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*The Mission of Southern Local Schools is to provide a quality, child centered education where all students can succeed.*



## MILLCREEK STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AS MODEL CITIZENS

GREG HOLBERT, SUPERINTENDENT

The following students were recognized as Millcreek Models for the first 9 weeks. They are chosen by their homeroom / classroom teachers for following the SOAR Matrix of Safety, Organized, Accountable and Respectful.

David Swackhamer of Ali Fisher's kindergarten, Waylon Swackhamer of Jodi Hellyer's kindergarten, Lily Travis of Christina Moore's kindergarten, Melanie Miller of Joy Patton's first grade, Dominic Altier of Ginny Moore's first grade, Gracie Roe of Jenny Agriesti's third grade and Madeline Danison of Dawn Naylor's first grade.

Kyla Schmelzler of Rebekah McBee-Brick's second grade, Trinity Griffith of Carol Cook's second grade, Korbryn Perani of Abbie Vann's second grade, Drake Alfman of Miss Eckols classroom, Tommy Mitchell of Cindy Paulson's sixth grade, Xander Spencer of Lori Crane's sixth grade and Jonathan Lucas of Angie Plant's fifth grade.

Konnie Watrus of Amanda Bice's classroom, Cloey Justice of Barb Given's fourth grade, Zoey Bolten house of Debbie Hoskinson's fourth grade, Makyla Cupp of Chuck Brandeberry's third grade, Emalynn Hamilton of Stephanie Davis' third grade, Sophia VanFossen of Cheryl Dutiel's fifth grade and Carleigh Spergin of Jim Toth's fifth grade.

CONGRATULATIONS to these students!

### DONATIONS THAT SUPPORT THE DISTRICT

We have been blessed by a number of organizations making generous donations to support our district's students in a variety of ways for this school year. They are:

- The Elizabeth Sherman Reese Chapter of the Ohio Daughters of the American Revolution, Lancaster. They donated two major batches of school supplies.
- The Sechkar Company - \$2,000.00.
- Crooksville VFW Post 9090 - 4 American Flags, \$500.00 to our music program and \$1,500.00 toward student scholarships.
- Hobart Brothers Welding - over \$15,000.00 in equipment and supplies to support the Miller High School Vocational Agricultural Program.

We greatly appreciate the generosity of these organizations that provide helpful support to our students.



## OLIVIA HOUK EARNS ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP

Miller High School senior student Olivia Houk has earned a Volleyball Scholarship to NCAA Division II Concord University in Athens, West Virginia. Congratulations to Olivia as she continues her academic and athletic career as a Concord Mountain Lion!

### School Calendar

Dec	21	- Jan 2 WINTER HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
Jan	3	STAFF INSERVICE DAY - NO SCHOOL
Jan	4	Thursday School Resumes
Jan	15	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - NO SCHOOL
Jan	19	3 Hour Early Dismissal
Feb	2	2 Hour Early Dismissal
Feb	16	2 Hour Early Dismissal
Feb	19	PRESIDENTS DAY - NO SCHOOL
Mar	9	2 Hour Early Dismissal
Mar	29	PARENT TEACHER CONF. - NO SCHOOL
Mar	30	GOOD FRIDAY - NO SCHOOL
Apr	2	NO SCHOOL
Apr	3	Tuesday School Resumes
Apr	13	2 Hour Early Dismissal
May	11	2 Hour Early Dismissal
May	24	Last day for Students - 3 Hour Early Dismissal

*“Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.”*

*- Calvin Coolidge, 30th president of the United States*



## MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Friday December 8, 2017, marked the second year the Southern Local Model UN teams participated in the Southeastern Ohio Model United Nations (SEOMUN) Annual Conference held at Baker Center, Ohio University.

Eight teams from sixth and seventh grade competed against teams from Alexander, Athens, Eastern Middle School, Gallia County Local, Gallipolis City, Jackson, Marietta, Nelsonville-York, Trimble Local and Wellston Middle School. Over 400 students presented resolutions and cultural products that day, representing one hundred nine countries. The SEOMUN, organized by the Ohio Region 11 Gifted Coordinators for grades 6-12, has been active for 19 years.

Thirty-five Southern Local students have been working daily since the beginning of September to organize, research and prepare resolutions for global issues as well as cultural projects for their adopted countries. The seventh grade team represented Brazil, Cuba, Haiti, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Lebanon. The sixth grade team represented Afghanistan, Pakistan and Italy. The global issues they researched were terrorism, violence against women and children, torture, food shortages, sanitation, economics, homicide rates and hurricane response.

On the day of the conference, students attended a general assembly modeled after those of the United Nations, where the Secretary General takes attendance for the nations represented. Students broke out into one of three different councils; Human Rights, Economic and Social and Peace Keeping and Security. While in council, they presented, debated over and voted on whether the resolutions should be adopted or not. Of Southern Local's eight teams, six had their resolutions pass on the first vote, while two teams passed on the second vote. Throughout the day, the different groups presented a cultural project to judges that outlined various aspects of their country.

**Director:** Suzanne Rauch-Wittman

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Breanna Allen, Issiah Barnes, Tristin Bell, Braden Crawford, Olivia Dishon, Tayler Edgell, Cole Ferguson, Courtney Glenaman, Emma Hartberger, Torin Hinkle, Emily Mills, Brynley Needham, Natalie Newsome, Katie Palmer, Jordyn Parker, Abbie Riley, Layla Robinson, Sam Rutter, Joseph Tokie, and Jacob Williams.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Jayden Agriesti, Sarah Alfman, Myah Boyden, Courtney Craig, McKenna Crawford, Cody Dutiell, Brenna Ferguson, Ethan Lahmers, Ava Martin, Charles Neill, Kiara Perrin, Abigail Phillips, Isaiah Shover, Xander Spencer, Aryanna Strohl and Ryleigh Wolfe.

“Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting. It is happiness because we see joy in people. It is forgetting self and finding time for others. It is discarding the meaningless and stressing the true values.” Thomas S. Monson

# Merry Christmas



*In closing, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!!!* Greg Holbert, Superintendent

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