



FAIRFIELD
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WEEK AT A GLANCE

NOVEMBER 1-9

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, November 1
Varsity Football
GMC Championship
Game
Alumni Stadium, 7 PM

Tuesday, November 5
Election / Inservice Day
No Students

Thursday, November 7
Butler Health Open
Enrollment Begins

Friday, November 8
Veterans Luncheon
FHS, 12-1:15 PM

Saturday, November 9
Lindenwald Kiwanis Club
of Hamilton and Fairfield
Pancake Breakfast
Featuring Middle School
Show Choirs
FHS, 8 AM—Noon

Saturday, November 9
Student Directed One-Act
Festival
FHS PAC
1 PM, 3 PM, 5 PM

Fairfield Alumnus Making a Mark and a Difference

Benjamin Phillips III, a 2017 Fairfield graduate and current Miami University student, who also happens to be a published author, visited the Freshman School on Friday, November 1. At only 20 years old he wrote, *Lone Wolf Mentality: A Millennial Mindset*, a book that, according to his website, "will teach you about your finances, how to build passive income streams, how to be your best professional self, and how to be successful in everything you strive for!"

Principal Michael Berkemeier describes Phillips as a "phenomenal speaker with a terrific message." Phillips spoke to each English classes at FFS and then had a question and answer time where he interacted with students as they respond to reflection questions from his book. He even played them a few songs on piano. Phillip's message focused heavily on personal mindset, professionalism, and planning for the future. He offered personal stories to encourage the young adults to strive for more. He spoke of social media influences and how it can be a powerful motivating tool, all based on who you follow. He encouraged the students to get away from the drama and the latest trends, and follow business leaders, reputable news organizations, and others who are successful.

Phillips' mission, as stated on publisher Braughler Books'

website, is about taking charge, changing mindset and following dreams "regardless of age or stage in life." As an African-American, his hope is to show other young black men "that there is a myriad and copious amount of avenues to success," he said. "While we dominate the athletic and music industry, let us not forget to cultivate the rise of other young professions such as creatives, doctors, engineers, and business people."

Phillips attributes much of his success to FFS English teacher Kelly Dziech. When he was a freshman student in her class, one of the first assignments was a rather long personal essay. He had no interest in completing an assignment that long and decided she couldn't grade it if there was nothing to grade. So he rallied his classmates to revolt against the assignment. Only, she caught on and sat him down. They talked about revolutions, leadership, and the importance of striving for success. It was then that a thirst for knowledge was placed in Phillips and he changed his mindset. He maintained a relationship with his former teacher and mentor and when it was time to write his book, she was the first person he contacted and helped him through the editing process. He even mentions her in the book's dedication.

Phillips is a young man that is

going somewhere. He represents the very best of Fairfield, and returns often to speak and encourage Freshman students. He was featured on Miami University's Farmer School of Business promotional video. To learn more about this remarkable Fairfield graduate and to view the video, visit his website [here](#).



CREATING COMMUNITY

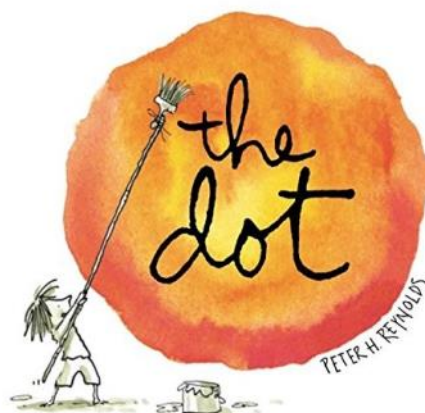
Central Collaborates on Developing Student Character

Donna Martin

Since the start of the new school year, school counselor Brecka Russo has been working with the specials teachers at Central to target some important character lessons across grade levels. Earlier this year, Mrs. Russo teamed with art teacher Lois Allen, music teacher Ed Wooten, physical education teacher Gary Smith, and media specialist Angela Marcum to intentionally share some common focus. By pairing the monthly trait of kindness with International Dot Day, this group of educators was able to incorporate the use of dots all over the building. The idea began with a read aloud of *The Dot*,

during media center time. This story encourages students to make their unique mark. In Mr. Wooten's music class, students assembled for class by moving to their correct dot on the floor. Gym class involved various games using dots for "base", and Mrs. Smith's art classes involved the entire student body creating their own original artwork dot. Mrs. Smith explained, "The dot is not just about the drawing, but the confidence in drawing." Unique student dots adorned the entire building in a colorful display, serving as another reminder that each student has an important mark to make. Mrs. Russo

took the time to speak to students through counselor chats, further enforcing the idea of leaving your mark by showing kindness to others. Second grade students brainstormed ways that they could show kindness to someone at school or home, and then placed a colorful dot on the classroom chart to choose one of the ideas. Plans are in the works for continued collaboration as the school year continues. This focus on character at Central Elementary represents just another way that Fairfield students and staff work together to make a better Fairfield community.



Five Little Pumpkins

It was all about pumpkins when Karen Sides' first graders at East met with their fourth-grade buddies recently. The older students from Lorraine Schroeder's class worked with the first graders applying STEM concepts to create pumpkin toothpaste. The project included mixing a variety of ingredients to achieve the end result. To celebrate their success,

Sides' class performed the song "Five Little Pumpkins" for their buddies. Afterward, in small groups of five, the students continued their scientific exploration by working with Play-Doh to create their own pumpkins. They designed gates to hold their "five little pumpkins, again using different materials to show off their creativity.

"The groups were very creative in their designs. We have some budding engineers here at East," Sides said.



Beauties Against Bullying

High School students caught going out of their way to be kind are being rewarded each month thanks to a partnership with local salon House of Beauty. A new recognition program called Beauties Against Bullying encourages students to show empathy toward others. The goal is to have this positive behavior extend beyond the school day. Student nominees are entered in a monthly drawing for recognition and prizes, including a T-shirt and gift from House of Beauty. Assistant Principal Rebecca Salyers oversees the program.

October winners are junior Brandon

Smith (on the left in the photo) and senior Anthony Rudd, with House of Beauty owner Jessi Skinner and her assistant Christina Carter. September winners were seniors Lauren Devoy and Cheyenna Jordan.



I Heard

Samantha, **Freshman School**: I really like **Mrs. Feist** and **Mr. Hensley**! I feel like they are teachers that actually try to have a relationship with students and it makes learning more fun and definitely motivates me!

I Heard

Fegor, **North**: I really like **Mrs. Forde**. She is a super teacher and very sweet. She always helps me when I need it.

Senior Citizen Luncheon

On Friday, November 1, members of the community gathered at the high school for the annual Senior Citizen's Luncheon. The event is a highlight for the community members who attend, and also for those who work so hard to make it a special time. FHS secretary, Kim Savage, made sure the theming was perfect: A Hollywood Day at the Movies, with a twist. Each table was

decorated with a football themed movie. Very fitting since the senior members of the 9-0 varsity football team served the lunch.

A red carpet and photo booth greeted guests who had their photo taken with special props by student photographers. Once inside, senior varsity cheerleaders served drinks, the FHS orchestra played, and then

the Choraliers serenaded the crowd as lunch was served. As always, door prizes were given and a wonderful time was had by all.

Principal Bill Rice remarked, "This is one of my favorite days. It's hard not to get choked up a bit when you see these football players gently pull out chairs and graciously serve the senior citizens."



Eighth Graders Take Memorable DC Trip

170 students and 16 teachers traveled to our nation's capital last week for a trip that will not soon be forgotten! The students were able to see as much of D.C. and the surrounding areas as could be packed into four days. The trip consisted of visits to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Marine Corps Museum and the National Archives where students glimpsed the documents on which our country was founded. On the National Mall, students explored several of the Smithsonian's museums, including the Natural History Museum, the American History Mu-

seum and the African American Museum. They were also able to see the pandas at the National Zoo and the Concorde and the Space Shuttle Discovery at the Steven Udvar-Hazy Center on their way into D.C.

Evening activities included visits to many of the nation's memorials to leaders of the past. Students paid their respects to Lincoln, Jefferson, FDR, MLK and the heroes of the US Air Force, Iwo Jima, Vietnam, Korea and WWII. The group also was able to experience the somber beauty of Arlington National Cemetery and the

precision of the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

On the way home all four buses stopped at Mt. Vernon to experience a glimpse into the life of George Washington. In addition to all the educational sites, students had the opportunity to eat, shop, laugh and learn. Crossroads teacher and chaperone Jen Crawley said of the trip, "D.C. did not disappoint with absolutely beautiful weather and we cannot wait to do it all over again next year!"



Fall Fun around Fairfield

