

Piqua Junior High School

Quarterly Parent Newsletter

Mr. Jeff Clark, Principal and Mr. Chad Albers, Asst. Principal

PIQUA JUNIOR HIGH AWARDS PROGRAM

TOP 10 AWARDS

The evening of May 18, 2021 was a special evening for the 150 Piqua Junior High School students who were recognized for their academic excellence and individual achievements. Held in the Piqua High School gymnasium, each teacher was asked to compile a list of their top 10 students in each subject area. The top student in that subject received a plaque and the remaining top 10 students received a beautiful personalized certificate. Students receiving plaques include eighth graders Jenna Snyder (1), Aubree Carroll (1), Elizabeth Hubbard (4), Audrey Bean (1), Aiden Applegate (1), Hannah Peterson (2), Brycen Angle (1), Isabel Delbosque (1), Madison Ward (1), McKayla Laub (1) Natalia Garcia (1), Owen Fast (1), Kade Dankworth (1), Jacob Jensvold (1), Noah Bishop (2), Westin Marrs (1), Joseph Voskuhl (1), Cassidy Bartlett (1), Gracelynn Neil (1), Alexis Workman (1), Kennedy Shaffer (1).

Seventh graders receiving plaques were Audrey Applegate (2), Emery Kuhlman (2), Skyler Snelling (1), Madeline Baker (1), Jack McMaken (1), Nolan Earick (1), Ian Wessel (2), Kaitlynn Sorrell (1), Gianna James (2), Bethany Henry (1), Troy Thompson (1), McKenna Watson (1), Isaac Delbosque (1), Emma Clark (1), Madalynn Godfrey (1), Addyson Ford (1), Elijah Watkins (1), David Thompson (1), Benjamin Thompson (1).

Congratulations to all students who received plaques and certificates.

STEVE HILL MEMORIAL AWARD

Again this year, Piqua Junior High School is proud to present the Steve Hill Memorial Award to one eighth grade student who has shown both academic excellence, responsible school citizenship, and participation in extracurricular athletics. Mr. Hill was a 1980 graduate of Piqua Central High School who embodied all of those qualities. Unfortunately, he passed away in 1990 from a rare form of cancer.

This year, the recipient of the Steve Hill Memorial Award was Evan Clark. While a student at PJHS, Evan was a member of the Piqua Junior Honor Society, Student Leadership, 4.0 Club, 8th Grade Band, and participated in cross country, basketball, and baseball.

Awesome job Evan!

PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARD

Another award that was presented that evening was the Perfect Attendance Award. To qualify for this award, students must have perfect attendance for both their seventh and eighth grade years at PJHS. Receiving a plaque for their accomplishment this year was Avaree Miller.

Congratulations on your extreme dedication!

ARCHIE GRIFFIN AWARD

Piqua Junior High students Braden Holtvolt and Abby Lambert have been selected to receive the Ohio High School Athletic Association's prestigious Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award. The award, named for the two-time Heisman Trophy winner Archie Griffin, is presented each year to a male and female student who have been outstanding in their efforts to promote sportsmanship in their school and community.

Braden was a member of the cross country and track teams, the PJHS band, choir, Piqua Junior Honor Society, and Student Leadership. Abby a member of the basketball and track teams. She also participated in choir and was a member of the Piqua Junior Honor Society.

Way to go Braden and Abby!

4.0 CLUB

What a tremendous achievement it is to be able to maintain a perfect 4.0 grade point average for all four quarters during both seventh and eighth grade. That is exactly what a record number of 8th grade students achieved this year. Those recognized for carrying a perfect 4.0 grade point average this year were Aga Polakowski, AJ Burroughs, Ava Andress, Brycen Angle, Caden Ball, Evan Clark, Julia Curl, Natalia Garcia, Westin Marrs, Elaina Oakes, Hannah Palmer, Ty Pettus, Jenna Snyder, Lucy Weiss, Kade Dankworth, Elizabeth Hubbard, Gracelynn Neil, Gabriel Sloan, Braden Holtvogt, Dylan Johnston, Berklee Webster, Haley Snelling, Mydalis Bixler, Hannah Peterson, Adelaide Leasure, and Aidan Keener. Their hard work and dedication to their studies were recognized with a special certificate and their names will be engraved on a plaque along with all previous 4.0 award winners to be placed in the PJHS commons for all students to see.

Congratulations to all of you on a job well done!

OPTIMIST STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

Each year, all Piqua City Schools are asked by the Piqua Optimist Club to select two students to be recognized as the Optimist Students of the Year. Selected for that honor this year from PJHS were eighth graders Lucy Weiss and AJ Burroughs. Both Lucy and AJ were selected for the positive contributions they make here at school and in the Piqua community.

Great job Lucy and AJ!

BUILDING NEWS

MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Lexi Burroughs, Adriana Emery, Raegan Heitkamp, Abigail Kirk, Day'lynn Garrett, Becca Henry, Reiley Heck, Gianna Taborn, Kade Dankworth, Ava Jones, Elaina Oakes, Jace Weber, CJ Campbell, Julia Curl, Quincy Gansheimer, Chloe Rexroth, Zack Boeke, and Erin Parsons

APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Jacey Hepner, Nickolai Kaye, Alydia Kelly, Alexis Merzke, Kalel Moreaux, Sam Assell, Kaden Earick, Brady Erwin, Kaitlyn Schlosser, Grace Voskuhl, Dana Bubp, Bethany Howard, Trenton Snapp, Gabriel Sloan, Ava Andress, Akasha Chaney, Lilley Johns, Kameron Sourmail, Andon Laughman, Owen Quinter, and Marcus Selhorst

6TH GRADE VISIT

On Thursday, May 6, all 6th graders from Piqua Central Intermediate School were brought out to PJHS for a chance to tour the building and gain some helpful tips from members of the PJHS Student Leadership. Broken into small groups, teams of Student Leadership members walked PCIS students around the building including the academic hallways, cafeteria, gymnasiums, and office areas. They were introduced to several teachers and other staff members, and given the opportunity to ask questions along the way. It is our hope that by doing this, it will help to ease any concerns they might have about coming to a new school in the fall.

7TH GRADE OLYMPICS

On Wednesday, May 12, all PJHS 7th graders were invited to participate in an Olympics-type event. Coordinated by 7th grader Kaitlyn Szachta and a small team of friends, they completely organized the day-long event. Starting out by personally going to area businesses, they raised enough money to fund the event without any financial assistance from the Piqua City Schools. All students were broken down into several different countries and received an individual schedule of events to participate in during the day. Events included Tire Pull, Football Throw, Sack Races, Mission Impossible, Ring Toss, Box Race, and Soccer Kick just to name a few. An adult volunteer was on hand at each event to track results

and then just like the real Olympics, gold, silver, and bronze medals were awarded to participants based on those results.

Initially intended to be a 6th grade event held at PCIS in the spring of 2020 due to Covid-19, it was pushed back to this spring for 7th graders. On Thursday, May 13, Kaitlyn and her crew hosted the same event at PCIS for their 6th grade class with the hopes of it continuing on there for years to come.

Congratulations Kaitlyn on a well-organized and fun filled day!

RETIREMENTS

With the conclusion of the school year also comes the time for us to say farewell to staff members who are retiring. This year, we had five ladies retire who are going to be very difficult to replace. Leaving us after 34 years of teaching math to junior high students, Mrs. Elly Snapp who has been a favorite teacher to so many students has decided it's time to hang up her teaching hat. Mrs. Joyce Moubray, who has worked with our special education for several years has also decided this would be her last year teaching. Classified staff retiring include Mrs. Susan Bollinger, PJHS study hall aide, Mrs. Robin Schlatter, special education aide, and Mrs. Angie Yount, ISS/Remote Learning.

These ladies have all played an extremely important role in the life of so many students over the years, and while it is sad to see them go, they are all looking forward to the next phase of their lives, and we wish them all the very best retirement has in store for them.

4th Quarter Perfect Attendance

7th Grade

Enzo Alexander, Zaydyn Allen, James Armstrong, Nicholas Farrier, Braden Goetze-Peters, Steven Gordon, Brian Hall, Madison Haworth, La’Niah Johnson, Shawn Jones, Nickolai Kaye, Gavin Larger, Renner Philipps, Andrew Reindel, Jaidyn Rudy, Kaitlyn Schlosser, David Thompson, Troy Thompson, Blake Walling, Elijah Watkins, Ava Werst, Ian Wessel, Anthony Wilmer, Austin Wiltheiss, Chase Wright, Connor Young

8th Grade

Aiden Applegate, Audrey Bean, Noah Bishop, Michael Bixler, Mydalis Bixler, Elijah Bushnell, Skylar Carey, Amaya Clemons, Katherine Confroy, Bradley Gingerich, Arielle Haines, Marcus Hall, Lillian Johns, Westin Marrs, Avaree Miller, Trenton Snapp, Miranda Sweetman, Jace Weber, Lucy Weiss, Logan Wells, Tyler Wilson

Honor Roll

Seventh Grade Honor Roll: (3.75—4.0 GPA) Zayden Allen, Audrey Applegate, Sam Assell, Camryn Best, Gracie Bridges, Cohen Brown, Alexis Burroughs, Emma Clark, Brendon Cox, Kaden Earick, Nolan Earick, Ryan Earick, Adriana Emery, Addyson Ford, Madalynn Godfrey, Grace Harshbarger, Madison Haworth, Raegan Heitkamp, Natalie Hemmert, Becca Henry, Bethany Henry, John Hess, Josie Hill, Lainey Honeycutt, Gianna James, Jayce Johnson, Nickolai Kaye, Abigail Kirk, Emery Kuhlman, Gavin Larger, Andon Laughman, Chloe Martin, Isabella McGraw, James McMaken, Jayden Melvin, Haileejo Nichols, Brilynn Norris, Bryanna Penny, Renner Philipps, Andrew Reindel, Evian Rojas, Kaitlyn Schlosser, Grace Schulz, Kaitlynn Sorrell, Alyson Street, Kaitlyn Szachta, Kacen Taylor, Ben Thompson, David Thompson, Wesley Thompson, Grace Voskuhl, Elijah Watkins, McKenna Watson, Ava Werst, Ian Wessel, and Austin Wiltheiss

Seventh Grade Honorable Mention: (3.5—3.749 GPA) Enzo Alexander, Elijah Amick, Carter Davis, Jordan Eichelberger, Reiley Heck, Landon Ivory, Garrett Katz, Coleton Leininger, Briley Miller, Ava Owen, Gianna Taborn, Izabelle Thoma, Ellee Ward, Johnny Ward, and Connor Young

Seventh Grade Commended List: (3.25—3.49 GPA) Madeline Baker, Colton Belt, Keaton Bolden, Brianna Bowen, Claire Coe, Brady Erwin, Tony Gardener, Steven Gordon, Brynne Hammer, Shawn Jones, Dominique Knisley, Brianna Lewis, Brooklyn McGuire, Alivia Murray, Brenner Ormberg, Lillian Shawver, Skylyn Turner, Blake Walling, Robbie Wilczek, Lilliana Willcox, and Kalee Williams

Eighth Grade Honor Roll: (3.75—4.00 GPA) Ava Andress, Brycen Angle, Jerry Anthony, Aiden Applegate, Taylor Arnett, Caden Ball, Audrey Bean, Michael Bixler, Mydalis Bixler, Mackenzie Bridges, Dana Bubb, Noah Burgh, Rylee Burress, AJ Burroughs, Skylar Carey, Malachi Carnahan, Aubree Carroll, Evan Clark, Joshua Clayton, Katherine Confroy, Henry Crowe, Julia Curl, Hailey Curtner, Kade Dankworth, Isabel DelBosque, Mackenzie Evans, Quentin Farrell, Owen Fast, Tatiana Foos, Spencer Ford, Samarah Frazier, Josslyn Freistuhler, Olivia Friend, Quincy Gansheimer, Natalia Garcia, Ashlyn Gearhardt, Marcus Hall, Izabella Hicks, Braden Holtvogt, Bethany Howard, Elizabeth Hubbard, Gavin Hull, Jacob Jensvold, Tyara Johnson, Dylan Johnston, Ava Jones, Aidan Keener, Abigail Lambert, Landon Lawson, Adelaide Leasure, Hilary Lenninger, Westin Marrs, Kamryn Mikolajewski, Avaree Miller, Hunter Mowery, Zachary Murphy, Gracelynn Neil, Ania Noe, Elaina Oakes, Hannah Palmer, Hannah Peterson, Ty Pettus, Agnieszka Polakowski, Owen Quinter, Juan Ramirez, Chloe Rexroth, Chance Rupert, Jeremy Siebert, Kharlyana Sims, Gabriel Sloan, Allyson Smith, Trenton Snapp, Haley Snelling, Jenna Snyder, Kameron Sourmail, Miranda Sweetman, Des'Meryah Taylor-Jackson, Malachi Thomas, Brenna Thompson, Samari Tucker, Caden Walters, Kenny Ward, Mattox Ward, Berklee Webster, Lucy Weiss, Kaylee Wilson, Johnathan Wright, and Elijah Young

Eighth Grade Honorable Mention: (3.5—3.749 GPA), Kendahl Baugh, Andrew Bernard, Noah Bishop, Ethan Bubeck, Tatiyana Buckner, Chad Campbell, Drew Chaney, Piper Croft, Collier, Frysinger, Mikayla Gambill, Elijah Gibbs, Arielle Haines, Drovante Higgins, Ben Huelskamp, Lillian Johns, Paige Kinney, Emily Kiser, Kayla Labree, McKayla Laub, Jeremiah Millet, Cleveland Neal, Riley Osborne-Land, Drake Owen, Isabell Perkins, Bryce Roof, Chloe Shaw-Jones, Antonio Small, Trinity Steele, Hunter Steinke, Kate Strevell, Donovan Taylor, Julia Thompson, Kaden Walling, and Alexis Workman

Eighth Grade Commended List: (3.25—3.49 GPA) Amin Abdi, Jayden Biggio, Aniah Block, Jericho Burns, Israel Coleman, Noah Coleman, Israel Creath, Karlie Fulton, Brad Gingerich, Alaina Huble, Nicole Kerrigan, Daniela Medina, Lana Merzke, Owen Perkins, Maggy Poling, Owen Shawler, Aiden Teeters, Madden Thompson, and Joseph Voskuhl

Upcoming Dates

August 31 – Indian Days for 7th graders 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

September 1 – Indian Days for 8th graders 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

September 7 – First day of school for Piqua City School students