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At Washington, Science + Math = Pumpkins

On October 30th, Ms. Young's 2nd Grade class at Washington Elementary used pumpkins in the classroom to learn! Ms. Young supplied her students with giant pumpkins to help expand their young minds. The students weighed each pumpkin, measured each pumpkin and yes, carved each pumpkin. The students were engaged, having fun and more importantly, learning. At the end of this activity, Ms. Young had her students describe the pumpkins using their five senses. This type of hands on learning is just a small glance of the hard work and dedication our students and staff exhibit throughout the year.





At Pickaway, Math + Science = Small Group Time

You never know what teaching style you will see in Mrs. McKibben's 4th Grade class at Pickaway Elementary.

This photograph demonstrates group work during science. The students are working together labeling parts of the earth. Students are also logging their scientific discoveries in their personal journals.



In this photograph, Mrs. McKibben has a small group lesson going for math. Even as 4th graders, the students still love the direct, small group instruction. Mrs. McKibben, as well as the entire Pickaway Staff, focuses on student learning using various methods to do so.



Laurelville Students Celebrate Halloween

On Friday November 1st, Laurelville students paraded around the Village of Laurelville in the annual Halloween parade.

The Logan Elm High School "Band of Pride" led the parade and the McDowell Middle School band followed the costumed students. The bands played on the front yard of the school to entertain the students after the parade. Students celebrated with classroom parties to end the day.



Alumni Updates...Where Are They Now?

Justin Chenault graduated from Logan Elm High School as a member of the Class of 2002. He was recently featured on The History Channel's "Forged in Fire," a show about competitive blades mithing.

Justin has been married for 15 years to Jenna and they have two children, daughter Kylie 13, and son Eli 11. They live in Richwood, Ohio.

When asked about his journey after high school, Justin stated, "After graduation I worked in new home construction for a few years. Then around 2005, I started working for Easyfit Countertops in Delaware Ohio where I am currently the Service and Installation manager.

Around the same time I started getting back into blacksmithing and bladesmithing. I started attending blacksmithing meetings and demo's and asking questions of the more experienced smith's. One of those gentlemen encouraged me to join the American Bladesmith Society and to actively pursue the craft of bladesmithing. So around 2012, I joined them as an Apprentice bladesmith and started building up my skillset and trying to work towards my Journeyman smith ranking (J.S.). This year, in June, I received my J.S. ranking.

This year I also received an invitation to compete on History Channels "Forged in Fire" bladesmithing show. Shortly after getting my J.S. stamp they notified me they were ready to film my episode. My episode aired on October 30th. In the episode I got to compete against three other Smiths for the chance win the title a Forged in Fire champion. My next goal in this craft is to start working towards my

Master Smith ranking."

We are honored to say that Justin got his start in metal working in Gary Mitchel's class at Logan Elm High School!

We would like to continue the "Where Are They Now" feature in future editions of our e-newsletter. If you know of a LEHS graduate with an interesting story, please contact Marsha Waidelich at <u>marsha.waidelich@loganelm.org</u>.

Thank You!

Thank you for reading the Logan Elm Schools e-Newsletter! We appreciate your interest in the students and activities of all Logan Elm schools!

Our e-newsletter is distributed on the second and fourth Friday of each month.

Pictured: *Members of LEHS Band of Pride Color Guard posed for a photo during a recent rehearsal.*

The Band of Pride will compete in OMEA's "State Marching Band Finals" in Brunswick, Ohio on November 9th and Music For All's "Bands of America Grand Nationals" in Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapollis, Indiana on November 14th.



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