



# THE "ROCKET REPORT"

"IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A ROCKET!"

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## PAC: B Community Event Draws Attention to Bullying

The Lowellville Parent Advisory Committee for Bullying (PAC-B) held a community information night for all parents and students in grades 7-12. The PAC-B committee consisted of students, parents, teachers and administration. The team worked vigorously to put together a community night, which allowed both students and parents to be educated on certain topics that pertained to bullying both inside and outside of the school. The committee reached out to the Mahoning County Juvenile Court to sense their interest in helping the committee present to the community. In short, Jim Delucia, director of clinical services, Judge Theresa Dellick, Magistrate Carla Baldwin, and Sharon Fisher, probation supervisor joined forces with the committee in order to present to the community. Mr. Delucia explained, "So many schools have

thought about this concept of including parents and their child but nobody has actually followed through with it, Lowellville is the first!" The team of court officials presented to the audience on several different topics which included: healthy relationships, cyber bullying, social media and much more. Overall, roughly 40 students and parents attended the presentation.

The PAC-B committee received exceptional feedback from the parents and students within the audience. Individuals were divulged in superb conversation and exceptional questions were posed, which allowed for several thoughts on the committee's next plan of action. The committee plans to meet again as early as September of next school year in order to keep the community abreast of

Lowellville's policies and procedures when certain aspects of bullying occur. During the 2017-2018 school year, the committee plans on delivering a fall presentation in October, which is National Bullying Awareness Month and also an additional spring event. The presentations will be geared towards both elementary and high school students.

**Timothy Pancake**  
**Assistant Principal (K-12)**  
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## Lowellville WELCOMES its NEW Treasurer!

Lowellville Local Schools welcomes Mrs. Maureen Lloyd as its new treasurer. Mrs. Lloyd comes to Lowellville with a wealth of fiscal knowledge and experiences. Most recently, she worked 4 years in the private sector as Treasurer/CFO in addition to 13 years of accounting experience in both the public and private sectors. Along with these executive assignments, Mrs. Lloyd embraces the vision and goals that the Office of the Treasurer will effectively manage the District's finances to provide the best educational opportunities for all students. Also, the

Treasurer's Office will serve employees, families, community members and vendors regarding financial services and reporting with dignity and fidelity. Mrs. Lloyd earned her Bachelor of Science in Finance from the Youngstown State University, Williamson College of Business. Also, she received her Ohio Treasurer's license with a GPA of 4.0 from Ashland University. Mrs. Lloyd resides in Poland Ohio, is married and has two wonderful children. In her free time, Mrs. Lloyd enjoys baking, coaching soccer and spending time with her family.

Please feel free to stop by or give a call to Mrs. Lloyd to give her a "Rocket" welcome!

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## Spring is the Time for "CONCERTS"



Our Lowellville 3rd and 4th graders put on a fantastic spring concert on Thursday, May 4th, 2017 in the school cafeteria. The concert included songs such as "Everything is Awesome," "Count on Me," "Ode to Joy," and our personal favorite "A Questionable Alliance of Warm, Tasty Baked Goods," otherwise known as "Hot Cross Buns." The concert also featured two fantastic soloists. Fourth grader Hadassah Rivera sang the solo for the song "Over the Rainbow" as well as played the

ukulele. Third grader Kaden Primous sang the solo for the song "A New Day," an original song by Teresa Jennings about starting fresh each day and not letting bad things get you down. The concert also featured several new instruments to our elementary music room that all of the elementary students have enjoyed learning to play this year. In the concert the 3rd and 4th graders played the Tubano, Djembe, and Timbau drums, which are African style hand drums. They also played brand new xylophones

and Nuvo instruments, which are elementary level flutes and clarinets. The students looked and sounded amazing and were very impressive with their singing and playing. The students put a lot of work into the concert and we are so proud of their accomplishments! We can't wait for next school year to make even more music!

**Miss Mellssa Gapsky**  
**Music Teacher and**  
**Assistant Director**

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## 8th Graders Visit Washington D.C.

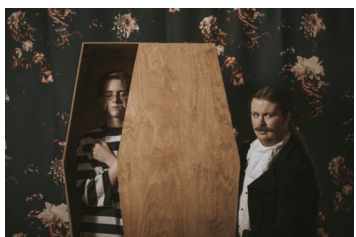


On, May 11th thirty Lowellville 8th graders and four teacher chaperones boarded a bus in the rain for a six hour journey to Washington D.C. Upon arrival, the first stop was Arlington National Cemetery. The students and chaperones made their way through thousands of identical gravestones and the Eternal Flame. The Eternal Flame lights the gravesite of former President John F. Kennedy. The group then attended the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. A rare opportunity presented itself when the group had the chance to see a woman guarding the Tomb. In the history of the guard there have been only four women awarded the position. The trip continued to the Marine Corps

Memorial, Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool, Korean Memorial, Lincoln Memorial and then to the World War II Memorial. Overall, it was quite a walk! The day continued with excitement as the students boarded the bus to visit the Jefferson Memorial which is located along the Tidal Basin. This presented a dramatic view of Washington D. C. for the students. A short walk from there to the amazing Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial finished the tour with the powerful Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial. The day ended with some savory treats at the hotel and private pizza party. The second day included a delicious breakfast and trip to the White House. After that, students visited the grounds

of the U.S. Capitol Building and the National Mall where all of the Smithsonian Museums are located--Natural History, American History and Air and Space. The tours of these three took up the remainder of the afternoon. The day concluded with a fun filled evening of dining and dancing on the river boat cruise. The third day continued the excitement with a walk to the Washington Monument, the Holocaust Museum and the National Archives. A special highlight of the trip was having the opportunity to welcome more than twenty wheelchair bound veterans into the National Archives. After a quick stop for food the students started the long bus ride home. It was a fantastic and memorable trip for everyone! "It's a Great Day to be a Rocket!"

## Lowellville Drama Club Makes HISTORY!



The Lowellville Drama Club may be a small program in a small school, but we do BIG things and foster BIG talent. We are proud to have made history as the first high school group to ever perform A Night of Blacker Darkness, a brand new vampire comedy. We are also the first group to premiere the play in Ohio and the first group to ever perform the current draft of the play. The play is pre-published, adapted from a novel by the same name by New York Times Bestselling Author, Dan Wells, and local Canfield resident, Allison Hill. Performing this show without having ever seen a prior production presented unique

challenges, but it was an inspiring creative process that the students and I are sure to never forget. Our show featured stunning sets designed by Drama parent, Jim Travis, and constructed by a group of parent volunteers, custom stage lighting designed by Lowellville seniors Joshua Bryan and Anthony Mariotti, and state-of-the-art amplification donated by John Markovich of JAM Sound & Stagecraft. We also rented Victorian costuming from the Youngstown Victorian Players and featured beautiful makeup and hair by Lowellville graduates Katie Genaro and Kimmy King. Other graduates who assisted throughout the production process were

Anthony Fimognari, who acted as a drama coach, Dom Commisso, who helped as a crew member for all three productions, and Jordan Butch, who stepped up in such a major way to act as Assistant Director. The Drama Club is a family where cast, crew, and alumni are forever welcome and all have a hand in ensuring our success. I am so proud of the students for pulling off this massive undertaking with such grace--their work ethic, creativity, and talent is a remarkable testament to what makes Lowellville so special.

**-Ms. Mia DiRienzo, Drama Club Advisor & Director**

## ROCKETS AWAY!



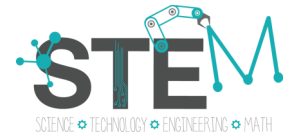
We are the Lowellville Rockets, and as a culminating activity in our 8th grade science classes, we take time out to do an entire unit on rocketry! Learning STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) principles through rocketry keeps our students interested as the school year winds down and helps them to explore career options in the STEM fields. In our modern world, students

rarely get to build something with their hands like a model rocket, so they feel a sense of accomplishment when their rocket is constructed and then launched successfully. The construction process teaches students how to measure variables such as altitude, trajectories, and other engineering variables. They learn concepts such as gravity, thrust, trajectory, aerodynamics, Newton's Laws of Motion, and problem-solving skills. The students can also experiment with variations among different rockets, such as number of fins, and analyze how these variables may affect a launch. Through this experimentation, cause and effect is not

just a theory, but something they can watch play out in front of them. We also learn about NASA's accomplishments, and the students gain a better appreciation for and understanding of what they do. Shown in the first picture from left to right: current 8th graders Jaiden Palomaki, Callie Kester, Sophia Boyd, and Ana Lisko constructing their rockets. These students were influenced by last year's 8th graders Bryce Bunofsky, Mike Donatelli, and Marah Gandee-Bellis launching their rockets.

**Matt Olson,  
Teacher, Grade 8**

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## The ART CLUB Visits Cleveland

As a culminating activity for using landscape as a theme in art, Lowellville High School's Art Club and Advisor Ms. Sandi Phillips recently took an educational field trip to the Cleveland Botanical Garden. The Art Club consists of students in grades 9 through 12. This field trip enabled students to explore the desert of Madagascar and the butterfly-filled rainforest of Costa Rica by visiting the Garden's Glass-

house. The Glasshouse features exotic plants, birds and reptiles, along with daily butterfly releases and chameleon feedings. Some students were even lucky enough to have a butterfly land on their hand. Watching a chameleon's unfathomably long tongue shoot out of its mouth in less than a second to snag its meal was quite impressive. Students also viewed The Garden's 2nd floor Guren Art Gallery, featuring

works of art inspired by nature. Everyone enjoyed strolling through the outdoor gardens and photographing all of the spring blooms. Photos taken by the students will be used as a reference in the production of future artwork.

**Sandi Phillips  
Art Teacher (K-12)**

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## LHS BAND NEWS

2016-17 proved to be an exciting year for the bands at Lowellville High School. The junior high and high school concert bands were invited to be feature performers at the 2016 Ohio Band Directors Conference, which was held December 3rd at the University of Akron. Composer Mark Camphouse visited Lowellville HS to work with the band and conducted them at the conference as they performed one of his compositions. Following a highly competitive audition process, the high school

concert band was selected to perform at the Ohio Music Education Association (O.M.E.A.) Professional Development Conference. Performance spots at the conference are reserved for the top performing groups from across the state. The O.M.E.A. Conference was held on February 4th in Cleveland. For the fourth consecutive year, the high school concert band received the highest rating of a "one," or superior, at district and state band contest. The band received superior ratings from

the four judges at both events. Through their musical successes, our students continue the traditions of academic, athletic, and artistic excellence that have long been associated with an education in the Lowellville LSD. A supportive environment has been established where the arts can flourish with all of the other diverse programs and activities offered to our students.

**Mr. Antonucci  
Music Director**

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## 27th ANNUAL BOARD OF EDUCATION GOLF OUTING

WHEN: Sunday, August 06, 2017  
WHERE: Bedford Trails Golf Course  
FORMAT: Four Person Scramble  
COST: \$280 Per Team (\$70 per person)  
PRIZES: Too Many to List  
BENEFITS: Lowellville Sports Programs

Includes: 18 holes of golf, riding cart, coffee and doughnuts, hotdog and drink at turn, full course steak dinner at the golf course, beverages, proximities and prizes!



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## CONGRATULATIONS! 2017 "PROUD" Graduates of Lowellville

Sarah Alexandra Amos  
Alyssa Marielle Anderson  
Elia Anna Basista  
Faith Ann Marie Borer  
Colin Patrick Boyd  
Nickolas Durran Bridges  
**Joshua Charles Bryan**  
Alaya Gabrielle Chavers  
Jon Stephen Chiclowe  
Nicholas Patrick Conti  
Cynthia Cathryn Cosier  
David Edward Crawford  
Armani Deion Crenshaw  
Anthony James D'Altorio  
David Edward Durbin  
Brandon Lee Fitzgerald

Anna Marie Grover  
Caitlin Elise Hanley  
Alex James Heasley  
**Elainie Carmel Huncik**  
**Matthew Jacob Hynes**  
Tre'sean Joseph Johnson  
Morgan Lynn LaCamera  
Christina Nycole Little  
Alexa Elaine Lyon  
Anthony William Mariotti  
Dominic John McLaughlin  
Levi Evan Moenich  
Taylor May Morales  
Michaela Ann Mrakovich  
Zackary Taylor Oliver  
Marc Alexander Olverson

Rachel Leigh Perkins  
Juliana Marie Rotz  
Sara Elizabeth Sandora  
Anthony Vincent Santoro III  
Tyler Vincent Stellmar  
Evan Allen Stevens  
**Nathan Ray Williams**  
Bailey Lane Williamson  
Victor Michael Wiseman  
Tyler Scott Worsencroft  
Devin Alexander Wright  
Daniel John Zupko Jr.

**Valedictorian**  
**Salutatorian**

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