

SUMMER 2024

SEBRING  
LOCAL SCHOOLS

# Trojan Talk

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

## A Message from the Superintendent

The Trojans just wrapped up another amazing school year. I appreciate the ongoing support and commitment of our students, staff, and families. From the curious kindergarteners taking their first steps into the world of education to the accomplished seniors in their caps and gowns, this year has been a testament to resilience and determination. We've shared moments of laughter and applause at the numerous events held throughout the school year, from our drama production, musical performances, athletics, and awards ceremonies, all honoring the great accomplishments our students have made. To name a few, of our 33 graduating seniors, 13 achieved Honor Roll or Merit Roll and 23 were involved in extracurricular activities, indicating that 70 percent of our students are involved inside and outside of the classroom. More than 270 college credit hours were earned, 17 graduates plan to attend college and 10 are pursuing a trade. Eleven students received scholarships, totaling \$405,750 dollars. Our Trojans are doing great things!

Thanks to the United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley, we are excited to be able to offer two summer programs, Success Before 6 and Success After 6. Success by Six is offered to incoming kindergarteners. The program provides a mix of academics and activities, in hopes of providing our students the necessary skills and confidence to start their first formal year of schooling. The Success After 6 program provides wrap-around services and a safe place for students to learn and grow during the summer. The program helps ensure continued growth and learning opportunities for our students during the break.

When we return, our students will be greeted by our new Trojan school mascot, an energetic and proud symbol of our school community. Our mascot will attend our athletic and public events, including opening day which is August 22, 2024.

I wish everyone a fantastic summer and eagerly anticipate our return!

Sincerely,  
**Toni Viscounte**, Superintendent

## Congratulations to Sebring McKinley CLASS OF 2024



We were glad to celebrate our Sebring McKinley Class of 2024 graduates at our commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 19, 2024.

The class consisted of 33 graduates, including Valedictorian Blake Thomas, and Salutatorians Robert Helmick III and Velicity Twaddle who delivered speeches, addressing their classmates, teachers, families and community members.

The band and choir performed at the graduation ceremony.

Principal Clark commended the graduating class, recalling traditions and special occasions he'll remember the graduating class by, wishing them the best as they carry their unique "Sebring Experience" with them into their next chapters.

Graduates received more than \$400,000 in scholarships, including more than 50 awards and scholarships from local businesses, nonprofits, foundations, churches, and from Sebring Schools, the Alumni Association and Board of Education. They were honored and recognized at our annual McKinley Senior Awards Ceremony.



In addition to the Senior Awards Ceremony, graduates closed out the year with their annual senior traditions, including recognitions at the Academic Banquet, Senior Picnic at Northside Park, Senior Breakfast, a walk-through at B.L. Miller Elementary and a parade around the village following commencement.

Congratulations to our newest alumni! We're so proud of each of you, and look forward to all that's to come! Always remember, you are EXTRA-ordinary and will always be a part of the Trojan family.



# Auditor of State Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting



We're glad to share that we received the Ohio Auditor of State Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ending in 2023. Pictured is Jennifer Drlik, East Regional Liaison from the Auditor of State's Office, presenting the award to Dawn Welsch, Sebring Schools Treasurer and CFO.

# SEBRING LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of Education



Pictured from back left, Debra Green (President), Scott Latham (Vice President), Tammy Eckert. In front, Melinda Vecchio, JoAnn Jones

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# 2024-25 DISTRICT CALENDAR

2024-2025 DISTRICT CALENDAR OPTION #2		2024							2025								
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Contact our board office for applications: (330) 938-6165

**2024-2025 SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS**

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STUDENT TAB → SUPPLY LISTS

# Beatrice L. Miller Elementary School News

## A Message from Principal Hanley

Wow! It is truly hard to believe that another school year has come and gone already! The second half of the school year seems to always fly by much faster than the first and is packed full of fun events for our students and families! Since our last edition of the newsletter came out we have had concerts, dances, roller skating, the annual Fun Fair, family engagement nights, awards assemblies, graduations, and began our summer programs! On top of all of the fun, we completed all of our state testing for our 3rd through 6th grade students and are seeing a rise in our successes academically at B.L. The "small but mighty" atmosphere Sebring Local provides our students is truly shining through this year.

This school year's success could not be possible without all of the people who work consistently to provide the best education to our students. From the teachers who we know put in hours designing lessons and individualized intervention plans for our students, to the SRO who works to build relationships with our families and kids to keep them safe. Sebring is a town that steps up and I am personally proud of how we are getting the news out about the great things happening in our schools!

This Summer I challenged all students entering 2nd through 6th grade to complete a summer workbook purchased by the district that is designed to help students not to forget all of the math and language arts skills they learned this past school year. Each student who completes their entire book (which is about two pages per day,) will receive a pool party held at the Sebring pool at the start of the 24-25 school year! I know they can do it!

For all Sebring families and students, I hope that you have an amazing summer filled with making memories, enjoying the sunshine, and we will be looking forward to welcoming you back in August! Enjoy every minute and come back with those brains ready to learn as we continue to grow and learn at B.L.

- Principal Nichole Hanley

## Celebrating our Kindergarten Graduates!



We were glad to celebrate our upcoming Class of 2036 at our Kindergarten Graduation this May. Our Kindergarten teachers, Betsy Walsh and Kassie Sissler, led the ceremony and recognized each graduate up on stage with their individual awards and accomplishments from their first year.

The evening also included musical performances by the graduates, artwork created by the students, as well as cookies and fellowship with families. Over 250 were in attendance for this wonderful event. The theme for this year's graduation was "You're Future's So Bright," with themes of sunshine and sunglasses throughout the celebration. Special thanks to our PIE (Partners In Education,) for providing the refreshments, personalized graduation cookies, decorations, and special keepsakes for each family.

We're so proud of our students and how much they've grown! Class of 2036 is a bright group with great things ahead – starting with first grade in the Fall!

## Roller Skating Fun to Celebrate State Testing Incentive



Students in third through sixth grade enjoyed a roller skating field trip to Deerfield Skating Center as an incentive to celebrate meeting their state testing expectations. Students had a list of items set by their teachers to set up their best success at passing their Ohio State tests in Language Arts, Math, and 5th grade Science.

Many of the students enjoyed skating for the first time, as well as roller skating limbo, arcade games, snacks and fun with friends and staff! Thanks to all for a great time. Congratulations to our students who work so hard!

## B. L. Track & Field Day



Our students enjoyed their end-of-year Track & Field day, participating in races and activities in a variety of friendly competitions at the Trojan Football Stadium! They demonstrated great Trojan sportsmanship and fun was had by all! Students competed in the sack race, three-legged race, the softball throw, frisbee throw, 50 yard dash, 200 meter run, long jump, relay races, and the annual tug-a-war!

Special thanks to P.I.E. for providing each grade level with their bright field day shirts and for operating our concessions! And thanks to our families for cheering on our students and coming out to support our yearly track and field tradition!

# Beatrice L. Miller Elementary School News

## Sixth Graders Celebrated the End of an Era at B.L. Miller



This year when our 6th grade was reinstated at B.L. Miller Elementary, we were overjoyed to have this special class spend one more year with us. This group is full of leadership and potential. These students became leaders in our building and were the ideal mentors to the younger students.

On the last Monday of the school year, our 6th-graders enjoyed an end-of-year picnic at Northside Park to close out their time at B.L. Miller Elementary. PIE provided pizza, boba drinks, chips, and cookies for their celebration. They look forward to all that's ahead of them at McKinley Jr/Sr High School and all the great things to come! B.L. Miller will miss you!

## CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

### Third Grade Welcomes Fuzzy Friends into Classroom



Our 3rd-graders recently welcomed some new furry classroom friends! As they anticipated the hatching of 19 chick eggs and three duck eggs in their classroom incubators, they learned all about these birds.

Kristen Eisenhauer of the OSU Extension visited to demonstrate "egg candling," by shining a light through the egg to observe the development inside. They were able to see which eggs were fertilized and which were not. Students were also able to see the

size of the chicks and ducks inside the eggs! Mrs. Baum then gave a presentation on chickens, detailing the process chicks go through when hatching, as well as a brief history (did you know they are the closest living relative to dinosaurs?!) and anatomy of chickens, and how to tell the gender/breed once they hatch.

After 21 days, they welcomed 10 chicks, and then several days later, they welcomed "Donald Duck!"

## Mother-Son Dance

Standing as a testament to the strong bond between mothers and sons, and the sacrifices made for one another, "I'd walk across Legos for you," stood as the theme for our second annual Mother/Son Dance! It was a fun night of music, dancing, and you guessed it - Legos! Thanks to all of our moms for making it a great evening!



Chantae McIlvain poses with her first grade son, Brixlyn Moore



Savanna Ulman with her sons; Daniel (2nd grade,) Sammy (Kindergarten,) and Sebastian (4th Grade.)



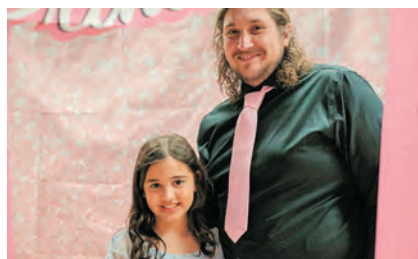
Kindergartener, Asher Jones, with his mom Chasity Lecorchick.

## Father/Daughter Dance

B.L. Miller held its second annual Father/Daughter Dance and this year's Barbie theme had all the girls pretty in pinks, purples, baby blues, glitter and shine! The dads were also good sports, rocking their best "Ken" looks for a magical night of fun and dancing with their princesses!



Kindergartener, Violet Skelton, with her dad, William Skelton



Third grader, Gia Sabatine, with her step-dad, Ryan Bialota



Second grader, Kenedi Cheney, with her dad, Kent Cheney



Kindergartener, Brooklyn Coffman, matches her step-dad, Aaron Lewis

## An Evening of Fine Arts



Our 4th through 6th graders showed off their musical talents at the Spring Concert in early May. We enjoyed vocal and instrumental performances, including solos, our 6th grade band, 5th grade elite recorders, and new ukuleles! Students performed music to popular tunes based on being positive and uplifting each other.

The night was also full of K-6 artwork lining the hallways for the Spring Art Show. Ms. Luca had hundreds of artworks displayed around our halls from all students in Kindergarten through 6th grades for all of our guests to view.

It was a great night for our fine arts program! Thank you to our students, Ms. Luca, Mrs. Mansfield, and Mr. Hughes for a wonderful concert!

# McKinley Jr/Sr. High School News

## A Message from Principal Clark

AS THE PRINCIPAL OF SEBRING MCKINLEY, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt appreciation for all your support and dedication throughout the academic year. It has been a year filled with remarkable achievements, growth, and countless memorable moments.

Now that we have reached the end of another successful year, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to each and every one of you for a truly wonderful summer. This is a time to relax, rejuvenate, and create lasting memories with your loved ones.

To our exceptional students, I want to applaud your hard work, determination, and resilience throughout the year. You have shown remarkable progress and have consistently risen to new challenges. Your thirst for knowledge and passion for learning have been truly inspiring. As you embark on this well-deserved break, I encourage you to explore new horizons, pursue your passions, and embrace opportunities for personal growth.

To the families who have been unwavering pillars of support, thank you for your continuous involvement in your child's education. Your commitment to their success and well-being has played an invaluable role in our shared achievements. As the summer unfolds, I hope you have the opportunity to bond, create cherished memories, and relish the joys of family time.

We have accomplished so much in the past few years and I could not be more proud of everyone involved in making our school full of Trojan spirit and taking the lead in providing wrap-around services like the clothing closet, the food pantry and providing free breakfast and lunch to every student, every day. I would also like to tout our area leading two-time Silver Award winning Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support program for creating an awesome learning environment for every child. The school not only received 4 stars on the state report card indicating "Exceeding Expectations", we were also named in *U.S. News and World Report's* ranking of Ohio's best schools. Congratulations to all in our learning community!

I would be remiss if I did not offer my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated educators and support staff who have worked tirelessly to provide an enriching and safe learning environment. Your unwavering dedication to our students and commitment to excellence have made Sebring a place where our students feel safe and nurtured while also being challenged and enriched. Your well-deserved break is a chance to recharge, reflect, and prepare for the exciting challenges that lie ahead.

Looking ahead to next year, you should have noticed that 2024-25 class schedules were mailed with your report cards. Students new to the building can pick up their report cards at our Orientation & Open House on August 21st at 6PM in the auditorium. All McKinley students and parents are welcome to attend as a number of new policies and rules will be reviewed.

McKinley, along with most schools in Ohio, will be adopting the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce model policy. The new policy requires strict enforcement of **limited cell phone usage** any time school is in session. This is a part of a statewide initiative to end distracted learning and improve the emotional well being of every student. Studies revealed in Johnathan Haidt's *The Anxious Generation* have proven that school children see improved test scores, less discipline related to social media, and an improved mental health. I firmly believe this is the right direction for our students and ask for your support as we begin the new school year.

As we bid farewell to this academic year, let us embrace the summer with open hearts and open minds. May the sunshine and warmth fill our days with joy, laughter, and endless possibilities. Take this opportunity to explore new interests, embark on exciting adventures, and make memories that will last a lifetime.

Let us also remember, education is not confined to the walls of a classroom. Learning happens everywhere, and the world is your classroom. Whether you're traveling, volunteering, reading, or engaging in creative endeavors, seize the opportunity to grow, learn, and make a positive impact.

Stay safe, stay curious, and stay connected. We eagerly await your return in the coming school year, filled with new adventures, fresh ideas, and endless possibilities.

*It's a Great Day to be a Trojan!*

- Principal Brian Clark

## VALEDICTORIAN ADDRESS

### "Remember Not to Take Sebring for Granted"

*Presented by: Blake Thomas, Sebring Class of 2024 Valedictorian*



Hello students, staff, parents, and guests. Before I begin I'd like to welcome you all to the graduation ceremony of the Sebring McKinley class of 2024. I'd like to thank my parents, teachers, and administrators. Without any of you, I would not have been given the opportunity to be talking to you all right now. As many of you already know my name is Blake Thomas, and it is my utmost honor to be named the valedictorian of the Sebring McKinley 2024 graduating class.

I have a unique perspective on what it means to be a Trojan because I haven't always been one. In 2019, just seven short months after meeting this class we were pulled apart from each other. What we thought would be an extra long spring break turned into a year of virtual school and separation. Our freshman year was not your typical high school experience... some of us did online school in hopes of not contracting COVID, We didn't have any dances, and those of us in school had to wear masks and use desk shields. I don't know if you know how hard it is to talk to your friends with a mask and a shield in front of your face, but we do... so we just didn't, we were constantly getting quarantined and on Google meetings. Athletically we never knew when our last game would be or how many people would be able to attend. We didn't get to enjoy our first year of high school. And we certainly couldn't build any strong bonds in school. After hearing that "high school would be some of the best times of our lives" it was not starting off strong.

Moving forward to sophomore year we were finally all back in the same building. Our first actual year of high school. We now have three years to make the most of our high school experience instead of the normal four years. We all attended our first homecoming together, we got to watch those basketball games and we could be involved. In order to make the most of my high school career I got involved and that is one of the best things about Sebring McKinley High School. In middle school I would have thought I would play three sports and be a class officer, not dreaming of doing anything more other than keeping my grades up, especially not plays and musicals. After being at Sebring just a short time I knew I could be part of anything I wanted to. In fact they needed us to be a part of anything we could. The end of sophomore year it wasn't certain that we would even have a football team. Not only did we not have a coach, but we didn't have the numbers for a team. Many of us stepped up, including me and Nevaeh Sanor, to make sure future generations of Sebring McKinley students could experience the camaraderie and tradition of high school football and Friday night lights. Had we not stepped up what would have happened to our marching band, that was making huge strides under their director Mr. Hughes and the decades-long tradition of "paint the town" that is still carried out today by Coach Cassy and our cheerleaders with many thanks to our local businesses.

The opportunities at Sebring McKinley are unlike any other. We were given the opportunity to be a part of the dramas, the sports teams, the clubs, the choir, and College credit classes. Being a part of such small classes the teachers got to know us on a personal level. For example Mrs. Mathias checking in on me when I was going through an emotionally difficult time in my life. They challenge us to meet goals, to push ourselves, and make sure to celebrate with us when we succeed.

I definitely would not have thought that as a freshman we would be able to take College Credit Classes. I'd like to thank Mrs. Schaffer for pushing me to be a part of that as soon as I could and giving me the courage to do it. And I'd like to thank Mrs. Mathias, Mrs. Lee and Senora Thagard for giving me a college level education that is not available at all high schools.

I might not have known all of you my whole life like most of you have known each other, but you all have made a major impact on my life and shaped who I am today. I feel that we are an especially close class, We've had our high school drama and fights, but we were able to persevere through that and continue to be a family. It is unique to Sebring McKinley that all students are able to have a good time together outside of the school day.

For those in attendance today, parents, community members, and current students if you don't take anything else away from this speech, remember not to take Sebring for granted. Those of you who have gone to school here since kindergarten I am afraid you are blind of all the opportunity. The class of 2024 took the opportunities, we understood what Sebring has to offer, and we are beyond grateful for the opportunities in this school and community.

To the kids Graduating in the coming years, take advantage of these opportunities, get involved the most you are willing, and make high school the best experience possible. And to the class of 2024, I wish you all the best in your new journey, and congratulations! We did it!

# McKinley Jr/Sr. High School News

## Academic Awards Banquet 2024



Congratulations to all of these extraordinary students on their accomplishment of achieving and maintaining a 3.5 or higher for the year! Awards were given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd year academic letter winners! Thanks to all who attended a very nice evening to honor our students!

## Blackout Poetry Contest 1st Place Winner



Congratulations to 8th-grader, Aubrielle Lacher, who received an award from the Youngstown and Mahoning County Public Library for 1st place in the Blackout Poetry Contest. The library received around 500 entries and Aubrey's artwork put her poem at the top. She was awarded with a trophy that was custom-made with her artwork displayed on it. Here she is pictured with PLYMC teen specialist, Amy.



## Sebring McKinley Prom

Congratulations to Darion Baddeley and Blake Thomas who were crowned 2024 prom king and queen at Promenade and Coronation prior to the evening's dance.

The court included seniors Darion Baddeley, Johnny Billingsley, Wyatt Sheen, Emma Seevers, Blake Thomas and Sidney Wilson.

This year's theme was a "Tropical Gala," and was held at A La Carte in Canfield.

## English Festival



7th and 8th graders: Front row: Sylar Gindlesberger, Finn Rumberger, Emily Garces, Aubri Laucher. Second row: Aleea Mellie, Brenlee Armour, Leah Kinser, Emily Warrick, Ali Butler, Brittney Nagy, Aiden Nolan, Jason Sanor. Third row: Quincy Taylor, Alesana Johnson, Taylor Johnson, Kaydence Carver, Brady Wynn

Eighteen 7th and 8th grade students, and seven high school students attended Youngstown State University's 46th English Festival last week. Students read seven YSU assigned books before their trip, then attended various sessions throughout the day, including visits with two of the authors of three of the books they read, Jasmine Warga and Jeff Zentner! They also enjoyed playing writing games, drafting impromptu essays and poetry, and even saw "Jungle Terry" in honor of Zentner's book, "Serpent King."



High school students: From left: Emma Seevers, Keira Berger, Alayna Braham, Kiera Kemmerly, Nikki Freet, Alexis Stillion and Cloe Mellie

Congratulations to Alesana Johnson (1st) and Brady Wynn (3rd) who won prize recognition for their limericks in their sessions. Kudos also to Sylar Gindlesberger (1st) and Brittney Nagy (3rd) who each showcased their knowledge in the Not So Trivial Pursuit game, as well as Alayna Braham who won a writing contest and received her prize from author Jeff Zentner. Such a great experience for all!

# McKinley Jr/Sr. High School News

## National Honor Society Welcomes 11 New Members



Sebring McKinley National Honor Society (NHS) swore in its 2024 NHS inductees at the group's annual induction ceremony on Monday evening. The new group of 11 inductees was represented by two seniors and nine juniors, including the following students:

**Seniors:** Robert Helmick and Austin Sonntog

**Juniors:** Dustin Harvey, Allison Hoschar, Katelyn Leeland, Michael Moyer, Abigail Stuller, Myla Thomas, Isabella Threet, Angelo Vecchio, Kiera Weekly

To qualify for NHS, students must meet certain academic criteria and display characteristics of the four pillars of NHS, which include: character, leadership, scholarship and service. They must also write an essay regarding the organization's pillars and what it means to them, to be considered for membership. The group is led by advisor Nicole Rummel, a teacher at Sebring McKinley.

Senior members Johnathan Billingsley, Emma Seevers and Blake Thomas had special parts during the program, including speeches and leading the candle-lighting ceremony. Principal Brian Clark swore in the new group of students.

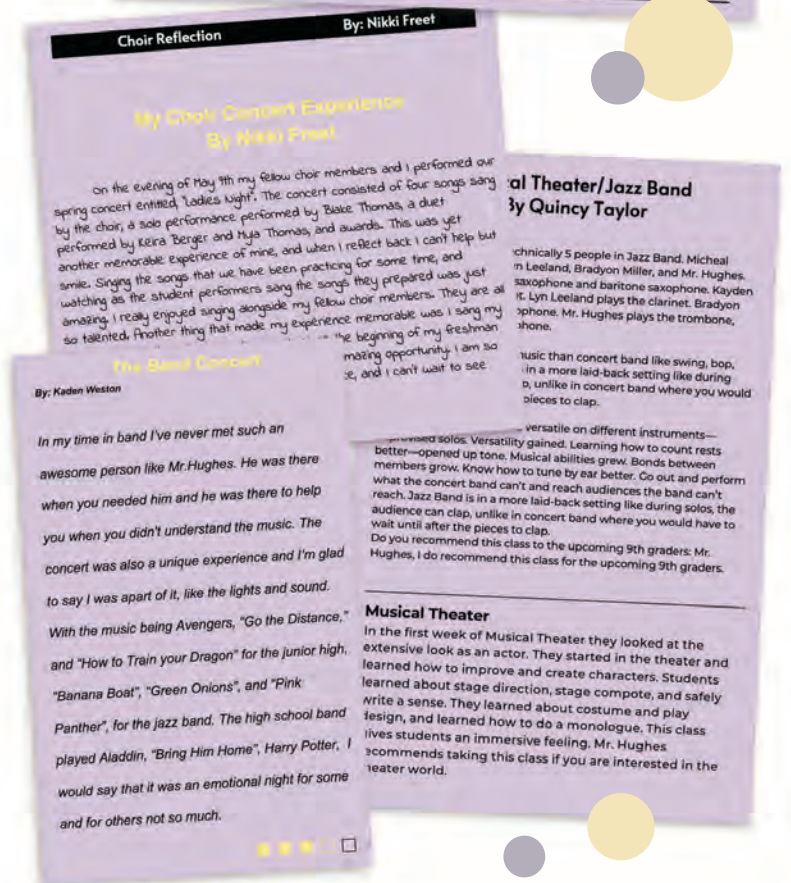
## McKinley Students Attend Law Day



Thanks to the Mahoning County Bar Association for the invitation to attend this year's Law Day luncheon earlier this week at Fellows Riverside Gardens. It was a wonderful event!

Two of our students also had the opportunity to shadow a lawyer in the field and had a great experience.

## McKinley Students Design, Write, Edit, Distribute Digital Monthly Newsletter



The Sebring McKinley "Echo" is a monthly newsletter by the students, for the students, and is distributed in the daily announcement emails. They include interviews with students and staff, special events, awards, highlights, opinion editorials, student work, news and more.

Students gain experience in design, writing, editing, interviewing, news reporting and more hands-on skills, while also involving themselves in the workings of the student body and school events.

**Check out some of the highlights in the May edition above!**



## McKinley Drama Club presents High School Musical



McKinley Drama Club presented Disney's High School Musical Jr. for the whole student body, and two weekend performances for the community!

The cast and crew worked hard to bring "East High" to Sebring and did just that with excellent performances by all!

They incorporated a community interactive segment during the short intermission leading the crowd in singing and dancing along to "We're all in this together."

Special shout-out to Mrs. Rummel for directing the production, Mr. Hughes as assistant director, and Mrs. Mowery for leading choreography.

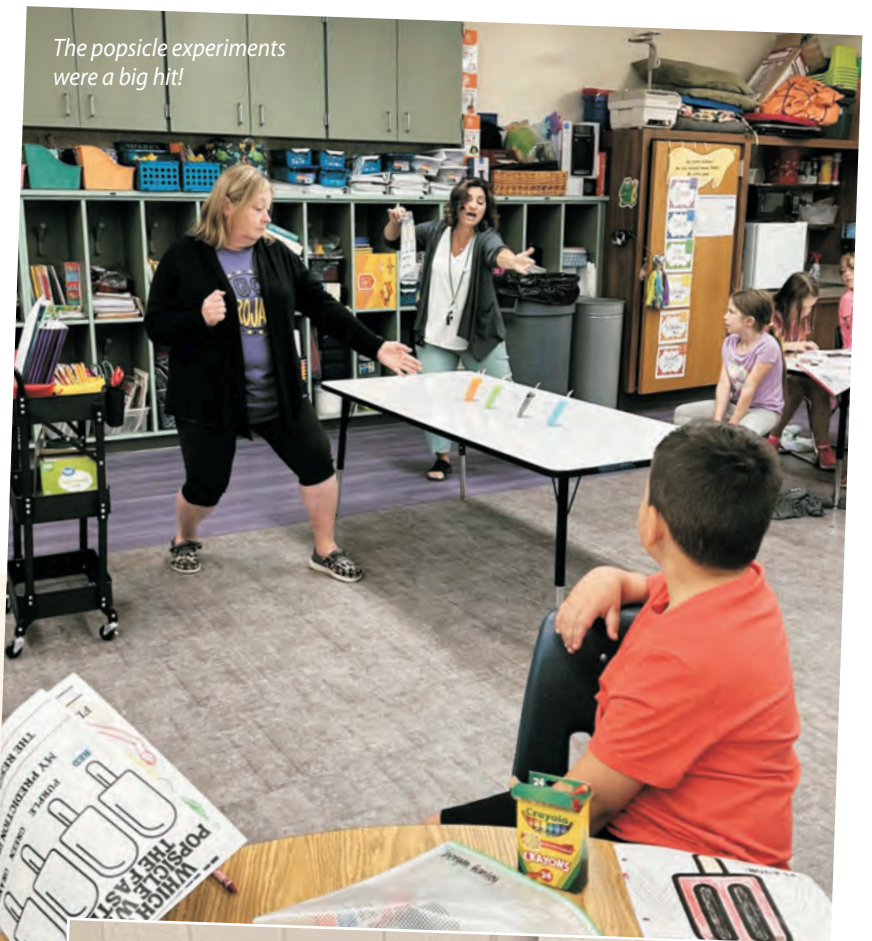


## United Way Success After 6 Continues to Foster Hands-On Learning with Summer Camp

Over the last two years, **The United Way Success After 6-After School Program** has provided additional support and resources to foster learning and growth at B.L. Miller Elementary School for students in Kindergarten through 6th grade. The Success After 6 After School Program provided wrap-around services to help break down barriers many of our students and their families faced.

Through community enrichment partnerships and district-aligned tutoring, including teacher instruction and interventions in math and reading, the district has been able to provide opportunities for our students to focus on the Ohio Department of Education priority areas, including accelerated learning, literacy, workforce readiness, and overall student wellness. The SA6 programming generates excitement surrounding school and learning for the kids with engaging activities and exciting projects.

In continuing with The United Way's focus on the whole child and whole family, B.L. Miller Elementary School has the opportunity to give our students the Success After 6 Summer Learning three-week-long program from May 28 through June 14. It includes accelerated learning, literacy, workforce readiness, and overall student wellness. We provide teacher instruction and assessments, including interventions in math, reading, and science, STEM/STEAM activities, and *Ohio Learns 360-Camp in a Box* (Wild for Ohio, Be Creative, Math is Art, and Nature Camp). Students have the opportunity to spend several afternoons at our local park in Sebring exploring "Nature



*The popsicle experiments were a big hit!*



*4th-graders Lucas Roderick and Jaydon Bennett, and 6th-grader Gaige Schuller enjoyed the STEM activities and experiments.*



*Fifth graders Kaylee Johnson, Carmello Barrera Tomas and Madalyne Carver show off their popsicle pirate ship design!*



*Second and third graders test out their predictions of "sink or float" with their popsicle pirate ships.*

Camp" doing hands-on science and art projects. Our students learn about water safety, pool rules and get to enjoy swimming at the Sebring Pool. While in the park, our students will continue their community-based service project of helping in the revitalization of our community park.

Partners in the United Way Success After 6 program at B.L. Miller Elementary included the Educational Service Center of Eastern Ohio, OH WOW! The Roger and Gloria Jones Children's Center for Science and Technology, the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County-Sebring Library, Chess is Life, Soap Box Derby Mini-Car STEM Program, Social Emotional Learning (peer group interactions) with a Counselor, The Ohio State University Extension-Mahoning County 4-H (STEM/STEAM-based 4-H curriculum), and *PBS Western Reserve-Ohio Learns 360-Camp in a Box* provide families with PBS resources, including standards-based curriculum and materials (virtual field trips and interactive video programs).

Through our students' participation in the summer learning program, the goal is to decrease summer learning loss, further improving our students' academic achievements, while offering unique enrichment activities.

The Success After 6 program at B.L. Miller Elementary is funded through a two-year award of the Summer Learning and Afterschool Opportunities Grant from the Ohio Department of Education.

**Teacher Appreciation Week!**



In early May, we were glad to celebrate our teachers for National Teacher Appreciation Week! Principal Hanley and Principal Clark organized week-long appreciation efforts to recognize and commend our teachers, including a catered luncheon.

Our teachers work so hard each and every day to inspire and educate leaders, learners and thinkers -- making an impact that far outreaches the time our students spend in our buildings!

**Thank you to each and every one of you!**

**Village Police Chief, Student Resource Officer Honored with Exemplary Service Awards**

Sebring Local Schools was glad to present Sebring Village Police Chief Ray Harris and School Resource Officer Pedro Melendez with two awards for Excellence in School Safety and Community Engagement at their recent student awards ceremony at McKinley High School.



Sebring SRO Pedro Melendez was recognized for his exemplary service to the school and community with the "Excellence in School Safety Award," for his commitment to developing close relationships with students across the district and creating a safe environment for learning.



"Officer Melendez's ability to connect to our student body allows him to curb and change behaviors in our schools before they escalate to larger problems," said McKinley Principal Brian Clark. "The students trust him and feel safe in our buildings."

Sebring Village Police Chief Ray Harris was honored with the "Excellence in School Safety and Community Engagement Award" for Leadership and Strategic Safety Planning.

"Chief Harris plays an integral part of our strategic safety planning for our schools," said Clark. "He brings incredible expertise and experience with him to our monthly meetings and has regularly provided professional development to our faculty. He is a regular at our extra curricular events and has committed himself to keeping all of us safe in our daily lives. The village is very lucky to have a person of his caliber managing its police force."

They were both met with an auditorium full of applause from all of the Sebring McKinley students and families that have felt their impact of dedicated and superior service.

Chief Harris has been involved with Sebring Local Schools for 18 years, and Officer Melendez has served as the Student Resource Officer for the past three years.



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## STEM Education Shines Bright for Sebring Students, Staff at Family “Glow Night”

SEBRING LOCAL SCHOOLS PARTNERED WITH OH WOW! KIDS AND SUCCESS AFTER SIX TO HOST THE 2ND ANNUAL EVENT

More than 200 gathered at B.L. Miller Elementary School to cover themselves in glow paint and enjoy STEM activities under a new light. The free educational event in early March included glow stations, such as Jenga, glow spoons, math activities and cup stacking, glow bowling and STEM fluorescent experiments!



3rd-graders (from left to right) Harmony Thompson, Teagan Twaddle, Taylor Weibush, Giavanna Sabatine and Mia Taylor

“We were glad to have so many of our families come together for a night of learning and fun,” says Jill Dennis, family engagement coordinator for Sebring Local Schools and the Success After 6 coordinator. “Our 2nd annual event was a huge success thanks to all of the hands involved! We’re already looking forward to next year!”

Partners of the event included Oh WOW! Center for Science and Technology, United Way’s Success After 6 program, Sebring’s Parents/Partners in Education group, and Sebring students and staff.

Oh WOW! provided STEM Sak bundles with a fluorescent hands-on experiment for every student, as well as other activities for the stations.



Students, (from left) Joseí Giron Perez (3rd grade), Callan Becker (4th) and Wyatt Fording (4th) enjoyed glow bowling as part of the evening’s events.



4th-grader Carmello Barrera Tomas and 1st-grader Savela Barrera Tomas used their STEM skills to strategically stack cups while glowing in the dark.

## Students & Families “Blast Off” Through Space - From Inside Their Gym

In April, on the heels of the solar eclipse, more than 200 Sebring students and families continued to explore their curiosity of space through an out-of-this-world event... an inflatable planetarium called “Sky Dome” at B.L. Miller Elementary gymnasium. Presented by Mobile Ed Productions, attendees journeyed through the universe during 45-minute guided tours. The event was sponsored by United Way’s Success After Six program.



Attendees line up to enter the mobile planetarium

“We’re really grateful for all the hands that went into making this event a wonderful experience for all involved,” says Jill Dennis, family engagement coordinator for Sebring Local Schools and Success After 6

coordinator. “Our students and their families had a fun time exploring our sun, moon, stars and universe – from the comfort of our gym.”

Sebring’s Partners In Education (P.I.E.) provided food for purchase. Funds raised will go toward future activities and events for Sebring students.

Families also played bingo in between tour sessions, and winners received Oh WOW! STEM Sak bundles.

One student took home a grand prize National Geographic 70m Sky View Telescope, provided by SA6. Mobile Ed Productions provides live, educational entertainment, assemblies and workshops.

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## FREE Summer Meals for Students

Sebring Local Schools are providing free meals Monday through Thursday this summer. Meals will be available for pickup at McKinley High School Cafeteria Door (D6), starting June 3rd, between 11 am - 11:30 am.

Meals are available on a first come first serve basis. There will be one breakfast and lunch meal provided per student per day.



There will be no meal service on July 1-5, or July 25th.

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# TROJAN ATHLETICS



## Soggy Softball Season Showcases Young Talent

The young and continuously improving Lady Trojan softball team worked extremely hard throughout the Spring to not only battle opponents, but also the weather. Numerous rainouts, rescheduled games and soggy field conditions made for a difficult season. Yet, through it all the youthful team, fielding just two seniors, represented our school and community very well.

The stellar play of catcher Blake Thomas, shortstop Raegan Wynn, second baseman Bella Threet and pitcher Allison Hoschar are all worth noting. The continued growth and development of first baseman Kiera Berger, along with the continued improvement of third baseman Ava Coen provide much hope for next season.

Outfielders Davianna Bowyer (soph.), Kristal Giron (soph.), Myla Thomas (jr.), Kiera Kemmerly (fr.), and Marissa Saldivar (fr.) gained valuable playing experience throughout the year, as well as freshman Chloe Ensell. Newcomer Sophia Clark and senior letterman Paige Reynolds rounded out the 14 player roster, of which 12 will return in 2025.

## Senior Trio Sets the Tone for Baseball

Program rebuilds are always difficult, but can provide reason for optimism as well. Seeing six freshmen (Tony Baddeley, Logan Culp, Conner Helmick, Blake Hunter, Zach Todd & Emmett Sheen) on the 13 man roster is the biggest provider of optimism for the Trojan baseball team moving forward. However, the 2024 season was anchored by returning seniors Darion Baddeley, Wyatt Sheen, and Logan Furry. The dedication and commitment displayed by the trio the last two years laid the foundation for the six aforementioned freshmen to build upon. Key contributions also came from seniors Colby Kliffmueller and Osiris Ketchum, as well as Sophomore Brandon Bahler and senior Joel Seals.

**Go Trojans!**



## A Huge Thank You

The Sebring McKinley Athletic Department will bid farewell this June to Head Track and Cross Country Coach Kyle Billingsley. Coach Billingsley's dedication to the Sebring school community and willingness to assist other athletic programs will always be remembered. The Billingsley family will be relocating to the Cincinnati area to support and enjoy their son Johnny's college cheerleading career, which begins this coming fall at the University of Cincinnati. Thank you, Coach!

## More Track Records Set in 2024

The 2024 Sebring Track team competed with passion and purpose and saw runners and throwers set many personal and school records this Spring. Both our girls and boys worked extremely hard competing in multiple events, including running and field events representing our school in a proud fashion. Congratulations are in order for Precious Cundiff who set the high hurdle school record with a time of 19.5 seconds. And what a year for Junior High sprinter Mariah Vansteenburgh! The 2024 season saw Mariah set records in the 100m, 200m and 400m dashes.



Special thanks go out to our senior Track and Field athletes: Maddie and Morgan French, Colby Kliffmueller, Austin Sonntag, Johnny Billingsley and Zach Long. We hope all the best moving forward for our graduates.

### 2024 Sebring McKinley Cross Country Meet Schedule

Date	Event	Time	Bus Time	Location	Address
Sat. Aug. 24	Billy Goat Invitational	10:00AM	8:00AM	McDonald Woodland Park	601 Ohio Ave., McDonald, Ohio
Tue. Aug. 27	Suburban League Meet *	4:45PM	3:00PM	East Palestine City Park	31 Park Ave., East Palestine, OH
Tue. Sept. 3	Suburban League Meet *	4:45PM	3:00PM	Poland Township Park	500 Moore Rd., Lowellville, OH
Tue. Sept. 10	Suburban League Meet *	4:45PM	3:00PM	Austintown Township Park	6000 Kirk Rd. Austintown, Ohio
Tue. Sept. 17	Suburban League Championship Meet *	4:30PM	3:00PM	Canfield Fairgrounds	7265 Columbiana- Canfield Rd., Canfield, OH
Sat. Sept. 21	Jean Smith Invitational	9:00AM	7:15AM	Lordstown Twp. Park	6001 Tod Ave., Lordstown, OH
Wed. Sept. 25	Mahoning County Championships	4:30PM	3:00pm	Austintown Twp. Park	6000 Kirk Rd. Austintown, Ohio
TBA	MVAC Championships	4:30PM	3:00PM	McDonald Woodland Park	601 Ohio Ave., McDonald, Ohio
Sat. Oct. 5	Jackson-Milton Invitational	9:00AM	7:30AM	Jackson-Milton HS	13910 Mahoning Ave., North Jackson, OH
TBA	Hill-Mann's XC Adventure	4:30PM	3:00PM	Newton Falls High School	907 Milton Blvd. Newton Falls, Ohio
Sat. Oct. 19	OHSAA District Meet (HS ONLY)	TBA		Glen Oak HS	1801 Schneider St. NE, Canton, OH

\* Varsity Girls - 4:45; Varsity Boys - 5:20; Middle School Girls - 5:50; Middle School Boys - 6:10

### Sebring Lady Trojans 2024 Varsity & JV Volleyball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	BUS
SAT. AUG. 17	VALLEY CHRISTIAN	HOME	11:00AM	
TUE. AUG. 20	At Lowellville	AWAY	5:30PM	
WED. AUG. 21	JACKSON MILTON	HOME	5:30PM	
THUR. AUG. 22	LORDSTOWN	HOME	5:30PM	
MON. AUG. 26	At Valley Christian	AWAY	5:30PM	4:00PM
TUE. AUG. 27	At Mineral Ridge	AWAY	5:30PM	4:15PM
TBD	MCDONALD	HOME	5:30PM	
TUE. SEPT. 3	SPRINGFIELD (Elementary Recognition)	HOME	5:30PM	
WED. SEPT. 4	At East Palestine	AWAY	5:30PM	3:45PM
MON. SEPT. 9	WESTERN RESERVE (JH Recognition)	HOME	5:30PM	4:15PM
TUE. SEPT. 10	At Waterloo	AWAY	5:30PM	4:30PM
THUR. SEPT. 12	At Campbell	AWAY	5:30PM	3:45PM
TUE. SEPT. 17	LOWELLVILLE	HOME	5:30PM	
THUR. SEPT. 19	At Jackson Milton	AWAY	5:30PM	4:15PM
TUE. SEPT. 24	MINERAL RIDGE	HOME	5:30PM	
THUR. SEPT. 26	At McDonald	AWAY	5:30PM	4:00PM
MON. SEPT. 30	At Springfield	AWAY	5:30PM	
WED. OCT. 2	LEETONIA	HOME	5:30PM	
THUR. OCT. 3	At Western Reserve	AWAY	5:30PM	4:30PM
MON. OCT. 7	EAST PALESTINE	HOME	5:30PM	
TUE. OCT. 8	WATERLOO	HOME	5:30PM	
THUR. OCT. 10	CAMPBELL (Senior Night)	HOME	5:30PM	

SCRIMMAGES: August 8th Southington 9:00AM, August 12th at East Canton 9:00AM, August 15th at Malvern 9:00AM

### SEBRING MCKINLEY VARSITY FOOTBALL 2024 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	BUS
TUES. AUG. 13	Scrimmage/TBD	TBD		
THURS. AUG. 29	<b>WATERLOO*</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	
FRI. SEPT. 6	<b>ST. MARY CENTRAL CATHOLIC (Recognition Night)</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	
FRI. SEPT. 13	St. Joseph Central Catholic	AWAY	7:00PM	3:15 PM
FRI. SEPT. 20	<b>TOLEDO CHRISTIAN (Homecoming)</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	
THURS. SEPT. 26	<b>VALLEY CHRISTIAN*</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	
FRI. OCT. 4	Holgate	AWAY	7:00PM	2:20 PM
FRI. OCT. 11	Danbury	AWAY	7:00PM	3:15 PM
FRI. OCT. 18	Chalker	AWAY	7:00PM	4:45 PM
FRI. OCT 25	<b>BYE</b>			
FRI. NOV. 1	<b>STRYKER (Senior Night)</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	
FRI./SAT NOV. 8th or 9th	<b>NORTHERN 8 PLAYOFFS</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	

(Home games in BOLD)

### Sebring McKinley Trojans 2024 Varsity Golf Schedule

Date	Opponent	Course	Time	Bus
MON. AUG. 5	Southern Local	Berlin Lake	11:00AM	
TUES. AUG. 6	At Lowellville	Bedford Trails	1:30	12:00PM
FRI. AUG. 9	At Lordstown	Duck Creek	10:00AM	TBD
MON. AUG. 12	Jackson Milton	Berlin Lake	TBD	TBD
WED. AUG. 14	At Southern Local	Twin Springs	11:00AM	TBD
THUR. AUG. 15	At Mineral Ridge	Old Dutch Mill	TBD	TBD
MON. AUG. 19	McDonald	Berlin Lake	TBD	
WED. AUG. 21	Springfield	Berlin Lake	TBD	
THURS. AUG. 22	At Western Reserve	Old Dutch Mill	4:00PM	TBD
FRI. AUG. 23	Lordstown	Berlin Lake	4:15	TBD
MON. AUG. 26	At Waterloo	Paradise Lake	4:00 PM	@3:00
WED. AUG. 28	Lowellville	Berlin Lake	4:00 PM	
THUR. AUG. 29	At Jackson Milton	Old Dutch Mill	4:00 PM	@3:00
TUES. SEPT. 3	Mineral Ridge	Berlin Lake	4:00 PM	
THUR. SEPT. 5	At McDonald	Mahoning CC	4:00 PM	@3:00
MON. SEPT. 9	At Springfield	Bedford Trails	4:00 PM	@3:00
THUR. SEPT. 12	Western Reserve	Berlin Lake	4:00 PM	
MON. SEPT. 16	Waterloo	Berlin Lake	4:00 PM	@3:00
WED. SEPT. 18	MVAC Tournament	Salem Hills	TBD	TBD

\*Tip OHSAA State Tournament will take place the week of Sept. 23.

**Go Trojans!**

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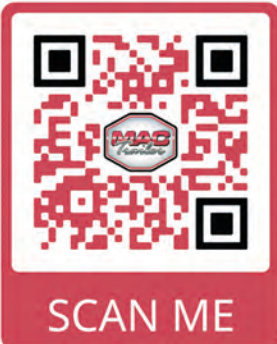
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