



# ELIDA LOCAL SCHOOLS DAWG BYTES

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February 10, 2017

## Mr. Schymanski Goes to Washington

Elida School Board President Pat Schymanski joined more than 750 school board and state school board association leaders in Washington, D.C., to advocate for strong public schools. Schymanski participated in the National School Boards Association's (NSBA) Advocacy Institute, held Jan. 29-31st. The institute focuses on building year-round advocacy for public education and local school board governance in the public, legal and legislative arenas.

School board members participate in NSBA's Federal Relations Network (FRN), a **national grassroots legislative effort that urges members of Congress to make public education a top priority.** Local school board members are appointed by the Ohio School Boards Association work with FRN to lobby members of Ohio's congressional delegation on federal education issues.



Richard Smith, Marysville School District VP and Legislative Liaison, Sen. Jim Jordan, Elida Board Pres. & Legislative Liaison Pat Schymanski

**In a day-long visit to the U.S. Capitol, school board leaders asked Congress for a bipartisan effort to avert further across-the-board budget cuts (Sequestration Requirements) to education in FY 2018 and beyond.**

***"Local school boards understand the needs of their communities and schools and work to serve the best interests of our school districts," Schymanski said. "We need Congress and the U.S. Department of Education to work with us to ensure that all students are receiving the best education opportunities we can provide ."***



Elida School Board Pres. Mr. Pat Schymanski & Marysville School District VP Richard Smith

Specifically, FRN members urged members of Congress to:

- Enact a bipartisan child nutrition reauthorization package** that grants flexibility and relief for school districts to successfully administer meal programs by increasing reimbursement levels to cover the cost of compliance and involving stakeholder engagement in future discussions.
- Urge strong support for passage of a bipartisan reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act**, including provisions for a strong academic component and credentialing program that will help districts in advancing 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and knowledge to meet the needs of both students and employers.
- Urge Congress to support the wide range of educational choice options offered by our public school districts**, including local magnet schools, specialty schools, such as STEM, and options available through blended learning, career technical education, or International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement course work.
- Ensure adequate funding for education programs**, including maintaining current funding levels for IDEA and Title I. If the Federal budget allowed, increasing funding to help our neediest would help schools prepare our next generation of citizens for their civic responsibilities.



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## Mathcounts Team

Congratulations to the students participating in Mathcounts competition. The Team placed 4th overall.

Two 8th grade students, Emma Laux and Evelyn Frueh now qualify for the state tournament at Columbus State University on March 11th.

Good Luck!



Mathcounts Team: Back Row: Emma Laux, Evelyn Frueh, Mrs. Trisha Smith (coached for Mr. Brady Overholt) Emma Hanes Front Row: Kami Moening, Marley Savill, Lillian Niebel, Jackson Davis, Mya Risner

## ALUMNI NEWS:



Congratulations to our Elida graduate, Mercedes (Hatcher) Brookman, Class of 2010, who was inducted into the Apollo Career Center Alumni Hall of Fame. Mercedes is currently finishing her Doctorate in Occupational Therapy at Kettering College. Mercedes' award was given to her by Dennis Fricke, Elida's Apollo Representative, and she was nominated by Mary Kales, former instructor at Apollo and Elida resident .

## Parent's Meeting: this Monday for High School Class Scheduling

There is a parent meeting about scheduling for next year's classes this Monday, February 13 from 6-7 p.m. in the High School Commons for Sophomore, Junior & Senior students. Incoming Freshman will meet from 7-8:00 pm. Please attend for general scheduling information.



## SPRING PICTURES: Next week

Middle School:	February 15th
Elementary:	
Kindergarten & 1st	February 16th
2nd-4th grade	February 17th



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The Annual OHIO HAS TALENT Competition is next weekend, Feb 18th at The Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert.

Several Elida students will be participating, including Senior Natalee Rose who will be singing "House of the Rising Sun" accompanied by her father John, on guitar.

Seniors Colin Parent and Carson French, members of the local band, *Thing of Gold*, will also be competing.

**GOOD LUCK** to our talented Elida students!

#ElidaPride #ElidaHasTalent



John and Natalee Patrick  
(Photo courtesy of Natalee Patrick)



Thing of Gold from left to right: John Brake, Van Wert, (guitar and vocals), Colin Parent, Elida, (bass), Mazee Shae Brinkman, Ottoville, (vocals), Carson French, Elida, (drums) and Derek Pignataro, Shawnee, (guitar, vocals, keyboard). Photo courtesy of John Brake.

Feb. 11	OMEA Solo and Ensemble Contest	at Lima Senior
Feb. 13	Parent's High School Class Schedule Meeting	6-7:00 (10-12th gr.) 7-8:00 (Freshman)
Feb. 16	MS Parent/Teacher Conferences	4-7:00 pm
Feb. 17	Sadie Hawkins Dance	8-11:30 pm HS Commons
Feb. 20	Presidents Day	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Feb. 21	School Board Mtg.	7:00 pm HS Community Room
Feb. 22	HS Parent /Teacher Conferences	4-7:30 pm
Feb. 27	Prof. Development Day	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>



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## STUDENTS SIGN “Letters of Intent”



Senior Kyleigh Gay signs a “Letter of Intent” to play soccer at Trine University in the fall. She is the daughter of Chad Gay and Amanda Slygh.



Senior Noah Meeker signs a “Letter of Intent” to play football at Trine University in the fall. He is the son of Jaime and Megan Meeker.

## Meet Molly & Mary Jean!

Mary Jean Miller is a retired Music Teacher from Elida Schools. Her sweet dog, Molly, is a Bichon Frise and certified Therapy Dog who comes and visits us at Elida Elementary School.

Molly will be 13 years old in April.

She has passed Obedience 1, Canine Good Citizen, and Pet Therapy Certification through the national program “Pet Partners.” She makes weekly visits to Elida Elementary to read with the students.

Molly and Mary Jean get around quite a bit and even visit patients at Lima Memorial Hospital and The Lima Public Library.

Thanks Molly & Mary Jean!



Parent-Teacher  
Conferences

**FEBRUARY 16th Middle School** 4:00-7:00pm Call the MS Office to schedule your appointment 419-331-2505

**FEBRUARY 22nd High School** 4:00-7:30 Call the HS Office to schedule your appointment 419-331-4115