



Logan Elm

newsletter

**"Individual commitment to a group effort-
that is what makes a team work, a society work, a civilization work."**
-Vince Lombardi, coach



"The road to success is through commitment"
-Will Smith, actor

The organization known as Future Farmers of America has roots dating back to the early 20th century. The first convention was held in 1928, in Kansas City, MO. Today, there are close to 9,000 chapters across the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. FFA.ORG explains *"FFA is not just for students who want to be production farmers; FFA also welcomes members who aspire to careers as teachers, doctors, scientists, business owners and more....Today, the National FFA Organization remains committed to the individual student, providing a path to achievement in premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education."*

This group of students has been very busy this school year, supporting their community and networking with students from other chapters.



The FFA students partnered with the Logan Elm Industrial Arts Club to assemble meals for the holiday season. The meals were distributed to local families in need at Thanksgiving. Items provided were turkeys, boxed potatoes, stuffing and pies.



The Logan Elm FFA Chapter helped with the Pickaway County Ag Day at the fairgrounds on September 30th. They taught kids about bees and pollinators, soil layers, machinery, and ag careers. Elementary students enjoyed getting to learn about agriculture. The Logan Elm FFA Chapter taught along with students from Westfall, Teays Valley, and Circleville.



Students attended Leadership Night, hosted by Amanda Clearcreek FFA chapter on November 17. Attendees learned what it takes to be a leader in their community, how to lead their chapter and how to work with others. The Leadership night is an important event between the chapters because leadership is an important quality. They went through stations and played games with the other chapters.

Logan Elm students joined with over 70,000 other FFA members in Indianapolis for the 95th Annual Convention. Students toured the Dole plant where they learned how bagged salads are prepared and distributed. They also talked with the plant's quality assurance specialists.

The next stop was Ozark Fisheries, where Kailee Adkins and Kendra Detillion placed 3rd in the National FFA Agriscience Fair. They presented a project on peanut alternatives for buckeye candy. Students learned about raising, spawning and shipping goldfish, koi, crawfish, snails and tadpoles.

Once at the convention, students explored the career show that featured more than 400 agriculture related businesses and organizations. Logan Elm had three students receive the highest honor of American FFA Degree - Sterling Jarvis, Marissa Miller and Kayla Bowens.



Marissa Miller and Kayla Bowens

"The greatest things in life all require commitment, sacrifice, some struggle and hardship. It's not easy, but absolutely worth it."

-Robin Sharma, writer



Logan Elm High School and Middle School students combined for an assembly to honor veterans. The assembly included performances by the high school symphonic and a capello choirs under the direction of Ms. Debo, a commemoration of Mike Spangler by Mr. Forte, and an address by Mr. John Edgar.



High School Student Union, along with the students that ran for Homecoming King, raised \$2,087.33 and McDowell Student Council raised \$926.93 that was donated to the Military Veterans' Resource Center.



Laurelville also honored veterans with an assembly. Members of the 4th grade student council had the opportunity to plan and lead the assembly.





"Intent reveals desire; action reveals commitment."

-Steve Maraboli, author

Due to the COVID pandemic, the annual 8th grade Washington DC trip had to be canceled in Spring 2020, 2021 and 2022. This fall, a trip to the capital city was arranged for freshman, sophomore, and junior students to ensure they were able to experience this opportunity. Over 90 students from LEHS visited Washington DC from November 9-11, 2022. Students spent their days touring the monuments of MLK Jr., Jefferson, FDR, Lincoln and spent hours touring the museums of the Holocaust, National Archives, and the Army. The group had a fantastic trip and it was extra special to be in the nation's capital on Veteran's Day.



"Commitment is the foundation of great accomplishments."

-Heidi Reeder, author

Marsha Waidelich, Director of Student & Support Services for Logan Elm Schools, is pleased to announce that Logan Elm's Preschool Program was recently awarded an Early Childhood Education(ECE) Innovation Grant from the Ohio Department of Education. The ECE Innovation Grant is designed to support innovative efforts in providing high-quality programming for Ohio's youngest learners.

The grant, in the amount of \$50,000, will be used to improve our preschool program by focusing on family engagement and improving Social & Emotional Learning for our preschool students. The majority of the grant will be used to purchase equipment and supplies to enhance play-based learning and social-emotional development as well as furniture and equipment to support students with sensory issues. Additionally, the grant will support Preschool Fest, a community event celebrating preschool students and their families. Preschool Fest will be held March 30, 2023 at the Pickaway County Library. Preschool students who attend Preschool Fest will be given gift bags containing books and activity kits.

Logan Elm's preschool serves students ages 3-5 with priority for enrollment given to students with disabilities and students from households with income below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Parents and guardians may visit our Preschool webpage at <https://www.loganelm.org/Preschool> for additional information regarding our preschool program. The application process for the 2023-2024 school year will begin in February 2024 and details will be posted on the Preschool's webpage and the District's Twitter feed at that time.

"Motivation is what gets you started. Commitment is what keeps you going."

-Jim Rohn, American Entrepreneur

After years of representing Logan Elm High School as a club sport, the Board of Education approved swimming as a varsity sport this winter. On December 3, the team participated in the Roosenberg Invitational at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. The team consists of 12 female swimmers and 11 male swimmers.

Teammates who finished in the top 10 were, sophomore Lindsay Bright, who finished 2nd in the 200 Individual Medley and 1st in the 500 Freestyle; and senior Owen Braun, who finished 7th in the 100 yard Breaststroke.

Congratulations to the Swimming Braves at their first meet of the season!

More information about our winter sports teams and achievements can be found at www.loganelmsports.com.



The girls 400 Freestyle Relay (Stella Jones, Siennah Bryant, Julia Weller and Lindsay Bright) finished 11th overall.



The boys 200 Medley Relay (Will Higginbotham, Owen Braun, Keegan Kidd, and Durke Green) finished 8th overall.

The boys 400 Freestyle Relay (Will Higginbotham, Gavin Shaw, Dane Liggins and Keegan Kidd) finished 11th overall.

Thank You!

We appreciate your interest in the students and activities of all Logan Elm schools!

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