

Wapakoneta Middle School

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April has been a month that has provided several excellent learning experiences for our students. Students and teachers have worked extremely hard to prepare for the state's standardized tests. Teachers have met in departments to compare their formative testing results with their curriculum maps to make sure that all the standards for the classes have been taught, and in some cases, if they need to be retaught. I would like to commend the students for how hard they have worked so far on the tests that began April 18. I would also like to thank Mark Koch and Kristi Fisher for being the “go to” people for testing. Another huge thank you to Mark Selvaggio for overseeing the whole district in the standardized testing process. They all have done a tremendous job.

The first cycle of A.S.P.I.R.E. is coming to a close. A group of twenty four students have met twice a week to explore chain reactions using Legos. The students built ten different machines that they used together to build several chain reactions. A.S.P.I.R.E. will have time for one more cycle before the school year is out. This cycle will deal with photography by teaching students about camera basics, photo composition, and visual storytelling. Students at the end will be able to create their own digital artistry suitable for framing.

The student council raised \$2,233.49 for Pennies for Patients. This was capped off with an assembly that saw Mr. Wayman just dropping threes on the students and Braden Fisher crossing his mom, Guidance Counselor Mrs. Fisher, over in front of 700+ students. All kidding aside, it was a great assembly and fundraiser that our school and community are very proud of.

Finally, I would like to thank Kim Dirr and Julie Koch for their help organizing and facilitating all the events and day-to-day operations at Wapakoneta Middle School. They truly are the glue that holds everything together.