



News from the Logan Elm Local School District

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Two Renewal Levies on March 2020 Ballot

Logan Elm Local School District will ask voters to renew two levies in the upcoming March 17, 2020 election. The levies make up 16% of the District's operating revenue. They pay for ongoing costs such as teacher salaries, utilities, upkeep of school facilities and bus transportation. Continuation of these levies is vital to fund our existing instructional and extracurricular programs. If the levies are not renewed before the end of 2020, the District will lose over \$3.4 million per year and will have to make significant budget cuts to make ends meet.

The two levies are not new taxes. The property tax originally passed in 1990 as an emergency levy to keep the district from an operating deficit. Since it was originally declared an emergency levy in 1990, we must continue to use the term "emergency" when renewing it. This levy has been renewed five times since 1990. The income tax originally passed in 2005. It is a 1.0% earned income tax; this means retirement income, interest income, rental income, dividends and capital gains are not subjected to this tax. This tax was first passed in 2005 and has been renewed two times.

More information will be available soon on our website and additional information will be mailed to district residents.

McDowell Students Created Holiday Cheer with Window Painting

McDowell students brought holiday cheer to the halls of McDowell in December 2019. Students were able to submit a design which they wanted to paint on a window in the building. Window painting took place before and after school hours. Seventy-three students were involved in painting twenty-six different window designs. You can view all of the different paintings on the McDowell website by clicking [here](#).



Mr. Forte's Class Brings History to Life!

Mr. Forte, a social studies teacher at Logan Elm High School, makes an effort to have history come to life in his American History classes by bringing in presentations, reenactors, and guest speakers.

The classes recently studied Henry Ford and the early years of the assembly line. To help his students see history in action, Mr. Forte invited Marvin Stulley and Brent Mize, members of a local Model T club to visit his classes. Mr. Stulley brought his 1924 Model T for students to examine. Mr. Mize brought a working model of Henry Ford's engine. The students and Mr. Forte enjoyed seeing history in action!



Salt Creek Junior Naturalists Study the Cardinal, Our State Bird

During one of the final Junior Naturalists meetings before Winter break, students and advisers worked on creating ornaments and researching information on the state bird of Ohio, the Cardinal. Students were divided into three groups and each group was led by an adviser of the Junior Naturalists team. One group, led by Lorrie Huysman, worked on creating ornaments for their Christmas trees at home. Using items from nature, such as pine cones and branches, students were able to create their ornaments. Another group, led by Empress Bethel, focused on creating natural ornaments that could be displayed outside. Students used pine cones as the main structure, while adding peanut butter and bird seed to complete the natural ornament. This ornament



provides food for the birds while maintaining an environmentally friendly design. (It should be noted that the advisers did check for any peanut butter allergies before beginning the activity and had told students that shortening could be used as a substitute.) The final group, led by Colleen Webb, researched various facts/information on the state bird of Ohio, the cardinal. The information found from the research has been put on display in the Salt Creek gymnasium on the Junior Naturalists board. As students completed each group, they would rotate until they had attended each of the three activities. The purpose of the activity was to focus on making environmentally conscious decisions (ex: glass bulbs in lieu of plastic, natural elements) even when celebrating the holidays.



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Pictured: Laurelville Elementary students enjoy a sunny January recess!



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