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NA Students Thrive on "Hands-On" Learning



Second-graders in Ms. Gail Haley's class at Peebles Elementary School train Trixie the goldfish to do remarkable tricks by using food as a positive reinforcer. Trixie's progress provides ample material for students to write about in their personal journals. (Photo by Dana Cornelius, PES)

A hoop-jumping goldfish, a "hands-on" approach to algebra, and a voter registration drive ranked among the seven most innovative classroom projects in the North Allegheny School District in the past year.

The projects, funded at a total of nearly \$17,000 by the non-profit North Allegheny Foundation, foster creative new teaching methods; enhance NA's national reputation for academic excellence; and – most importantly – instruct and delight students.



ABOUT THE NORTH ALLEGHENY FOUNDATION

- A non-profit organization dedicated to promoting excellence in the North Allegheny School District
- Provides seed money for "hands-on" learning experiences at all grade levels
- Has granted more than \$142,000 to 85 innovative new programs since 1989
- Administers and/or helps fund six scholarships for NA students, worth \$7,500 in 2008
- Depends upon local businesses and individuals for financial support

Shout it Out for NA's "Special Someones"

Has an exceptional NA person made a difference in your life? Let them – let everyone – know about it through the NA Foundation's *Honor Someone Special* program.

For a \$25 tax-deductible donation, the Foundation will send your special someone a beautiful certificate and recognize them in the annual newsletter.

The program is open to students, teachers and staff. All can confer or receive honors. Applications are available online at www.northallegheynyfoundation.org or by calling 412-369-5437.

Here are the awards for the 2008-09 school year:

- *Mr. and Mrs. David Blue* and family honored **Alyssa Hugus**, 6th grade teacher at Carson Middle School.
- *Mr. and Mrs. José DelAlmida and family* honored **David Irlbacher**, former principal at Franklin Elementary School.
- *Alice Marshall* honored **Elizabeth Colcombe**, former principal at Marshall Elementary School; **Mark Wilson**, former social studies teacher at the Intermediate High School; **Kathy Coll**, former English teacher at the Intermediate High School; and, **Dr. Marcia Martin**, former principal at Carson Middle School.



Support Innovative Education!

Every child benefits when teaching is creative, hands-on and fun. Here's how you can help:

Become an NA Foundation Patron.

Call 412-369-5437 with your \$25 donation.

Take part in the 2009 Golf Classic.

Play, sponsor or donate. Or just join us for dinner.

Donate through the United Way.

Designate your United Way donations to the NA Foundation, using code number 3567.

Honor Someone Special.

Donate \$25 or more in honor of an NA teacher, staff member or student.



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Need Help with College Tuition?

The North Allegheny Foundation funds and administers two college scholarship funds for graduating seniors: the **Lawrence E. Bozzomo/NA Foundation Scholarship**, a \$2,000 stipend for a graduating senior who has overcome personal challenges, and the **Dr. Carl A. Newman Memorial/North Allegheny Scholarship**, three \$1,000 awards for future teachers.

The Foundation administers three other funds: the **Christine Loveri Memorial Scholarship Fund**, a \$500 stipend to a member of the North Allegheny Orchestra Program; the **Jeffrey R. Ferringer Fund**, \$500 awards to those who participated in the District's Learning Support Program; and the **James R. Wall Humanitarian Scholarship Award**, a \$2,000 grant to a sophomore who exemplifies the caring qualities of the late Mr. Wall. In addition, the Foundation donates \$1,000 a year to the **North Allegheny Scholarship Fund**.

Find out more at the NASH School Counseling Office or the Foundation's website: www.northallegheynyfoundation.org.

Congratulations 2008 Scholarship Winners!

If you run into any of the seven people listed below, be sure to congratulate them. They are the seven members of the class of 2008 who won a combined total of \$6,500 in scholarships administered and/or funded by the NA Foundation last year.

- **Marco J. Giovengo** won the \$2,000 Lawrence E. Bozzomo/North Allegheny Foundation Scholarship. Marco enrolled in Robert Morris University.
- **Elizabeth Bishop, Jenna Klaum** and **Katherine Muskal** each won a

\$1,000 Dr. Carl A. Newman Memorial/North Allegheny Foundation Scholarship. They opted to attend the University of Pittsburgh, Grove City College and Appalachian State University, respectively.

- **Will Judkis** and **Michael Schott** each won \$500 from the Jeffrey R. Ferringer Fund. They are students at St. Francis University and the Community College of Allegheny County, respectively.
- **Michael Dice** won the \$500 Christine Loverti Memorial Scholarship. He chose to attend Penn State University.



How to Apply for Grants and Scholarships

The NA Foundation, a non-profit, all-volunteer organization, exists for one reason: to encourage excellence in the North Allegheny School District.



Teachers: Do you have a great new idea to enliven your classroom – but no funding? A grant from the NA Foundation might be the answer.

Graduating seniors: Need help paying for college? Apply for one of the six scholarships administered and/or funded by the NA Foundation.

Community members: Looking for a way to get involved? Join us! Open trustee positions are posted on our website as they become available; associate trustees may join at any time to assist on any committee. Or, just attend our meetings, usually held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the District's Central Administration Board Room.

For application forms and more information, please call 412-369-5437 or visit our website at www.northalleghenyfoundation.org.

NA Foundation's 2008-2009 Officers and Trustees

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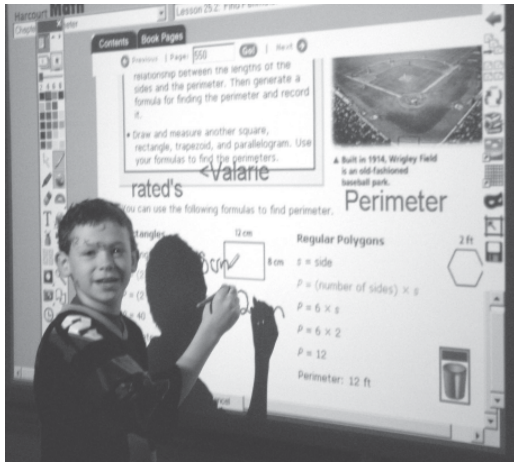
Cynthia Navadeh, Marshall Elementary

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“Smart Boards” Come to Franklin, Ingomar



Two elementary schools have obtained a total of eight Promethean Interactive Whiteboards with the aid of their Parent Teacher Organizations and the NA Foundation.

Whiteboards, also known as “smart boards,” are large, touch-sensitive screens that display images from a desktop computer. They help boost the children’s attention span and ability to retain key concepts.

Ms. Amy Scott and **Ms. Christy Hailey**, fourth-grade teachers at Ingomar Elementary School, received an NA Foundation grant of \$6,040 – matched by the school’s PTO – to enable the purchase of four whiteboards. At Franklin Elementary, a \$7,400 grant from the Foundation, coupled with PTA funding, enabled **Ms. Rachel Fischbaugh**, fifth-grade teacher, to purchase four whiteboards.

Algebra Made Easier at Carson Middle

Quick, solve this problem:
 $4x + 2 = 3x + 9$.

If you find that a challenge, ask a seventh-grader at Carson Middle School for help. Pre-algebra students are finding that math isn’t so tough, thanks to the new Hands-On Equations program.

Ms. Sue Bentz and **Ms. Arlene Barbus** obtained a \$370 grant from the North Allegheny Foundation for the program, which simplifies algebraic concepts and makes them more concrete. Students manipulate pawns and cubes on desktop boards. This lays the foundation for later, more complex math courses.



Kindergarteners Are Home “Word” Bound

Curling up with a good book can be a lot of fun, as kindergarteners and their parents are discovering through the Home “Word” Bound project at Ingomar Elementary School.

The project, initiated by kindergarten teacher **Ms. Kristen Huskey** and funded with \$800 from the NA Foundation, provides reading material and resources for home use. New readers get a chance to practice vowel and consonant sounds, beginning sight words and more, and both generations share in the pleasure of reading.



Trixie Makes a Splash at Peebles Elementary

Writer's block is no problem in **Ms. Gail Haley's** second-grade classroom at Peebles Elementary School.

Rather than writing "what I did on my summer vacation," students chronicle the exploits of Trixie, the hoop-jumping, soccer-playing goldfish, in their personal journals.

To teach Trixie to do tricks, students are applying the classic psychological principle of positive reinforcement, using food as a motivator. Then they write about the experience.

The innovative project was made possible with a \$358 grant from the NA Foundation.



Marshall Middle to NASH: Just Vote It!



North Allegheny seniors who turned 18 this school year received some special greetings: hand-made cards and voter registration forms from sixth- and eighth-graders at Marshall Middle School.

The Just Vote It! project got underway with a \$333 NA Foundation grant to Marshall Middle School teachers **Ms. Tracy Devlin** and **Ms. Kim Wert**, who aimed to make civics education a "hands-on" experience.

Marshall students also created TV and radio ads for candidates in the historic 2008 campaign; conducted exit interviews with local voters as they left their polling places; and analyzed election results in their social studies classes.

They're Climbing the Wall at Ingomar Elementary School

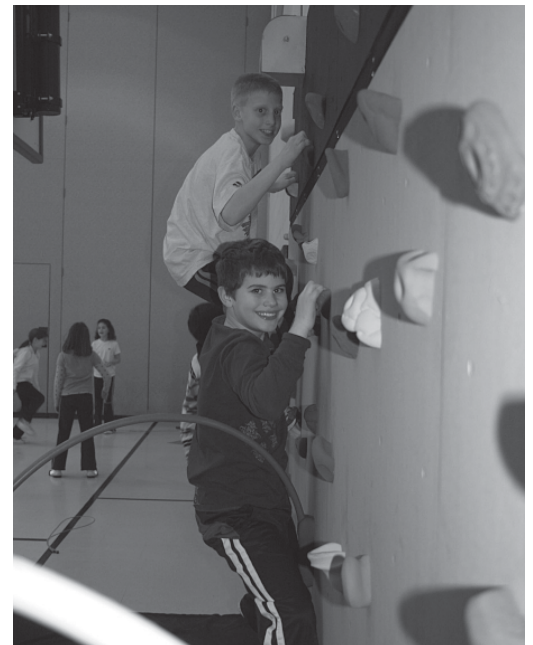
You'll soon be looking up to the students at Ingomar Elementary School – literally. That's because Ingomar has installed a new, eight-foot-high climbing wall.

The wall will be an integral part of the school's adventure-based physical education curriculum. It will also be used for after-school activities.

Mr. Dean Boronyak, health and physical education teacher, was awarded a \$1,500 NA Foundation

grant for the wall. Remaining funding came from the Ingomar Parent Teacher Organization and the Carol M. White Physical Education Program Grant.

Climbing walls are known for helping students improve muscular coordination, endurance and strength. But they also encourage other, non-physical skills, such as team-building, positive risk-taking and creative problem-solving.



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The NA Foundation extends sincere thanks to the many individuals and businesses who supported the Golf Classic in 2008:

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2009 GOLF AND SPONSOR REGISTRATION FORM

Company Name (as it should appear in the program booklet): _____

Contact Person _____ **Phone** _____

Address _____ **City** _____ **ST** _____ **Zip** _____

E-mail address _____

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – Please Reply by May 18, 2009

- Title - \$5,500:** Lunch, dinner, greens' fees, carts & beverages on course for 8 golfers, preferred & reserved seating at dinner, corporate sign at 1st tee, recognition as Title Sponsor on all tournament signage and pre-event publicity, full page inside cover ad and recognition as Title Sponsor in program. \$ _____
- Platinum - \$4,200:** Lunch, dinner, greens' fees, carts & beverages on course for 8 golfers, preferred & reserved seating at dinner, corporate sign at a tee, center page ad and recognition as Platinum Sponsor in program. \$ _____
- Dinner - \$1,600:** Lunch, dinner, greens' fees, carts & beverages on course for 4 golfers, preferred & reserved seating at dinner, sign at dinner and recognition as Dinner Sponsor in program. \$ _____
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- Silver - \$800:** Lunch, dinner, greens' fees, carts & beverages on course for 2 golfers, half page ad, sign at a tee and recognition as Silver Sponsor in program. \$ _____
- Lunch - \$500:** Sign at lunch and recognition as Lunch Sponsor in program. \$ _____
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- Beverage Station - \$275:** Sign at beverage station and recognition in program. \$ _____
- Tee or Green - \$175:** Sign at tee or green and recognition in program. \$ _____

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES – Please Reply & Enclose Camera Ready Artwork by May 18, 2009

- \$350** - Full page (4 3/4"w x 7 3/4"h) **\$250** - Half page (4 3/4"w x 3 3/4"h)
- \$150** - Quarter page (2 1/4"w x 3 1/4"h) **\$75** - Business card ad (3 1/2"w x 1 3/4"h)
- Patron Listing - \$50** - name listed in program _____ \$ _____

GOLFER REGISTRATION – Please Reply by May 25, 2009

Golf - \$200/golfer **# of Golfers** _____ \$ _____

Includes lunch, dinner, greens' fees, cart and beverages on course

Golfer _____ Phone: _____

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Golfer _____ Phone: _____

Dinner guests - \$50/person **# of Dinner Guests** _____ \$ _____

Dinner guest(s) _____ Phone: _____

Donation **Amount** _____ \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

PAYMENT - Please make CHECK payable to North Allegheny Foundation. Thank you. \$ _____

REGISTER NOW
for the
**North Allegheny
FOUNDATION'S
10th Annual
Golf Classic**

Monday, June 15, 2009
Diamond Run Golf Club
Sewickley, PA

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Tee-off

12:30 p.m. Shotgun

Registration & Lunch

10:30–12:15

Raffle and Silent Auction

10:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Cocktail Reception

5:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

Dinner

6:30 p.m.

Program

7:00 p.m.

Team & Skill Prize Winners
Auction & Raffle Winners

*See inside for registration form
and sponsorship opportunities.*

Questions? Call 412-369-5437.



Join us at Diamond Run.

An afternoon's play on a beautiful course.

An evening of fine dining with friends.

A chance to win dazzling prizes.

It's the NA Foundation's 10th Annual Golf Classic.

*This year, the Classic will be held for the first time at Diamond Run Golf Club,
a Gary Player Signature Course renowned for
its scenic views and rolling fairways.*

*With five sets of elevated tees to vary distance and angle to the green,
this course challenges amateur and seasoned golfers alike.*

Send your registration/sponsorship form (inside) and check to:
North Allegheny Foundation
200 Hillvue Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Win an Autographed Fleury Hockey Stick

The Pittsburgh Penguins are providing the grand raffle prize for this year's Golf Classic: a hockey stick signed by goalie Marc-André Fleury.

Now in his fourth season, the former No. 1 draft helped lead the Penguins to the 2007-08 Stanley Cup finals.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the Golf Classic on June 15. To purchase tickets, please call the Foundation office, 412-369-5437.

Proceeds support grants and scholarships.



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