



## Community Connection

Maple Heights Board of Education  
5740 Lawn Avenue  
Maple Heights, Ohio 44137-1023

PRSR STD  
ECRWSS  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
EDDM Retail

### Board of Education

Pamela D. Crews, President  
Dale Walter, Vice President  
Robert F. Dober  
Nicholas R. Dorsey  
Michael A. White

LOCAL  
POSTAL CUSTOMER  
MAPLE HEIGHTS, OHIO 44137

# Maple Heights City Schools Community Connection



News for the community about the Maple Heights City Schools

## Contact Information

### Abraham Lincoln School

6009 Dunham Road  
216.438.6030  
Alicia Lenczewski, Principal .....ext. 5001  
Main Office .....ext. 5021

### John F. Kennedy School

5933 Dunham Road  
216.438.6010  
Zelina Pames, Principal.....ext. 6001  
Main Office .....ext. 6003

### Barack Obama School

5800 Glenwood Avenue  
216.438.6020  
Dawn Besteder, Principal .....ext. 4001  
Main Office .....ext.4003/4002

### Milkovich Middle School

19800 Stafford Avenue  
216.438.6000  
Susan Harvey, Principal .....ext. 2001  
Jeremy Hunter, Assistant Principal ...ext. 2012  
Main Office .....ext. 2002

### Maple Heights High School

5445 West Boulevard  
216.438.6400  
Mariel Sallee, Principal .....ext. 1001  
Main Office .....ext. 1018  
Aaron Newman, F/A Principal .....ext. 1340  
F/A Office .....ext. 1624  
Muata Niamke S2C Principal .....ext. 1320  
S2C Office .....ext. 1026  
Deanne Miklovic, A3 Principal .....ext. 1330  
A3 Community Office .....ext. 1332



## Spring Sports Wrap Up

### Lady Mustang Softball

The Lady Mustangs Softball team finished with a 11-10 record. This is their 7th winning season in a row as they won their last 5 games to secure their streak. Senior **Shontia Gardner** ends the season as the all-time hits leader (111) and a .542 season batting average, which is the 5th best in school history. **Gardner** also broke two other career records in runs batted in (103) and most doubles in a career (23). Junior **Taylor Lattimore**, in her first year of playing for the Mustangs, broke several records. Her MVP. performance included seasonal records of most hits (45), stolen bases (47), highest batting average (.600), and most hits and runs in a game (7). Taylor's performance this year has put her in position to be one of the best players in the state next year.

Congratulations to Seniors **Arielle Sanders**, **Jasmine Carpenter**, **Keirra Walker**, and **Shontia Gardner** for four wonderful and memorable years.

### Mustang Baseball

The baseball team finished its season with a 4-13 record. This very young team, led by Senior, **Kyle Harper**, and juniors **Tim Brown**, **Carlton Flanagan**, **Taylor Roundtree**, and sophomore **Ryan Alpaugh** showed a lot of promise. The team MVP and offensive Player of the Year was **Tim Brown**. He led the team in batting average and innings pitched; while the most valuable defensive player was the catcher, **Carlton Flanagan**. Flanagan had the tough job of working with a pitching staff that had just 10 innings of experience from the previous year. This year's most improved player was Junior **Jon Pelly**, our second baseman. Pelly never played the game of baseball until his freshman year.

The team looks to focus on improving their skills over the summer.

### Boys & Girls Track

This year's track season was not weather friendly as the boys and girls teams had four meets cancelled due to weather. Season highlights included: freshman **Rob Taylor's** 20'4" long jump and senior **Sharhonda Rowell** second placed in the discus (Nordonia). In addition, Rowell placed fourth and our boys sprint medley took first place at Mentor. Senior **Dezmenn Fedrick** placed first in the 100 meters (Nordonia) and second in the 100 and 200 meters (Orville). Senior **James Burge** placed second in the 800 meters (Orville). At the Lake Erie League Championships, Burge won the 1600 meter run while Fedrick placed third in the 100 and 200 meter dashes, and **Mark Everett** placed third in the high jump. The teams look forward to next season.

## A Message From the Superintendent



**Congratulations Class of 2013-  
Wishing you all the best in  
your future endeavors!**

I am so proud of this group of dedicated students. Each year at graduation it is clear that our plan to raise student achievement by committing to excellence is working. This group of students have been offered more than \$ 2.5 million in scholarships and grants; they will continue to do great things in the future.

Thank you to our team of teachers, administrators, and support staff for their commitment in helping our students on their education pathway.

Thank you to the families of our students who make education a priority and continue to support our schools.

Dr. Charlie Keenan

## In Honor & Celebration Moving Forward Toward the Future

### New Track & Field Complex to be Built at No Additional Cost to Taxpayers!

A new track and field complex to be constructed next to the new high school was bid out in mid- June, and hopefully construction will start in late summer of 2013. "I was very proud to announce to the Board of Education that we were **more than \$3 million under budget on our construction project for the new schools,**" said Superintendent Charlie Keenan. "This surplus money can only be used for additional construction in the district. We have all brand new academic spaces and **our students have not run a home track meet in more than a quarter of a century**, so it was very clear that this needed be a priority area for us."

The district will also consider a turf field, stadium seating and storage in the area depending upon bids. "If we are able to add a turf field and stadium seating without touching any general fund money or asking for additional money from our taxpayers that would be fantastic." said Keenan. A turf field would save on maintenance costs, and any future upgrading of the track and field could be paid through stadium rentals and advertising.

## Recognition Ceremony Honors

**Jeff Rice, Teacher of the Year, Judie Kudla  
Employee of the Year, and Retirees**

At the annual Maple Heights City Schools' recognition ceremony, **Judie Kudla** was named Employee of the Year and **Jeffrey Rice** Teacher of the Year. Kudla, a 17-year employee is currently a secretary at Milkovich Middle School while Rice, with the district since 2008, is a math teacher at Maple Heights High School.

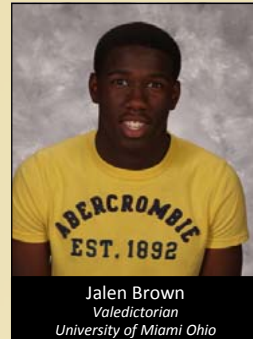


Judie Kudla  
2013 Employee  
of the Year

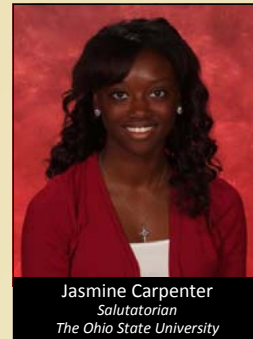
Additionally, the following retiring employees were honored: Teachers **Antoinette Bednarik**, **Nancy Bronsweig**, **Kim Poussart**, **Lucille Szabo**, **Eileen Teske**, and **Harriet Weaver**; transportation director, **Tina Perko**; and support staff members **Lillian Murdock** and **Gerri Vanek-Vittardi**. **Congratulations to all our honorees!**

# Congratulations to the Class of 2013

## TOP TEN SCHOLARS HEADED TO COLLEGE



Jalen Brown  
Valedictorian  
University of Miami Ohio



Jasmine Carpenter  
Salutatorian  
The Ohio State University



Joseph Barnett  
Kent State University



Jordan Smith  
Kent State University



Kyle Harper  
Ohio University



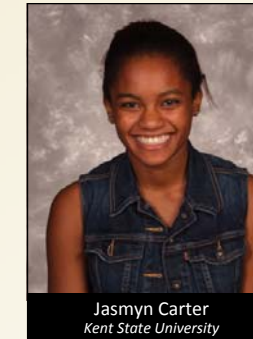
Lexes Bogan  
Cleveland State University



Sylvester Brady  
Cleveland State University



Angelica White  
Kent State University



Jasmyn Carter  
Kent State University



Paris Trowsdell  
Hiram College

## Senior Students Honored with Awards and Scholarships

### SCHOLARSHIPS

**Aaron's Rental Center:** Jamilah Grier  
**Paul Caporuscio Memorial:** Ciauna Banks  
**Chamber of Commerce:** Jalen Brown  
**Mary Allene Doblal Memorial:** Toni Oglesby  
**Dr. Charles Keenan & Family:** Aliece Johnson  
**Maple Hts. Administrators:** Jasmyn Carter, Angelica White  
**Maple Heights Teachers Association:**  
**Nicole McCoy Memorial:** Joseph Barnett  
**Mary Ellen McFadden Art:** Jamilah Grier  
**Mayor Jeff Lansky:** Alexes Thompson  
**Melfi-Peck-Tate:** Kyle Harper  
**OSBA Business Manager of the Year:** Jasmine Carpenter  
**RCR Technology Corp.:** Jalen Brown, Jasmine Carpenter, Imari Davis-Thomas, Jordan Smith, Paris Trowsdell  
**Siracusa Family:** Indigo Askew, Richard Gunn, Shana Hurst, Aya Turner  
**Jim Verner Memorial:** Lexes Bogan, Sylvester Brady  
**Cynthia Walter Memorial:** Robert Harden

### AWARDS

**Dale Walter Student Council Award:** Jalen Brown  
**Hugh O'Brian Leadership Award:** Elissa Lindsey  
**National Honors Society Service Award:** Jasmine Carpenter, Kyra Latimore, Jordan Smith, Paris Trowsdell  
**PHI BETA KAPPA Award:** Jalen Brown  
**Mary Jane Patterson Award:** Kiana Ford  
**Teacher Academy Nat'l Qualifiers:** Alethia Bell-Collier, Jalen Brown, Kiana Ford, Tejnauth Tulshi

### Band Awards

**John Philip Sousa Award:** Jasmine Carpenter  
**Semper Fidelis Award:** Keith Wright

### U.S. Marine Corps Awards

**Scholastic Excellence:** Jalen Brown  
**Distinguished Male:** Richard Robertson, Jr.  
**Distinguished Female:** Jasmine Carpenter

**Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award:** Jasmine Carpenter, Richard Robertson

**Male Athlete of Year:** Robert Harden

**Robert Geiser Award (Female Athlete):** Arielle Sanders

### Principals' Awards

**Service to Citizens Community:** Ashley Dammons  
**Community of Academic Achievement:** James Burge

### Outstanding Achievement Awards

**Art:** Briana Barnes, Shana Hurst  
**Building & Property Maint.:** Race Wickham  
**Business Management:** Keirra Walker  
**Cooperative Business Ed:** James Burge, Arielle Sanders  
**Cosmetology:** Teana Gibson, Tyesha Jackson  
**English:** Jamil Brown, Sydney Griffin  
**Family & Consumer Science:** Jahquanna Allen, Chontel Walls  
**Foreign Language:** Andre' Morgan, Ireale Ponyard  
**Health:** Jasmine Carpenter, Indigo Askew  
**Marketing:** Robert Edgerson  
**Media Arts:** Jeremy Ivicic, Stephanie Graves  
**Math:** Richard Robertson  
**Physical Ed.:** Keith Wright, Naaji Sampson  
**Science:** Toni Oglesby, Sharion Pruitt  
**Social Studies:** Jalen Brown, Jonathon Sullivan

**Award of Merit:** Indigo Askew, Ciauna Banks, Joseph Barnett, Lexes Bogan, Sylvester Brady, Jalen Brown, Jasmine Carpenter, Jasmyn Carter, Nijah Golliday, Richard Gunn, Mariah Hill, Natea Howard, Jeremy Ivicic, Aliece Johnson, Kyra Latimore, Ireale Ponyard, Richard Robertson, Arielle Sanders, Tayler Simpkins, Jordan Smith, Paris Trowsdell, Randell Wade, Angelica White

### Presidential Award of Academic Achievement:

Alethia Bell-Collier, Jalen Brown, Ken-Vonte Davis, Simon Davis, Kadasia Hudson, Summer Reid, Randall Wade

### Presidential Award of Educational Excellence:

Joseph Barnett, Lexes Bogan, Sylvester Brady, Jalen Brown, Melissa Buzard, Jasmine Carpenter, Karen Carr, Jasmyn Carter, Simon Davis, Richard Gunn, Kyle Harper, Natea Howard, Jeremy Ivicic, Aliece Johnson, Andre Morgan, Ireale Ponyard, Richard Robertson, Jordan Smith, Aaron Thomas, Paris Trowsdell, Angelica White

### Honors Diploma Recipients:

Joseph Barnett, Lexes Bogan, Sylvester Brady, Jalen Brown, Jasmine Carpenter, Jasmyn Carter, Richard Gunn, Natea Howard, Aliece Johnson, Ireale Ponyard, Richard Robertson, Jordan Smith, Paris Trowsdell, Angelica White

## Top 20 Seniors Honor Influential Teachers

The district hosted its Annual Maple Scholars Dinner on May 15. The Scholars Dinner gives an opportunity for our Top 20 students, with the highest academic records in the graduating class, to recognize his or her most influential teacher. Every year, each of the "Top 20" students chose one Maple Heights teacher who made a real difference in his or her life and write an essay explaining how the teacher had an impact on them or their educational pathway. Students, parents, and honored teachers are treated to dinner followed by the program. Top 20 students and teachers honored this year included:

Senior Student	Teacher Selected
Joseph Barnett	Mr. Devlin Culliver, High School Art
Lexes Bogan	Ms. Trish Wintergerst, High School English/Media
Sylvester Brady	Ms. Amber Rahas, High School Guidance
Jalen Brown	Ms. Melissa Jacot, Teacher Academy
Jasmine Carpenter	Ms. Lisa Litzinger, High School Physical Ed.
Karen Carr	Mr. Michael Janowitz, Middle/High Band
Jasmyn Carter	Mr. Dan Kovalak, High School Social Studies
Kiana Ford	Ms. Eboni Mikel, Grade 5
Richard Gunn	Ms. Kathleen Turk, Grade 1
Kyle Harper	Mr. Anthony Carpico, High School Math
Mariah Hill	Ms. Jeffrey Rice, High School Math
Natea Howard	Ms. Teresa Port, High School Art
Aliece Johnson	Mr. Matthew Houghton, High School Science
Andre' Morgan	Ms. Brenda Schmitt, High School Math/Business
Ireale Ponyard	Ms. Julie White, High School Science
Richard Robertson	Mr. Jamie Milkovich, High School CBIP
Jordan Smith	Ms. Julie Miller, High School English
Aaron Thomas	Ms. Valerie Burke, High School Math
Paris Trowsdell	Mr. Vincent Sztul, High School Guidance
Angelica White	Amanda Rassi, High School French