

ENROLL YOUR CHILD FOR KINDERGARTEN AT EAST HOLMES LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

We are excited to invite parents to enroll their children in kindergarten at East Holmes Local Schools for the upcoming academic year. Ensuring a smooth enrollment process is vital, and we are here to guide you through the necessary steps.

To be eligible for kindergarten, your child must be 5 years old by August 1st, 2024. Please complete and return the attached form to the school office to secure your child’s enrollment.

The first step involves filling out the included paperwork and returning it to your child’s school office. This initial stage sets the foundation for your child’s educational journey with us.

Following the submission of the required paperwork, you can expect to receive a confirmation letter containing details about your child’s screening appointment in May. This letter will provide essential information to prepare you and your child for the next phase of the enrollment process.

We encourage parents to attend the in-person registration and screening session, which will take place on April 30th, May 1st, or 2nd, 2024, at the Perry Reese Jr. Community Center. This event provides an opportunity for our team to meet your child and begin the exciting journey of preparing them for a successful academic experience. If you have questions, please call an elementary building or central office at (330)893-2610.

Please remember to bring the following documents:

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization record or signed waiver
- Proof of Residency
- Open Enrollment Form (if applicable)
- Last ETR and IEP (if applicable)
- Custody Document (if applicable)

We deeply value your partnership in your child’s education, and we are committed to providing a nurturing and enriching environment for their growth. Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact your building office. Thank you for choosing East Holmes Local Schools—where every child’s potential is celebrated and cultivated.

STUDENTS EXCEL IN NUTRITION AND DESIGN PROJECTS

On Thursday, Nov 2, 2023, at Chestnut Ridge Elementary School, 47 seventh and eighth-grade students demonstrated their creativity and skills through poster and bedroom design projects. Led by their dedicated Family & Consumer Science teacher, Janna Mast, students presented unique projects that reflected their understanding of nutrition and design principles.

Seventh-grade students from Chestnut Ridge, Mount Hope, and Wise schools explored the world of nutrition by designing posters that visually represented a balanced diet. Under the guidance of Janna Mast, the students delved into the principles of healthy eating using the guidelines provided by “MyPlate.”

A panel of judges evaluated the creativity and effectiveness of each poster. Winners were awarded by school and overall. The overall winners were Kylie Yoder of Mt. Hope, Ava Yoder from Wise, and Elli Yoder from Mt. Hope.

Building upon their knowledge of design principles, color schemes, floor plans, and furniture arrangement, eighth-grade students from the same schools showcased their talents in crafting dream bedrooms. Janna Mast continued to guide these students, encouraging them to apply their understanding of design concepts to create personalized and aesthetically pleasing bedroom spaces.

The panel of judges evaluated the application of design elements in each dream bedroom project. Winners of this contest were also awarded by school and overall. The overall winners were Hadassah Troyer of Chestnut Ridge, Amber Miller of Mt. Hope, and Ellie Mullet of Chestnut Ridge.

Generous support for the event came from Berlin Fabrics, which donated gift certificates for the winners. The rooms created by the eighth graders and the posters designed by seventh graders were on display at Keim Lumber and Berlin Fabrics after the contest.



DISTRICT UPDATE

Winter 2024



INSPIRE. PREPARE. CHALLENGE.



Hiland Student Artwork (L to R): Rowan Miller (Sophomore) Jessica Troyer (Senior), Autumn Shaw (Senior)



MISSION

Inspiring excellence to prepare students in becoming productive and responsible citizens through a partnership of exceptional leadership, dedicated staff, and a supportive community.

SUPERINTENDENT’S COLUMN

Dear East Holmes Local School District Community,

As we reflect on the first half of the 2023-2024 school year, I am pleased to witness the continued dedication and commitment demonstrated by our students and teachers. Their steadfast pursuit of our district’s mission to Inspire, Prepare, and Challenge students every day sets a positive tone for the year ahead.

Early education, particularly kindergarten, plays a pivotal role in laying the foundation for a child’s future academic success, providing essential experiences crucial for their educational journey. If your child will be 5 years old before August 1st, please ensure that they are properly registered for kindergarten for the upcoming school year. Continue reading this edition of the District Update for more information about how to register your child.

As we progress through the year, we anticipate the challenges and successes that lie ahead with a sense of purpose. Together, as a community, we will continue to create an environment where each student can grow, learn, and achieve their fullest potential.

Thank you for your ongoing support of East Holmes Local Schools. Let’s work together to create a year filled with growth, accomplishments, and more reasons to celebrate.

Sincerely,
Erik Beun, Superintendent
East Holmes Local Schools

SAVE THE DATES

MARCH

- 15 End of 3rd Nine Weeks
- 22 Report Cards Sent Home
- 25-29 Spring Break
NO SCHOOL

APRIL

- 8 Solar Eclipse - NO SCHOOL

MAY

- 9 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service Day
- 19 Hiland Graduation
- 23 Last Day of School for Students
- 24 Teacher Work Day

Hiland Students Shine in 'THE MUSIC MAN'



From November 19, 2023, Hiland students brought the stage to life with their production of "The Music Man." The talented cast and crew delivered a stellar performance, bringing the magic of "The Music Man" to life on stage for five shows over four days. The production was a testament to the dedication and creativity of the school's drama department. Stay tuned for more upcoming events and performances from Hiland High School!



WALNUT CREEK'S 2024 HAYSTACK BREAKFAST RAISES FUNDS FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Walnut Creek's annual 2023 Haystack Breakfast, hosted by the Parent Advisory Committee on November 11th, raised funds for the Student Activities fund. The event supports field trips, school materials, and recess equipment. The Committee and Walnut Creek staff organized and served breakfast. Each class created themed baskets like Family Game Night, Chocolate Lovers, and Comfy Cozy, raffled off at the event's conclusion. Community support is key to Walnut Creek's success.



DISTRICT HOLIDAY CONCERT UNITES ENSEMBLES

The district's holiday concert united all ensembles for a memorable musical experience before the holiday break. Band Director Zachary Rearick emphasized the significance of the event, stating, "It's an eye-opening experience for students and families to witness what other ensembles are performing."

A highlight of the concert was the combined performance of "Joy to the World," a tradition cherished by the entire band program for many years. Beginning with the high school band, the piece gradually incorporated the middle school and elementary students, culminating in a grand finale with over 120 students playing in unison.

Rearick highlighted the broader purpose of performances beyond academics, stating, "Music is an art meant to be shared and experienced with others. When we perform during a concert, we extend our reach into the community, sharing something that has the power to positively impact lives."

The concert left a lasting impression of musical excellence and community spirit, with Rearick affirming the tradition of performing "Joy to the World" will endure for years to come.

Trauma-Informed Care and Counseling Resources CRITICAL TO STUDENT WELL-BEING

At East Holmes Local Schools (EHLS), our students' well-being is our top priority, which is why we are constantly learning and evolving to honor our commitment to students' mental and emotional health and well-being. EHLS is proud to be a trauma-informed school district, which means that schools across the district use a holistic lens to explore all domains that impact a student's growth, development and learning.

EHLS has made progress in implementing trauma-informed care (TIC) in its schools, primarily through training staff. During professional development time, EHLS staff gain information on TIC, adverse childhood experiences and the connection between mental health and academic success.

The district is proud of its partnership with The Village Network (TVN) because it allows educators to leverage their expertise in assessing the needs of each child and creating unique treatment plans. The collaboration with The Village Network aligns with the district's shared values of hope, respect, integrity and care, and the TVN partners in our schools bring quality programs to our school community.

Our partnership with TVN has been a success, as reflected in the positive feedback from parents, students and staff. The annual staff survey conducted by TVN revealed that 100% of respondents noticed a positive difference in students due to their influence. TVN's consistent weekly and bi-weekly meetings with students cover the topics of anxiety, coping skills and communication skills and are carried out as a group, ensuring minimal disruption to the school day.

Parents of elementary school students can expect a comprehensive approach to their child's well-being. It begins with initial contact at the start of the school year- typically initiated by referrals from teachers or parents- followed by observation, meetings with the student and regular check-ins. Information about available resources is shared during open houses and conferences. TVN employees Harmony Troutman and Heather Cropp play an integral role in fostering the well-being of our students across our seven elementary schools.

Through strategic partnerships, Hiland provides students with opportunities to actively access essential information and gain counseling support. Hiland students are encouraged to advocate for themselves when they feel they may benefit from counseling resources. Students and parents may always reach out to trusted educators, administrators, or TVN's Harmony Troutman to be connected with these services.

Superintendent Beun said, "These can be really hard conversations to have, but they're important ones to have," and emphasized the significance of parental support and community collaboration in breaking down stigma and providing resources for students.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education and well-being. If you feel your child may benefit from counseling support, please reach out to your child's teacher, principal, or Harmony Troutman or Heather Cropp with The Village Network.

HILAND 8TH GRADERS EMBRACE LIFE SKILLS AT SPECIAL EVENT

Hiland 8th graders are working on life skills today as part of the Real Money, Real World Challenge. Thank you to The Ohio State University Extension Office and community volunteers for the great learning experience for our students.

