



NORTHWEST NEWS

OSBA Northwest Region • Summer 2021



The Northwest Region is proud to share the 2021 Bonnie Eddy Educational Supply and Book Grant Recipients

The OSBA Northwest Region proudly awards \$2,000 in educational support annually through the Bonnie Eddy Educational Supply and Book Grant (BEES-BG). All seniors in Northwest Ohio whose school district is a member of OSBA is eligible to apply for one of the \$500 BEES-BG awards. We continue to be impressed by the outstanding talent in the Northwest Region. We received many amazing application, and while we selected four, we are very proud of all of our graduates!

Please consider a donation to BEES-BG to continue the support for our wonderful future educators! Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/donate-student-scholarship to make a donation. Thank you for your continued support.



Hanna Metzger is a graduate of Fort Recovery High School and plans to attend Wright State University at Lake Campus in Celina.



Lelanina Yannelli is a graduate of Cory Rawson High School and plans to attend THE Bowling Green State University.



Jenna Jabri is a graduate of Maumee High School and plans to attend the University of Toledo



Grace Doctor is a graduate of Van Wert High School and plans to attend THE Bowling Green State University.

All of the recipients are invited to be honored at one of the 2021 Northwest Region Fall Conferences; see page 2 for details.

Northwest Region Recognition Programs

Awarded at Spring and Fall Conferences ~ WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students: elementary, middle and high school; teachers; parent groups; administrators; school board members; classified staff; school volunteers; community organizations; businesses; or people making a difference



Northwest Region Excellence in Community Service Award rewards school district members and organizations engaged in activities to support and enhance their school and community. The Northwest Region has extraordinary board members, students, teachers, administrators and community members engaged in noble and selfless community volunteerism. This award honors donated services or activities that are performed by someone or a group of people for the benefit of the public or its institutions demonstrating a deliberate connection between the community and educational development and social goals. This award is peer nominated and is awarded twice per year at the Northwest Region's Spring and Fall Conferences. All nominees will be recognized.



Northwest Region Humanitarian Award recognizes individuals and groups who actively engage in exceptional efforts to improve the welfare of others through their altruistic activities. The Northwest Region Humanitarian Award honors altruistic efforts both in the schools and community. The purpose is to recognize those demonstrating the ethics of kindness, benevolence and sympathy in their schools and communities. These individuals have a sincere concern for those around them and go above and beyond the call of duty. This award is peer nominated and is awarded twice per year at the Northwest Region's Spring and Fall Conferences. All nominees will be recognized.



Who's Who Excellence Award for Outstanding Leadership is an award for organizational leadership. This award is special because it recognizes that leadership occurs at **all** levels of the organization ... from the playground to the central office. The Who's Who award is reserved for those who demonstrate exceptional leadership for the betterment of the district. The nominees for this award are generated by those who work with and around them and is awarded twice per year at the Northwest Region's Spring and Fall Conferences. All nominees will be recognized.

The Neil Pohlmann Award of Excellence in Education

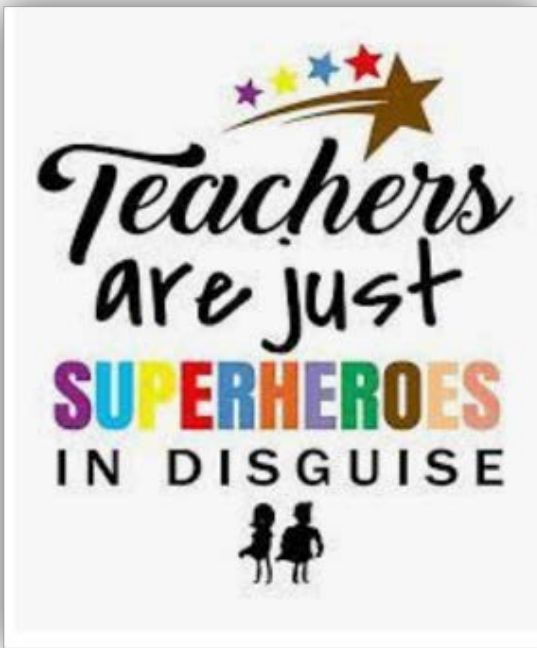
This prestigious award is presented annually at the Northwest Region Spring Conference and honors veteran board members of 20 years or longer who have demonstrated local, state and/or national involvement and activities demonstrating support for public education in the state of Ohio. Due Jan. 30.



Bonne Eddy Educational Supply and Book Grant- BEES-BG

The Northwest Region OSBA proudly awards a minimum of \$2,000 in educational support annually through the Bonnie Eddy Educational Supply and Book Grant. Region seniors whose school district is a member of the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) is eligible to apply for one of the \$500 BEES-BG awards. Due Jan. 30.

Details and applications available at www.ohioschoolboards.org/nw-region



How do OSBA Northwest Region leaders honor their teachers?

Cindy Erickson, a board member at Leipsic Local (Putnam) asked me to find out how districts were honoring teachers. Here are the responses.

Leipsic Local

Cindy shared that Leipsic Local gave their teachers Yeti Mugs engraved with the district mascot. Thanks, Cindy for teaching Judy May what a Yeti mug is!!!



Fremont City

Violetta Rhea, a board member at Fremont City, shared several ideas such as creatively shaped cut-out cookies, apples, boxed lunches and candy bars with clever messages.

Findlay City

Kelly Young, Findlay City's human resources/community relations coordinator, shared plans to recognize teachers throughout the week, including:

A social media blitz recognizing teachers during the week.

An official proclamation from the mayor of the city of Findlay naming Teacher Appreciation Week for the city of Findlay, with a video of the reading emailed to staff.

An ad of the proclamation in the local newspaper, The Courier, with the school logo, thanking teachers and recognizing them for Teacher Appreciation Week. Businesses were encouraged to sponsor gifts to present each day to the entire staff. Dietsch's ice cream had joined the effort and they were hoping for other items such as cookies, t-shirts and lanyards.

Defiance City

Christine Oberlin, a board member at Defiance City, shared that last year, the board members wrote an email to the teaching staff based on five topics. They each took one area, and the teachers received an email message each day of that week. It was just a little gesture to let them know we were thinking of them during an unusual time. It seemed to be well accepted!

Central Local (Defiance)

Stephen E. Arnold, superintendent at Central Local, shared that in an effort to do something different, the district plans to give all staff members (certified and classified) a beach towel with the school name on it and a pair of sunglasses.

Jennings Local (Putnam)

Nicholas T. Langhals, superintendent/high school principal at Jennings Local, shared their main token of appreciation were 10-minute chair massages offered by a local chiropractor. The chiropractor plans to come in on five different days, with teachers scheduling a time for their chair massages.

Northwood Local (Wood)

Jason Kozina, superintendent at Northwood Local, shared that he enjoys hearing other ideas. He said their current plan was being updated and elementary school principal Lindsey Krontz gets all the recognition for the plans.

Yard signs were placed in the little yard at front entrance of building: Monday's sign: "Our Ranger Staff ROCKS! We appreciate you a "HOLE" bunch! Donuts in the lounge: Nacho Average Year Lunch provided by NEO! Tuesday's sign: Hoping to BRIGHTEN your week! Skittles pack for all staff. Wednesday's sign: Life gave you LEMONS and YOU made LEMONADE! Water Bottles with a Lemonade Crystal Light Pack. Boxed lunches provided by Jimmy Johns and lunchboxes were purchased with school logos. Thursday's sign: Thanks for helping our kids GROW! Flowers for all staff. Ice Cream Treat for staff at lunch. Friday's sign: We do KNOT know what we would do without you! Individually wrapped chocolate covered pretzels for all. Thank you message on a card with bracelet presented to all staff.



**Thank you to all
the great teachers
who take care of
our children!**

Final notes

Please consider becoming just a little more involved in the region

Join a Northwest Region committee. A little time commitment can equal big rewards! Review the committee positions available and download the application form at www.ohioschoolboards.org/call-committee-nominations-2022.

Applications are due June 30.



Celebrate the stars in your district at the **OSBA Student Achievement Fair**

The OSBA Capital Conference is back and we want to share this great reunion with you!

Make this a **banner year** for the Northwest Region Student Achievement Fair. Show off what your students have continued to learn during the pandemic. You did not stop teaching and they did not stop learning!

Thank you to the districts who have already sent nominations:

- Hardin Northern Local
- Woodmore Local

BUT we need many, many more! Nominate your student programs and artwork at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nomination>

Contact OSBA's Patty Hettinger at pheettinger@ohioschoolboards.org with any questions.

The Northwest Region feels like we are **2020-2021 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE STARVED!**

We need **your** school musical clips for our Community Page. Please take minute and send us our future Lin-Manuel Miranda, Nikki Blonsky, John Travolta, Zendaya, Zac Efron and Kristen Bell.

Send clips of your musical stars to jchambers@ohioschoolboards.org with the subject line "NW Region school performances" so we can share them with the region.



For fun, check out <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BIRvE9dKWQc>