



February 2021

Administrative Updates

Tasha Shepline

High School Principal

- I am working with Greg Zumberger on classroom presentations for next year's apprenticeship program. We will begin sign-ups for the program in mid-March.
 - We will be upgrading our air brush equipment in Auto Collision Technology. The new hand tools will allow for better application of higher end paints.
 - Fire/EMS Technology students are continuing to cover Emergency Medical Technician material. Students will be eligible to take the NREMT credential certification if they so choose.
 - The Electrical Systems Technology program has received a new scissor lift. Students will be earning a certification in the use of the lift.
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Tara Shepherd

Adult Education Director

- Driver Education is off to a great start. We had 12 students attend in January and already have 15 signed up for March.
 - We currently have 26 employees from Dana Corporation and Lima Ford Engine Plant attending classes 2 nights per week as part of their apprenticeship programs.
 - LPN has officially passed re-accreditation from the Board of Nursing for the next 5 years.
 - J.R. Long in the Fire Academy is working on a HAZMAT Technician class with the Logan County Fire Dept. and a Level 1 Fire class with West Liberty. We are also going to be a pilot site for a live-fire instructor course.
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Jamie Buell

Supervisor of Student Services

- 533 10th graders visited Apollo over a two week period for 411BLAST.
 - 82 Apollo students are currently doing their academics remotely and attending Apollo for lab.
 - 40 juniors and seniors are enrolled in our College Credit Plus English course through Rhodes State College that is taught on Apollo's campus by Emily Hamric.
 - After our 411BLAST student visits, we received 442 online applications. Initial Enrollment Day is February 9, 2021.
 - Enrollment:

Students on Apollo's campus:	732
Satellite students:	<u>804</u>
Students enrolled in Apollo programs:	1536
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Bruce Johnson

Assistant High School Principal

- Brayden Lybarger, a senior in Construction Tech Design/Build II at Elida, recently completed a custom, two-tone counter-height table with storage (pictured) at the request of his mom. Brayden used AutoCAD to design it and then built it out of poplar before painting, staining and applying the finish.
- Auto Tech students are beginning WebXams, with 7 of 17 students scoring Advanced in Electricity/Electronics.
- Welding students are passing AWS certification tests in record numbers.
- Teacher observations continue.



Nick Sammetinger

Assistant High School Principal

Culinary Arts

- The Garden Café reopened to the public for lunch on February 4
- Students recently learned about various fruits and how to appropriately cut them to garnish a plate (pictured).
- The FCCLA regional competition was cancelled.



Early Childhood Education

- Mrs. Howbert is working on developing more partnerships to help connect students to work experiences/employers.
- Students are on new assigned rotations in pre-schools and daycare centers.
- Mrs. Howbert is working with local industry to purchase/scholarship each student's CDA credential (the cost is \$425/student).
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Math

- We will be offering an Advanced Math 2 course next year for students who took Advanced Math 1 this year. This will be the first time this course will be offered at Apollo.
- Financial Math is in year two of existence and has received a lot of positive feedback from students.

Science

- Anatomy students have been dissecting bones, muscles, eyes, hearts, and brains.
- Mr. Holly's classroom discussed the impacts of overpopulation and utilized authentic learning by conducting a town hall style commissioners meeting.

Social Studies

- We are making adjustments to our World Cultures/History course for next school year. It will now include contemporary world issues but will not be a full-year course.
- Michele Magoteaux has been a great and strong addition to the department.

PBIS

- We were awarded a \$2,500 grant from Activate Lima thanks to Crystal Pyles and her hard work.
- Nick Michel installed pull-out shelves on our cart. (pictured)
- The committee will be meeting this week to address areas of improvement and staff engagement.



Discipline

- I attended the OASSA Legal Seminar with topics on FERPA, Updates/Legislation, Cyber Bullying, COVID/Accommodations, and Free Speech & Social Media.
- Discipline continues to decrease. We have utilized many alternative discipline strategies and implemented the PBIS concept and growth mindsets.

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Dana Dukes-Norton

District Communications Manager

- Social media analytics and created materials: https://bit.ly/20_21MarketingCommunications
- Social Media posts
- Obtained media coverage for 411Blast.
- Working on several program-specific enrollment campaigns, branding for the Truck Driving Academy and uniform orders/delivery.
- Digital billboards are scheduled for Adult Ed and High School.
- Arranged staff and students for a feature article with the Wapakoneta Daily News.
- **Cafeteria**
 - We signed up for the Department of Defense Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program for the 2021-22 school year.
 - The first round names were sent to the state for P-EBT (Pandemic Electronic Balance Transfer aka Food Stamps). This is food assistance for students on free/reduced meals to help with food costs when they were at home instead of school due to being quarantined. Corrections will be allowed in March when the next set of names are sent. This will continue through the end of this school year.
 - We have used our allotment of Commodity dollars for 2020-21, but there was a carryover allowed from 2019-20 due to schools closing in the spring and we still have those carryover funds. The goal is to use all of the Commodity funds. The DOD program helps us use these funds and they provide very good quality produce.
 - January meals served:

Breakfast:	1,157
Lunch:	<u>7,672</u>
	8,829
 - Days Served: 17
- **Library**
 - A new advisory committees spreadsheet, which pulls each program's advisory committee into a separate tab and all tabs into a master, has been finished.
 - English instructors were surveyed on classroom novels they use. The available titles were purchased in eBook, audiobook, or concurrent user formats from OverDrive to support remote learners and instructors.
 - Assisted students and/or teachers with:
 - a bug issue in iOS that was creating problems with students connecting to the Schoology Conferences app;
 - uploading/creating Google assignments to Schoology; and
 - creating assessments in Schoology.
 - Worked with front office staff collecting period attendance.

- November Circulation Stats:
 - Check-ins: 46
 - Check-outs: 55
 - Renewals 0
 - Total transactions: 101
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Nick Michel

Facility Manager

- Northwest Security performed the annual fire alarm test for the entire campus and found no issues.
 - Armor Fire performed the fourth quarter sprinkler inspection. They replaced some out-of-date pressure gauges and found that two back flow prevention devices failed in the Lowry building. Both have been rebuilt and are back in service.
 - We assisted Commercial Parts Services with replacing a bad well in the large steam table in the Culinary kitchen.
 - Gallagher-Bassett Services performed the annual risk management walk-through of the campus. There were only a few minor suggestions this year and they are pleased with what we are doing.
 - We revamped one of our existing rolling cabinets to meet the needs of the PBIS committee. This was a huge cost savings versus buying a new cabinet.
 - We installed eleven more Nightlock lockdown devices throughout the campus. These were requested by staff during a recent safety survey.
 - We rebuilt the pressure washer in the CET building.
 - We assisted Ohio-Indiana Roofing with repairing several leaks in the Commons area.
 - We relamped a chilled serving line cooler in the cafeteria with new energy efficient LED lamps.
 - We rebuilt one of the dental chairs in Adult Ed. to better serve their instructional needs.
 - We completed 49 maintenance requests and 33 preventative maintenance tasks in January.
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Dick Schroyer

Technology Manager

- Chris Smith, Matt Kinzer and Matt Kentner recently assisted with the network recovery at Bath Local Schools. We used that time to not only assist with their massive recovery effort, but also as a learning experience for us.
- NOACSC notified us that we will be able to have our network 'scanned' in the near future by a cyber-security agency and evaluated for network vulnerabilities. This has come to the immediate forefront for us, as public schools have become a more common target for cyber-criminals.
- We worked with VEC over the Christmas holiday shutdown to configure a new Cisco Core Switch for our network. VEC did all of the network planning and configuration for us during the construction project.
- We also used the holiday shutdown to install 20 new Aruba wireless access points, setup 80 laptops for three H.S. programs, update servers and network equipment, install several new hard-drives in existing staff PC's, and check/test all battery backup systems.
- We prepared a significant number of remote student learner laptops during the first week of January, as we have many who need them for off-campus usage.
- Technology Services processed 147 Help Desk trouble tickets during the month of December and 246 during January 2021.