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Capitalizing On Today's Technology

Over the last three years, teams of Master Teachers from eight area school districts have been participating in professional development training to develop and integrate digital learning into 6th through 12th grade classes. The project is called NWOi3. The NWO part of the name represents Northwest Ohio. The i3 part stands for Innovate, Instruct and Inspire... through connected classrooms and digital resources. It is made possible by a Straight A Fund Grant from the Ohio Department of Education.

The NWOi3 project's goal is to provide teachers in the eight school districts with a "best practices" curriculum that incorporates online lessons and technology. It is designed to help educators infuse technology into teaching and learning. NWOi3 will ultimately provide teachers with technology-based lessons and activities to better engage students. It will also assist teachers by providing ideas, lessons and activities in one organized space from which to pick and choose.

"As educators, we have to stay ahead of technology and make sure our teachers and students are prepared to capitalize on education in the 21st century," says Kevin English, a Perrysburg High School AP Biology Instructor. English has been working with

four other area high school teachers to create a digital curriculum for high school Biology classes. The curriculum they develop must align with Ohio Science Standards. He is one of the many Perrysburg teachers who are participating in the program.

"The project has helped me incorporate more technology into my teaching," says English. "Plus, collaborating with the other teachers has allowed us to share ideas and resources."

The task of creating the teaching units requires a good deal of time from each participant. Teachers are expected to put in at least 150 hours of work. "We have to create a curriculum that can be understood and used by other Biology teachers who have not been involved in the creation of the curriculum," says English.

The NWOi3 project has been rolling out various digital curriculums over the past three years covering mathematics, science, social studies and English classes. More digital curriculums will be introduced over the coming months. The work is facilitated by the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West. All curriculum is evaluated by the Center for Assessment & Evaluation Services at Bowling Green State University prior to going online. For more information, visit nwoi3.org.



The NWOi3 Project

- Eight public school districts are involved: Anthony Wayne, Eastwood, Maumee, Northwood, Otsego, Perrysburg, Rossford and Springfield
- Online courses being developed: Algebra 1 & 2; Geometry; Biology; Physical Science; English 9, 10 & 11; American Government; American History; Science 6, 7 & 8; and Social Studies 6, 7 & 8
- Project Managers (8): One member of each of the eight participating schools
- Design Teams (10 teams of 5 teachers each): Chosen and vetted through an application and credential review process (Master Teachers within core content areas and leading technology users)



Faculty Has Opportunity to Grow

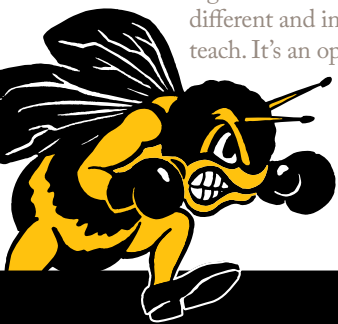
There is learning going on at Perrysburg High School, and you may be surprised to know it doesn't involve the students. On the contrary, every 2-3 weeks Perrysburg High School instructors meet for 90 minutes as a department. These Faculty Enrichment Days, as they are called, are designed to help teachers collaborate with one another and to share ideas. They also discuss how to better incorporate technology into their classrooms.

"Our Faculty Enrichment Days are very productive and helpful for all of us," says Kevin English, PHS AP Biology Instructor. "The department chairs organize the meetings and the meeting topics, and they are responsible for keeping all of us on track. It's a great way to share what is working and what may not be working in our classrooms."

Sometimes the meetings cut across curriculums. For example Mathematics and Biology teachers may get together to discuss their instructional approaches and to make sure the content is consistent from one class to another.

In other instances the meetings may involve teachers from around the area. English says he has met with northwest Ohio AP Biology Instructors from various high schools to share ideas on how to teach Biology labs. "In the past, teaching has been an isolated profession," says English. "These Faculty Enrichment Days allow us to get out of the classroom and share different and interesting ways to teach. It's an opportunity for each of

us to learn and grow as teachers, all for the benefit of our students."



Construction Continues on New School

Ground was broken for Hull Prairie Intermediate School this past June, located at the intersection of Roachton and Hull Prairie Roads, not far from Perrysburg High School. The school will serve students in grades 5 and 6, alleviating overcrowding at five of the district's six schools by removing 5th grade from the elementary schools and 6th grade from the junior high school. The school's opening is planned for the beginning of the 2017-18 school year.

Here is an update on the construction progress:

- Gym walls up and ready to receive steel roof joists
- All structural steel has been set for the two classroom wings
- Metal framing and sheathing is under way on the west and east wings
- The 2nd Floor is poured
- The stage area and gym roof joists have arrived
- Roofing is being done on the west classroom wing
- Elevator shaft being constructed
- West wing interior walls & mechanical/electrical/plumbing are under way



First Grade Becomes A “Ball”

Remember those not-so-comfortable classroom chairs in elementary school? The ones with the metal legs and hard seats? Well, for the last few years, students at Frank Elementary School have had the option to replace their desk chairs with 42” green stability balls.

The stability balls were originally made possible thanks to a \$1,700 grant in the spring of 2015 from the Perrysburg Schools Foundation (PSF). The grant was requested by three of Frank’s first grade teachers. That spring, 75 balls were purchased and added to the three first grade classrooms. In the fall of 2015 many other classrooms at Frank received stability balls thanks to the generous help from the school’s Parents’ Club.

Nicole Percival, one of Frank Elementary’s first grade teachers who helped apply for the grant, says the overall goal of the stability ball project is to achieve greater student performance in the classroom by maximizing students’ attention span and thereby increasing instructional time. Research has shown that students who use stability balls have fewer behavior management issues, which has allowed teachers to more actively engage them in learning. “The stability balls increase student attention and time on task,” says Percival. “They allow students to move while working or while involved in a group discussion. It gives them some control and choice during the day. We ask them to work hard while at school, and we want to make their environment as conducive to that as possible.”

“We were using the stability balls at the end of the 2014-2015 school year, and many other Frank teachers became interested,” says Percival. “Thanks to the openness of the Frank teachers and assistance from our Parents’ Club, it has expanded to include many of our classrooms. I am so proud to work with such an innovative staff and to have the support of the parents when confronted with such a different idea.” Percival says the stability balls that were purchased will continue to impact future students in the classrooms.

This is not the first time that stability balls have been used in Perrysburg elementary schools. Four years ago, the balls were purchased with funds provided by the PSF for two second grade classrooms at Toth Elementary School. The teachers observed that fidgety students – and those with attention deficit and special needs – didn’t leave their seats as often with the stability balls since they could rock and bounce without disturbing other students in the class.

“We’re always looking for ways to improve the learning experience, and this is a rather simple way to do so,” says Percival. “Thanks to the Perrysburg Schools Foundation and our Parents’ Club, we were able to make it happen.”



Congratulations Perrysburg High School Graduates!

Every year in April, PHS celebrates Decision Day. At the event, seniors wear their college shirts, write thank-you notes to teachers and staff members, enjoy a meal and sign a banner saying where they plan to attend college. This year’s event was sponsored by Costco and Subway on Dixie Hwy.



Our History

The Perrysburg Schools Foundation (PSF) was established in 1983 by Judge Wayne Leatherman as a non-profit organization to solicit contributions that would supplement and enhance existing educational programs in Perrysburg School District. PSF was built on the belief that the entire community benefits from excellent schools.

A grants program was the first project instituted by the Foundation's Board. It is designed to enable teachers at all grade levels to bring innovative ideas, techniques and resources to the classroom that were not funded by tax dollars. Since 1985, the Foundation has awarded over \$100,000 in grants. These grants have impacted every student in the system, many of them several times before they graduate.

The Foundation also provides scholarships and other awards. More than \$150,000 in scholarships have been

presented since the group's inception. Student, faculty and alumni awards have also been presented annually.

In August 2013, Perrysburg Schools, in partnership with the Foundation, established a Development Program to continue the district's tradition of excellence. Jeff Abke '96 was hired as a full-time Development Director to lead the effort of seeking financial gifts from alumni, supporters and those with an affinity for Perrysburg Schools. Through this program the district accepts, manages and distributes gifts according to donor wishes and established district goals and priorities that include academics, athletics, facilities, fine and performing arts, programs, materials and technology. The Development Program is designed to keep the district competitive with private and charter schools that have cultivated donors, many with strong Perrysburg ties. The program will also offer students more educational opportunities and enrichment activities.

PSF Facts

- 1983** Perrysburg Schools Foundation is established
- \$150,000** Scholarships have been awarded to PHS students
- \$100,000** Total of Grants provided to Perrysburg Schools teachers

- \$1.75M** Has been donated to our school district since the establishment of our Development Department in 2013
- 2014** Perrysburg Alumni Association Advisory Council (PAAAC) is formed to engage PHS alumni; it is a separate entity from the Perrysburg Schools Foundation

Annual Banquet

The Perrysburg Schools Foundation held its annual Recognition Dinner on May 12 at the Belmont Country Club. Seventeen student scholarships were given along with six educator awards and two support staff awards.

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This year's scholarship winners were:

- Logan Bunde**, Jaryd Wellstead Gilts Memorial Scholarship
- Colby Buzzell**, Tyler Benjamin Custer Scholarship
- Emily Byrd**, Elizabeth M. Munger Scholarship
- Sean Dunphy**, Charles L. Collins Scholarship
- Lorna Fletcher** and **Stephen Strouse**, Hovland Book Scholarship
- Bethany Glowacki**, Burke and Sara Badenhop Scholarship
- Meghan Grycza** and **Kristin Alt**, Mary Jo and Orville F. Schaller Memorial Scholarship
- Noah Hessling** and **Erika Joldrichsen**, Marjory E. and Herman F. Mizer Memorial Scholarship

- Taylor Hunter**, Dr. David R. Milne Scholarship
- Katherine Menke**, Robert C. and Dorothy J. Welch Scholarship
- Jacob Myers**, Ralph Protsik '61 Vocal Scholarship
- Alexandra Phlegar**, John P. Donahue Memorial Scholarship
- William Suarez**, Robert William Nooney II Memorial Scholarship
- McKenzie Weaver**, Perrysburg Schools Foundation Scholarship

Staff Awards:

- Kris Harvey**, PHS Math Teacher, George C. Munger and Elizabeth M. Munger Outstanding Educator Award
- Don Griffith**, High School, Outstanding Educator Award
- Nate Wallace**, Junior High School, Outstanding Educator Award
- Sarah Bedee '00**, Toth Elementary School, Outstanding Educator Award
- Stanley George**, Fort Meigs Elementary School, Outstanding Educator Award
- Jennifer Marlowe**, Woodland Elementary School, Outstanding Educator Award
- Brooke Schulte**, Frank Elementary School, Outstanding Educator Award
- Todd Burgy** and **Nick Bruns**, Transportation Department, Outstanding Support Staff Award



George C. Munger and Elizabeth M. Munger Scholarship Winner: Kris Harvey (left) with Superintendent Thomas L. Hosler.



Student Scholarship Winners: (Front) Colby Buzzell, Alexandra Phlegar, Emily Byrd, Katherine Menke and Meghan Grycza (Back) McKenzie Weaver, Taylin Hunter, Kristin Alt, Erika Joldrichsen and Bethany Glowacki. Not pictured: Sean Dunphy, Lorna Fletcher, Stephen Strouse, Logan Bunde, Noah Hessling, William Suarez and Jacob Myers.



Outstanding Perrysburg Schools educators and staff honored at the banquet: (Front) Don Griffith, High School; Nate Wallace, Junior High; Jennifer Marlowe, Woodland; Sarah Bedee, Toth; and Todd Burgy, Transportation Department. (Back) Stanley George, Fort Meigs; Kris Harvey, High School; Brook Schulte, Frank and Nick Bruns, Transportation Department.



(L to R) Past NHS Board Members – Gautam Pathak, PSF Board Past President John Brown, Kathryn Hobman, Sonia Krolak, Maria Morales-Ayala, NHS Advisor David Hunter and PHS Principal Dr. Michael Short.



New NHS inductees Michael Parvelko, Chase Newton and Connor McCullough show off their new NHS pins with graduated NHS senior Will Suarez.

Board Members

President - **Richard Chamberlain**
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Meet our newest board members!



Kelly Rose Hirsh '98



Hallie Nagel '79



Nate Ash

PSF Sponsors NHS Luncheon

The National Honor Society at Perrysburg High School held its Annual Induction Luncheon this past spring at the Hilton Garden Inn in Levis Commons. The lunch for the NHS members was provided by the Perrysburg Schools Foundation.

Three seniors and over 80 juniors were selected to enter the National Honor Society, having qualified by maintaining a minimum 3.7 GPA, submitting an

application with an essay and three letters of recommendation. Perrysburg Schools Superintendent Thomas L. Hosler, PHS Principal Dr. Michael Short and NHS Teacher Advisor David Hunter presented the certificates to the newest members. John Brown, PSF Past President, handed out the gold cords for the graduation ceremony of the current NHS senior class members. The new NHS board was announced, as well as the new NHS Teacher Advisor, Thomas Ziems.

PSF Classroom Grants

Last fall, The Perrysburg Schools Foundation awarded six grants totaling over \$3,200 to Perrysburg teachers. These grants are funded by contributions from individuals in the community through the Foundation's annual fund drive. The PSF grant program was the first project undertaken by the Foundation board following its inception in 1985. The grants are designed to enable teachers at all grade levels to bring innovative ideas, techniques and resources to the classroom using funding other than tax dollars. Since 1985 the Foundation has awarded over \$100,000 in grants, impacting every student in the school system, many of them several times by the time they graduate.

The grants awarded were:

Jennifer Stoffel: Frank School, Grade 3 – 30 students

Project Title: Story Works - \$209.70

Goal of Project: To provide students with a variety of genres in order to become more successful readers.

Amanda Calvin: Frank School, Grades 1, 4 & 5
Project Title: Supporting Effective Collaboration in the Inclusive Classroom - \$395

Goal of Project: Increase on task time for students with cognitive delays in the regular classroom as well as increase peer interaction.

Brook Price: Woodland School, Grades 6-8 – 1,150 students

Project Title: iPads® for ESL/Alternately Assessed - \$777

Goal of Project: To use technology to provide better access to the curriculum for Limited English Proficient and Alternate Assessment candidates.

Jason Hubbard: Frank/Woodland, Grades K-5 – 800 students

Project Title: Ozobots - \$1,200

Goal of Project: To create innovative ways to learn through play in an expanding digital world by providing a rigorous, explorative robotics and coding program for the upper grades (2-5) in STEM class at both Frank and Woodland Elementary Schools.

Thom Ziems: Perrysburg High School, Grades 9-12 – 67+ students

Project Title: STEM Club Spirit Robot - \$500

Goal of Project: To build a robot that can launch t-shirts into a crowd.

Maura Amato: Perrysburg Junior High, Grades 6-8 – 150+ students

Project Title: Student Art in Public Places - \$127.90

Goal of Project: To expose students to real world gallery experiences, including planning a space, framing, hanging and publicity. To provide art related resume experience for students involved in showing and installing their art. To highlight local artistic talent and the sophistication of the arts curriculum in Perrysburg Schools.

Interested in supporting PSF Classroom Grants?

Contact Jeff Abke '96, Director of Development, jabke@perrysburgschools.net, or 419-874-9131, ext. 2274.

Mercy Health Partners With Perrysburg Schools

Mercy Health has partnered with Perrysburg Schools and the Perrysburg Schools Foundation to donate \$250,000 to the school district over the next five years to:

- Establish a scholarship through Perrysburg Schools Foundation for a senior student who plans to pursue a career in health science
- Contribute to the construction of Huskisson Athletic Center
- Establish a STEM classroom grant through Perrysburg Schools Foundation
- Establish annual funding for the performing arts in support of the Campaign for the Arts at Perrysburg Schools

“We are so grateful to Mercy Health and Dr. Imran Andrabi, CEO of Mercy Health-Toledo, for making this investment in our students, programs and classrooms,” says Thomas L. Hosler, Perrysburg Schools Superintendent. “Perrysburg Schools is proud to partner with Mercy Health, and we thankfully accept this gift, which will enable us to greatly enhance the opportunities we are able to offer our students.”

Mercy Health is pleased to support a student pursuing a career in health science and to also help fund projects that align with

the organization’s core values of health, science and technology.

Perrysburg Schools is nearing completion of the Huskisson Athletic Center. This facility will provide much-needed locker, training, concession and community space at Widdel Field at Steinecker Stadium adjacent to Perrysburg Junior High School. The project includes locker rooms for football, soccer and lacrosse. It also includes space available for a weight room/fitness center, coaches’ lockers and offices, training room, classrooms, home and visitors’ concessions and a media room.

“In the future, anything we do regarding health, we will partner with Mercy,” says Hosler. “That will include seeking their guidance to create educational programming for our students, and utilizing their collective knowledge and experience to work with our athletic trainers.”

Perrysburg Schools’ STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program spans grades K- 12. The goal is to give students hands-on experience in applying concepts and 21st Century Skills. An example of this would be students designing humane traps to catch an invasive species. Using communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity,

students in STEM are encouraged to learn multiple solutions to difficult problems. The school district aims to continue to strengthen STEM by increasing the focus on computer science and coding.

Donors Fund Writing Contest

In spring 2016, PHS English classes held a new Berbee-Walsh Writing Contest. The contest is sponsored by James Berbee and Karen Walsh of Madison, Wisconsin, family members of a Perrysburg High School teacher. The goal of the annual competition is to build enthusiasm for the craft of writing, and the rules deliberately do not require a particular style or genre of writing.

The contest is open to any PHS student, and submitted work can be 200 – 2,500 words in length. The original work must be something the student has written on his/her own time and not for a class assignment. Judging is done by a panel that is not associated with PHS. Award recipients are announced in May.

The 2016 winners are: 1st place - Natalie Printy, \$1,000; 2nd Place - CeCe Heslet, \$750; 3rd Place - Maia Williams, \$500; 4th Place - Claire Newberg & Lorna Fletcher, \$250 each; Honorable Mention - Kelly France, Sophie Staats, Zehra Fasih and Katie Gerber, \$100 each.



UPDATE:

Huskisson Athletic Center



Stepping Up Our Game

After four years of planning and fundraising, a portion of Perrysburg's Huskisson Athletic Center is now open for business. The concession stands, located on the north and south sides of the facility, opened in September for Perrysburg's first home football game. The two-story facility is located next to Widdel Field at Steinecker Stadium's north end zone at Perrysburg Junior High School.

A Major Upgrade

When completed the Huskisson Athletic Center will serve as the new locker room for Perrysburg's football team as well as boys and girls soccer and lacrosse teams. The first floor will have three locker rooms, a weight room, an athletic trainer's room, a locker room for game officials, along with the home and away concession stands. The second floor will offer two rooms that could be combined into one large room. These rooms can be used for team meetings, film sessions and community events. The second floor will also include a kitchenette, a practice observation deck and a viewing deck.

The new facility replaces the junior high locker rooms that the high school teams have shared with junior high athletes and physical education classes. "The football locker rooms are just outdated," says Jeff Abke '96, Perrysburg Schools Director of Development. "Plus our soccer and lacrosse teams don't even have locker rooms at the stadium. The facilities just aren't adequate for as many athletes as we have going through the building."

"The fact that we have to travel over to the stadium from our high school puts us at a disadvantage," says Matt Kregel, PHS Varsity

Football Head Coach. "Then our guys have to dress and shower in the old junior high locker rooms, which have been around since the early 60's. There's no ventilation in the locker rooms, no way for us to watch film over there and we're crowded. The new facility will solve all of those problems."

Boosters Get a Boost

The concession stands are already a major upgrade to the old ones. The Perrysburg Athletic Boosters, who operate the concession stands, will benefit by having shorter lines, faster service and hopefully increased revenue. The new concessions stands also offer more storage space for supplies, which can now be purchased in bulk at a cost savings.

Private Funding Is Key

The facility has been funded largely through private donations. Laurie and Jeff Huskisson have been the major donors. The finished building is expected to cost \$2 million, and approximately \$1.5 million has been raised to date. The shell of the entire building has been built and the first floor is nearly finished. The second floor will be completed when the remainder of the donations have been received.

Abke said there are still opportunities to sponsor a locker in the facility as well as other ways to help fund the project. Those interested in becoming involved should contact Jeff Abke at jabke@perrysburgschools.net or call 419-874-9131, Ext. 2274.



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Alumni News

2017 Perrysburg High School Reunions

Class of 1977- 40th Reunion - Sept. 2, 2017!

Contact Mark Schoenlein if you plan to attend or would like to be involved - PHSclassof1977@perrysburg.org or find the Facebook page for Perrysburg HS Class of 1977.

Class of 1987 - 30th Reunion - Sept. 15 & 16, 2017!

Update your contact information to receive details as they become available. Click on Alumni@www.perrysburgschools.net.

You may also provide information about other planned reunions by contacting Jeff Abke '96, Director of Development, jabke@perrysburgschools.net, or 419-874-9131, ext. 2274.

