

Aaron Dardis, MS Principal

The MS has concluded its Student Council Elections. Each candidate for an officer position submitted a video presentation on their candidacy. The student body watched each video presentation in seminar before voting. Elections were held for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Class Representatives. The first official Student Council meeting was held shortly after the elections. The Officers met with me in the days following the meeting to give me a report on the meeting and share their ideas.

The M.S. Wrestling team recently completed their season at the Silver Lake Tournament. Although the season is short, the wrestlers demonstrated improvement and success from beginning to end. The team will officially conclude its season with a nacho party at the school in the near future.

Mike Donahue of R5 productions spoke to Wellsville Middle School students on November 13th and presented his Walk a Mile program to our students. Mr. Donahue worked with our students on the issues of cyber-bullying, bullying and the social pressures young people face today. The assembly was an important teaching tool for our students on these topics. I have received a lot of positive feedback from staff and students alike on the impact of the assembly. Mr. Donahue is the Executive Director and founder of R5 Productions, a nonprofit organization dedicated to reaching out and enriching the lives of young people. He has spoken to more than a million students throughout the last decade.

Along with the HS, our Middle School students attended a Veterans Day program on Wednesday, November 11th at 10:00 a.m. in the KD Gym.

As part of Red Ribbon Week the MS held an activity for the students on Friday, October 30th. Red Ribbon week is a drug & alcohol awareness week. Franklin County K9 Unit did a presentation to our students involving one of their drug dogs.

In order to create excitement for reading in the Middle School, our library aide (Mrs. Bell) is starting a book recommendation program. For every approved chapter book that students read they can complete a recommendation form for the book. If a student completes a recommendation form their name will go in a drawing for prizes. Student book recommendations will be posted outside the library on the bulletin board.

This week, the M.S. completed ACT Aspire testing. The MS students tested in the subjects of Reading, Math, Science, and English & Writing. The results of these tests will give us important data on student knowledge & application in order to identify strengths, weaknesses and areas of improvement in order to guide our instruction & curriculum.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- November 19th: MS Girls BB @ Santa Fe Trail
- November 23rd: MS Girls BB @ Home vs. Burlington
- December 2nd: MS Band Concert