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Superintendent's Message...

...from Mr. Dennis Mock, Superintendent

The end of the first quarter, MS/HS and parent-teacher conferences have come and gone. The holiday seasons are on the horizon.

What is the 'new normal'? Piled up emails, streaming issues, meetings with health department personnel, masks and demands on our time have impacted everyone's lives! The entire country has faced economic costs due to Covid-19 and school districts are no different. As you know, our state funding this school year was cut 10-15% due to this virus. We really are in this together and together we can and will survive this craziness. I hope the restrictions we are currently experiencing is the 'new normal'. I like to refer the 'new normal' as the 'new beginning'! This virus has interrupted everyone's 'normal' living style and certainly has affected the political scene. It seems as though our political leaders fight for their own political beliefs more than they do to support the population of people. Our entire staff continues to work diligently to make our building clean and safe for our students.

November is one of my favorite months. I look forward to the cooler temperatures, the beautiful fall colors and sharing the holidays with family and friends. We want to remind everyone to practice Covid-19 protocol for social distancing as friends and families gather for the holidays.

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour ("fall back") as you go to bed on Saturday night, October 31, 2020. Did you know the time change was first instituted in the United States during World War I? Daylight saving time, suggested to Congress by President Roosevelt, was imposed to save energy and conserve fuel as part of the war effort.

SCARECROW THE VILLAGE

The Gibsonburg Community Corporation is having their annual Scarecrow the Village event! Gibsonburg Schools has added displays to the competition this year, check them out, and please be sure to vote! There is also a Scavenger Hunt, so have some fun and try it out. Each participant has voting ballots and scavenger hunt entry forms.



High School & Middle School



Bus Garage



Hilfiker Elementary

Praises to:

- ◇ Danielle Mason for donating prizes for reading achievement in the mentoring room.
- ◇ Gibsonburg Outreach Center for hosting the Fill the Truck Event for Hilfiker Elementary. The Outreach Center collected and donated snacks, water bottles and \$85 for additional snacks and water.
- ◇ Marc Glotzbecker who read (through Google Meet!) to Mrs. Evarts's 5th Grade class for September 11th.



Hilfiker Halloween Stroll

... from Mrs. Melody Morelock

Hilfiker will be doing their annual Halloween Costume Stroll Friday, October 30. The public is invited to park their cars along the street or bring their lawn chairs to sit along the sidewalks of the old high school. In an effort to maintain social distancing and keep our students safe the Village has agreed to shut down the streets along the route. The students and staff will show off their creative costumes as they stroll down Yeasting, across Harrison, and back to the elementary via Smith Street. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, October 30th, and should last approximately 30 to 40 minutes. PLEASE DO NOT BRING CANDY TO DISTRIBUTE AND REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE OR SEATED ALONG THE CURB. Adults may not approach any of the students. This is not Trick-or-Treat. It is only for the entertainment of our community members as well as students' families and to encourage creativity in our children.

Unfortunately, if it rains, the outdoor event will be canceled.



Elementary Picture Retakes

Hilfiker Elementary will have picture retakes on Thursday, November 5 for Orange & Black Option students. Anyone wishing to have their photo retaken, please return your picture package to the office by Friday, October 30. If you missed picture day in September, you can have your picture taken and place an order on retake day as well. Questions concerning purchased picture packets may be directed to Innovations Portrait Studio at 419-855-7116.

Dollars & Sense

...from Mr. John Kahmann, Treasurer

Financial Covid-19 Concerns

In a past Bear Facts article I explained school fees and how the district utilized student fees to off-set certain expenditures. The state feels their funding formula provides a minimum level of education; anything above is the responsibility of local school district. This means that copy paper, workbooks, art, music, physical education, glue, paint, transparencies, laminating, and all the other numerous supplies that are needed to run a school properly are considered to be above the base provided by the state.

All of our staff is committed to providing the safest learning environment possible for our students to be attend school. As a result of the pandemic the district has new consumable expenses like: Temperature scanners, increase cleaning supplies, micro-static sprayers, face shields, facial coverings, and desk, room, and counter plexi-glass barriers. The district also has increased expenditures to support virtual learning; this includes: purchasing new devices for students and staff, software, and greater technical support. Keep in mind the State of Ohio cut our funding last fiscal year as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

I know this must sound very doom in gloom, but financially the glass is still half full. About 5 years ago the Board and Administration put in place a financial plan to reduce and control expenditures as well as increasing revenue. The execution of this plan has resulted in building reserve funds which has prepared Gibsonburg Schools to withstand a short term crisis.

If you have any questions regarding Gibsonburg Schools finances, feel free to contact the Treasurer's office.

Band-Aid Bulletin with Nurse Sarah Kinsa Smart Thermometers

This year, our Hilfiker Elementary school is partnering with a public health school program called FLUency to help keep our school community as safe and healthy as possible. This program is awarded to 700 schools nationwide and the application for Hilfiker's was accepted! FLUency helps school communities stop the spread of illness by providing families, teachers, and staff FREE SMART THERMOMETERS and a smart phone app so that you are able to receive personalized care guidance when you or your child is sick and easily keep track of what's going around our school. The app also allows me as the school nurse and program manager to alert you if I start to see a rise in illness levels around certain grades so that you stay informed and up to date. We are super excited to introduce this program to help our students, staff, and community stay healthy.

COVID-19 Update

With the return to school, we have had thus far two positive cases of COVID-19 in the district. The numbers of those in quarantine and isolation are being recorded on a weekly basis and are available on the district website under Health Services. Please note this chart shows the number of new cases/contacts for that week. It is not cumulative. There is also a link on the website to ODH's website for school COVID-19 cases by county. The district has been working extremely hard to keep our students and staff safe via multiple protective measures: handwashing, hand sanitizer, social distancing, health screenings, sending students and staff with symptoms of an illness home, disinfecting throughout the day, proper wearing of facial coverings, deep cleaning every evening and the list continues. Parents, please continue to keep your child home when presenting with symptoms of an illness. When we work together we will have the best outcome. Thank you for all you have done to help keep the students, staff, and community safe. We are all in this together.

The Union Bank Company September Student of the Month



Sydney Leyerle

Sydney Leyerle has a G.P.A. of 4.3 and is ranked 3rd in her class. She is a member of the Spanish Club, Drama Club and the Marching and Concert Bands. Sydney is also a member of the Golf and Swimming Teams. Sydney is the daughter of Laurie and Marc Leyerle. She plans to attend Indiana Wesleyan University where she plans to major in communications and play golf.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sydney for finishing 2nd place at the Division II State Golf Championships. This also qualifies her for 1st-Team All Ohio!!!

The Union Bank Company October Student of the Month



Madison Jors

Madison Jors has a G.P.A. of 4.301 and is ranked 12th in her class. She is a member of the Key Club, Drugs Free Clubs of America, Skills USA and Student Council. Madison is also a member of the cross country team and track and field team. Madison is the daughter of Becky and Shane Martin and Ann and Jason Jors. Madison plans to study nursing in college.

Gibsonburg FFA

...from Mr. Mark White, FFA Advisor

Gibsonburg FFA Chicken Dinner Drive-thru BBQ Dinner Sunday, November 1st

This year the Gibsonburg FFA will not be holding our Annual Harvest Dinner due to Covid-19. We have, however, decided to hold a Drive-thru BBQ Chicken Dinner to take its place. The Chicken Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 1, 2020 at Gibsonburg High School. Dinners will be available for pick-up from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. or why supplies last. The cost of the event is \$12.00 per dinner. Each meal will include BBQ Chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, applesauce, dinner roll, and cookies. Tickets are being pre-sold for the event. We will have a limited number of dinners available for walk-up orders on the day of the event. As of now that number will probably be around 300.

Cars will enter through Linden Avenue entrance and through the front parking lot of the High School to the south parking lot where you will be directed into one of two lines, one for turning in your presale tickets and one for walk-up orders to purchase tickets. The line will then travel around the back drive to the Cafeteria which is by the softball field where you will receive your dinners. We would like to apologize in advance if things run a little slow and ask that customers please be patient, this is the first time holding a drive through dinner like this. The Gibsonburg Fire Department will be helping our members cook the chicken again this year and will be providing some guidance with helping the event move as smoothly as possible.

If you are interested in pre-sale tickets please contact a member of the Gibsonburg FFA or feel free to contact the Ag Department at 419-637-2873 ext. 1167. We would like to thank your for your support and we hope to see you on November 1st.

FFA Holiday Fundraiser

The Gibsonburg FFA will begin their Annual Holiday Fundraiser in which includes the sale of Potted Holiday Plants as well as Cheeses and Meats for the Holiday Season. The sale will begin November 3rd and orders for the Plants, Cheeses, and Meats will be accepted through November 27th.

The plants that will be available through the sale include Poinsettia's (red, white, pink, marble, and

jingle bells) at \$9.00 a piece, 6 "Norfolk Island pines for \$15.00, Cyclemen for \$7.00, and Christmas Cactus for \$7.00 each. Most of the plants will be in the standard 6 1/2" pots. There may be a couple of other items added to our order form if the product is available. The plants are grown/purchased from Lakewood Greenhouse in Northwood.

Have some parties or family gatherings to attend this holiday season? If so then why not take a tasty cheese tray. The chapter is selling meats and cheeses for the Holiday season. The cheeses are being sold in 12oz. blocks or wheels and are available in the following types, Mild Swiss, Marble, Farmers Cheese, Muenster, Lacy Baby Swiss, Sharp Colored Cheddar, Bacon, Gouda, Pepperoni, Horseradish Cheese, Chipotle, Pepper Jack, and Super Hot Jumpin Jack. The price of the cheese is between \$5.50 and \$6.75 each depending on the type of cheese. To go along with your cheeses for your holiday celebrations why not add some cheeseballs or meat. We are also selling freshly made cheeseballs in 3 different flavors, Dried Beef, Cheddar Cheese (has horseradish sauce in it), Bacon Cheddar Cheese. To finish off your cheese platter nothing can beat adding a couple of Ohio produced meats. We will have several meats to choose from to hopefully satisfy your taste buds. The meats that we will have available include 1 lb packages of beef/pork snack sticks available in Original, Beef & Swiss, Sweet BBQ, and Pineapple Teriyaki seasonings (7-8 sticks 1/2" x 6" sticks), Beef Log, Summer Sausage, Jalapeno Summer Sausage, and Trail Bologna Ring. Prices are \$7.00 for the cheese balls, \$7.50 for trail bologna, \$10.00 for the snack sticks, and \$7.00 for the 3 meat logs. All of the product are proudly made here in Ohio. The cheeses will be coming from Pearl Valley Cheese, and the cheese balls and meats will be coming from Tank's Meats and Ohio Meats.

The final items of this years sale that we will be selling is Brinkman Farms canned meats and soups. There will be 11 different products from their line that we are selling. Each item comes in a 28 oz can. All of their products are raised and processed just outside of Findlay, Ohio. Prices range from \$4.55 to \$9.10 per can.

The planned pickup and delivery days for the products will be on Wednesday, December 9th and Thursday, December 10th. You may be place an order by calling the Gibsonburg FFA Agricultural Education. Dept. at 419-637-2873 ext. 1167 or by contacting a member of the Gibsonburg FFA. Payment is due upon the receipt of the product. Proceeds from the event will assist in covering expenses for FFA camps, Conventions, leadership conferences, judging contest and various other Gibsonburg FFA chapter activities.

Fire Safety Week

...Emily Sisco, Hilfiker Principal

On October 6th & 7th, the Gibsonburg Fire Department stopped by Hilfiker Elementary to do their yearly Fire Safety Program. GVFD does a Fire Safety Program each year during Fire Safety Week. Fire Safety Week occurs every year the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fires of 1871. Hilfiker Elementary can't thank them enough for joining us even with a short notice. We weren't sure if we would be able to have it during COVID, but with some adaptations, the presentation continued another year. GVFD did one grade level at a time (preschool thru 2nd grade) while socially distanced on the playground. THANK YOU GVFD!!



Cafeteria News

...Missy Bauer, Food Service Supervisor

Free and Reduced Lunch Forms

A reminder to parents that you must fill out the free and reduced lunch form if you believe you would qualify for free and reduced meals. Make sure that you check the box to have your school fees waived if you qualify for free meals. Please return the forms to the High School Cafeteria by October 30, 2020. The USDA extended the free breakfast and lunch for all students for the remainder of the school year, but it is important that you fill out the paperwork. If a student plans to get any extras at lunch, they will need money in their account.

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

Gibsonburg Exempted Village School District is seeking individuals interested in becoming a substitute in the following positions:

Bus Drivers

Contact Joe King

jking@gibsonburgschools.org

Teachers & Teacher Aides

Contact Emily Sisco & Sonia Herman

esisco@gibsonburgschools.org

sherman@gibsonburgschools.org

Nurses

Contact Sarah Halbeisen

shalbeisen@gibsonburgschools.org

GHS Student Council

...from Mrs. Amy Tornow, Advisor

2020 Homecoming Jamboree

Homecoming looked a little different this year but GHS made the most of it! The 2020 Homecoming Jamboree was the result of a desire to not let the pandemic take away another school activity from the Class of 2021. We knew a traditional Homecoming could not take place but wanted to incorporate as many traditions as possible. Friday night started off with our Homecoming parade, where our attendants were escorted through town by Gibsonburg Police, Fire Dept. and Helena Fire Dept. Many thanks go out to them and the convertible drivers/owners. Then it was back to the school for the crowning of GHS 2020 Homecoming King and Queen. We would like to Congratulate Philip Davies and Ashley Mendoza on being named King and Queen. Congratulations also goes out to all the members of the Homecoming court. Freshman- Alice Hinline & Cole Owens. Sophomores- Alexa Holcomb & Alejandro Porteous, Juniors- Taylor Sworden & Drew Morelock, Seniors- Mariana Alejandro, Madison Jors, Sarah McCrory, Eric Schlea, Mason Tille & Mitchell Tille. Quarterback Mitchell Tille then led the Golden Bears to a victory over St. Joe 48-0. The Jamboree got started immediately following the game. Over 120 students came out for music by DJ Jazzy Jay and games. There was Corn Hole, Kan Jam, Volleyball, Ladderball, to name a few available activities and a huge game of Capture the Flag. Refreshments were provided by Gail's Party Shoppe, Susie Egbert and Tom Kohler. Thank you for supporting our students and their Jamboree! I would like to thank the GHS Administration for allowing the Jamboree to take place. I had the help of several parents and teachers, whom I can't thank enough. It took a small army to make this a memorable night! Thank you all again!





Gibsonburg High School Drama Department

...by Katy Kohman, Fall Drama Director

Gibsonburg High School’s Drama Department proudly presents two radio plays for our Fall 2020 season! Tune in as our members perform “A Christmas Carol, A Radio Play” by Philip Grecian. Based on the classic novel by Charles Dickens, our cast and crew bring the story to life. Hear the haunting chains of the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future as they try to get Ebenezer Scrooge to change his greedy ways.

Then, join us for our own “Eastcliff Hornet News”, a radio play written by our Gibsonburg High School Drama Department (Isabel Brink, Kayla Burg, Alex Dawson, Ethan Druckenmiller, Dylan Hohlfelder, Becca Kaiser, Jade Kayser, Nick Kohler, Adam Kohman, Cole Pietrowski, Guadalupe Sandoval, Megan Widmer, and Sophia Widmer). Modeled after a radio news segment, come and find out what’s “abuzz” in the fictional Eastcliff High School. From Homecoming to Horoscopes, we’ve got laughs in store for you!

With over 30 students involved, you’re in for some great shows! Our shows will be streamed this year on Saturday, December 12 at 7:00 PM, and Sunday, December 13 at 2:00 PM.

Information on steaming will be posted on the Gibsonburg Drama Department’s Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/GibsonburgHighSchoolDramaDepartment), and the Gibsonburg Theater website (<https://gibsdrama.weebly.com/>) Information will also be posted on the Gibsonburg District website. “A Christmas Carol, A Radio Play,” by Philip Grecian is produced by special arrangement with THE DRAMATIC PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC., of Woodstock, Illinois. It is based upon the novel by Charles Dickens.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Kohman at: kkohman@gibsonburgschools.org.



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