



October 27, 2009

The Beacon

Youngstown City School District
Good News and Upcoming Events

Choffin Career & Technical Center

Students in the Culinary Arts program at Choffin visited Lorain County JVS and spent the day with The Food Network's Iron Chef, Michael Symon. Read more in *The Review Newspaper*.

Current students and recent graduates from Choffin's School of Practical Nursing took part in the Mahoning County Homeless Continuum of Care 2009 Project Connect. It was held on Thursday, October 22, 2009 at the Rescue Mission.

Martin Luther King

On October 15th, MLK hosted a Hispanic Heritage Celebration with food, families, and a special performance by Karen Labra. Miss Labra attends Austintown Middle School and received special recognition in vocal performance recently in Miami, Florida placing in the top three out of 2000 performers!

MLK celebrated National Day of Writing on Oct. 20th with "Pump Up Your Curriculum." Each student received a donated pumpkin and teachers developed writing activities centered around pumpkins. These writings will be displayed on October 30th for our Halloween celebration to be shared with parents!!!!!!

McGuffey

Lisa Mook, a McGuffey teacher, has started a parent support group for parents whose children are diagnosed with autism. This group will meet once a month from October to May.

Paul C Bunn

Every classroom at Paul C. Bunn Elementary School is a multimedia classroom! Promethean Boards have been installed in all classrooms thanks to a \$138,000 EETT grant that was awarded in August. Teachers have already completed Training Modules in order to integrate the technology into their instruction.

Paul C. Bunn Continued

A fall "Coffee Hour with the Principal" was hosted on October 23 by Principal Pappas for the Bunn parents at which time the formal Installation of Officers occurred for the school's newly chartered PTA.

P. Ross Berry

Thanks to the work of Mrs. Quines Life Science class, P. Ross Berry was beautified. The students planted daffodils and crocuses!

A "Life Skills Team" presented a puppet show focusing on the importance of organ & tissue donors to P. Ross Berry students. They discussed organ and tissue functions and how they can use them to save or improve the lives of many people.

Taft

On October 23, Taft hosted a very successful "Student of the Month" celebration with the children and their parents.

The entire Taft student body is participating in various Red Ribbon Week activities from October 26-30. This year's theme is "Don't Monkey With Drugs."

Williamson

A special thanks to John Knox Church for donating two bikes to Williamson. Students with perfect attendance the week of October 5th were eligible to win a bike. Congratulations to Heaven Dawson, a 6th grader, and Anthony Hassen, a 1st grader.

Williamson's Fall Harvest will be held October 30. Activities will include: a bounce around, pass the pumpkin, face painting, storytelling, design-a-shirt and pin the nose on the pumpkin.