



## **NEWS from the CHAGRIN FALLS SCHOOLS**

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### **HIGH SCHOOL**

#### **Senior Named Presidential Scholar Candidate**

Chagrin Falls High School senior Julie Leary has been named a candidate in the Presidential Scholars Program. She is one of 2,600 candidates selected from over 2.8 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in 2008.

Inclusion in the Presidential Scholars Program, now in its 44<sup>th</sup> year, is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character, and involvement in community and school activities.

The candidates were initially selected for their exceptional performance on either the College Board SAT or ACT Assessment. Further consideration is based on students' essays, self-assessments, description of activities, school recommendations and school transcripts. 500 semifinalists will be selected by early April. One male and female representative will be selected from each state by the Commission on Presidential Scholars, a group of some 32 eminent citizens appointed by the President. Scholars selected will be invited to Washington, D.C., to receive a Presidential Scholars medallion.

#### **Cast Members of the Play *Wicked* Speak With Students**

Chagrin Falls High School drama students were invited to participate in a videoconference with cast members of the popular play *Wicked*. The Chagrin Falls Guidance Department, Library Media Department and Drama Department coordinated the event as a career awareness opportunity. The performers discussed their education, career paths, auditioning, touring and more. Chagrin drama students even had an opportunity to ask a few questions of the cast. In all, 20 other schools participated in the videoconference. The videoconference was facilitated by WVIZ/PBS Ideastream.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

The Chagrin Falls Middle School recently held a full school assembly on Internet Safety. The program was set up by Bill Mason, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor and Chairman of the Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. By using actual examples from the internet Rick Warner, from the Prosecutor's office, and Chagrin Falls Police Department Sergeant, Andy Capwill, made students aware of the potentially

dangerous aspects of surfing the internet. It was truly a valuable learning experience for all students.

## **INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

The Intermediate School fifth graders had another electronic field trip to Williamsburg, Virginia to learn about slavery. This time, they heard a former slave that talked to her grandchildren about their family's transition from slavery to freedom. This was an interesting perspective of this subject. She went on to talk about the differences between free and enslaved African Americans. Finally, she talked about how a free man sold himself into slavery to pay for a smallpox inoculation. This moving and touching program got to the heart of the issue of slavery and helped our students to gain a greater appreciation of freedom!

## **GURNEY SCHOOL**

Second graders ended a unit on family heritage with a World's Fair celebration. During the unit students studied their cultural backgrounds by learning about a country directly related to their family lineage. Students created a country flag as well as a travel brochure on their specific country. During the World's Fair, students displayed their work as well as brought in items from home to represent their country. Parents, friends and relatives then visited the different countries to sample food and learn more information.

In February, Gurney School kindergarten students will be learning about the value of a penny, nickel and a dime. We will continue to count by 5's and 10's and look for number patterns. We have also starting exploring and sorting with dominoes. During writer's workshop we have been learning about different kinds of writing and have written lists and letters. We are looking forward to our Valentine parties, and we are excited about receiving cards from friends. In science, we will learn about the force of magnets and what does and doesn't stick. Kindergarteners have been learning about reading strategies and practicing those strategies during independent reading. We have learned new computer programs and look forward to going to the computer lab on Fridays.

## **Education Foundation To Sponsor All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast**

The CHAGRIN FALLS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION will present its Annual Pancake Breakfast one day only on Sunday, March 2, 2008, from 8:30 AM TO 1:30 PM at the Chagrin Falls Middle School cafeteria located on the 7-12 campus at 400 E. Washington Street. \$6.00 at the door / \$5.00 in advance / Children 5 & under free.

ALL YOU CAN EAT Regular, Blueberry, and Chocolate Chip Pancakes. Geauga County Maple Syrup and Mrs. Butterworth's Syrup Sausage and Beverages will be served at your table. Raffle prizes for children and adults! All proceeds benefit the Chagrin Falls Schools. Questions or for early registration, call Shelley McGinley @ 440-893-0261.

Thanks to our sponsor, South Franklin Circle.

## **Cleveland Orchestra Youth Choir and Cleveland Orchestra Youth**

## **Orchestra to Perform in Chagrin Falls**

On Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 7:30 pm, the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Choir (COYC) and the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra (COYO) will perform at the Chagrin Falls Performing Arts Center located on the High School/Middle School campus. Both COYC and COYO have long been associated with the world-renown Cleveland Orchestra and have performed with them on numerous occasions at Severance Hall and various other concert halls. Chagrin Falls High School participants include Julie Leary, Jane Manchester, Jacob Snell, Russell Thompson, Sophie Tuthill and Matt Weinert-Stein. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens and are available by calling 440-247-2072 x4144. Tickets will be held at the Will Call table that evening. Doors open at 6:30 pm. For more information contact Karen Leary at 440-247-2595.

## **BINGO NIGHT RESCHEDULED**

The Chagrin Falls High School PTO has rescheduled its popular Bingo Night, cancelled due to weather, for Friday, March 14, from 6-9pm at the Middle School gym. Come join us for an evening of fun, games and prizes. Information and reservation forms are available at school offices or call Kelley at 440-338-8284.