



News from the Logan Elm Local School District

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Laurelville Teacher, Heidi Woods, Named "Elementary Social Studies Teacher of the Year"

Heidi Woods, 4th grade social studies teacher at Laurelville Elementary, was recently named the 2020 Elementary Social Studies Teacher of the Year by the Ohio Council for the Social Studies.

The Outstanding Social Studies Teacher Award honors social studies educators who demonstrate outstanding dedication, skill, intelligence, and caring in the practice of their art. As the recipient, Mrs. Woods exemplifies excellence in the teaching of social studies skills and content, and has been recognized as an exceptional social studies practitioner by her peers.



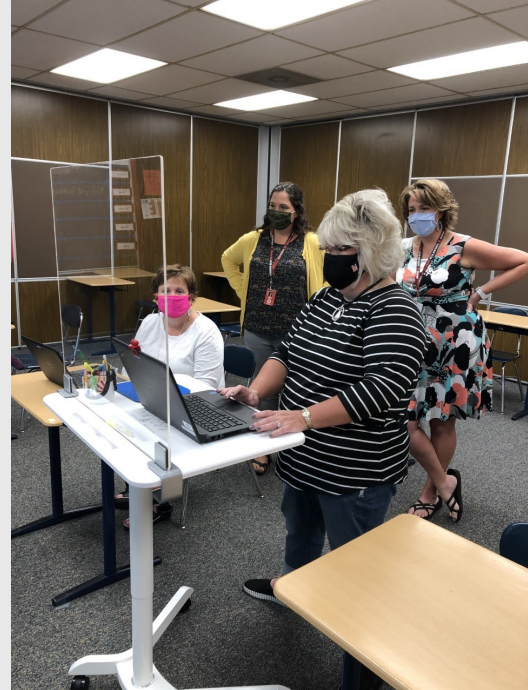
Mrs. Woods is passionate about educating young citizens and ensuring her students receive daily lessons in social studies. In her classroom, students learn to think, analyze, and create rather than just following steps. They learn that it is OK to ask questions and that you can have civil and polite conversations with opposing sides of a topic. Mrs. Woods wants her students to "think bigger" than just their class or community and to contemplate and understand how they fit into their state, their country and their world.

McDowell Middle School holds "Tech Tuesdays"

With the increased usage of technology in our classrooms, McDowell's staff has implemented "Tech Tuesday" during the morning common planning period. During this time, our technology teacher, Tracy Barnes, has been demonstrating various Google Classroom features that assist both teachers and students. We have reviewed Blocks, Google Classroom Guardian, and Google Classroom scheduling.

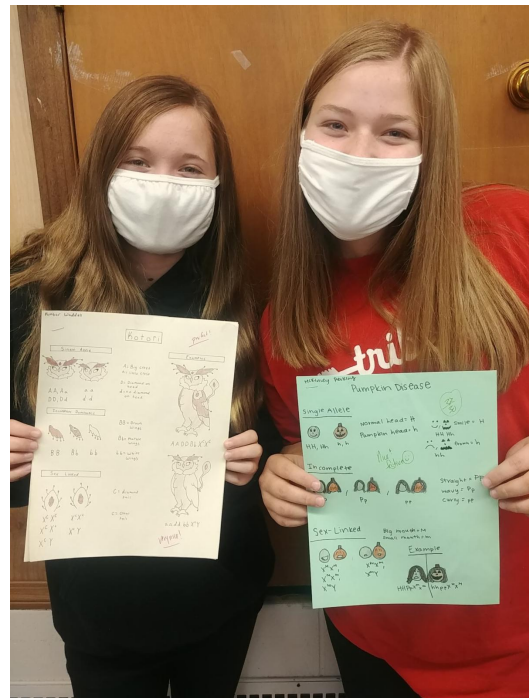
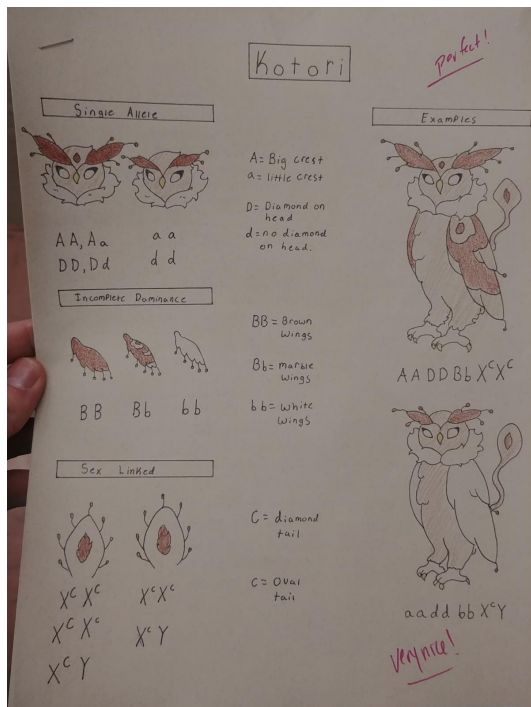
In addition, teachers share technology knowledge that might be helpful to other staff members. One example being when Carrie Griffey demonstrated Screencastify and how she uses it in her Google Classroom.

Since it appears that digital learning will comprise much of our future classroom instruction, McDowell teachers will continue to improve their knowledge of digital education to better serve our students' needs.



LEHS Biology Students Get Creative

Mrs. Sykes freshmen Biology recently concluded a unit on genetics and the culminating project was to "Design a Species" with various traits. Students wrote their own genetic problems for their created species. It was great to see the creative side of students!



Salt Creek Fifth Grade Studies Mars

Recently, Salt Creek's 5th Grade students were learning about Mars during a unit on planets. In an effort to make the content more interactive, Mrs. Bethel was able to borrow a large map of Mars from Teays Valley Local School District. Students are able to spread out on the map and observe the various missions and

facts about the planet. This year our students have their own Chromebooks which allow them to research the information as they moved around the map. Students shared their findings with the class as they completed their assignment. This is a great example of how sharing resources and cooperation between neighboring school districts can benefit many students.



Thank You!



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Winter Weather Tips from our Transportation Department:

- *Students should dress according to the outdoor temperature and be sure to wear a coat, hat, and gloves. While our buses have heaters, students should be prepared in the event of a heater malfunction.*
- *Students should be ready for the bus a few minutes early and avoid running to the bus stop...snowy and icy patches could cause a fall!*
- *Students should stay back a few feet from the bus stop in case the bus should encounter difficulty in stopping.*
- *As they board the bus, students should use the handrail as the bus steps could be wet and slippery.*
- *On days with winter weather conditions, the bus may be running a few minutes late as our drivers will be driving cautiously to ensure everyone gets to school safely.*

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