



## Welcome to a new school year!

### Superintendent's message

**G**reetings from Franklin City Schools! Speaking for the staff, administration, and board of education, we're eager to kick off the 2022-23 school year!

Of course you've probably seen the on-going construction at the new high school site on 6th Street. The masonry is going up now, and work will start soon on the plumbing. Unfortunately, delays caused by supply chain issues for key structural components will push the opening of the new building back until January 2024. Renovations of the current high school will begin in August.

The new bus garage (behind the current high school) is complete and the district has scheduled a ribbon cutting on Monday, Aug. 22, at 5:30 p.m. A new bus garage may not sound very exciting, but our transportation crew is thrilled to have this modern building. The old bus garage was so small that a bus would not actually fit inside. Maintenance work had to be done outside, which was highly inconvenient on frigid days.

As you're aware, COVID hasn't completely disappeared; in August, the Warren County superintendents will begin meeting with the Warren County Department

of Health to develop '22-'23 COVID regulations. Even though we've been dealing with COVID for the last two years and we believe the worst is behind us, we want to move forward educationally and plan to be open every day because the District firmly believes that nothing beats the actual classroom instruction of a quality teacher. We'll continue to stay flexible with students who must quarantine. Our latest COVID regulations will be on our website, [www.franklincityschools.com](http://www.franklincityschools.com)

We have several changes and promotions among our administrative staff. Kelli Fromm will be moving from high school principal to business manager; Michael Voynovich will move into the Franklin High School principal's job; Alicia Mailhot will move into the Franklin Junior High principal role; Kim Irgens will move into the role of assistant principal at Franklin Junior High. Some new staff members are profiled on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter; those not in this issue will be in the November issue.

Looking ahead to November, the district will have a renewal levy on the ballot. We understand that times are difficult but this renewal levy will not raise taxes. Passage is critical to our ability to provide a quality education, as this levy generates 21% of our budget. (Continued on page 4)

# Important District Information

## Stay connected with us!

### Board of Education

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**Gerke Elementary** (937) 743-8650

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**Pennyroyal Elementary** (937) 743-8660

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**Welcome Center Central Registration Office** (937) 743-8602

## The latest district news

For the most up-to-date information about district news and happenings, follow our district on its social media pages.

Instagram: [fcswildcatpride](#) (District)

Facebook: [facebook.com/FranklinCitySchools/](#)

Website: [franklincityschools.com](#)

Twitter handles are:

@HunterElemNews

@PennyroyalElem

@AnthonyWayneEle

@Schenck\_Elem

@GerkeElementary

@AdminsFHS

@FJHSOH

@FCSWildcats (District)

## Enrolling your child in school

You may enroll your child in school at the Franklin City Schools Welcome Center Registration Office, 150 E. Sixth St., in the Hampton Bennett Building. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For your convenience, and to minimize waiting time, a parent/guardian must contact the Welcome Center Office to schedule an appointment to complete the registration process in person.

In addition to your completed registration packet, the following documents must be provided for enrollment in the Franklin City School District:

- Original Birth Certificate
- Custody Papers/Court Ordered Placement (if applicable) (Divorce Decree, date stamped and signed by judge/magistrate). Note: If you are in the process of acquiring custody, you must have documentation from the court confirming legal proceedings have been initiated. There is a 60-day legal completion process for the student to continue enrollment at Franklin City Schools.
- Shot/Immunization Records
- Parent/Guardian Driver's License
- Proof of Residency (Rental/Lease agreement, Settlement Statement, Land/Purchase Contract, Copy of Deed, Electric or Water Bill. Items listed are the only items that will be accepted.
- IEP/504/MFE (if applicable)
- Transcript from previous school attended (Grades 9-12 only)
- Social Security Card

When all documents have been verified you will be directed to contact your child's assigned school building to complete the enrollment process for orientation, scheduling, and transportation. You may also be required to complete additional building forms.

We want to make your child's first day a positive experience, therefore, we need time to prepare for him/her to join our classes. Due to scheduling and transportation, students enrolled may start the day after registration requirements have been met.

If your child has any medical issues that need to be addressed, please contact the building nurse prior to the start of school.

## Senior Citizen activity passes

Senior citizens (age 62+) living in the Franklin City School district may pick up a pass in the Superintendent's office that will allow them to attend school-sponsored activities at no charge.

Residents should take a drivers' license with them to confirm their address.

The pass never expires and is good for any home game (excluding tournaments) and high school plays.



# Fall Varsity Sports

## Varsity Football (home games in bold)

8/19 **Fenwick at Franklin**  
 8/26 **Beavercreek at Franklin**  
 9/2 Franklin at Edgewood  
 9/9 Franklin at Carlisle  
 9/16 **Bellbrook at Franklin**  
 9/23 Franklin at Oakwood  
 9/30 **Monroe at Franklin**  
 10/7 **Valley View at Franklin,**  
 Homecoming  
 10/14 Franklin at Waynesville  
 10/21 **Brookville at Franklin,**  
 Senior Night

## Varsity Golf

8/4 Ryder Cup at Beechwood GC  
 8/9 Miamisburg at Pipestone  
 8/18 at Waynesville  
 8/25 **Monroe at FGC**  
 8/30 **Oakwood at FGC**  
 9/1 **Bellbrook at FGC**  
 9/6 **Waynesville at FGC**  
 9/13 at Monroe  
 9/15 at Oakwood  
 9/22 SWBL Championships

## Varsity Boys Soccer (home games in bold)

8/13 **West Carrollton**  
 8/17 **Norwood**  
 8/23 at Eaton  
 8/25 **Bellbrook**  
 8/29 **Stebbins**  
 9/1 **Waynesville**  
 9/6 at Clinton Massie  
 9/8 at Fairborn  
 9/12 at Madison  
 9/13 **Valley View**  
 9/150 at Monroe  
 9/19 **Middletown**  
 9/20 at Oakwood  
 9/27 **Monroe**  
 9/29 **Oakwood**  
 10/4 at Carlisle  
 10/6 at Bellbrook  
 10/11 at Waynesville

## Girls Varsity Volleyball (home games in bold)

8/22 at Milton Union  
 8/23 at Monroe  
 8/25 at Hamilton  
 8/29 **Wilmington**  
 8/30 at Eaton  
 9/1 **Madison**  
 9/6 **Dixie**  
 9/8 **Valley View**  
 9/12 at Talawanda  
 9/13 at Bellbrook  
 9/15 at Waynesville  
 9/19 at Middletown  
 9/20 **Carlisle**  
 9/24 at National Trail  
 9/26 at Stebbins  
 9/27 at Oakwood  
 9/29 **Bellbrook**  
 10/4 **Waynesville**  
 10/11 **Monroe**  
 10/13 **Oakwood**

## Cross Country

8/20 OHSAA Early Season Invite,  
 (HS Only), Obetz, OH  
 8/27 Bob Schul Invitational (HS & JH),  
 Milton Union  
 9/3 Lebanon Invitational (HS & JH),  
 Lebanon HS  
 9/10 Mason Invitational, (HS Only), Mason  
 9/17 Cedarville Friendship Invite  
 (HS & JH), Cedarville  
 9/21 **Franklin Invitational (HS & JH),**  
**Franklin**  
 10/1 Centerville Saturday Night Lights  
 (HS Only), Centerville HS  
 10/15 SWBL Championships (HS & JH),  
 Eaton  
 10/22 DISTRICTS (HS Only), Cedarville  
 10/29 REGIONALS (HS Only), Troy  
 11/5 OHSAA STATE (HS Only), Obetz

These were the schedules at press time. All schedules subject to change..

## Girls Varsity Soccer (home games in bold)

8/15 **Xenia**  
 8/23 **Eaton**  
 8/25 at Bellbrook  
 8/29 at Stebbins  
 9/1 at Waynesville  
 9/6 **Brookville**  
 9/8 **Fairborn**  
 9/12 at Madison  
 9/13 at Valley View  
 9/15 **Monroe**  
 9/19 at Middletown  
 9/20 **Oakwood**  
 9/27 at Monroe  
 9/29 at Oakwood  
 10/4 at Carlisle  
 10/6 **Bellbrook**  
 10/11 **Waynesville**

## Girls Varsity Tennis (home games in bold)

8/9 **Carlisle**  
 8/10 at Madison  
 8/11 **Preble Shawnee**  
 8/15 at Northridge  
 8/17 at Valley View  
 8/18 at Bellbrook  
 8/22 **Dayton Carroll**  
 8/24 **Miamisburg**  
 8/25 at Waynesville  
 8/29 **Dixie**  
 8/30 at Greenon  
 8/31 at Milton Union  
 9/06 at Xenia  
 9/07 **Stivers**  
 9/08 **Monroe**  
 9/13 **Ross**  
 9/14 at Carlisle  
 9/15 **Oakwood**  
 9/19 at Eaton  
 9/20 **Brookville**  
 9/22 at Edgewood  
 9/27 SWBL Championships

## Summer Fun Boxes

Summer school students received summer fun boxes from Warren County's Project Leadership Class of 2022. The boxes included interactive activities for families to do together and were designed to fill the gap until school restarts. Projects included a bird house to assemble and paint, a scavenger hunt, an invitation to pick up a special art project from the Franklin Public Library, DARE resources, an invitation to pick up a free water bottle at Atrium Medical Center's booth at Franklin's National Night Out, and more. A resource folder directing families to local resources—from healthcare to utility assistance—were also provided in English and Spanish. The group partnered with Safe on Main to make this project come to life, and received funding from the Atrium Medical Center Foundation and the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Warren County.



# News from Franklin City Schools

## FCS invests in indoor air quality

Franklin City Schools is working to improve air quality in its buildings by equipping its classrooms with state-of-the-art air purification technology provided by Protect|ED, a leading supplier of innovative air quality products. The air purifiers were installed over the district's winter break.

"We are committed to the health and safety of our school community and take this responsibility seriously," said Superintendent Dr. Mike Sander. "While COVID-19 certainly prompted us to look at different ways to enhance air quality, the reality is that our school community is exposed to a variety of viruses and germs every day. Each student, teacher, staff member, and visitor deserves to breathe clean air."

The investment will support the district in its continued efforts to combat viruses and keep children, teachers, and staff members healthy and in school. The district purchased units for every classroom, plus additional spaces such as locker rooms. The units were paid for with the district's permanent improvement funds.

The portable WellAir Protect 900W with NanoStrike Technology incorporates patented technology that kills airborne microorganisms and provides the first line of protection against viruses and bacteria such as COVID-19, influenza and more. The technology is used by institutions such as the Mayo Clinic and the Cleveland Clinic. The units take only 45 minutes to circulate and clean air in a standard-size classroom entirely.

The slim, lightweight, wall-mounted units are specially designed for schools; they can be moved easily, are extremely quiet, and do not disrupt the learning environment.

Those with questions may contact the superintendent's office at (937) 746-1699.

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When this levy was passed initially in 2014, the District made commitments to taxpayers for how we'd use these new funds: that we would add all-day kindergarten; that we would increase the district's use of technology; that we would add communications avenues (such as this newsletter); that we would replace our aging bus fleet; and that we would add more dual enrollment options for our high school students. All of those things have been accomplished. We hope you agree that they are valuable.

Educating your children would be impossible without the partnership of students, families, school personnel, and the community. Our students' successes are built on the foundation of a strong school board, faculty, staff, and administration, and is made possible by the confidence of our district voters.

With this partnership, we'll continue the strong programs we have in place as we watch the exciting construction of new facilities for our students.

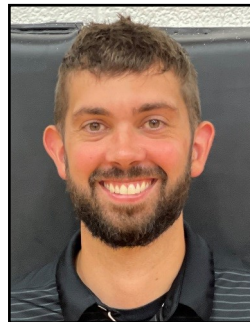
Please contact me at [msander@franklincityschools.com](mailto:msander@franklincityschools.com) OR (937) 746-1699 or with questions or concerns you might have. Michael D. Sander, Ed.D, Superintendent Franklin City Schools

## Welcome, new staff members!

The district welcomes staff members joining us this school year.

**John Berry, Activities Director**, has a Bachelor's from Miami University and a Master's from Lamar University. His family includes wife Jessica, daughters Addison and Meryn, and son Jack. His goal is to "Create meaningful, positive impact on the students at Franklin." He added, "I love Franklin. I love the way our city feels like a small town. I love the support our city shows our student-athletes."

**Brian Carter, FHS Social Studies teacher**, has a degree from Miami. He's the youngest of six from a blended family. He says, "I want to help make our next generation into competent, model citizens capable of performing the duties necessary to fulfill that role, helping to create a generation that is active and literate in civics and politics, as this is the crux of any democracy. I'm excited to get started, to see the new students and to meet the staff. What an opportunity!"



**David Alford, Boys Varsity Basketball Coach/FHS Social Studies** has a degree from U. of Cincinnati. His family includes his wife, Sarah, twin boys, Asher and Brody (2), and 4-month-old Amelia. He says, "I am very excited to teach and coach for Franklin City Schools. I am most excited to develop relationships with staff and students and for my family to become members of the Franklin community. I previously taught social studies

for 7 years for Lebanon City Schools."

**Katherine Wright, FHS Social Studies teacher**, has a bachelor's and master's from Miami. Her family includes husband David and children Drake (10), Indy (4), and twins Scarlett and Iris (2). She says, "Teaching is honestly something I was made to do. Teaching doesn't feel like work to me, it just feels like love. I get to love on students all day and share with them my love (obsession, really) with all history. I give it my all every single day and while I may leave school physically tapped, my heart is absolutely full. I am really excited to quickly become a member of the community and participate in the passion and fire I've seen in the staff so far."



**Alicia Mailhot, principal, Franklin Junior High**, has a degree from Miami U. She lives in Lebanon with her family (husband, oldest son, stepdaughter, 3-year-old granddaughter, and two cats). She says, "I am passionate about learning and want to pass that love of learning on to students and staff alike. This will be my 5th year as a FCS staff member. My favorite aspect about being a Wildcat is the pride we have for our community. Our staff, parents, and students see our schools as the heart and soul of this city. We keep serving the students, and the community, at the center of all we do."

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# News from Franklin City Schools

## FHS Drama Club nabs awards at MVHSTA showcase

FHS's drama program was in the spotlight as the program received 25 awards at the Miami Valley High School Theatre Awards Showcase on June 7. The event celebrated student achievement in theatre in our region during the 2021-2022 school year. Twenty-one area high schools are MVHSTA participants.

### FHS earned the following awards:

- Outstanding Production of a Play: *Treasure Island*
- Outstanding Ensemble in a Play: *Treasure Island*
- Merit for Production of a Musical: *Once Upon a Mattress*
- Merit for Ensemble in a Musical: *Once Upon a Mattress*

### Outstanding Awards:

- Ashley Back: Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Musical for *Once Upon a Mattress*
- James Gross: Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Musical and Jimmy Nomination Finalist for *Once Upon A Mattress*
- Johnathon Schmidt: Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Musical for *Once Upon a Mattress*
- Isadore Karrick: Outstanding Lead Actress in a Play for *Treasure Island*
- Savannah Albaugh: Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Play for *The Diviners*
- Zoe Back and Jessica Sprout: Outstanding Supporting Ac-



triss in a Play for *Treasure Island*

- Raef Norgaard: Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Play for *Treasure Island*
- Katelyn Whiteman: Outstanding Student Prop Design for a Play for *Treasure Island*

### Merit Awards:

- Savannah Albaugh and Ella Kittel: Merit for Lead Actress in a Musical for *Once Upon a Mattress*
- Colson Littrell and Raef Norgaard: Merit for Lead Actor in a Musical for *Once Upon a Mattress*
- Josh Hamilton and Blane Parker: Merit for Supporting Actor in a Musical for *Once Upon a Mattress*

• Ashley Back: Merit for Lead Actress in a Play for *The Diviners*

• Alyssa Hoskins: Merit for Lead Actress in a Play for *Treasure Island*

• Raef Norgaard: Merit for Lead Actor in a Play for *The Diviners*

• Johnathon Schmidt: Merit for Lead Actor in a Play for *Treasure Island*

• Zoe Back: Merit for Supporting Actress in a Play for *The Diviners*

- Colson Littrell: Merit for Supporting Actor in a Play for *Treasure Island*



**Luke Hurst, Credit Recover/BIP and Head Football Coach** attended Anderson University, Franklin College (Bachelor's), and University of Dayton (Master's). Hurst recently moved to Franklin with his wife Anne (pronounced

Annie), 10-month-old son Ezekiel, and dogs Otis and Lady. He says, "I work in the school and education field because this is where I feel called to best use my gifts to have a lasting positive impact on the students, school, and community. It is evident how much the schools mean to this community and I am excited to take part in that sense of pride for our schools and community."

## Fall Open House Schedule

All Elementary buildings: Mon., Aug. 15, 5 to 7 p.m.  
Franklin Jr. High School: Mon., Aug. 15, 6 to 7:30 p.m.  
Franklin High School: Wed., Aug. 31, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

**Kelli Fromm, business manager,** attended BGSU (undergrad), UD (master's and principal's licensure), and is currently at Miami (superintendent's license). Fromm says, "I don't ever remember not wanting to be an educator. Playing



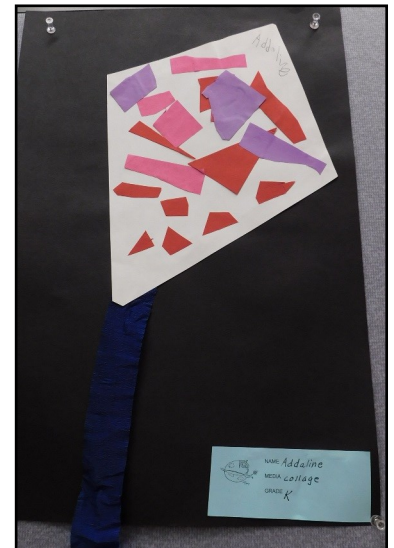
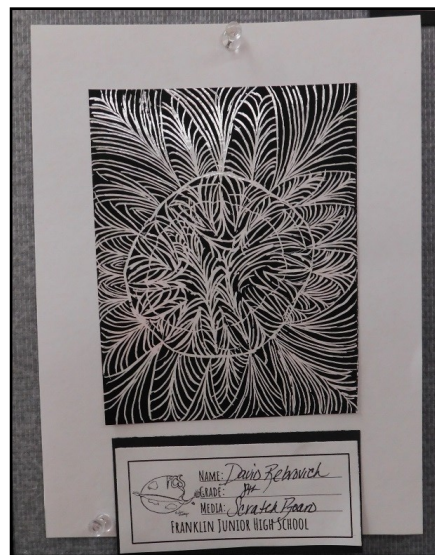
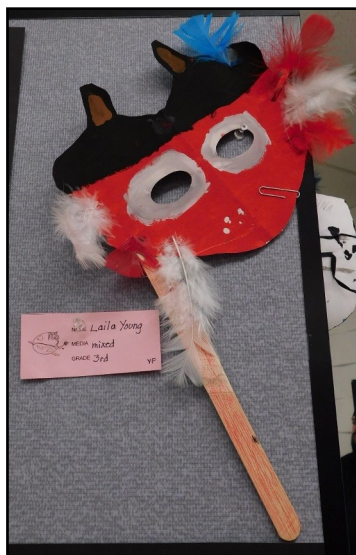
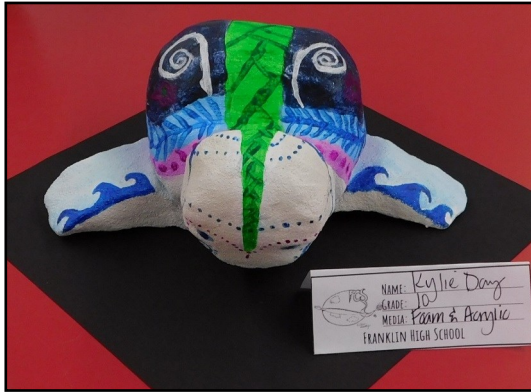
'school' when I was little, I was always the teacher. Now, 22 years later, my role as an educator has evolved from the classroom to supporting students at central office. I am just as excited for another school year and to be small part of helping FCS students reach their goals. The connection between the community and school district in Franklin is unique, and the pride our community takes in our school district is my favorite part of being a Wildcat!"



# News from Franklin City Schools

## Student work showcased at district art show

Artwork of hundreds of FCS students was displayed at our annual student art show. Pictures below are a sample of students' talents



## Around the district

Hunter Elementary students had a busy May, including field trips, clap outs for both 6th graders and graduating Hunter seniors, a teacher appreciation event, a Basketball Jones assembly, a field day, and a water day for the PBIS reward.

Water day was chilly, but students still had fun playing various water games and being sprayed by the fire truck.



Gerke Elementary students had a full spring including field trips to Cincinnati Zoo, a clap out for 6th graders, and an awards assembly. A family math event drew a huge crowd of students and families playing math games together.

Gerke also hosted a career day where community members helped students understand their careers. Franklin Fire, Police and EMS were on hand, too.

STEAM students used their engineering skills to design a marble golf course.





# News from Franklin City Schools

## Board honors students for achievement

At the May 23 meeting, the Franklin Board of Education honored three **Pennyroyal** students for earning three quarters of Straight As. Pictured from left: Levi Powell, Madelynn Furnas, and Shawn Gebhart. Franklin City Schools established the



Student Achievement Award in 2001; hundreds of students have been honored since its inception. Student Achievement Committee members include parents, community residents, board members, administrators, and students; they meet during the school year to evaluate nominations which may be submitted by students, teachers, administrators, or community members. The nomination form is available on the district website under Departments > Curriculum > Student Achievement.

## FHS students take 12 ribbons at art show

This spring, 48 **FHS** art students participated in Miamisburg Art Gallery's 31st student show. Talented student artists from high schools across Warren, Montgomery, Butler and Hamilton counties participated, with ribbons awarded across 8 categories. FHS art students brought home 12 ribbons: President's Award: Arabella Lloyd; Portraiture Category: Rachel OBryan, 1st place; Kaley Booth, Honorable Mention; Figures Category: Natalie Reed, 1st place; Lexi Moore, 4th place; Lexi Moore, Honorable Mention; Tori Brown, Honorable Mention; 3D Category: Ayana Kazymbekova, 2nd place; Kierra Harris, 3rd place; Grace Abner, Honorable Mention; Geometric and Other: Arabella Lloyd, 2nd place; Still Life: Rachel OBryan, 2nd place. Shown here are works by Kennah Stover (top right) and Mallory Wulf (bottom right).



## District honored by Chamber45005

FCS was a co-winner with Carlisle Local Schools of Chamber45005's Industry of the Year award. The districts were co-winners of the chamber's President's Award in 2021. Industry of the Year has been given since 1970.

The districts were honored for the school building projects they have undertaken, which are/ will bring enhanced educational environments for their students and have spurred investment and revitalization in both communities.

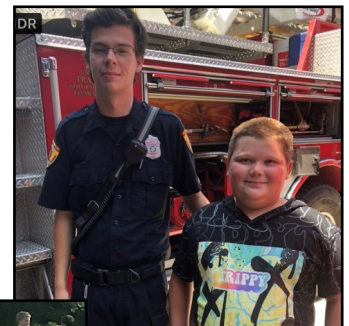
The award reads: "When Franklin City Schools asked its voters to invest in new school facilities, the answer was a resounding yes! The new high school campus will be a centerpiece of the St. Rt. 123 gateway to the City, and a critical anchor for the redevelopment and revitalization of downtown Franklin. Thanks to the vision of the school board and administration, new schools are serving as catalysts for new investment and development, contributing to the vibrancy of the community and enhancing the quality of life for Franklin residents."

Board of Education vice president Lori Raleigh and Dr. Mike Sander accepted the award for the district.



## Around the district

**Anthony Wayne** 5th graders learned how the city government supports its citizens and hosted the Community Luncheon for the first time since the Spring of 2019! One 5th grader stated, "If I could go back in time, I would like to live this day over and over again."



**AW** students also enjoyed field trips to Great American Ball Park, the Cincinnati Zoo, and the Museum Center, and a field day.

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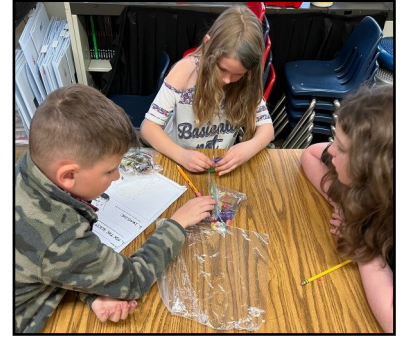
## Around the district

### FCS supports military families

All Franklin City School buildings have been designated Purple Star schools to recognize their commitment to students and families connected to the nation's military.

FJHS and FHS have worked to create a military teen community for their students, and welcomed Dr. Geri Maples, the Dayton Chapter Director of Blue Star Families, to a recent group meeting.

Under Maples' leadership, students shared stories about their experiences living in military families and their pride in family members who have or are currently serving.



Above, Schenck first graders did a STEM jelly-bean tower challenge. Schenck students also had a chance to demonstrate their

hat-making creativity in all-building hat parade just prior to spring break; classes also worked on leprechaun traps. There was no word on whether any leprechauns were actually caught.



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