

# **GARRETTFORD GOOD NEWS**

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## ***MUSIC STUDENTS EXCEL AT AREA FESTIVALS***

On Thursday April 3rd Peyton Anderson-clarinet, Sklyar DeClericio- Flute, and Abraham Collaguazo-Saxophone, participated in the District 12 PMEA 5/6 band fest, an all day event held at Marple Newton High School. The day culminated in a concert directed by Dr. Scott Watson, a leading composer and director of elementary band music. One of the students favorite pieces of the night was Awesome Sauce written by Dr. Watson.

Recently, students from Garrettford were selected to participate in the PMEA District 12 Chorus Fes! They had the incredible opportunity to rehearse and perform under the direction of a guest conductor, alongside students from 35 other elementary schools in the area.



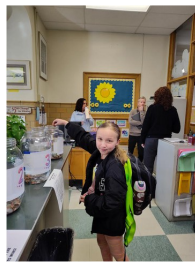
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## ***PENNY WARS COMPETITION WAS A HUGE SUCCESS***

The Home and School Association sponsored a Penny Wars competition last month which proved to be so much fun and a great fundraiser, as well. The students were slow getting the hang of things, but by Wednesday, the competition was fierce and the lines to deposit coins were growing!

Positive points could be accrued by adding pennies. Each penny is worth a point, and a dollar is worth 100 points. Points can be taken away from your opponent by adding silver to their jar. For example, you can take away five points by adding a nickel, ten points by adding a dime and 25 points by adding a quarter.

Home and School collected \$920.97!!! First place was taken by first grade with 7165 points. **First Grade will get a Water Ice Party for their efforts!** In second place with 6599 points was **Third Grade who won a pretzel party.** Fourth Grade had 5966 points. Second Grade had 5586 points and Fifth Grade was in the negative with -7187 points. Clearly, the students in grades one through four got the hang of the game and sabotaged fifth grade! We cannot wait until next year's competition!



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## **MRS. MANTZARIDIS HONORED DURING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL WEEK**

During Assistant Principal's Week, the staff and students tried hard to make Mrs. Mantzaridis feel loved and appreciated. She received, cards, treats, a video presentation and many kind words and expressions of appreciation for the hard work she does every day and the tremendous difference she makes for the Garrettford community. We are so lucky to have her here at Garrettford!



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## **MISS GARVEY HEADS UP AN EXCITING SPECIAL PROMOTION AT THE BUCKET BUCK STORE**

Miss Garvey, our Speech/Language Therapist headed up a project to promote literacy and reward the children for choosing to read. She advanced the projects with signs hinting at a special event to take place in the coming days. The children were excited and kept asking about what was going to happen. Then, several beautifully decorated gift baskets appeared in the windows with an explanation of how students might win one. Along with the baskets was a huge





display of paperback books to purchase with bucket bucks. The students could: **A)** Buy a book at a special price of \$7 **B)** Get 1 FREE mini plushie book buddy from the bags in the window and **C)** Enter one raffle ticket for a raffle basket into the yellow bag above it. The books were flying out of the store and the students were so excited with the entire project. At the end of a few weeks, the raffle winners were selected!

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## ***GARRETTFORD HOLDS PEP RALLY TO SPUR STUDENTS ON TO DO THEIR BEST ON STATE TESTS***

To kick off our PSSA testing week, Garrettford held a school wide pep rally to motivate and encourage our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders to perform their best on the upcoming state assessments. Grade-levels competed in relay races, 1st and 2nd grade students made motivational signs, and we even had a special appearance from the UDHS Cheerleading Team! The weather cooperated and we had a fun, spirit-filled afternoon at Garrettford.



During testing, students took time out to relax with their buddy classmates. We also encouraged on-time attendance and a good effort by providing raffle prizes for all students who qualified.







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## ***DELAWARE COUNTY YOUNG AUTHORS COMPETITION***

We are so proud of our Garrettford students who submitted entries to represent Garrettford in the Delaware County Young Author's Contest. All students who entered the contest won extra recess.

Each elementary school in Delaware County is allowed to submit a couple entries per grade level. The 12 Garrettford Finalists were:

5th graders: Natalia Smith and Skylar DeClerico

4th graders: Arissa Akther, Hayden Buxton and Farha Elsayed

3rd graders: August Parries Heller and Zehaan Bhuiyan

2nd graders: Adhan Asdairi, Colton Conrad and Sendeke Patterson

1st graders: Carter Wright and Rey Williams

These students were celebrated at April's Student of the Month Assembly and got to have a lunch with the principals.

And CONGRATULATIONS to 1st grader **Rey Williams** who was selected a winning entry!! Rey's story will be published in a book with other winning entries from all over Delaware County. Rey was also celebrated at a ceremony hosted by the Keystone Literacy Association. (picture coming on May 14th)

We are so proud of all our Garrettford Young Writers. We look forward to next years' contest.



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## ***GARRETTFORD STUDENTS SHINE AT ANNUAL ARTS FESTIVAL***



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