



SUPERINTENDENT'S TIP OF THE HAT

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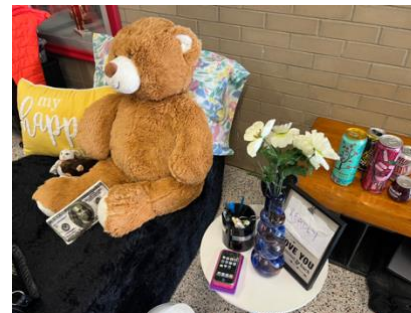
'Hidden In Plain Sight'

On February 6, 2024, our middle & high schools teamed for a special program entitled, "Hidden In Plain Sight: An Awareness Program for Parents and Other Adults."

Participants were asked to explore an interactive exhibit with JMS.

The exhibit resembles a teenager's bedroom with more than 100 items that could indicate dangerous or risky behaviors.

The exercise will be repeated at JMS from 4-6 p.m. on February 15, 2024.



Students Salute Board Members; Share Educational Experiences

Johnstown-Monroe students celebrated School Board Appreciation Month by sharing some of the learning experiences they are having in Johnstown schools with J-M Board of Education members on January 22. Video highlights may be viewed [HERE](#).

During the meeting, Board of Education President Tim Swauger was honored for his 10 years of service as a J-M District Board Member. Mr. Swauger was presented with a certificate noting his achievement by Mark Bobo, Director of Member Relations for the Ohio School Boards Association.

On January 8, Judge Andrew J. King of the Ohio Court of Appeals Fifth District conducted the oath of office for three incumbent board members re-elected during the November 2023 election: Alan Benton, Amanda Davis, and Anne Thomas.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

It was my privilege to share a “Mid-Year District Update” with our city partners during the February 6, Johnstown City Council meeting.

Topics covered included recent State Report Card successes, as well as updates on new math and science curriculums and corresponding study focus in those areas.

I also noted the administrative leadership changes in three of our four schools.

The other topic which received necessary attention was that of compensation and economic development agreements necessary to meet future enrollment growth.

A recording of the address is available [HERE](#).



Johnstown Elementary Hosts Triumphant “Family Math Night”

Our thanks to our Johnstown-Monroe School District families who participated in Johnstown Elementary School’s “Family Math Night” on January 25. Despite some foggy conditions, attendance was strong, and families enjoyed spending time together and experiencing mathematics instruction in a fun but enriching environment. Video highlights [HERE](#).



JES Second-Graders Experience The Works



Due to the complexity and the number of District projects, often it is difficult to find time outside of the office. However, last Wednesday I found a few minutes to travel to The Works in Newark to visit with some of our second-grade students. It was time well spent and I always appreciate interacting with students. Some video highlights may be viewed [HERE](#).

John A. Gagliardi





COMING UP!

- **Feb. 15:** Grandparents Day (JES & JIS)
- **Feb. 15:** Valentine's Parties (JES & JIS)
- **Feb. 16:** PD Day (No School)
- **Feb. 19:** President's Day (No School)
- **Feb. 26:** JHS Innovation Center Opening & Educational Workforce Development Forum
- **Feb. 27:** Kindergarten Parent Information Night, 6:30 p.m. (JES) More [HERE](#).

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Johnstown Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Technology Debbie Seibel, Johnstown High School principal Angel King, and Superintendent Dr. Philip H. Wagner made a recent visit to the C-TEC postsecondary program that inspired the Johnstown and CTEC partnership. PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER S. COOPER

Training technicians

Johnstown-Monroe, C-TEC launch program for Licking County students

The program will provide students with a range of training opportunities designed to equip them for tomorrow's career opportunities. Students will complete courses and have the opportunity to earn credentials aligned to business and industry needs. The new program was inspired by a C-TEC Postsecondary Training program that does not currently have a high school equivalent, Johnstown-Monroe Superintendent Philip Wagner said. It will allow Johnstown High School to host "via C-TEC" juniors and seniors for concentrated instruction in four major trade areas: construction and carpentry, electrical, plumbing and digital controls, such as HVAC. Wagner said, "We might add another area or two, but we will start with these areas."

Etna Twp. official quits 'to preserve her health'

Administrator says work environment abusive

Marie DeVito
News Anchor
USA TODAY NETWORK

Etna Township's administrator is no longer in the position because of what she and her attorney allege is a hostile and abusive work environment.

Mrs. Hanson left the position Wednesday, less than a year after she was hired by Marty at the township's first full-time administrator since 2016.

Hanson's attorney Sara Elliott said Thursday that Hanson was "constructively discharged" from her position as township administrator because of

ongoing discrimination and retaliation that had begun to impact her health.

A constructive discharge is when "a worker's resignation or retirement may be found not to be voluntary because the employer has created a hostile or intolerable work environment," according to the U.S. Department of Labor's website.

Elliott said Hanson did not want to leave the position but felt she had no other option.

Elliott pleaded for help. All she wanted to do was to serve the township and do a tremendous job as township administrator, which I think she did," he said. "The problem in the retirement got so abusive and hostile, that she really had no choice but to preserve her health by submitting this letter and ending the relationship."

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Senate overrides veto, blocks local bans on flavored tobacco

Columbus, to go by what they want, and they're not supporting their local ones," Senate President Matt Huffman, R-Ga., said.

Anti-tobacco groups say these bans are necessary to reduce teen vaping, as studies show young people prefer fruit or

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