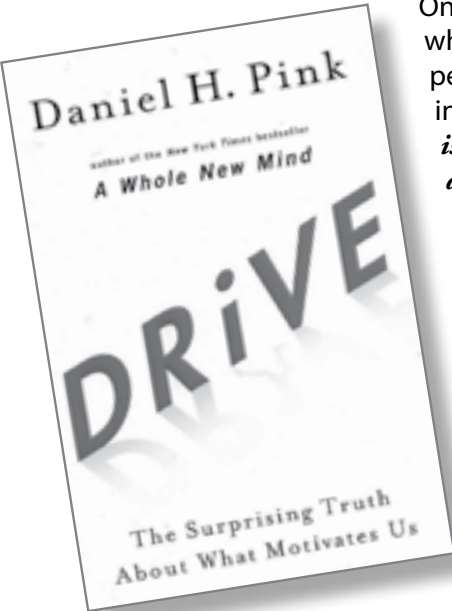


We Are Tickled “Pink” to Encourage Children to be Curious, Happy Learners!

The staff of Central Elementary continues to take part in the Ohio Department of Education’s State Support Team Pilot of the Universal Design for Learning. UDL represents a paradigm shift in education in which four critical elements are implemented.

- Clear Goals
- Inclusive, Intentional Planning
- Flexible Methods and Materials
- Formative Assessment (Time Progress Monitoring)



One of our focuses has been to increase the level of flexible methods and material which gives our students more choice in what they are learning. A key to high performance and satisfaction is self motivation and the desire to follow your own interests. *“If we want higher-level work, research shows us the better way to motivation is to build more autonomy, our desire to be self-directed; on mastery, which is our desire to get better and better at something that matters,”* states **Daniel Pink**.

Fifth grade students working on “Space Mini-Research Projects” is an example of having more choices for students but still balancing the need to cover State Standards in Science and Language Art. Students could choose a topic related to the exploration of space. Examples of topics were a constellation, a space vehicle, a planet, an artificial satellite, space probes, any moon, meteors, comets, or a famous space explorer. A student could also choose a different topic related to space that was of interest to him/her. The task was to find 15-20 facts about their topic, write a report from notes they had prepared, plan a display and share an interesting idea learned with the class. The projects were amazing because when students have choice in their learning the motivation and drive soars (like a rocket!) 🐾

“

Our basic nature is to be curious and self-directed. Have you ever seen a one-year-old who’s not curious and self-directed? Children (and adults) want to learn, to make choices, to achieve.

”

Daniel Pink, author of
A Whole New Mind and Drive:
The Surprising Truths About What
Motivates Us

Why Teach Art, Music and Movement When America Is Found to Be Lagging Behind in Science and Mathematics?

This is a question that is often asked. For over a century, schools have focused learning with a left-brain dominance based on the learning of facts and information. The world is changing greatly and we, as educators and parents, must adapt to these changes. Research shows that the development of the right-side of the brain promotes creativity that enhances the learning and processing of information. According to **Daniel Pink**, *“The future will belong to a very different kind of person with a very different kind of mind – creators, pattern organizers, meaning makers, artists, inventors, designers, storytellers, big picture thinkers, will be the leaders of the future.”* 🐾

WANTED:

CREATIVE AND HAPPY FIVE YEAR OLDS

Kindergarten Parent Information Night
Thursday, February 3, 2011
Central Elementary School
7 p.m.

ART CORNER

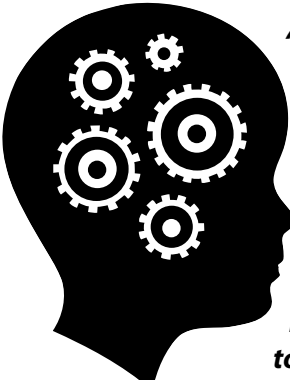
Congratulations to the following artists who have art on display at the Sylvania Heritage Museum February 2 through March 16. There will be an artists' reception in their honor on Wednesday, February 2 from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

1ST GRADE:	
Kelli Altman	Anna Lowenstein
Slyane Asah	Sean Millington
Jacob Ball	Shana Phillips
Alia Beseiso	Nat Potter
Mark Curtis	Mia Prisby
Patricia Erney	Shayna Rahman
Allison Hood	Ryan Rogers
Lillian Howe	Eve Saltzman
Brooke Johnson	Anna Siegel
Sammy Kalniz	Sydney Straka
Zoe Kyle	Bradley Strub
Steven Liu	

4TH GRADE:	
Lydia Applin	Annsley Mann
Josh Bader	Lauren Manore
Katherine	Kerstyn
Barricklow	Martinez
Will Benner	Parker McClure
Mason Brown	Ashley Mercer
Megan Busse	J.T. Metzinger
Ariana	Ben Miller
Calderone	Rachel Miller
Max Case	Erin Mills
Caleb Davis	Ryan O'Loughlin
Nikki Delverne	Megan Peng
Madeline	Grant Perry
Doenecke	Lauren Rahe
Allie Duffey	Sai Ravella
Jaden Edwards	Emma Rieman
Emily Elekonich	Daniel Rogers
Kari Evans	Hope Roth
Iyah Fneiche	Lily Roth
Joey Golding	Abigail Royfman
Brandon Gould	Lawrence Ruffin
Victoria	Kylie Sgro
Hagmeyer	Alishbah Shoib
Tanner Hall	Anika Singhania
Payton Helvey	Lauren Smith
Victoria Jamrozy	Jacob
Lila Jarouche	Spurgeon-Hess
Jamie Johnson	Matthew
Emilie Jump	Stansley
Carson Kamal	Kris Stoll
Trevor	Gary Sung
Kruszynski	Anika Sweeney
Ashley Le	Lily Sweeney
Jason Lee	Joseph Turley
Kyle Lippens	Kathryn Urrutia
Arthur Liu	Jeanelle Wu
Abigail Mann	Nour Zrien 🐾

Creative Minds

Fourth grade students were encouraged to write their own similes and metaphors. Here are a few of the right-brained, creative ideas.



*“The boy ran like a scientist who made a tele-
portation device.”*

“Life is like a long journey to China.”

“Rita has the memory of a camera with 100 gigabytes.”

“The sprinting boy is faster than a roller coaster with a jetpack.” 🐾



Super Stars!

Who Are Super Stars? No, we are not referring to the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Green Bay Packers in the Super Bowl! Super Stars are students who try their best at Central Elementary.

Duncan Adkins

Nora Beseiso

Ethan Breeden

Mason Brown

Joey Brown

Joe Bucher

Madilyn Burnett

Max Case

Amina Chamoun

Jerry Chen

Lucas Curran

Mark Curtis

Kaleb Demaline

Meranda Estep

Jacob Fisher

Josh Fisher

Jessica Fisher

Matthew Fisher

James Francis

Cody Freeman

Joey Golding

Theodore Gothier

Alexa Gudelman

Jack Haase

Abby Heisler

Morgan Holloway

Allison Hood

Emily Hou

Andrew Howard

Katelyn Imbrock

Tatum Johnson

Matt Johnston

Sammy Kalniz

Akhil Katragadda

Meilian Kong

Nathan Le

Jason Lee

Kaitlyn Long

Gabi Lowenstein

Lauren Manore

Sophia Manzella

Nick Marsalek

Karlee Meier

Ashley Mercer

Kailey Metz

Chloe Miller

Trinady Moss

Meghan Nash

Piper Nicely

Mariah Northington

Caitlin O'Shea

Shana Phillips

Maddie Rahman

Joelle Rawski

Abby Reed

Emma Rieman

Quinn Rinke

Ryan Rogers

Jack Schmidt

Brayton Schmidt

Arman Serpen

Joey Sgro

Vijay Singh

Ellie Siwa

Lauren Smith

Alex Snyder

Cara Soli

Tyler Summers

Lily Sweeney

Sage Ulery

Reily Underwood

Aditi Vijendra

Jeanelle Wu

District News...

Reduction Planning Continues
The administration and Board of Education continue to explore ways to remove \$6 million dollar from the budget to achieve a balanced budget for the 2011-2012 school year. Suggestions are welcome through feedback via the website at www.sylvaniaschools.org.

Board Elects New Officers
The Sylvania Board of Education elected Vicki Donovan Lyle as President and Dave Spiess as the Vice President for 2011. Profiles of the board members are available at <http://www.sylvania.k12.oh.us/board.htm>. Board agendas and minutes are also archived online for community members to track directions and decisions made each month. Agendas are posted the Friday before the meeting and minutes go online the month following the meeting.

Community members are invited to attend board meetings held on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The first meeting is held at the Administrative Offices at 4747 N. Holland Sylvania Road and the second meeting of the month is held at Southview, 7225 Sylvania Avenue.

Ohio Graduation Testing
On March 14 -18 both Northview and Southview high schools will be administering the 10th grade Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT). To help facilitate the testing, all students participating in the testing will report at the normal start time. Students in 11th and 12th grade who previously passed the OGT will follow a two-hour delay for the week. Students in the 9th grade will report at the regular time on March 14-18 in order to take a practice version of the OGT in all five areas of the test.

Buses will follow their normal routes and times for students. A study hall will be provided for those students arriving on buses at the normal start time. Regular classes will begin at 9:35 a.m. for all students. Buses will not be running two hours late. It is important that students find alternative transportation or plan on bus transportation at normal pick up time.

8th Grade Open Houses
The 8th Grade Open Houses scheduled for February 10 and February 17 have been rescheduled for April. More details about scheduling and open houses will be sent to 8th grade parents in the coming weeks. Tours and shadowing opportunities are available by appointment only. Contact the school office for a tour or the counselor's office for shadowing opportunities. Northview - 419-824-8570 (office) / 419-824-8715 (guidance office) or Southview - 419-824-8580 (office) / 419-824-8737 (guidance office).

Kindergarten Registration Continues
All-day kindergarten begins in the fall for children five years of age on or before August 1, 2011. Information nights are being held in each school for parents to learn about the curriculum, meet the staff and tour the school. Community organizations will also be present to provide information about activities and programs available for students. The following schools are scheduled at 7 p.m: February 1, Highland Elementary; February 2, Maplewood Elementary; February 3, Central Elementary

If you've missed your school date or are unable to attend, contact your child's school or Student Services at 419-824-8581.

Winter Weather is Here
Winter weather brings the chance of school delays and closings. When inclement weather is an issue, there are two decision points. The first one comes at 5:45 a.m. when the Superintendent makes the decision to remain open, delay two hours, or to close. At times the call may come later than 5:45 a.m. if the weather situation is still developing and we need additional time to assess the roads. The second decision point comes by 7:45 a.m. when a final decision to remain open or close is made if warranted. Ohio school districts are granted three calamity days. When districts go over that allotment, then they are required to make up the days. If we would run into this situation, the days will be made up at the end of the school year.

Please note that weather delays and closings are relayed to parents and staff via all of the local TV and radio stations, by calling the closing/delay info line at 419-824-8696, or via electronic updates at www.cancellations.com, Toledo Blade information line and the newstrax email blast.

For Parents...
8th Annual Showcase Sylvania Expo, hosted by the Sylvania Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held on March 26 at Tam-O-Shanter Exhibition Hall on Sylvania Avenue, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Over 150 vendors attract about 4,000 consumers.

Sylvania Recreation offers several winter programs: Wrestling Program (Grades 1-8); Junior High Ski Trips (February 11 & 25); and Martial Arts (Grades K-12 & Parent-Child classes). For more information or to register: Call 419-882-1500. www.playsylvania.com

Creative Theater. The Sylvania Arts Commission is offering theater classes for students in grades 4-8. Classes will run March - May at Northview High School. www.sylvaniaarts.org

Take the Pledge. Talking regularly with kids reduces their risk of using alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Know! urges you to encourage other parents to join Know! by taking the Parent and Caregiver Pledge. www.HelpThemKnow.com

Parent Tips for Dealing with Bullying (*according to Stop Bullying Now*)

- Get your child's input: Listen, empathize, gather info and respect your child's view of the situation. However, as the parent, you must decide the appropriate action and take the lead in dealing with it. And do NOT encourage retaliation, as it is likely to only make matters worse.
- Keep your emotions in check: It is natural for protective parental instincts to take over, but it is important to keep a calm, clear head as you consider the next steps.
- Contact school authorities (do NOT contact the parents of the bully directly): Stick to the facts. Emphasize your desire to work with school officials to solve the problem.
- For cyber bullying: Encourage your child NOT to respond to the bully. Save all messages as evidence. Try to identify the bully, even if he/she is using a fake or anonymous name. Again, make school officials aware of the situation and in the case of cyber bullying, consider filing a complaint directly with the internet or cell phone provider.

If the bullying continues, contact the school again. In serious cases where threats are made or violence occurs, contact your local police

Your Input is Appreciated
Please send questions and/or concerns that you would like addressed to: Superintendent's Office, 4747 North Holland Sylvania Road, Sylvania, OH 43560 or via email to: sy_nac@nwoca.org. 🐾

VIP News: Very Important Parents!

Turn in all Box Tops, Labels for Education and Tyson label collections by February 14. Prizes will be awarded to the top collector and three random drawing winners. Increase your collections by asking neighbors, family and coworkers for labels. Remember, each Box Top label is worth 10 cents cash for Central!

The Annual Central Variety Show is Friday, February 25, at 6 p.m. at Southview High School! The mandatory dress rehearsal is on Wednesday, February 23. Everyone is welcome to attend – come out and support our talented Central Cubs!

International Night is March 18, but the committee needs your help soon! If you can volunteer by hosting a “country” booth, donating food, or providing a special talent, please contact Minnie Singh at minniesingh@buckeye-express.com. 🐾

February 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 TWO-HOUR LATE START	2 5:30 - 7 p.m. Sylvania Historical Museum Art Reception <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3 7 p.m. Kindergarten Parents Information Night (Central)	4 12 noon Parent School Council Meeting (4747 N. Holland Sylvania)	5
6	7	8 “We the People” Theater Vision Presentation Franciscan Center (Grade 5) 9:30 a.m. Parents’ Club Meeting	9	10 8:15 a.m. Student Council Meeting (White Team)	11	12
13	14  <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16	17 Toledo Symphony Concert (Grades 4 & 5) 5 - 6 p.m. Market Day Pick-Up	18	19
20	21  NO SCHOOL (K-12) <i>Presidents' Day</i>	22	23 Variety Show Dress Rehearsal	24	25 6 p.m. Variety Show (Southview Theatre)	26
27	28	1	2	3	4	5  We Are Central