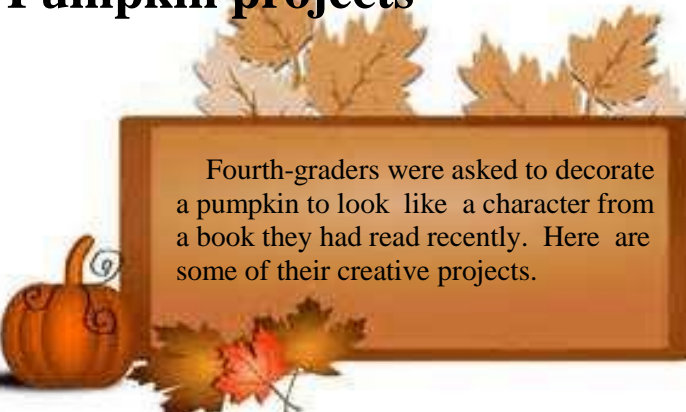


NEWS



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Pumpkin projects

A graphic featuring a wooden sign with text, surrounded by autumn leaves and pumpkins.

Fourth-graders were asked to decorate a pumpkin to look like a character from a book they had read recently. Here are some of their creative projects.



Wanted: Mentors

Would you like to make a difference in the life of a child? Become a mentor! We have many opportunities throughout Centerville-Abington Schools. All we need is you.

Bulldog Buddy – Have lunch with a child Grades K-6 for 30 minutes once a week. Bulldog Buddies offer a positive role model to students.

Bulldog Mentor – Junior and senior high school students meet with students once a week during the students' lunch period. The goal of the mentor is to develop a friendship and within that relationship assist the

student in developing and achieving goals.

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Professional golfer and Richmond native stresses character

Bo Van Pelt, a Richmond native currently on the Professional Golf Association (PGA) Tour, spent some time with Centerville-Abington Elementary School students on October 18 to promote character education.

Mr. Van Pelt helped initiate and promote the use of The First Tee program in Wayne County. The school program promotes the nine core values of respect, courtesy, responsibility, honesty, sportsmanship, confidence, judgment, perseverance and integrity. Physical education teachers across the county have been invited to teach The First Tee program in their classes.

Physical education teacher Julia Charlton is in her third year of teaching this program to Centerville students in grades 3-6.



“I had to take an online course first, and then we were able to get the equipment donated through the efforts of Vicki DeMao,” said Ms. Charlton, adding that the First Tee program consists of two parts: the nine core values and golf skills. “We as a school teach those values all year long, so I just incorporated the golf skills into my curriculum since it is a Life-Time Sport.” This part of the curriculum usually takes two to three weeks.

Centerville Elementary School donated \$250 to the First Tee Program and another donor donated \$50. Warm Glow donated a basket with items from Warm Glow, Silver Town, and Centerville Elementary School.

Youth Summit focuses on making a positive difference



Centerville High School students take a break in between sessions at the Youth As Resources Youth Summit held at Indiana University East on September 27. Twenty junior and senior high students participated in this year's summit, which focused on taking the "NEXT STEP" to make a positive difference in both school and our community. The students practiced soft skills in communication, teamwork and goal setting through interactive workshops.

New Staff

Samantha Steiner is a new second grade teacher at Rose Hamilton Elementary School. She is from Brookville, Indiana, and is a graduate of Ball State University.

During her summers, she worked at the Brookville Public Library to help out with the summer reading program.

“A friend of mine from the library mentioned an opening at Rose Hamilton, and everything just fell into place,” she said, adding that she loves her new position.



Her prior teaching experience included six years at Galileo Charter School. She spent two years at home with her children before coming to Rose Hamilton last year.

Mrs. Martin’s husband is a Centerville graduate. They have a daughter in second grade and another in preschool at Rose Hamilton.



Tiffany Leger is a new third grade teacher at Centerville-Abington Elementary School. She grew up in Centerville and attended Centerville-Abington Schools.

She taught first grade in Louisville, Kentucky, for the past four years before she and her husband decided to move back to the Centerville area to be closer to family.

“I have really enjoyed working with my third grade students and have felt extremely welcomed by the staff,” she said.

Cassandra Kohn teaches fourth grade this year. She was the LIFT teacher for third grade last year.

Before teaching at Centerville she taught second and third grade at Galileo Charter School in Richmond for three years.

She lives in Richmond with her husband Travis and their two children: three-year-old Jack and two-year-old Penelope.

“I am very grateful to be teaching at Centerville-Abington Elementary and happy to call it my new home,” she said.



Bethany Martin is a sixth grade teacher this year. Last year she taught at Rose Hamilton Elementary School as the part-time art teacher.



Sarah Caudill is the K-6 music and choir teacher. She is from Hazard, Kentucky.

Ms. Caudill taught elementary music in Hazard Independent Schools as a permanent music substitute. She taught high school choir and elementary music in Perry County Schools in Hazard, where she graduated from high school at Perry County Central in 2004. Ms. Caudill has also taught grades 4-8 music and grades 6-8 choir in northern Kentucky.

“Through prayers and job searching, I was blessed to find my job here at Centerville and transferred my Kentucky teaching certificate to here in Indiana,” said Ms. Caudill. “I love the school system here and look forward to what lies ahead.”

Sean Stevenson, a 2002 Centerville High School graduate, is the new eighth grade English teacher. He spent his first four years as an educator at Tri Junior-Senior High School in Straughn, Indiana, where he taught English and Journalism while coaching cross country and track. Currently, he is the high school cross country assistant coach at Centerville and will also be an assistant coach for the school’s track teams this year.

He lives in New Castle with his wife, Tierney, and their daughter, Arianna. He lives in New Castle with his wife, Tierney, and their daughter, Arianna. His parents are Phil and Cathy Stevenson.



Art on display



Rose Hamilton students displayed their art work at a special exhibit held in the gym during parent-teacher conferences on October 15, 16 and 17.

Emphasis has been placed on a study of color, and students have become familiar with primary and secondary colors, warm and cool colors, and neutral colors. Kindergartners have worked on coloring patterns on grids and decorating letters of their name, solid-color abstract designs, and using scissors for cutting curved lines. Collages using overlapping, rounded shapes in cool colors were also a part of the exhibit.

Ms. Brooks said first graders were very successful with a line study. Using broken crayons so that they could also draw wide lines by using them sideways, they impressed the second graders with their straight, wavy, zig-zag, jagged, dashed, dotted, and curved thick and thin lines. They also used warm-colored paper “tiles” to form a mosaic and discussed mosaics that they have seen in our community, including the ice cream cone at Dairy Queen.



Paper craft was the first project in the second grade. Students were asked to follow specific rules for cutting and arranging pieces of black paper on a brown background. Their second “black on brown” project was more challenging, and some students completed a third one. Then they began working on face collages, following the examples by Paul Klee, which they studied in their art text.

A royal night

School families that attended the September Medieval Family Literacy Night could visit the Scholastic Book fair, enjoy some pizza, pose for a picture in medieval or peasant clothing, throw a javelin through a hoop with the town Jester (Kenny Marshall), and make a crown.

Most of the staff dressed in medieval apparel, and the Centerville Library was represented by Ashlee Kirby. Approximately 500 parents and student attended this celebration of literacy.



The Bulldog Connection

Junior high students are using the new Bulldog Connection computer lab to do remediation work, take makeup exams, work on current or missed homework, and more.

The lab, up and running since mid-August, is supervised by Laurie Shadle, a licensed teacher.

"I think it is going pretty well," she said, adding that it is a new process and she is still working out the details.

Some students are using remediation software in the lab called Study Island, the same software that has been used by our elementary schools, which helps with consistency of instruction and preparation for future ISTEP tests. These students usually come down every other day during an SRT period. The goal is for each student to complete two sessions of Study Island each time they come. These sessions include ten questions covering a particular topic and



standard for their grade in either math or English/language arts. If they earn 80% or better, they earn a "blue ribbon." For each blue ribbon, they earn a piece of candy and an entry in a monthly drawing for bigger prizes.

"I also award a student of the month at the end of the month, or what I call "Chief of the Reef" because we have an island theme in here for Study Island," she said. "I choose one seventh-grader and one or two eighth-graders based on their attitude, effort and performance."

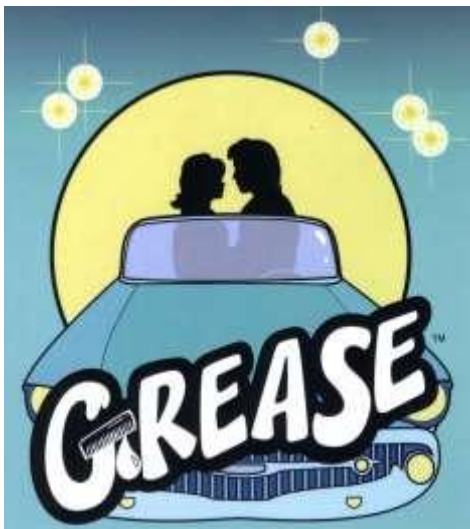
Principal Rick Schauss said the idea of the Bulldog Connection took shape following a needs assessment by leaders of the school.

"We are very happy with this important addition to our school culture," he said.

Lab volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to assist in the Bulldog connection. Parents who have already had a background check are approved volunteers are preferable.

Assistance is needed primarily during 4th period blue days from about 1:30-2:45 p.m. Other possible times are from 9-9:45 on white days and 12:30-1:20 on white days.



The Centerville High School Drama and Music departments will be presenting "Grease" November 14 and 15 at 7 p.m. in the Kehoe Performing Arts Center. This is the first time CHS has produced this musical! General seating tickets can be purchased after October 27 or at the door and are \$5 for students and \$8 for adults. Email rwilliams@centerville.k12.in.us for more information. Please come out and support our students as they perform the school version of "Grease!"

Robert Williams