



# *THE PANTHER*

BRISTOL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER –  
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## **Bristol Beta Club takes 3rd at State!**



Congratulations to the Beta Club for winning 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Beta Club State Convention from March 27-28. We also have the privilege of having yet another Beta Club State Vice President at Bristol—Andrew Pleso. Lucas Chapman was the 2013-2014 State VP this year and has undoubtedly inspired the Beta Club to do wonderful things in service to others. He also won a \$1000 Beta Club Scholarship! The Beta Club won the following awards at Convention:

Martha Pilon: 1st place in oratory, 1st place in spotlight board, 3rd place in oil pastel, 3rd place in onsite painting  
Kylie Stoneman: 2nd place in spelling  
Kristina Wolin: 1st place in painting  
Ben Woods: 1st place in woodworking  
Haley Spangler: 1st place in oil pastel  
Lauren Slusher: 1st place in pen and ink  
Kaitlyn Philhower: 1st place in sculpture and 2nd place in oil pastel  
Olivia Pilon: 3rd place in onsite pencil  
Tyler Warren: Creative Writing



# BRISTOL IS BUSY DOING WONDERFUL THINGS!

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Schools are busy places and go far beyond merely teaching in the classroom, although that is certainly the most important function of a school. One of our priorities is keeping our students safe. Towards this end, we had ALICE training on March 18<sup>th</sup> and brought in 2 Hubbard police officers trained in teaching students and staff how to react to a school intruder. We also want to see students perform well on state tests. Their performance reflects the quality of teaching and learning here. Our staff helped our 10<sup>th</sup> graders get ready for the OGT by providing boot camps in all 5 testable areas the week before the 5-day testing week. A thanks goes out to our boot camp instructors: Mrs. Suttles, Mrs. Poplyk, Mrs. Woodford, Mrs. Anderson, and Mr. Thompson. To reward our 10th grade for their hard work, we had an ice cream social the week after OGTs.

Graduation fever is in the air! As we get closer to that much-anticipated moment, I am so impressed with how much work our seniors have done to get ready for college entrance and career readiness. Many seniors already know where they are going and have financial aid packages and scholarships lined up. It is such a privilege to be here to serve all of these fine young people. As always, if you need me for anything, my door is always open.

-Mrs. Ryser

## ART CLUB WINS!



On Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Prischak and the Art Club students seen above competed in the Pat Catan's "Iron Crafter" competition. The girls won 1<sup>st</sup> place, a trophy, and a \$100 gift certificate to the store. The girls that competed were Martha Pilon, Destiney Franklin, Erica Dulca, and Kristina Wolin.

## Bristol kids take 1st and 2nd place!



Bristol Junior High came out big when the Warren Area Board of Realtors announced that two of our students won prizes in their essay contest "Home is Where Your Heart Is." Anna Pleso won first place and \$300. Brandon White won second place and a \$200 prize. These winners and two guests were invited to attend the American Home Week celebration and banquet on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at DiLucia's Banquet Center on Elm Road.





## ***MRS. KANE USES FACETIME TO SPEAK WITH HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR***

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Kane arranged for the entire 8<sup>th</sup> grade and other students and staff to use Facetime to speak with Holocaust survivor Barbara Schechter Cohen from Michigan. As the group of about 80 quietly listened, Barbara talked about how her family narrowly escaped being put in a concentration camp and how they eventually immigrated to the United States in 1945 at the conclusion of WWII. This was particularly special to Anna Pleso because she had previously done a project for Mrs. Kane and had selected Barbara as her Holocaust survivor to research. To meet Barbara in "person" was a unique educational experience not just for Anna but for all of us.



## **BRISTOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN CIVICS DAY**

On March 31, Olivia Pilon, Levi Paldino, and Lexi Rager were selected to work with local officials and community leaders. Each student had a unique experience that helped them to learn more about what leadership is all about. With students from around Trumbull County, they were treated to a luncheon at DiVieste's Banquet Center in Warren.



## ***BETA CLUB BLOOD DRIVE***



On March 21<sup>st</sup>, the Beta Club teamed up with the Red Cross again to host another blood drive. Thanks to their efforts, they collected 35 pints of blood. In the photo above, Aaron Wiebe, Bryce Gabrielson, Lauren Slusher, and Lucas Chapman stop to take a photo during the blood drive.



## THE SOFTBALL SPRING CARNIVAL HITS A HOME RUN AT BRISTOL



Hitting the piñata was only one of the many exciting things that kids might do at the March Softball Spring Carnival. Under the direction of softball coaches Debbie Rowles and Lori Koeth, the Softball Spring Carnival was a night that brought the communities of Bristolville and Farmington together to enjoy games and prizes. By the end of the evening, the softball team had raised enough money to pay for both uniforms and the pay to play fees for all of our Lady Panthers!

### JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL RULES!

We want to congratulate our teams for winning in the following tournaments:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Bristol tournament: 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball team
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Mathews Tournament: 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball team
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Badger Tournament: 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball team





## ***SOLO AND ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCES SHOWCASE BRISTOL MUSICAL TALENT***



When the original solo and ensemble competitions were canceled due to bad weather, this didn't slow Tami Pleso down. She arranged for our students to give a lovely concert to parents and friends on March 17<sup>th</sup>. It was an evening that was memorable for all of us.

## **PROJECT-BASED LEARNING IN MR. CHRISTMYER'S PHYSICS CLASS**



On the left: Tyler Warren, Brandon Lee, Martha Pilon, and Kyle Bontrager. On the right: Saahirah Cua, Katie Bouch, and Becca Merlino.

Last time it was designing a catapult. This time, the physics students worked in groups to design a Rube Goldberg machine which is a deliberately over-engineered machine that performs a very simple task in a very complicated fashion, usually including a chain reaction. The expression is named after American cartoonist and inventor Rube Goldberg.

# WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT?



**PROM IS  
APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**PROM:** It's the night everyone has been waiting for! We want our students and guests to have fun and be safe. The SMASH group has organized an outdoor assembly for grades 10-12 on April 16<sup>th</sup> with our Bristol Fire Department to remind students about vehicle safety.

**Cost:** \$30 for a single ticket and \$55 for a couple

**Location:** Sorrento's on Parkman Rd.

**Time:** 6:00-10:00 pm

## THE 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE IS GOING TO KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

**10<sup>th</sup> grade college field trip to Kent State University on April 30<sup>th</sup>:** One of our school's priorities this year is offering all of our 9-12 a chance to have at least one college-related field trip. The senior class took a trip to YSU on November 22<sup>nd</sup>; the 11<sup>th</sup> grade made a trek to Pittsburgh for the National College Fair, and the 9<sup>th</sup> grade visited Akron University. Now it's the 10<sup>th</sup> grade's turn to get out and see what college is life is all about.

## The Yearbook on Sale!

The 2013-2014 yearbook is still on sale. Deadline for ordering the book is May 1st. Many seniors have not ordered a yearbook yet. The only way to guarantee fall delivery of your child's book is to order it today. Extra yearbooks are not ordered. The cost is \$65 payable to Bristol High School. This is also the last call for any senior parents who would like to place a senior salute in the yearbook for \$30. Contact Mrs. Suttles at [carolyn.suttles@neomin.org](mailto:carolyn.suttles@neomin.org) for more information.

**Senior parents:** The technology class is creating a video honoring our seniors. We are looking for older pictures of the students (perhaps a birthday party many were at, a spring elementary field trip, etc.). If you have any photos we could use, you can get them to us by putting them in an envelope or baggie clearly marked with your name. We will scan the photos and get them back to you. Or if you have an electronic file of the pictures, you can simply email them to [tom.russo@neomin.org](mailto:tom.russo@neomin.org) for inclusion. We are also asking for a current photo and a baby photo of each senior. We appreciate your help in our efforts.

## Dates to Know

April 16: SMASH assembly

April 17: Student Council trip to Grand Valley

April 17: Talent Show

April 25: Prom

April 29<sup>th</sup>: School-wide art show

April 30: 10<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Kent State

April 30: 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Reading OAA and morning mock interviews for seniors with Mr. Pleso

April 30: HS Music concert

April 30: HS Envirothon

May 1: 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Math OAA

May 5: 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science OAA

May 5: Sheltered Reality school-wide assembly

May 8: County Scholarship Breakfast

May 14: Physics Trip to Cedar Point

May 21: HS Awards Ceremony

May 23: Graduation rehearsal

May 25: Graduation!

May 26: Memorial Day

May 27<sup>th</sup> Senior Brunch (senior last day)

**May 28-30: Final exams for 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>**

June 4: Students' last day