



April 28, 2009

## The Beacon

*Youngstown City School District*  
**Good News and Upcoming Events**

“The dream begins with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you to the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a sharp stick called truth.”

~Dan Rather

### Alpha

Alpha students have been focusing on the character trait of ambition during the month of April.

### Chaney High School

Chaney Key Club members earned community service hours by volunteering at the Youngstown Kiwanis Annual Radio Auction on April 2nd.

Chaney Key Club and National Honor Society members hosted an Easter Egg Hunt on April 9th at the William Holmes McGuffey Elementary School.

On April 28th, Financial Literacy students at Chaney and College Tech Prep Business students at Choffin attended an all day workshop at YSU on Financial Literacy.

On April 29th students in the GRADS program at Chaney and East will visit Kent State University during their Teen Parent Mentoring Day. Students will learn about admissions, financial aid and housing.

### Choffin Career & Technical Center

60 College Tech Prep Biotechnology and Engineering students at Choffin participated in a litter pick up on Youngstown's South Side to honor Earth Day.

Congratulations to the 16 Choffin students who competed in Columbus last weekend during the SkillsUSA State Competition.

Multimedia Production students at Choffin, in collaboration with the Chaney Drama Department, filmed and edited "A Raisin in the Sun" and DVD's are now available!

Students in Choffin's Health Magnet school have been peer teaching Biotechnology students about surgical instruments in preparation for their visit to the operating room at

## **Choffin Career & Technical Center *continued***

Forum Health on April 29th.

Several programs at Choffin will be participating in a student showcase on May 14th from 4-7pm. The public is invited!

## **East High School**

The East side Public Library is displaying the artwork of East students from May 4th - 11th. There will also be a reception with refreshments on May 5th from 6:30-7:30 pm to recognize the students.

Several East students will have their art displayed at the Boys' & Girls' Club Opening on May 2nd at 6:00 pm.

Six Anatomy & Physiology students at East will attend the 2009 Genetic Update Conference in Avon, Ohio on April 24th to hear world renowned scientist Sam Rhine.

## **Harding**

The 1st grade students at Harding visited the Mill Creek Park Nature Center to learn about snakes and bones.

Fifty five 4th and 5th grade students, teachers, and parents have volunteered for the Youth United Way Day. They will be cleaning up the area around the school.

## **Martin Luther King**

Project Peace Part II at MLK has started. Students will once again earn Peace necklaces and compete for a Pizza Party. Part I reduced office referrals by 15%.

Coins For Kites, an attendance program, has helped to increase student attendance at MLK.

MLK has at least 100 students participating in Boot Camp.

## **P. Ross Berry**

Congratulations to Diane Barber, a 7th grade P. Ross Berry teacher, for becoming a Jennings Scholar.

## **Taft**

On April 23, 240 students and families at Taft Elementary enjoyed the 4th annual Literacy & Math Night. The families had a fun filled “Leap Into a Good Book” afternoon, complete with real frogs.

First and second grade students at Taft will be attending the play “Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, Very Bad Day” at Stamaugh Auditorium.

All students at Taft are doing community service by planting flowers and cleaning up the grounds around the school!

## **YCSD Preschool**

On April 15th, two preschool faculty members attended The Sensory Processing Conference in Cleveland. The focus was on identifying the child's individual type of impaired sensory processing and incorporating accommodations.