



Chagrin Falls Schools



NEWS from the CHAGRIN FALLS SCHOOLS

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INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

The Intermediate School has just started a new program called Project Wisdom. The centerpiece of the program is a series of passages that quote famous people and cover a wide range of themes that will inspire staff and students. These passages will be read daily by the staff at the Intermediate School as part of announcements. Teachers will follow these announcements with morning meeting which is part of the Responsive Classroom format. This will allow students to discuss in detail their reactions to each day's passage. Last Friday, Mr. Stephen Thompson, our superintendent of schools came to read the morning's words of wisdom to our school. Project Wisdom is a scientifically research based program that is proven to reduce bullying, boost morale and help creating a more caring culture in school. This program was funded by our PTO, and we are very excited about the possibilities it will bring to our school.

Grades 6-12 Strings Classes To Benefit From Workshop

Through a grant from the Chagrin Falls Education Foundation, Chagrin Falls High School and Middle School Strings Classes will enjoy a two-day workshop with Mark Wood who is the lead string player and band member in the Trans-Siberian Orchestra. During the workshop Mark will work on rehearsing the music that our students will play with him during a concert on Tuesday, March 18 at 7:30 pm in the Performing Arts Center. The focus of the workshop will be learning to improvise and to play in the rock idiom on an electric stringed instrument. Mr. Wood tours the country performing with school orchestras when he is not playing professionally. The workshops are entitled "Electrify Your Strings".

Mark Wood has been featured in a Pepsi commercial performing Kanye West's "Devil Went Down to Georgia". He has also performed, recorded, and toured with such artists as: Celine Dion, Billy Joel, Lenny Kravitz, Everclear, Kanye West, and rapper Nas. Mr. Wood is an original member, lead violinist and string conductor for Trans-Siberian Orchestra. He is also an Emmy-award winning composer of music performed for the Olympics and has won two platinum records and two gold records.

January has been School Board Recognition Month

During the month of January, the Chagrin Falls Exempted School District joined with other districts throughout the state celebrating School Board Recognition Month

which recognizes the important contributions school board members make to their communities. "Our district benefits every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by our board of education," said Steve Thompson, Superintendent. "These public servants are elected to serve by local citizens and receive little compensation for their tireless efforts. The board unselfishly contributes their time and talents toward the advancement of public education. They represent a continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision-making in education. Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation to our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round commitment on their part. They are dedicated individuals who are committed to the continuing success of our schools and students."

The men and women serving Chagrin Falls Exempted Village Schools and their years of service are President – Pearce Leary – 18 years; Vice President – Karen Penler – 6 years; Member - Liz O'Neil – newly elected; Member – Rob Weber – 3 years; Member – Karen Wise – newly elected.

INTERMEDIATE 5th GRADE JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP 1689 SENDS OUT A BIG THANK YOU!

The Chagrin Falls 5th Grade Intermediate School Junior Girl Scout Troop's Service Project for their Bronze Award was a big success. They collected nearly 100 shoeboxes filled with new toys, toiletries, games, etc. for distribution to children whose lives have been adversely affected due to natural disasters and poverty. The girls packaged the items and arranged for shipment to a North Carolina collection site for distribution to children throughout the United States -- just in time for the holidays.

The girls want to send out a big "thank you" to all of the students at Gurney Elementary who participated, Gurney School Principal, Dr. Rachel Jones who helped the girls coordinate and organize their service project, and to Ms. Gail F. Shaw, Owner/Operator of Mail Boxes Etc. in the Chagrin Falls Giant Eagle Plaza who generously mailed out the boxes to the collection site. Such generosity gives our community a wonderful example of service to others and shows that it is really better to give than to receive.

The girls had their Bronze Award pin and Certificate presented by South Russell Mayor Matthew E. Brett at a special meeting at South Russell Village Hall last week. In addition, Mayor Brett read a proclamation honoring the troop and presented each scout with an official South Russell pin for their uniforms.

Troop 1689 Junior Girl Scout members include: Victoria Samuel, Elizabeth Martin, Victoria Fant, Mrs. Yasmina Martin (Leader), Ms. Lisa Russo-Fant (Co-Leader), and Mrs. Leslie Samuel.

BINGO NIGHT RETURNS

The Chagrin Falls High School PTO will once again sponsor its popular Bingo Night, on Friday, February 1 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.

