code.org organized and began it because every student should have the opportunity to learn computer science. Code helps nurture problem-solving skills, logic, and creativity. By starting early, students will have a foundation for success in any 21st-century career path.

Starr students engaged in coding robotics, computers, and even "unplugged" coding activities. Although students participate in coding activities throughout the school year, the Hour of Code Week is always a fun celebration!





# BASH BEFORE BREAK

In the spirit of the holiday season, students at Fassett Junior High School engaged in a variety of activities leading up to the holiday break, which created an exciting atmosphere throughout the school. The highlight was the 5th Annual Christmas Classic Volleyball Tournament, where themed teams showcased their skills and friendly competition. Congratulations to team Volleyball Elite that won 1st place in the tournament. Volleyball Elite team members included 8th graders Bryce Besgrove, Brennan Vargas, Maddox Byers, Marisa Martinez, Lily Jurski, and Gabby Cathers.

As the afternoon of December 21st buzzed with energy, students embraced their preferred activities, ranging from playing games, singing karaoke, decorating cookies, and making crafts to watching holiday movies and the volleyball tournament. The Bash before Break offered students a chance to unwind and build connections. The volleyball tournament, a cherished tradition organized by Mr. Katschke and Mr. Oberdick, drew enthusiastic participants and fostered a sense of community and sportsmanship. A special thank you goes out to the School-wide Success committee teachers which consists of Ms. Clapaddle, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Batson, and Mrs. Miller. They arranged these special events for students before their well-deserved break.



# SWEET SUCCESS

The Clay High School Volunteer Focus group would like to thank our community for supporting our Vendor/Craft Show and Annual Cookie Walk on December 17. We cannot thank you enough for making it a memorable day for everyone involved. The talent and creativity on display was truly remarkable with the array of unique crafts and products offered by the local vendors. We appreciate each and every person who took the time to browse, shop, and engage with our vendors. The real sweet success, however, was witnessed at the Cookie Walk. Our students spent many hours baking and preparing for this event. The response was so overwhelming that the cookies sold out in under an hour! The funds raised from these events will make a significant impact on the educational experiences of our high school students by supporting scholarships. We are excited about the positive changes that these funds will bring to their academic journeys. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at this event next year!



Vendors set up in the CHS gym

Some of the cookies available at the 12th Annual Cookie Walk



# GENERATIONAL BRIDGE

Discover the heartwarming tale of our compassionate students as they craft pinecone bird feeders with love and care. These young minds are not only nurturing feathered friends, but also spreading joy to residents in nursing homes, which bridges generations through a simple yet meaningful act of kindness.



## Featured Arts Students from 2nd Quarter



**Madison Dabish**



**Raymond Jurski**



**Carson Duran**



**Maria Furtney**



**Courtney Miller**



**Joe Delagarza**



**April Church**



**Will Davidson & Emma Kalmbach**



# Oregon City Schools Honor Roll

The Honor Roll is accurate as of the date submitted to The Press. Incomplete grades and other adjustments will not reflect in this quarter's honor roll.  
Clay High Summa Cum Laude = 4.0 and above, Magna Cum Laude = 3.75-3.99, Cum Laude = 3.50-3.74, Principal's List = 3.00-3.49.  
Fassett and Eisenhower = 3.0 and above.

**Clay High School**  
**12th Grade**

**Summa Cum Laude**

Bauer, Kassidy  
Boudreaux, Christopher  
Church, April  
Comer, Hannah  
Dalton, Lillian  
Dioletti, Olivia  
Druckenmiller, Katlyn  
Fairbanks, Reagan  
Hansen, Adam  
Heebsh, Annabell  
Herrick, Kyle  
James, Noah  
Kalmbach, Emma  
Karrick, Hannah  
Kyle, Samantha  
Lajiness, Logan  
Lesniewicz, Madelyn  
Major, Adam  
Mariano, Marisa  
Nagypaul, Faith  
Newman, Laney  
Ogburn, Tristan  
Osborne, Kelsey  
Roberts, Kendal  
Roberts, Lydia  
Rodriguez, Adella  
Schroeder, Aidan  
Schuster, Carsen  
Sheets, Ian  
Sillman, Karissa  
Stevens, Kendra  
Tabler, Cheyenne  
Vriezelaar, Isabelle  
Wagoner, Andrew  
Walendzak, Alyson  
Weiland, Natalie  
Williams, Camden  
Young, Abrianna  
Ziviski, Marissa

**Magna Cum Laude**

Chen, Christine  
Duffer, Annabelle  
Fox, Chloe  
Fussell, Brock  
Gibbons, Natalie  
Jeremy, Lucas  
Karrick, Olivia  
Michalak, Morgan  
Miller, Emma  
Mohon, Avery  
Morse, Maverick  
Nelson, Natalie  
Perales, Elizette  
Pfeiffer, Nicholas  
Ringle, Nathan  
Smith, Brooklynn  
Spears, Grady  
Swartz, Dominic  
Wilson, Anna

**Cum Laude**

Baxter, Carter  
Brown, Nancy  
Carlen, Kennedy  
Coger, Rylee  
Coughlin, Lily  
Garcia, Ava  
Garcia, Elaina  
Garnsey, Corbin  
Headworth, Connor  
Judy, Molly  
Knopp, Madisyn  
Lenning, Savanna  
Lutes, Alyson  
Pagona, Rome  
Reese, Jaidyn  
Rowe, Matthew  
Serres, Corinne  
Spetz, Chloe  
Stukenborg, Abigail  
Sutton, Alec  
Thompson, Savannah  
Tucker, Brooke  
Vaughan, Makayla  
Westrick, Kaiden  
Young, Avery  
Zuver, Aaron

**Principal's List**

Adams, Kyla  
Adrianto, Krishna  
Aziz, Steven

Barailloux, Ethan  
Billman, Sophia  
Brasiola, Jaxson  
Brown, Meena  
Cantu, Aiden  
Chanthakham, Kaelani  
Davidson, Addison  
Dayton, Sagen  
Deal, Brody  
Duly, Elijah  
Free, Makayla  
Fuller, Emma  
Gallaher, Vincent  
Geraghty, Lukas  
Gibbs, Pamela  
Havener, Cole  
Hinojosa, Marcus  
Jeffries, Derek  
Kolinski, Rebekah  
Kowalka, Queenzy  
Ludrowsky, Dylan  
Lutes, Ashlyn  
Miller, Courtney  
Millimen, Carley  
Montoya, Kristian  
Munday, Austin  
Overton, Lillian  
Parker, Madyson  
Pfouts, Juliana  
Phillips, Brooklynn  
Rajner, Kylie  
Robertson, Donald  
Sanchez, Melina  
Sass, Adrianna  
Saunders, Jake  
Schacht, Noah  
Thayer, Kendalyn  
Thoman Jr, Derrick  
Veler, Jackson  
Villegas, Jose  
Walker, Emir  
Westrick, Cooper  
Ybarra, Noah

**11th Grade**

**Summa Cum Laude**

Abdulhak, Danya  
Burkey, Collin  
Byers, Hudson  
Cassidy, Jayden  
Cassidy, Regan  
Crapsey, Starr  
Cullen, Bryce  
Dayton, Saylor  
El-Okdi, Omar  
Eversman, Landon  
Fortier, Grace  
Fry, Jessica  
Graf, Jordan  
Hazuda, Troy  
Jadlocki, Ian  
Jones, Lindsey  
Joyce, Jessica  
Joyce, Julia  
Kent, Elizabeth  
Langford, Makenna  
Lants, Sullivan  
Logsdon, Karissa  
Lohner, Logan  
Martin, Emma  
Muchewicz, Skyler  
Reiter, Brynn  
Rivera, Gabrielle  
Schmidlin, Joseph  
Shannon, Gabriel  
Wong Jr, Alexander  
Ziviski, Kason

**Magna Cum Laude**

Amborski, Andrew  
Batch, Alexis  
Belli, Curtis  
Cheatham, Kaitlynn  
Csehi, Addison  
Depinet, Andrew  
Dokurno, Logan  
Espinosa, Karina  
Gernert, Joseph  
Grehl, Molly  
Heintschel, Mason  
Jackson, Breylyn  
Juarez, Clara  
Jurski, Raymond  
Karrick, Natalie  
Lengel, Gabriela  
Lin, Alfred

Lones, Chase  
Luttke, Makenzie  
Martin, Jerzee  
McCourt, Christiana  
Nagy, Anabelle  
Pegish, Dominic  
Pereira Sierra, Kamila  
Peterson, Hadlee  
Roughton, Savanna  
Rugg, Adelyn  
Scarberry, Aubrey  
Wilkins, Carson  
Williams, Chance  
Yarrito, Joseph

**Cum Laude**

Barney, Daisy  
Cuttaia, Gianna  
Dabish, Madison  
Davis Jr, Jordan  
Donofrio, Dominic  
DuPont, Olivia  
Galyas, Remi  
Grodi, Samantha  
Halbur, Jackson  
Hamilton, Rylie  
Hernandez, Brooke  
Herrera, Elijah  
Hissem, Nolan  
Keller, Kaci  
Leonhardt, Pierson  
Madson, Cameron  
Medina, Joshua  
Muir, Laci  
Nowacki, Blake  
Rayburn, Riley  
Remusat Wukotich, Claire  
Rizo, Ava  
Schmidt, Donald  
Secord, Kamdyn  
Skadsheim, Brianna  
Van Hersett, Ethan  
Villarreal, Aliyana  
Vriezelaar, Cadence  
Wilson, Sarah  
Yanez, Kaylynn

**Principal's List**

Alvarez, Tyler  
Aziz, Antony  
Baker, Emily  
Billock, Brandi  
Blair, Kaitlyn  
Boyraz, Atlas  
Brinkman, Lucie-Mae  
Brown, Peyton  
Bustamante, Arnie  
Butler, Isabella  
Carey, Leon  
Carter, Johnathan  
Collins, Lilly  
Crapsey, Keely  
Curns, Dustin  
Dale, Nathen  
DeWitt, Ian  
Duran, Aleesia  
Durco Jr, Anthony  
Espino, Anthony  
Estrada, Elliana  
Feher, Adebyn  
Gilsdorf, Brookelynn  
Gonzalez, Sophia  
Gray, Sara  
Groll, Kendalyn  
Harvey, Evan  
Holley, Caillou  
Joldrichsen, Jack  
Kegerize, Max  
Kelly, Brayden  
Leichty, Aubrey  
Lopez III, Luis  
Lowry, Emma  
Martinez, Celina  
Marvel, Bailey  
Montague, Karley  
Montague, Karley  
O'Neill, Tyler  
Osman, Hasan  
Ramirez, Nevaeh  
Reynolds, Savanna  
Rizo, Savannah  
Roberts, Benjamin  
Sepulveda, Tania  
Sheetz, Braylyn  
Slovak, Gavin  
Slovak, Griffen  
Snow, Sharon

Soltesz, Jack  
Swiderski, Braydi  
Titgemeyer, Jacob  
Zsigrai, Hattie

**10th Grade**

**Summa Cum Laude**

Clark, Isabella  
Conley, Zachary  
Cousino, Tori  
Crawford, Lucille  
Derr, Ava  
Fisher, Nicholas  
Franke, Leah  
Franke, Madison  
Freck, Abigail  
Fuller, Lilly  
Gilbertson, Molly  
Goetz, Alexander  
Hawes, Cohen  
Hunyor, Annabelle  
Kennedy, Jadyn  
Koehler, Logan  
La Clair, Sophia  
Leroux, Sadie  
Mahr, Sophia  
McGough, Estelle  
Miller, Natalie  
Murray, Natalie  
Nguyen, Khanh  
Nonekowski, Nicholas  
Nowak, Lia  
Pollauf, Dylanie  
Ringle, Isabelle  
Rose, Calista  
Smith, Canyon  
Stuller, Brock  
Swartz, Jenna  
Szymczak, Emilie  
Whitt, Addison

**Magna Cum Laude**

Berning, Griffin  
Bialecki, Mia  
Davis, Logan  
Fussell, Darin  
Gianino, Anthonio  
Kidd, Paige  
Kwunyajai, Suppavit  
Linder, Bobby  
Lockhart, Xavier  
Lohner, Caitlin  
Mentzer, Kaitlyn  
Oberdick, Grant  
Purtee, Conner  
Schrauder, Andrew  
Schultz, Emily  
Stine, Jacob  
Tawil, Angelina  
Walendzak, Carter

**Cum Laude**

Amundsen, Alexis  
Ball, Nadia  
Beamer, Taylor  
Bobbs, Corey  
Bohland, Avery  
Corado, Jayden  
Coughlin, Katelynn  
Culotta, Holly  
Finkbeiner, Caleb  
Fishler, Isabella  
Fleck, Conner  
Franke, Tyler  
Haas, Olivia  
Harmer, Derek  
Hernandez, Alei  
Jaquillard, Carson  
Kinn, Isaiah  
Kraus, Benjamin  
LaPrade, Kaitlyn  
Martinez, Anthony  
Middlebrooks, Peyton  
Millimen, Shane  
Pecina, Rylee  
Pocs, Dillon  
Rodriguez, Hayden  
Ruiz, Olivia  
Sanchez, Dominic  
Wishon, Sierra

**Principal's List**

Amundsen, Andrew  
Avelar, Claudia  
Barailloux, Briana  
Bolinger, Brian

Brining, Mary  
Buenrostro, Jason  
Campbell, Joshua  
Cannon, Kahl  
Chamberlin Jr, Chad  
Cohen, Jaycee  
Craig, Gabrielle  
Edwards-Szabo, George  
Espinoza, Julian  
Farringer, Paytan  
Gibbs, Preston  
Goings, Darryan  
Greenawalt, Collin  
Hardy, Camrin  
Hendricks, Riley  
Henninger, Kathryn  
Hugueley, Addison  
Ireland, Joseph  
Keller, Kayla  
Kowalka, Elizabeth  
Lerma, Ameila  
Litten, Camryn  
Lutz, Cooper  
Madrid, Tino  
Miller, Carly  
Miller, Danika  
Minnick, Grady  
Morris, Helena  
Mottmiller IV, Joseph  
Myers, Derrin  
O'Connor, Declan  
Ornelas, Ramiro  
Ostrander, Brodi  
Pecina Jr, Leopoldo  
Phan, The  
Plettl, James  
Przybylski, Emerson  
Reindel, Tanner  
Roach, Riley  
Ruswinkle, Leah  
Santana Rivera, Yarimar  
Shinaver, McKenna  
Spitler, Josef  
Symington, Aricia  
Tuttle, Emma  
Vartorella, Cieara  
Vartorella, Kieara  
Vincent, Carson  
Vriezelaar, Chase  
Weisner, Garrison  
Whaley, Carter  
Williams, Jordan

**9th Grade**

**Summa Cum Laude**

Alm, Colson  
Amstutz, Kameryn  
Barnes, Tiffany  
Baumhower, Braylee  
Burkey, Carson  
Chambers, Rily  
Cluckey, Blaze  
Cordell, Emily  
Cordell, Lillian  
Cutshaw, Aiden  
Delagarza, Joe  
Downing, Cecilia  
Druckenmiller, Jillian  
Goetz, Emelia  
Grames, Kieran  
Hazuda, Leah  
Hower, Robert  
Jadlocki, Jackelyn  
Keister, Cal  
Lloyd Jr, Jarvis  
Mays, Michael  
McDonald, Kyla  
Mentzer, Erin  
Mullins, Madisen  
O'Connor, Drew  
Orra, Maryam  
Partin, Chelsia  
Rogers, Braelynn  
Shortridge, Jackson  
Stevens, Andrew  
Sutter, Kaydance  
Sutton, Maxwell  
Swan, Christopher  
Tawil, Alexander  
VanWormer, Brylee  
Vriezelaar, Audrey  
Wilk, Vanessa  
Williams, Corban  
Ziegelhofer, Addison

**Magna Cum Laude**

Bench, Arianna  
Berryman, Aiden  
Cousino, Alexis  
DeLeon, Emily  
Donley, Jacob  
Furtney, Maria  
Garcia, Roman  
Haskell, Reagan  
Hendrickson, Bradyn  
Jarczynski, Teagan  
Materni, Jacob  
Morgan, Emma  
Schilkey, Cheyenne  
Schultz, Dean  
Seymour, Ella  
Shafer, Sophia  
Simon, Aleah  
Skadsheim, Reagan  
Toth, Karis  
Warrington, Kristen  
Weller, Christopher  
Wheeler, Ava

**Cum Laude**

Crunkilton, Lauren  
Cummerow, Jordan  
Fuller, Tessa  
Fussell, Dane  
Henneman, Kyle  
Herrera, Peyton  
Kesling, Cooper  
Kinn, Elizabeth  
Lewis, Abigail  
Mauder, Rilee  
McLear, Thomas  
Miller, Audrey  
Miller, Maximus  
Norden, Rebecca  
Nowaczyk, Madeline  
Roberts, Mallory  
Rowe, Jaelyn  
Schreiber, Carter  
Shimman, Elijah  
Snow, Sara  
Tolson, Jenika  
Tschirret, Sadie  
Zerby, Lesley

**Principal's List**

Bachmayer, Amber  
Baker, Cymone  
Boothby, Blake  
Cain, Kayleigh  
Campos, Raymond  
Carpenter Jr, Lucas  
Christensen, Ian  
Dazley, Addison  
Derr, Jayce  
Diaz, Antonio  
Donley II, Joseph  
Eck, Kassidy  
Estep, Devin  
Evans, Charles  
Facer, Anthony  
Felder, Cole  
Garcia, Olivia  
Goldi, Michael  
Gregory, Rylee  
Guzman, Mariah  
Harmer, Layla  
Hays, Caleb  
Henneman Dallape, Adelynn  
Ireland, Kacey  
Jones-Woodson, Jamiyah  
Ketcham, Kamron  
Komon, Jeremiah  
Leathers, Jayce  
Lengel, Vallerie  
Lohmeyer II, Augustin  
Madson, Blake  
Mahr, Cash  
Mariae, Brooklyn  
Martinez, Samantha  
Mathena, Hayden  
McCrory, Braylon  
McGee, Brandon  
McGee, Jacob  
McNally, Gabriel  
Miazga, Kyra  
Moreno II, Jose  
Mosqueda, Gwyneth  
Murray III, William  
Orra, Hanna  
Peiro-Negrin, Camila  
Pigg, Natalee

Pounders, Corey  
Proestos, Zakary  
Reynolds, Destiny  
Rivera, Ethan  
Stahl, Isaac  
Staudinger, Shelby  
Stevens, Koren  
Stine, Lily  
Toneff, Brayden  
Toth, Kaylee  
Townes, Carlito  
Whitcomb Jr, Cristopher  
Willis, Bryan  
Yousif, Jacob

**Fassett Jr. High  
8th Grade**

Adams, Ella  
Ashcraft, Taylor  
Aziz, Elias  
Barber, Keenan  
Barcenas, Melody  
Barney, Aubree  
Beavers, Elise  
Besgrove, Bryce  
Bickford, Adyson  
Billett, Evan  
Blackmon, Reyna  
Blair, Zoe  
Bollman, Joseph  
Branstutter, Quinnlynn  
Brinkman, Makena  
Brossia, Blake  
Brower, Trinity  
Brown, Jack  
Bucher, Dominic  
Burket, Leah  
Burkey, Elena  
Butler, Mathew  
Byers, Maddox  
Cameron, Devin  
Cathers, Gabrielle  
Cavitt, Garren  
Chisholm, Parker  
Cooper, Kalea  
Cosgrove, Lilliana  
Cousino, Clara  
Culver, Annabelle  
Dartt, Kaeden  
Delgado, Giovanna  
Doncouse, Jacie  
Ellis, Cara  
Elsmaili, Amir  
Emch, Travis  
Enck, Andrew  
Garcia, Kendra  
Gibbs, Audrey  
Gibson, Brookelyn  
Gomoll, Morgan  
Good, Sophia  
Griesinger, Adrianna  
Gutierrez, Alexa  
Haar, Haeden  
Hagemann, Aedan  
Hall, Chloe  
Hall, Justice  
Hanthorn, Benjamin  
Harrison Jr, Charles  
Haynes, Ellie  
Hays, Logan  
Henneman, Maxwell  
Herrera, Emmanuel  
Hoffman, Christopher  
Horvath, Nathan  
Hughes, Brooklynn  
Huntermark, Jenna  
Jackson, Talon  
Jahns, Cooper  
Jones, Cali  
Juergens, Evelyn  
Jurski, Lillian  
Kaminski, Caden  
Kent, Katherine  
Ketcham, Jackson  
King, Kenna  
Kline, Deyonno  
Kraus, Samuel  
Krueger, Jaxson  
Krytus, Austin  
LeMay, Brady  
Lockhart, Rowen  
MacDonald, Eleanor  
Mahr, Bennett  
Martin, Claire  
Martinez, Marisa  
McClanahan, Landon  
McIntosh, Jayden  
Medina Jr, Jose  
Meinke, Frey  
Mills, Ryder  
Molnar, Ashleigh  
Mondragon, Haylie  
Monto, Gavin

Moore, Camron  
Moore, Logan  
Muir, Olivia  
Munguia, Nicholas  
Murray, Tyler  
Newman, Connor  
Nguyen, Khanh  
Oberhaus, Evan  
Plicinski, Juliette  
Plomaritis, H  
Pocs, Morgan  
Proestos, Laila  
Ramsey, Abagail  
Rife, Christopher  
Rogers, Brynlee  
Row, Lincoln  
Rowan, Timothy  
Schenkel, Kaylee  
Schimmel, Aidan  
Schliesser, Crew  
Schreiber, Cooper  
Schroeder, Graeson  
Sheets, Cloe  
Shortridge, Asa  
Skeels, Adyson  
Smith, Owen  
Soviar, Ryan  
Stahl, Alias  
Stall, Logan  
Stephens, Christian  
Stewart, Robert  
Stoll, Dawson  
Sullivan III, John  
Swartz, Aubrey  
Szymanowski, Reagan  
Tawil, Jenna  
Thatcher, Luke  
Thompson, Chase  
Tscherne, Lucas  
Vargas, Brannan  
Vriezelaar, Grant  
Wagner, Summer  
Wagoner, Samantha  
Wallace, Olivia  
Walsh, Taytum  
Welch, EvanLeigh  
Whitcomb, Hailey  
Wilhelm, Morgan  
Williams, Jayden  
Williams, Landen  
Wilson, Makenna  
Wismer, Logan  
Wyman, Kayleigh

**7th Grade**

Agler, Carley  
Alexander, Cooper  
Amstutz, Kaitlyn  
Ayala, Analeigh  
Batch, Avery  
Batch, Lauren  
Beauregard, Xylah  
Biel, Molly  
Bihn, Lyla  
Blade, Logan  
Bork, Madison  
Boyd, Maya  
Brighton, Tristan  
Buehler, Chase  
Burr, Gavin  
Carpenter, Austin  
Carruthers, Raven  
Chen, Stephanie  
Chevalier, Caydence  
Collins, Braiden  
Crunkilton, Melissa  
Csehi, Clark  
Cundick Jr, Daniel  
Cutshall III, Larry  
Davis, Nevaeh  
Dehmel, Ryan  
Dioletti, Emily  
Donley, Jackson  
Donley, Kimberly  
El Tawil, Malak  
El-Okdi, Saif  
Falk, Liam  
Fallon, Lucy  
Felder, Farrah  
Ferguson, Gavin  
Fox, Leah  
Goetz, Isla  
Gonzalez, Dorys  
Grady, Aria  
Grehl, Quinn  
Halbur, Lucas  
Hall, Kayleigh  
Hallauer, Haylee  
Hamrick, Sophia  
Harris, Danny  
Hayes, Jazlyn  
Hazuda, Bo  
Hemminger, Lyla

Hendricks, Addison  
Henneman Dallape, Avery  
Hernandez, Gulianna  
Hower, Logan  
Hugueley, Makenna  
Jackson, Zane  
Jacobs, Leah  
Kamelesky, Kloe  
Kanavel, Amy  
Kasper, Gabriella  
Katschke, Brody  
Kayser, Scott  
King, Kaylee  
King, Kyle  
Klempner, Amara  
Korsog, Kari  
Krytus, Hannah  
Landis, Elisha  
LeGare, Bella  
Litten, Jordynn  
Lohmeyer, Anderson  
Lutz, Cameron  
Maher, Annika  
Mariae, Emma  
Mason, Clint  
McMahon, Viviana  
McNelley, Paige  
Mehlow, Arianna  
Menden, Baiden  
Meyer, Talon  
Miller, Chloe  
Miller, Gina  
Miller, Vanessa  
Mitchell, Riley  
Montgomery, Grace  
Moon, Brandon  
Moon, Miles  
Morris, Joscelin  
Muchewicz, Brienna  
Mummert, Blake  
Murphy IV, George  
Nero, Mackenzie  
Orth, Landon  
Ostrander, Bryce  
Parks, Gabriella  
Pelow, Laney  
PlettI, Olivia  
Pohlman, Adriana  
Pounders, Dawson  
Prentice, Marissa  
Quinones Jr, Nicholas  
Reiter, Gracyn  
Reynolds, Kylee  
Rivera, Rhyann  
Rodriguez, Elijah  
Roughton Jr, Earl  
Rowe, Alianna  
Saffran, Easton  
Sanchez, Mateo  
Santana Rivera, Ihanne  
Sauerwein, Sebastian  
Schilkey, Paige  
Schilt, Lilliana  
Schuffenecker, Tucker  
Scott Jr, Isaiah  
Seferian, Brayden  
Seymour, Enzo  
Shafer, Isabella  
Shimman, Dylan  
Sims, Tamirah  
Slovak, Jaxon  
Spafford, Haylen  
Stelmaszak, Aiden  
Stine, Addison  
Swanson, Isaiah  
Tamblyn, Lillian  
Taouil, Mohamad  
Tawil, Ameer  
Tawil, Jamal  
Taynor, Christian  
Threet, Emily  
Toneff, Leyton  
VanRynen, Payton  
Vay, Addison  
Velez, Luciana  
Viers, Bennett  
Wagner, Joshua  
Walsh, Treven  
Watson, Adelinn  
Williford, Cadence  
Willis, Alyssa  
Wishon, Melody  
Zapata, Avianna  
Ziegelhofer, Zoey

**Eisenhower Intermediate  
6th Grade**

Adams, Addison  
Adams, Gemma  
Adams, Wyatt  
Alek, Lillian  
Alexander, Audrey  
Avelar, Juliana

Baker, Ella  
Banner, Taianna  
Berl, Kinley  
Berlincourt, Jesse  
Besgrove, Aubree  
Bohland, Rosealinda  
Brossia, Tate  
Brossia, Taylor  
Brummel, Kenna  
Buckman, Zoe  
Campos, Aaliyah  
Cavitt, Dayne  
Cheatham, Claudia  
Collins, Tegan  
Cornell, Noah  
Cosgrove IV, James  
Costilla, Mason  
Coughlin, Madelynn  
Crawford, Genelle  
Csizmar, Dexter  
Davis, Brooke  
Delagarza, Carmela  
Derr, Adleigh  
Donbrosky, Sofia  
Donley, Colton  
Druckenmiller, Addison  
Duly, Alison  
Eck, Michael  
Eckhart, Evan  
Edwards, Hugh  
Espinosa, Aliyana  
Eversole, Jaxen  
Finkbeiner, Luke  
Fox, Jaxon  
Free-Knack, Keaton  
Frye, Aubrei  
Fussell, Demi  
Garcia, Avah  
Geise, Morgan  
Glass, Adalynn  
Gorajewski, Carson  
Gribbin, Michael  
Grimm, Tristin  
Grosjean III, David  
Guerrero Jr, Johnathan  
Gust, Alicia  
Hall, Adelyn  
Hall, Kyle  
Hamilton, Sharon  
Hawes, Corbin  
Hayes, Madisyn  
Haynes, Grace  
Hendricks, Leihland  
Henneman-Dallape, Owen  
Hirzel, Hartley  
Holcomb, Jackson  
Holl, Cameron  
Hooks, Miranda  
Kamelesky, Carter  
Kamelesky, Giavana  
Keller, Hudson  
Keller, Kendall  
Kim, Kaydence  
Kuharchek, Aniecea  
Kurek, Mason  
LaBriere Jr, Andrew  
LeMay, Cameron  
Lewandowski, Samuel  
Lodzinski, Braxton  
Lopez, Bentley  
Luce, Matthew  
Lutz, Michael  
Madson, Nolan  
Mason, Luke  
McCrary, Adriana  
McCrary, Noah  
McMillan, Lillith  
McVicker, Gavin  
Medina, Jaylee  
Meyer, Holdyn  
Mitchell, Jacob  
Montgomery, Anthony  
Monto, Morgan  
Moreno, Liliana  
Mulinix, Gabriel  
Mullen, Sawyer  
Murray, Kennedy  
Myers, Lincoln  
Nalley, Skylar  
Naughton, Audrey  
Neagley, Ariel  
Nguyen, Savannah  
Nighswander, Brayden  
Njaim, Gabriel  
Norris, Connor  
Nowacki, Zoe  
Nowaczyk, Eleanor  
Oberdick, Grady  
Ondrus, Reader  
Owad, Elizabeth  
Owens, Jaymin  
Pawlaczyk, Landon  
Pena, Gabriel

Phalin, Audrina  
Phillips, Carson  
Pohlman Jr, Steven  
Pratt, Amiyah  
Redfox, Brayden  
Reichert, Ian  
Reyes, Nalia  
Reynolds, Kinley  
Rodriguez, Camden  
Rodriguez, Emadiyana  
Rogers, Coltin  
Rowan, Connor  
Saenz, Keilani  
Sass, Foster  
Sattler, Dylan  
Schaupert, Parker  
Schmidt, Jaylee  
Shearer, Isabella  
Shimman, Ayden  
Shimman, Isabel  
Shupp, Kace  
Simok, Alaina  
Smith, Madilyn  
Speiser, Owen  
St Claire, Kyla  
Stager, Austin  
Stelmaszak, Brody  
Stevenson, Colton  
Taouil, Adam  
Toth, Ava  
Ueberroth, Hagan  
Van Doren, Samantha  
Vieyra, Cataleya  
Vriezelaar, Ainsley  
Vriezelaar, Kaylee  
Wagner, Emily  
Wegrzyn, Lyla  
Whaley, Drew  
Whitt, Jocelynn  
Wilber II, Marcus  
Wilson, Maddox  
Witt, Dalton  
Wolfe, Greyson  
Womack, Brooklynn  
Woollard, Easton  
Zuver, Gavin

**5th Grade**

Achter, Laif  
Amonette, Piper  
Arquette, Isabella  
Baker, Ella  
Baker, Zaiden  
Barker, Nathan  
Baxter, Caelin  
Belkofer, Wesley  
Besgrove, Maya  
Bickford, Cali  
Bienyk, Blake  
Blair, Eva  
Blair, Madelynn  
Blair, Wyatt  
Bohland, Caralina  
Brasiola, Lucy  
Brinkman, Hadassah  
Brock, Felix  
Brown, Bryce  
Brown, Lindy  
Brumley, Brayden  
Bucher, London  
Buckman, Ava  
Canterbury, Miranda  
Castillo, Elliya  
Chisholm, Logan  
Clark, Carter  
Clouse, Logan  
Collins, Deklin  
Collins, Jase  
Collins, Keslyn  
Collins, Riley  
Conley, Allison  
Cornell, Leah  
Coughlin, Joseph  
Csehi, Bryce  
Donley, Brady  
Doughty, Milo  
Downing, Carmelina  
Eckman, Ella  
Eid, Faris  
Fahim, Leah  
Forgette, Madeline  
Franke, Lincoln  
Fussell, Aubrey  
Gentry, Calista  
Glass, Harlowe  
Gleason, Mallory  
Goss, Hannah  
Gradel, Olivia  
Grant, Livah  
Gust, Connor  
Hackett, Madelyn  
Hagedorn, Elsie  
Hamilton, Baylee

Hammaker, Reese  
Hardin, Dominic  
Harmon, Jovie  
Heard, Dominic  
Hendricks, Ryleigh  
Hess, Ryleigh  
Hillebrand, Cyrus  
Hiltz III, Jeffry  
Hoover, Aubree  
Huddleston, Dominic  
Huntermark, Addison  
Huntermark, Hailey  
Hymore, Marie  
Ibarra, Amyah  
Jankowski, Bricen  
Jude, Kendyl  
Kayser, Kiefer  
Kersey, Rilynn  
King, Madelyn  
Klein, Kennedi  
Kornhaus, Jackson  
Krupp, Avery  
Kuharchek, Farrah  
Lathrop, Emmett  
Latta, Luke  
Laurell II, Brandon  
Layman, Starla  
Lee, Noah  
Luce, Devin  
Magers, Casey  
Maher, Mallory  
Mahr, Selene  
Manteuffel-Villagomez, Aurora  
Marquez, Ellie  
Matheny, Aviahna  
Mausser, Mila  
McCrary, Lewis  
McDonald, Vincent  
Menden, Lia  
Messenger, Kylie  
Meyer, Charlotte  
Miller, Liam  
Miller, Maxfield  
Mitchell, Lillian  
Montgomery, Gavin  
Moreno Perez, Abel  
Napier, Maci  
Naughton, Adelaide  
Novakowski, Ruby  
Novinsky, Masey  
Orth, Sara  
Osterman III, Joseph  
Partin, Logan  
Patznick, Avalyn  
Payne, Lamonte  
Penix, Aubree  
Perales, Evangeline  
Perry, Brody  
Reese, Xander  
Reynolds, Aubree  
Rosenbrook, Audree  
Sagrero, Jericho  
Sauerwein, Jocelyn  
Scott, Ethan  
Sheehy, Averie  
Shields, Max  
Shinaver, Jackson  
Shortridge, Atalaya  
Simon, Lila  
Slygh, Astreya-Briar  
Smith, Sofia  
Soviar, Nolan  
Sowell Jr, Derek  
Stine, Ethan  
Stoll, Addison  
Strauss, Rayden  
Sullivan, Reagan  
Swangstu, Kaija  
Swanson, Gunner  
Swanson, Izabella  
Tarr, Carter  
Taynor, Kaitlyn  
Thomas, Logan  
Timofeev, Crosby  
Tobias, Griffin  
Tobias, Henry  
Tussing, Liam  
Vaculik, Samantha  
VanWormer, Bryden  
Viers, Bryson  
Wagner, Owen  
Walsh, Vivien  
Weller, Alexander  
Williams, Isabelle  
Wilson, Spencer  
Wood, Gabriella  
Zimmerman, Kolton

**Congratulations  
Students!**



# BEST IN STATE

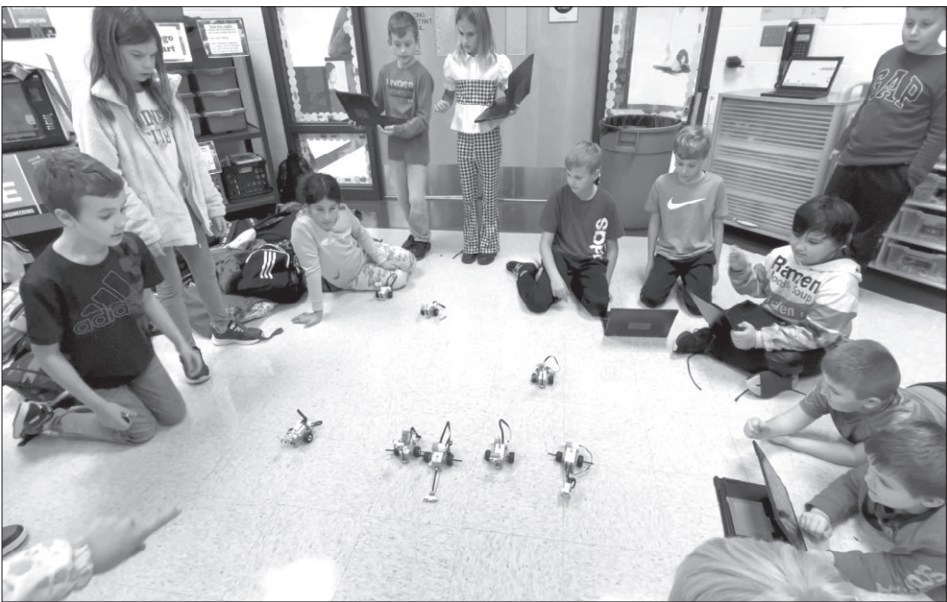
On November 14th, the Oregon Clay FFA State Aquariums CDE team traveled to the Ohio Expo Center in Columbus, Ohio after placing 1st in the district contest to participate in the state contest. The members of the team took a written test, spoke with a judge about aquarium management basics, performed basic management tasks, and identified fish and equipment. The team placed 3rd in the state with Caleb Benedict placing 15th, Derrin Myers placing 16th, as well as Nevaeh Mitchell, Makayla Free, Tristan Ogburn, Sam Martin, Kiley Free, Alayna Dickens, and Braylynn Sheetz.

State FFA Aquariums CDE



# CODING, CREATIVITY, AND LEGO MANIA UNLEASHED!

Our amazing 4th graders at OCS were on a wild ride, building and coding science rovers, cars, and even frogs! Throughout our action-packed 7-week Fall session, students from Coy, Jerusalem, and Starr dove into the world of STEM using WeDo 2.0 Lego kits and lessons. They're not just learning about real-world issues, they tackled them head-on as they built and programmed their awesome creations. Beyond honing their coding wizardry, our students were also learning vital teamwork skills. Navigating through each week's challenges wasn't just about solo missions; it was about collaborating with different partners to build and code like absolute rockstars. Our 7-week winter session is already in full swing, with excitement levels off the charts. Stay tuned for the scoop on our 7-week Spring session – details will be zipping home and landing in your principal's newsletter in March. Get ready for more Lego adventures, creativity, and teamwork opportunities!



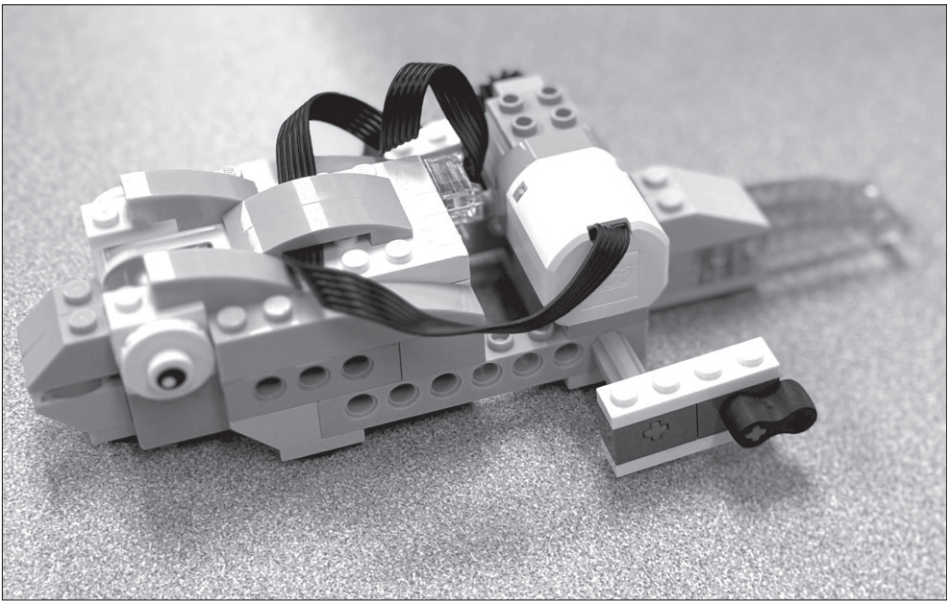
The race is on at Coy



Partners collaborate at Jerusalem



Running a program at Starr



Up close and personal with a programmable Lego frog

# STATE BOUND

Oregon Clay FFA traveled to the District Food science and Job Interview Career Development Events on Monday November 6th. Caitlin Lohner, William Murray, Rebecca Norden, and Emily Deleon worked together and scored 2nd overall as a team. The team was required to take a written test, evaluate a sensory triangle test, identify aromas and food science equipment, and complete a food product development project. This team advanced to compete in State Food Science in January. Caitlin Lohner, Rebecca Norden, and Kira Sabo competed in the Job Interview contest. Kira Sabo was awarded 11th place, Rebecca Norden placed 10th, and Caitlin Lohner earned 3rd in the district. The Job Interview students were required to participate in a mock interview, turn in a resume and cover letter, and write a thank you note.





## PRIVILEGE P-R-I-V-I-L-E-G-E PRIVILEGE

Thirty-five students competed in the Fassett Junior High School Spelling Bee in December in front of their peers and families. To qualify for the bee, students completed a written spelling bee qualifying test in their language arts classes. The top twenty-five spellers in each grade were invited then to compete in the school bee. Dorys Gonzalez, seventh grade, earned third place after ten rounds of competition with the word serenity. Competition went on for another five rounds as seventh graders Avery Batch and Gavin Ferguson continued to determine the champion. With the championship word privilege, Avery Batch became the 2023-2024 FJHS Spelling Bee Champion. Avery will next compete as the Fassett representative in an online Bee test to qualify to compete in The Blade Northwest Ohio Championship Bee at Owens Community College on March 9, 2024. The top student from that Bee will compete at the Scripps National Bee in Washington, D.C. in May.



Avery Batch and Gavin Ferguson



**Great job!**

## POWERLIFTING OFF TO RECORD START

The Clay Powerlifting team competed in the Iron Eagle Classic at Madison Plains High School on December 16. Both the boys' and girls' teams finished 2nd overall out of 15 teams, with club record totals. The club set 18 Club Records and 15 Meet Records. In all, lifters set or tied PR's on 56 out of 66 possible lifts. Coach Nathan Quigg believes, "This is undoubtedly the strongest team we have had at Clay since the club was re-established in 2016. The athletes are dedicated to personal growth as demonstrated by their strong work ethic during team lifts three nights a week." The following lifters were 1st place in their weight class:

Luke Purtee (225lb class) 385lb Bench + 535lb Deadlift - 920 Total  
 Tyler Alvarez (165lb class) 235lb Bench + 380lb Deadlift - 615 Total  
 Grace Fortier (165lb class) 120lb Bench + 285lb Deadlift - 405 Total  
 Ciera Vartorella (215 Class) 150lb Bench + 235lb Deadlift - 385 Total  
 Marissa Mariano (145 Class) 145lb Bench + 290lb Deadlift - 435 Total  
 Gabby Rivera (145 Class) 165lb Bench + 270lb Deadlift - 435 Total\*  
 \*Gabby tied Marissa, but Marissa was declared champion on a tiebreaker

The team returns to action January 20 at home for the 6th annual Raising the Bar Invitational. Then they will head to South Central on February 24 before qualifying team members compete at the Kenton State Meet on March 9.



Senior, Luke Purtee, breaks many records with this 535lb deadlift



Runner-Up Team



Pictured (L to R): Marisa Mariano, Gabby Rivera, Cecilia Downing, Olivia Karrick, and Grace Fortier



Junior, Ava Rizo, ties deadlift PR with this 275lb pull



# HAVE YOU SEEN OLLIE OR MOLLY?

The elves in Mrs. Washburn’s class were at it again this year! Ollie and Molly surprised the students one of the days in December with donuts for having such great behavior and making academic improvement. Each day, Ollie and Molly were found somewhere different in the classroom. The students looked forward to finding them every morning when arriving at school to see if they were up to something mischievous, or if they had brought them something special again! Until next year Ollie and Molly!



# TECH TRIUMPH

Congratulations to the OCS STEM Academy teams for their outstanding performance at the FIRST Lego League (FLL) regional qualifying event in December! All three teams, Code Crackers, Engineerin’ Eagles, and Master Builders, excelled in the Core Values category, showcasing their strong teamwork skills. A special shout-out to the Code Crackers for not only achieving the highest score in the Core Values category to win the coveted Core Values trophy, but also earning the opportunity to compete at the Ohio FLL Championship event in March. This is a remarkable accomplishment and a testament to their dedication, persistence, and exceptional teamwork. Best of luck to team members Wyatt Adams, Quinn Grehl, Bricen Jankowski, Jack Kalmbach, Colton Stevenson, and Crosby Timofeev as they prepare for the Ohio Championship. May their innovative ideas, problem-solving skills, and teamwork continue to shine, and may they enjoy every moment of the competition and the journey to get there. Kudos to the coaches, Ken Adams and Kari Bennett, for guiding and supporting the team throughout this exciting endeavor.



Code Crackers, Engineerin’ Eagles, and Master Builders



French IV and Spanish IV celebrated the holidays by caroling around to different staff in French and Spanish!

# NOW STARRING. . . PUMPKIN JACK

Mrs. Jacobs’s K-1 classroom at Starr Elementary collaborated with Mrs. Pam Newton in the library and Mrs. Heather Armstrong in STEM to read and recreate Will Hubbell’s story Pumpkin Jack. As an introduction, Mrs. Newton read Hubbell’s story during the class’s library time, while students were then able to create their own Pumpkin Jack during STEM and talk about the life cycle of a pumpkin. The

students were also able to investigate the insides of the pumpkin before placing “Jack” into his winter home. Mrs. Seman’s class also conducted the same Pumpkin Jack experiment. The pumpkins are currently decomposing in self-contained glass jars, in Starr’s library waiting for Spring when they can be planted in the Starr Community Garden. Students are able to view the process of each pumpkin when they visit Mrs. Newton in the library.



Dominick Davenport, Mrs. Michelle Shannon, Jerry Hamilton, Bentley Muniz, Mrs. Tracy Alexander, and Harper Szymanski with their class’s very own Pumpkin Jack



Harper Szymanski with Mrs. Pam Newton read Pumpkin Jack in the library at Starr Elementary.

# THUNDER THE WONDER DOG

Jerusalem Elementary School is thrilled to introduce our newest staff member and Facility Dog, Thunder! He is a two-year-old lab that has been expertly trained by Circle Tail, Inc. to work with students in an educational setting. Research suggests that Facility Dogs facilitate engaged learning, promote good behavior, and reduce school-related stress. At school, Thunder is primarily handled by school counselor, Mrs. Hower (they love to coordinate their outfits), and Title I teacher, Mrs. Mason. When he is not on the job, Thunder gets a ton of love and has a lot of fun living with Mr. Allen and his family. Mrs. Overman is also trained to handle Thunder and has been in charge of the months-long process of acquiring Thunder, coordinating staff training, and making sure that Thunder’s placement goes as smoothly as possible. Thunder is quickly learning the ropes at Jerusalem and is a huge source of joy, comfort, and support to our students. His unconditional love, patience, and kindness benefits everyone at school. If you would like to see Thunder in action you can follow him on Instagram at <https://instagram.com/thunderthewonderdog21>.



Thunder and his team, Mr. Allen, Mrs. Overman, Mrs. Mason, and Mrs. Hower



# CLAY BAND UPDATE

On December 13th, members of the Clay Symphonic Band played holiday music at the Toledo Zoo Lights Before Christmas. They were even able to meet Santa! A few days later, the high school band and choir spread some Christmas cheer at the annual Vespers concert. This next semester, band students are looking forward to performing at the OMEA Solo and Ensemble competition, OMEA Large Group Competition, OMEA District 1 Honors Band, Oregon Fest, and of course their trip to New York City in March. Alumni, mark your calendars as we look forward to hosting Alumni Band at Homecoming on Friday September 27th, 2024. Thank you to all who came last time. We look forward to seeing you and hearing about your successes!



Clay Band meets Santa at the Zoo



Concert Band (grades 9-10) at the Vespers Concert

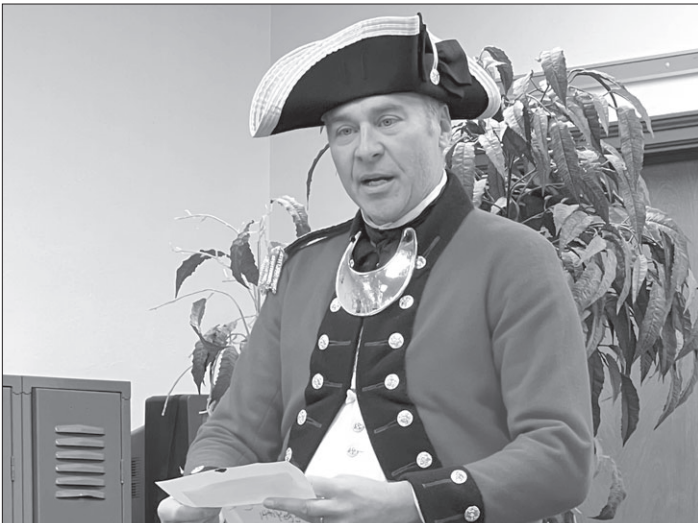
# BRITISH REACTIONS TO THE TEA PARTY FELT IN BOSTON

Students were treated to guest speaker, Mike McMaster from the Wood County Historical Society, as he portrayed Major Jonathan Furlong of the British 14th Regiment. Students listened as he told about being stationed at the Boston Garrison before the Boston Massacre of 1770, which is known to those loyal to King George as “The Incident of King Street.” He knew that the Sons of Liberty continued to urge the colonists to rebel against the King. Major Furlong was dispatched to Jerusalem Elementary with a letter from the governor of the Massachusetts Colony asking that they continue to support the Crown. The colonists (students) listened attentively and asked and answered questions. After Major Furlong’s visit, students better understood the causes of the American Revolutionary War.



# 1773 AMERICA (SOON TO BE) RUNS ON TEA

Fourth grade students at Jerusalem Elementary celebrated the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party in a BIG way! Students posing as Sons of Liberty helped re-create the historic scene at Griffin’s Wharf, which took place over two centuries ago. They did so with the help of wooden chests of tea and three ships: The Eleanor, The Dartmouth, and The Beaver. The ships were all docked and ready to commemorate this event in history. The colonists (students) began dumping all 342 chests of tea into the Boston Harbor to protest the British Parliament’s tax on tea. A great time was had by all! Well, everyone except the British!



# TEACHING THROUGH TECH

Jerusalem Fourth Graders had the opportunity to research, create, and present Google Slides in Social Studies second quarter. Each student chose a topic relating to the American Revolution. After working with OCS Technology Integration Specialists, Mrs. Filar and Mrs. Schak, the students created slides to teach their classmates about the Revolutionary War from A-Z. We also enjoyed hot tea and biscuits as part of the Boston Tea Party lesson. The classes did an exemplary job demonstrating what they learned to their peers.



Aubree Katschke presents her slide



Rowan Snare (blond, grey sweatshirt), Morgen Blade, Samiah Henneman, Jackie Hindall, and Winter Seibert enjoy tea and biscuits for Boston Tea Party Day



## THE DRIVE TO 1,548

Thank you to Coy’s fourth grade Student Council and teachers, Ms. Shanks, Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs. Kessler for leading our canned food drive! Our school collected a total of 1,548 cans surpassing our school goal of 1,500 food items! Our final grade level totals were as follows:

- Kindergarten - 131
- 1st grade - 188
- 2nd grade - 335
- 3rd grade - 285
- 4th grade - 591

A special shout-out to Charlie Smith (4th grade) and Gemma Smith (2nd grade) who raised and used their earnings to donate a combined total of 276! All donations were then donated to the City of Oregon for the food baskets they put together for members in our community to receive. Our students look forward to this food drive every year and are excited to give back and help those in need in our community to have a happy Thanksgiving.



## STUDENTS OWN 20 SQUARE FEET

In a heartwarming initiative, students and teachers at Fassett Junior High School are having positive impacts on elementary students by embracing the Focus 3 principles taught each month. Mrs. Proestos’s Eagle Ambassadors traveled to Starr Elementary on December 15th to read stories, assist with math and reading assignments, make crafts, and help make gingerbread houses out of cardboard with students from Kindergarten through 4th grade. Students at Fassett are applying these principles to their own lives by taking steps to influence the lives of younger peers within their 20 square feet.

The initiative is not just about academic success, but aims to cultivate well-rounded individuals who are equipped to face life’s challenges with confidence. The effect of this student-led endeavor extends beyond the classroom, creating a ripple effect that reaches the entire school community. By focusing on each student’s “20 square feet,” this reminds us all that small actions can lead to significant impacts. We are planning more visits throughout the rest of the school year for our Fassett students to make a difference. We thank Starr Principal, Mrs. Soltez, and the Starr Elementary School teachers for the opportunity for our Fassett Ambassadors to use their talents to give back to their community.



Mrs. Kollarik, Mrs. Proestos, Mrs. Soltez and the Fassett Ambassadors



Students make Gingerbread Houses out of cardboard

## SPIRIT OF GIVING

Jerusalem Student Council members took a field trip to Christ United Methodist Church in December to help sort food and personal care items for the Oregon Health and Welfare Christmas Food Basket Program. This is a yearly tradition for our 3rd and 4th grade student council representatives. Previously, Jerusalem School held a school-wide toy and food drive event. The items from this event were included in the baskets given to community members. Through these events, our students were able to see how their small contributions can make a big impact in their own community.



## STUDENTS MASTER ANALOGIES!

A student representing Oregon City Schools recently received a perfect score in the first of meets in this year’s WordMasters Challenge™—a national vocabulary competition involving nearly 125,000 students annually. Competing in the Gold Division of the WordMasters Challenge™, fourth grader Grace Bickford earned a perfect score of 20 on the challenge. Nationally, only 47 fourth graders achieved this result. Other students from Oregon City Schools who achieved outstanding results (only missing one) in the meet include fifth graders Carter Clark and Amyah Ibarra. Grace was coached in preparation for the WordMasters Challenge™ by Mrs. Robin Sneed at Jerusalem Elementary. Carter and Amyah were coached by Mrs. Amy Bittel at Eisenhower Intermediate School. The WordMasters Challenge™ is an exercise in critical thinking that first encourages students to become familiar with a set of interesting new words (considerably harder than grade level), and then challenges them to use those words to complete analogies expressing various kinds of logical relationships. Working to



Fourth Grader Grace Bickford Achieves a Perfect Score on WordMasters Challenge



Fifth Grader Carter Clark Achieves Outstanding Score of 19/20 on WordMasters Challenge



Fifth Grader Amyah Ibarra Achieves Outstanding Score of 19/20 on WordMasters Challenge

solve the analogies helps students learn to think both analytically and metaphorically. Although most vocabulary enrichment and analogy-solving programs are designed for use by high school students, WordMasters Challenge™ materials have been specifically created for younger students in grades three through eight. They are particularly well-suited for children who are

motivated by the challenge of learning new words and enjoy the logical puzzles posed by analogies. The WordMasters Challenge™ program is administered by a company based in New Jersey which is dedicated to inspiring high achievement in American schools. Further information is available at the company’s website: <http://www.wordmasterschallenge.com>.

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