

Greetings! I hope this update finds you doing well and enjoying our warmer weather today...after SNOW in April this week! It's certainly been a difficult spring for our athletic teams as they attempt to play around rain, snow, and wind...but such is Ohio weather!

Congratulations!

This past weekend at the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts Show, Logan Kempf was awarded 2nd place, honorable mention, and the Rieck's Gallery Award. Zoe Orwick was awarded honorable mention. This is quite an accomplishment against all the outstanding artwork – great job!

Congrats, also, to our own Wendi Davis who was recently elected as the Ohio Music Association Treasurer! To be elected to the OMEA association is as much a testament to Mrs. Davis' accomplishments and respect among her colleagues as it is to our amazing students. Our band has continued to build upon its outstanding reputation each and every year – kudos to Mrs. Davis and her students for helping to earn this reputation across the state!

Levy

On May 8th our Income Tax Levy Renewal will be on the ballot. As explained in previous updates this is a renewal – not a new tax – and will maintain the current tax of 0.75% for the next 5 years (beginning January 2019) if approved. While I believe we have proven to be good stewards of your tax dollars, it is imperative that we maintain our current funding. Removing the \$695,000 annually that this income tax raises would have a significant impact upon the services we provide. At a time when our state funding remains flat-lined we have to meet our ever-increasing expenses with little or no increase at the state level. We have continued to meet this challenge and provide necessary resources such as curriculum, classroom items, general maintenance to the buildings, and other day-to-day expenses to ensure our staff and students have the tools and the environment to succeed. Just as significantly, we have only had to seek renewals of levies rather than asking for new or replacement levies which would increase the burden on our taxpayers – like our community, we believe strongly in living within our means. We appreciate your support of this levy and our school!

Events

There's quite a bit going on this weekend, starting with the annual FFA Banquet tonight at 6pm. Tomorrow JH Track will travel to Perry, while Baseball heads to Van Buren to play under the lights. Sandwiched in between, our SOS will host their always popular Spring Fling.

Have a great weekend and Go Hornets!