

## Young cross country team working hard

A group of young runners worked hard all summer to prepare for the season, according to Maple Cross Country Coach **Gary Frounfelker**. The boys' team is led by sophomores **James Burge**, **Aaron Thomas** and **Shawn Harper**. Standouts on the girls' team include basketball players **Eboni Adams**, **Dani Robinson** and **Aaliyah Haamid**, who are running to keep in shape for basketball.



## Football team off to a great start

The Mustangs started their quest for a return to the state play-offs with a victory over Nordonia High School 26-14. Then the team beat Normandy 54-7, Valley Forge 61-8, and Cleveland Heights 40-6. Coach **Todd Filtz** attributes their success to a stellar offensive and defensive line, as well as the contributions of **Devonte Ransom** who ran for 777 yards and 10 touchdowns on 71 carries.

## Volleyballers dominating opponents

The girls' volleyball team is dominating their opponents and currently are 8-0 and in first place in the Lake Erie League, according to Coach **Betsy Smerglia**. Senior **Tai Lattimore** was selected by the Cleveland Plain Dealer as Player of the Week. The team won the Maple Invitational Tournament for the fourth straight year. Senior **Arielle Love** recently received a scholarship from Duquesne University to play next year.



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News for the community about the Maple Heights City Schools



## A note from the Superintendent

As I visit classrooms around the district, I'm happy to see our students engaged in meaningful work. Each year, we are improving the quality of our instruction as part of our commitment to raising student achievement. Incorporating technology in classrooms is an important part of our strategic plan. Read more about the Digital Academy and our technology initiative in this issue.

A special thank you to the families of our students, who are so important to our success. Your belief in the value of the education we offer is clear, and your support is vital. Thank you for being interested in what happens at school, for encouraging your child to work hard and for getting involved by volunteering in our buildings.

Sincerely,

Dr. Charles Keenan  
Superintendent of Schools

## Maple schools getting a head start on new technology; Teachers preparing for districtwide rollout next year

When new elementary and middle school buildings open in Maple Heights next year, each classroom will be equipped with the latest in educational technology, including interactive whiteboards. This fall, the district kicks off a Digital Academy to train teachers how to use the new equipment to enhance student engagement.

"Thanks to our citizens' support of the bond issue to build five new schools in Maple Heights, we will have state-of-the-art technology in every classroom in the district," says Superintendent **Charlie Keenan**. "In order to ensure a seamless transition, we are helping our teachers get ready to take advantage of these resources."

Over the summer, interactive whiteboards and projectors were installed in the 72 classrooms of those teachers participating in the Digital Academy. All new equipment will be moved when the new buildings open.

According to **Henry Pettiegrew**, Director of Curriculum and Instructional Technology,



Rockside third grade teacher **Scott Wachsberger** and **Davon'tae Powell**.

"Maple Heights will be on the cutting edge. Our teachers were hungry for instructional technology. Now they will have the equipment, as well as the professional development, to enhance student engagement in meaningful work."

Seventy-two instructional leaders were recommended by their building principals. After participating in eight professional development sessions, these teachers will be prepared to share what they have learned with their colleagues and model effective uses of technology.



Quentin Richardson

## Find technology in every classroom

When the new buildings open in Maple Heights, each classroom will be equipped with a laptop computer, Eno interactive whiteboard, wireless slate, Elmo document camera and Turning Point student response system.

"Each piece of technology was hand selected in a purposeful, deliberate way to maximize student engagement," explains **Henry Pettiegrew**, Director of Curriculum and Instructional Technology.



Lewis Glass and Rafeal Gullatte

## Milkovich Ambassadors mentor new students

New students at Milkovich Middle School now have a friend on their first day thanks to a program called "Student Ambassadors." According to Principal **Tracy Williams**, "We pair up a new student with an ambassador from the team to show him or her the ropes. It has been a great way to help new kids get acquainted with our school." From left, student ambassador **Lewis Glass** and new student **Rafeal Gullatte**.

At right, teacher **Rachel Sudhakaran** talks with a parent.



Above, Nauja Wolfe-Lyle and Ms. Wolfe pose with teacher Carmen Coleman.

At far right, Nicole Gould talks about the Spark program.



## Stafford student creates huge chalk drawing

Stafford Elementary fifth grader **Tamar Person**, created a six-foot chalk drawing for the Cleveland Museum of Art Chalk Festival recently. "I really like to draw, and I draw best when I copy a drawing," Person explains. Accompanied by his mother, **Mrs. Caldwell-Willis** and grandmother **Mrs. Jeffries**, Person said the Chalk Festival was fun.



Tamar Person

## Community benefits from Service Learning projects

Last spring, approximately 2,000 hours of service to the community were performed by 225 Maple Heights High School seniors. It was all part of a new Service Learning initiative, which culminated in student presentations before graduation.

According to Assistant Superintendent **Bruce Willingham**, "Every one of the presentations had a common theme. The students told us they learned something valuable and made a connection with someone in the community."

Superintendent **Charlie Keenan** agrees saying, "Our students put the time into these community volunteer projects that tied to classroom learning. Plus, the citizens of Maple Heights also benefitted."

**Deanne Miklovic**, Community A3 Principal, says "Students in the Academy of Academic Achievement (A3) focused on projects where students supported students.

Some helped repair playgrounds or worked with Special Olympics while others did peer tutoring and mentored elementary students."

Willingham says, "Our 2010 seniors set the tone, and we have even higher expectations for this year. Our students are learning to become better citizens and building strong relationships."

## Dunham parents commit to volunteering

At the recent Open House at Dunham Elementary, more than thirty parents committed to the "Three for Me" campaign sponsored by the National PTA. Parents pledge to volunteer at least three hours per month, according to Principal **Zelina Pames**.

Dunham teachers demonstrated the new Eno Boards and collaborated to present valuable information, including a talk by guidance counselor **Adele Filtz**. Parents also heard from a representative from the Maple Heights Public Library and from **Nicole Gould** from Spark, who had information for families with children entering kindergarten in fall 2011.





With Stafford Elementary in the background, workers install the decking before beginning work on the second floor of Milkovich.



Steel beams are installed on the Abraham Lincoln PK-1 building on the elementary campus.

## New schools going up in Maple Heights



Walls are going up on the elementary campus buildings behind Dunham Elementary.



At Milkovich Middle School, classrooms are taking shape as the masonry walls go up.

## Maple seniors selected for summer internships

Seven Maple Heights High School seniors took part in a paid, eight-week internship last summer as part of the Future Connections program at University Circle, Inc.

The program introduces young people to museums, the arts and professional environments as they engage in hands-on learning for 25 hours a week for eight weeks.

Mentors from University Circle institutions and Cleveland businesses assist students with career, personal and skill development. In addition, students earn a \$1,000 stipend to assist with transportation and other costs.

Senior **Calvin Clark** explains, "During the internship training, I learned to improve my networking skills and raised my standards for success. I also met nice adults who taught me to 'just be myself.' While working with the Cleveland Fire Department, my team had the opportunity to shoot the water hose."

Other participants included **Devonte Foy, Kimesha Flonnoy, Marcus Jackson, Terry Taylor, Alyssa Dimes** and **Otis Williams**.

## Maple Education Foundation receives \$9,000 donation

Recently, the Maple Education Foundation received a \$9,000 donation from **William Murphy '62**, who wanted to honor several of his former classmates and others who worked at the high school.

Scholarships totaling \$5,000 will be awarded in the names of his friends and classmates who have died, including **Nick Witcraft, Joe Witcraft, Dennis Papp, Roger Mickouski** and **Eugene Nagy**. A \$2,000 scholarship will honor former high school employees **Helen Pflieger** and **Marie Murphy**. Murphy also gave a \$1,000 scholarship to recognize his Maple Heights High School sweetheart **Mildred Freeman**, as well as \$1,000 for **Joanne Pflieger**, who graduated in 1965.

According to Foundation Executive Director **Dale Walter**, "Bill Murphy feels that it is important for people to give back to their community and help people to support the youth of today." Murphy lives in Panama City, Panama, and would like to hear from old friends at [wjm6350@hotmail.com](mailto:wjm6350@hotmail.com).

On Saturday, November 6, the Maple Education Foundation and the Maple Heights Teachers' Association is sponsoring a "A Night at the Races" fundraiser. A pasta dinner will be held at Catered Elegance in Bedford and all proceeds will benefit scholarships.

For more information on the fundraiser or to make a donation, please contact Walter at 216-587-3200, ext.1084 or e-mail him at [dale.walter@mapleschools.com](mailto:dale.walter@mapleschools.com).