
Superintendent's Staff Spotlight

Wadsworth City Schools

Issue 44

September/October 2016

NEW STAFF



Wadsworth City Schools Welcomes New Teachers and Administrators

First Row: Alexandra Richards, LN 1st Grade; Katie Morfchak, FR/OV/CIS Speech Pathologist; Mary Napoli, WHS Prevention Specialist; Yunzhen Wang, WHS Chinese;

Second Row: Johanna Corbin, CIS, VV Intervention Specialist; Ashley Ruedisueli, Preschool Supervisor, Psychologist; Brooke Grimes, WMS Family Consumer Science; Dianna Tenyak, OV Kindergarten;

Third Row: Chari Turski, VV Kindergarten; Kristie Stoll, WMS Health Teacher; Jennifer Ballinger, CIS/WMS School Psychologist; Lindsay Kelley, OV 2nd Grade; Lisa Bressler, LN Kindergarten;

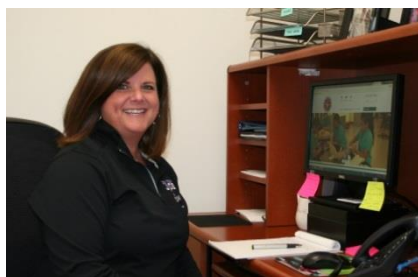
Fourth Row: Kathryn Witmer, WMS Title Tutor; Brianne Pernod, WHS English Teacher; Kaitlyn Virden, WMS Intervention Specialist; Kristen Rodkey, Coordinator of Testing, Assessment, and Data; Corinne Magensky, Career Pathways Compact Counselor; Sarah Hissner, VV Special Education; Meghan Nichols, LN 2nd Grade;

Top Row: Blake Dickson, CIS Special Education; Samuel Piehl, WMS/WHS Instrumental Music; Justin Todd, WHS Physical Education

Kristen Rodkey is the new Coordinator of Testing, Assessment and Data. Her office is located in the administration building.

Kristen's administration degree is from Cleveland State University. Her undergraduate work is from Muskingum University, Cleveland State, and John Carroll. She most recently served as an Instructional Coach/Reading Specialist in Cleveland Heights University Heights School District. She also has experience as an elementary and 7/8 ELA teacher, Title reading teacher, and a social studies teacher.

Kristen resides in Parma with her husband, Eric. She enjoys baking and spending time with her large, extended family.



Corinne Magensky is the new Career Pathway Counselor with the Four Cities Compact. Her office is in the Four Cities Compact Office in the administration building. Corinne works with students on career education and helps them find how interests and activities can match with careers. She is also working on the process of accessing college credits for all the career tech programs.

Superintendent's Staff Spotlight

Wadsworth City Schools

Issue 44

September/October 2016

Corinne's undergraduate and graduate degrees are from the University of Akron. Corinne served as a school counselor at Copley High School for 16 years. Her experience also includes serving as a counselor for two years at Akron Public Schools as well as teaching there for eight years.

Corinne lives in Green with her husband, John. Her oldest daughter, Megan, attends Columbia College of Chicago and youngest daughter, Sara, is at The University of Cincinnati.

Corinne said, "I am excited about starting something new with the Four Cities Compact and I look forward to growing and learning on this new journey."

HONORS AND AWARDS

Teaching Distinguished Educator Award



Stephine Schmeltzer, IS 2nd Grade Teacher, received the 2016 Celebrate Teaching Distinguished Educator Award from Battelle for Kids at the Educators Connect for Success Conference in Columbus on June 14. Educators were selected for demonstrating evidence of great teaching in multiple ways such as academic, non-cognitive, and community measures. Congratulations, Stephine!

Chris Kallai, WHS Carpentry Teacher, (pictured on right) was inducted into the Coventry Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2016. Chris was recognized for his accomplishment in wrestling. The induction took place at the "Hall of Fame" football game on August 26 before kickoff. Congratulations, Chris!



NEWS AND NOTES

Akron Marathon



#ACHero

#runAkron

Linda Pollock-Mueller, WHS Custodian, shared the picture of her grandson, Jordan Pollock, Age 5, (center) who was one of Akron Children's Hospital Heroes who greeted and cheered on marathon runners as they passed by the hospital at the Hero Zone mile 11.4.

Superintendent's Staff Spotlight

Wadsworth City Schools

Issue 44

September/October 2016



Akron marathon participants included half marathon runner Michelle Farr; and relay runners Jodie McInnis, Kelly Rapp, Abby Elliott, and Kristin MacDowell.

Michelle Farr, WHS Math Teacher, pictured left, ran the half marathon and won the masters division (over 40) and was the 11th overall woman out of 1,951. Her kids ran the one mile fun run on Friday evening. They are pictured with Olympian Meb Keflezighi.

WHERE THE GRIZZLIES GO!



Aife Balogh, daughter of CIS Title teacher Jeni Balogh, enjoyed her first trip to Steelers' training camp. Several players loved her glasses!



Rob Earle, 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher (pictured third from left), bicycled from Wadsworth to Tionesta, PA on July 9 with five other bicycle enthusiasts. The 154 mile ride took over 12 hours.



Katie Titus, FR 2nd grade teacher, and her husband, Bob, went to the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville over the 4th of July weekend.



Sandy Hall, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Editor of the Spotlight, traveled to NV, AZ, and UT to hike and sight see in the Valley of Fire, Grand Canyon, Bryce and Zion National Parks.



Katie Titus, FR 2nd Grade Teacher, took a road trip with a friend to Wyoming in August. Stops included Mount Rushmore, Wall Drug, and the Bad Lands. They spent a week riding horses on a ranch at the base of the Tetons.



Linda Pollock-Mueller, WHS Custodian, spent a few days camping with friends at Salt Fork's horse camp. Twelve riders spent their days on the trail and evenings around the fire. They covered about 25 miles of trails during their three days.

Superintendent's Staff Spotlight

Wadsworth City Schools

Issue 44

September/October 2016

NEW LITTLE GRIZZLIES



Hazel Ann Arnold

Bill and Barbie Arnold, WMS Family Consumer Science Teacher, announce the birth of their daughter, Hazel Ann, born on July 1 at 1:21 p.m. Hazel weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. She is pictured with her big sister Eleanor (6) and big brother Luke (4).



Jason Brian Martin

Patrick and Jen Martin (Uhl), WMS 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher, announce the birth of their son, Jason Brian, on July 9 at 9:31 p.m. Jason was 22 inches long and weighed 8 pounds 15 ounces.



Landon Robert Schoonover

Kate and Mark Schoonover announce the birth of their son, Landon Robert, on August 20. Landon weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. He joins big sisters Bella (10) and Piper (5).



Beckam Wesly Cooper

Woody and Ann Marie Cooper, CIS Intervention Specialist, welcomed Beckam Wesly Cooper on September 8. Beckam weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces. He joins one older brother, Liam.

Where to send your Spotlight news:

Send news of awards, honors, travels, birth and wedding announcements to Sandy Hall at shall@wadsworthschools.org to publish in the Spotlight!