



December 8, 2009

The Beacon

Youngstown City School District
Good News and Upcoming Events

Chaney High School

Mark your calendar for *Rented Christmas The Musical* on Sunday, December 13th at 7:00PM at Chaney High School! This is presented by the Theater Department.

Choffin Career & Technical Center

Choffin Career & Technical Center is collecting new mittens for the 29th Annual Mitten Tree. Donations can be dropped off at Choffin until December 14th. With your help Choffin has donated over 5,000 items!

Mark your calendar for Choffin's Annual Toys for Tots Talent Show on December 17th at 9:45AM. Choffin is accepting monetary donations or new toys until December 17th.

Early College

Two outstanding seniors at the Youngstown Early College have been awarded scholarships. Tawni McClendon was awarded the Omega Psi Phi \$1,000 scholarship and a laptop computer and LaQuesha Stredrick was awarded the Bowling Green University \$1,500 Academic Success Scholarship. Congratulations ladies on a job well done!

Selected Youngstown Early College Historical Society Freshmen are helping children at the Autism center write letters to Santa Claus to celebrate the spirit of the season!

East High School

Mark your calendar for East's "Carols, Cookies, Cocoa, and Claus" celebration on December 15th from 5 - 7PM in the school's cafeteria. There will be a visit from Santa and his elves, story telling, toys for children PreK-12 years, snacks, and special choir concert from the vocal department.

East High School will host the first annual Wake-A-Thon at the school on December 18th from 7PM-7AM. There will be basketball, volleyball, movies, a local DJ, and more! Tickets are \$13 in advance and \$15 at the door.

Harding

Harding Tiger Cubs are participants in promoting recycling through the Mahoning County Green Team. They have an active aluminum beverage can drive and have collected 45 lbs. of aluminum.

The Harding Parent Organization is now organizing to assist in halls, bathrooms, and dismissal. Thank you Tiger Cub Parents!

Martin Luther King

Debbie Wood and Denise Gorman of MLK were recipients of the Diyorio Grant and will receive \$1000.00 each for classroom materials.

Several MLK teachers received Activeboards through a technology grant.

McGuffey

Mrs. Zimmer's 6th grade homeroom at McGuffey wrote an opera about the early life of Cleopatra.

Another 6th grade Social Studies class at McGuffey is creating an Egyptian library in the school.

Paul C. Bunn

Chase Bank employees recently served as volunteers who taught Economics and Financial Literacy lessons in all Bunn Classroom for "J A in a Day", a collaborative project with Junior Achievement of the Mahoning Valley.

Two Fall family events were hosted by Bunn Parent / Teacher Conference Nights to increase participation. The first was a PTA Meeting with a speaker on the H1N1 Virus and the second event was a Garden Harvest Festival.

P. Ross Berry

Congratulations to 6th grader Angel Lozada-Rivera on being P. Ross Berry's Spelling Bee champion.

75% of P. Ross Berry students earned C's or better for the first grade period. To celebrate, Mr. Baun shaved his head and Mrs. Smith dyed her hair blue! Twelve students were on High Honor Roll and 135 student had perfect attendance.

Rayen Early College

The Rayen ECMC student collected over 300 canned good items, 3 turkeys, one ham, and one chicken for the Rescue Mission for Thanksgiving dinner. They did this in just two days.

A special thanks to Rayen Early College students who raised over \$50.00 to benefit Choffin's Toys For Tots fundraiser!

Taft

Lunchtime at Taft has turned into "Math Time!" During lunch, Taft teachers have math competitions to help students learn their math facts.

Taft students Jah'Nice Berry, Regal Reese and Jamael Pierce competed in the Math 24 Challenge on December 1, 2009. Congratulations to Jah'Nice Berry who made it to the finals and will compete at regionals!

Volney

Congratulations to the 4 Volney students with straight A's and 28 students with perfect attendance. Joseph Cambridge won the Perfect Attendance Award from the district S.W.A.T.

Ashley Rosado, 8th grade student at Volney had her poem titled "Be Yourself" published in the American Library of Poetry's 2009 book INSPIRED.

Williamson

The career Day at Williamson Elementary School in November was a huge success! Some of the speakers included: Mayor Jay Williams, Judge Robert Milich, and State Senator Joe Schiavoni.

YCSD

The YCSD preschool program is teaming up with Choffin's Adult Education Early Childhood program by having adult students complete their field work hours in the YCSD Preschool classrooms.

A special thanks to the following local businesses for allowing the YCDS to distribute The Beacon!

Cornersburg Italian Store, 3381 Canfield Rd.

Kids Act III, 3375 1/2 Canfield Rd.

Sparkle Union Square, 653 Gypsy Lane

Dutchess Cleaners, 2710 Belmont Ave.

Westside Sparkle, 1912 Mahoning Ave.

Out Reach Thrift Store, 3317 Mahoning Ave.

Rent-A-Center, 3337 Mahoning Ave.

Public Libraries of Youngstown (Main, East, Newport, West)

Bailey's Stuff, Elm St.

Little Milly's Pizza, 2608 South Ave.

Hope House Visitation Center, 660 W. Earle Ave.

Arlington heights Recreation Center, Park Ave.

Neil Kennedy, 2151 Rush Blvd.

Seafood Place, 1992 McCartney Rd.

Legends Barbershop, 1546 Belmont Ave.