

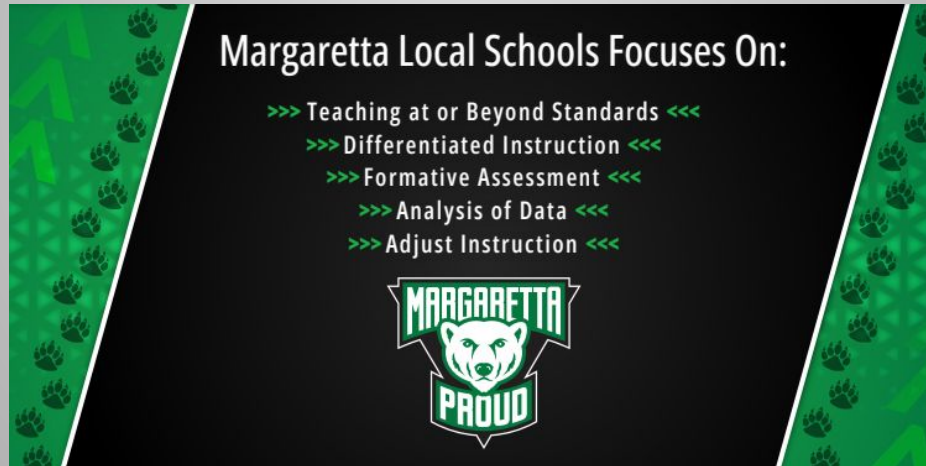
# Margaretta Local Schools



June 20, 2023

# Strategic Plan

- Academic Achievement - 100% of students will show academic success
- Climate - focus on communication so all residents, employees, and students feel informed and valued
- Career Development - explore STEM/STEAM opportunities with students getting opportunities for career exploration



*Empowering and supporting Student Success by Nurturing Unique Abilities and Passions.*

# What's Ahead?

- Literacy and Learning Grant - Supporting our Literacy Initiative \$200,000
- New Curriculum Aligned and in place in English Language Arts & Mathematics
- Strong Emphasis on Engaged Learning Environments throughout all classrooms
- Working with Erie County Business Advisory Council on career exploration opportunities for students.



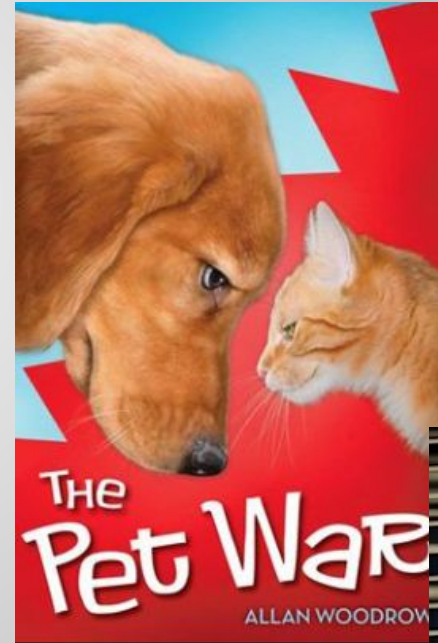
# Margaretta Elementary

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## Update

# Author Visit, OSOB

Our One School, One Book this year was The Pet War by Allan Woodrow.



# Pet War

- 🐾 We partnered with both the Erie and Sandusky Humane Societies to help donate items to their facilities.
- 🐾 We featured their animals in our videos.

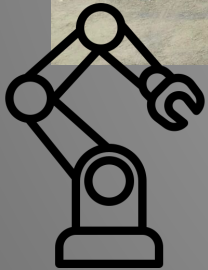


- 🐾 Both facilities came to the building to speak to students about how they help animals and what their needs for the summer.

# Career Based Field Trips-4th Grade at Whirlpool



# Robotics Team at Motion Controls Robotics in Fremont





# Fifth Grade Graduation/Program



# Margaretta Polarbots - Robotics Team



# Polarbots Continued

- We had a team make it to the state competition placing in the top 10!



# MES Academic Challenge Team



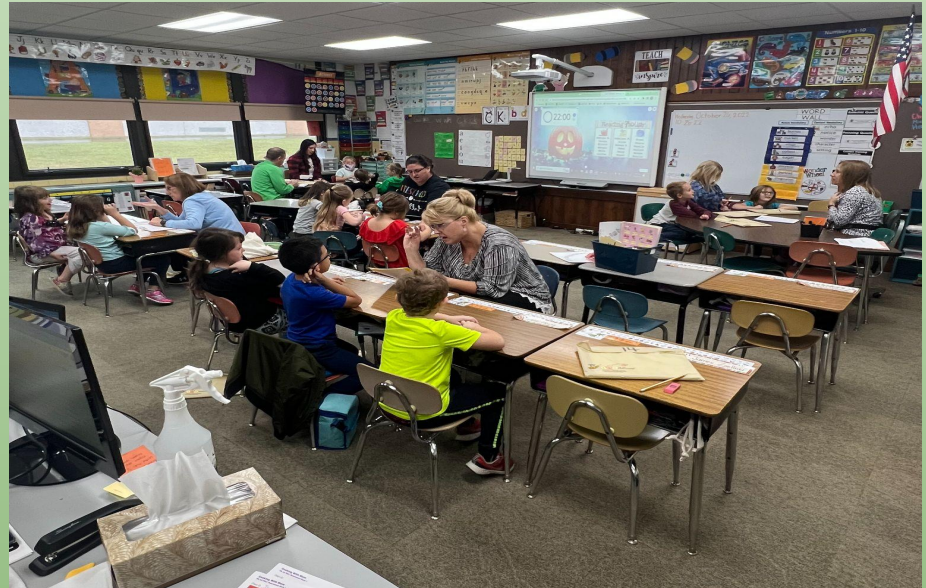
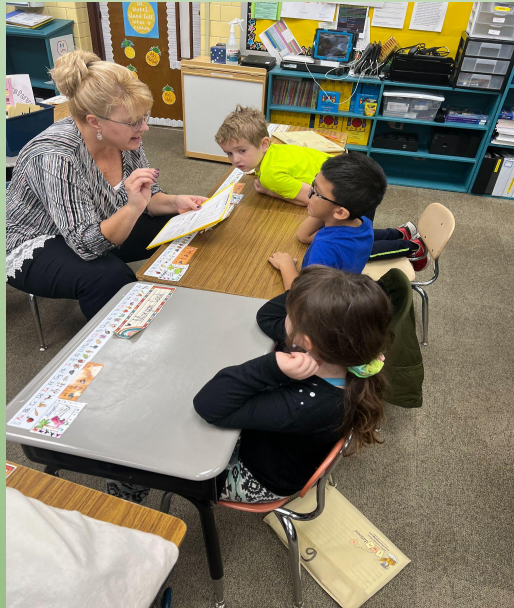
Academic Challenge took first place at the Firelands Championship meet!

# MES Art Show!



# Targeted Reading Instruction in Classrooms

- We have been able to use our Classroom Aides, Intervention Specialists and literacy team to flood classrooms with support.



# Flexible Grouping

- We are using data provided by Acadience, Foundations, iReady, and Heggrity to group students across classrooms with targeted instruction.



# Students receive Targeted Instruction at their level





# PTO Thank You!

Sponsored several field trips.

Paid for field day inflatables and shaved ice.

Paid for Back to the Wild to come to the building.

Paid for cartoonist Duane Abel to come to the building.

Helped with summer library prizes!



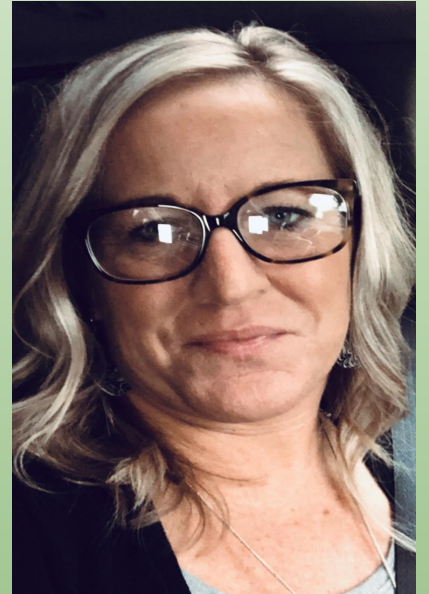
# New Hires at MES



Hailey Stoll - Speech Therapist



Chase Paczak - Music



Brandi Carter - Guidance Counselor

## New Hires at MES cont.



Corey Britton - Intervention Specialist



Emily Keller - Intervention Specialist



Margaretta MS/HS

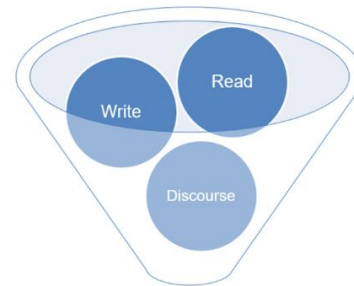
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# Reading, Writing, Discourse, Every Day, Every Subject



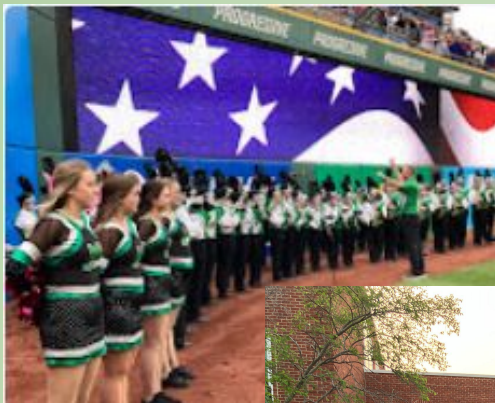
**Every Class, Every Day**



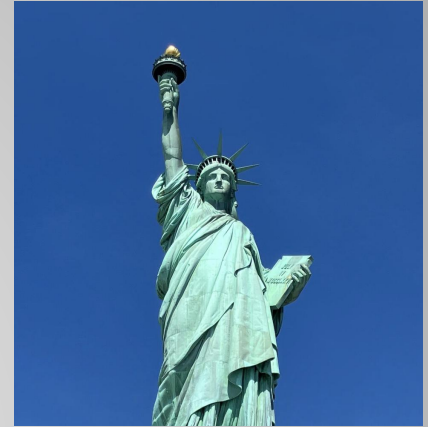
# Academic Challenge Team



# Music Highlights & Achievements



# Band & Choir to New York City





# Mind Your Health



MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS



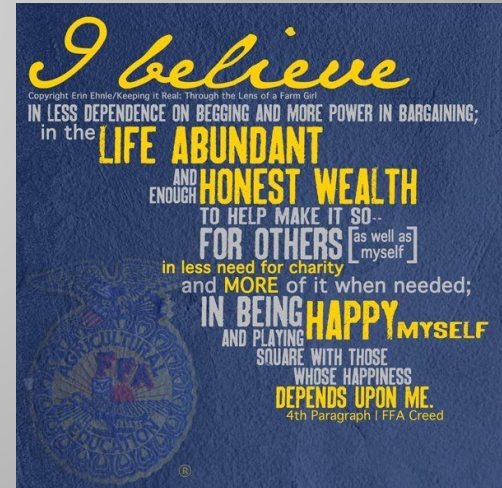
# Chick-fil-A Mental Health 5K



# Athletic Accomplishments & Achievements



# FFA



# Career Fair & Student Boot Camp



# Expanding on Careers

## Career Path Discovery



## Financial Career Connections



# Robotics

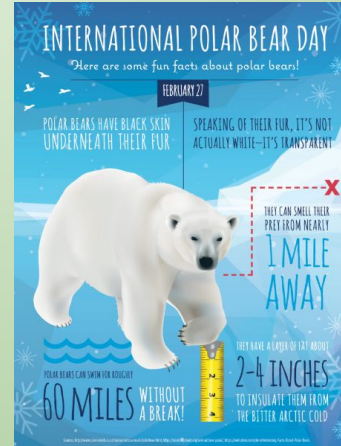


# Fifth Grade Visit





# International Polar Bear Day - February 27th



# New Assistant Principal - Mr. Michael Roberts



# New Staff at Margareta MS/HS



**Miss Logan Harris**

**High School Mathematics**



**Miss Amanda Zust**

**High School Social Studies**



**Mr. William Minshall**

**Business**

# New Staff Cont.



**Mr. Conar Burns**  
**Middle/High School**  
**Social Studies**



**Mrs. Kate Dulgar**  
**High School Mathematics**



**Mrs. Jan Slusser**  
**Spanish**

# New PK-12 Facility and Financial Update

## **New PK-12 Facility Update:**

- In 2020, Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) committed to fund our project at 38%
- We began collecting Nexus pipeline incremental taxes in the spring of 2019
  - Collected 3 ½ years of taxes to date (Nexus short paying 40% - 66% of billed amounts)
  - Reached a settlement with Nexus in June 2022 at 58% of the billed taxes or 84% of Nexus' original projected taxes, we then had our groundbreaking ceremony in July 2022 and we began site and utility prep work, assuming no counties would appeal this settlement
    - Settlement appealed by Lorain County twice - awaiting the outcome of second appeal
- Project financials have been negatively impacted by these multiple rounds of tax settlement and collection delays - both financing costs and estimated total construction costs continue to increase
  - In Feb. 2020 Construction costs were estimated at approximately \$40M
  - In June, 2022 construction costs were ~\$64M and annual financing payments of \$3.6M
  - In May, 2023 estimates are approximately \$70M and the annual financial payments of \$3.9M
- Project paused until Nexus final tax settlement payments are locked in or would have to go back to the taxpayers for a bond issue to be able to continue construction

# New PK-12 Facility and Financial Update

## **Financial Update:**

- We have had significant Nexus tax payment fluctuations in the 3 ½ years, making it very difficult to predict our revenue to run the district and covering our operational expenses
  - As demonstrated with 1st half 2022 taxes at \$2.8M, then 1st half 2023 at \$1.5M
    - Losing \$1.3M taxes is significant with average monthly spending levels of \$1.3M
- Three of the last four years, our State Funding has dropped approximately \$(0.4)M per year
- The District has not requested any new property tax dollars since 2010 for operational costs
- We continue to try to ‘Right Size’ the school district costs for our current student population
- We utilized our federal grant assistant from the pandemic to advance our literacy initiatives
- However due to the Nexus tax revenue fluctuations, we utilized a portion of the Nexus dollars that were set aside for the new PK-12 building, to run the day-to-day operations of the district
- Working to mitigate the districts financial fluctuations & uncertainty

# Summary

Questions?

