



# THE DEFENDER

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## THE MUSIC



The students have been very busy making music in many different ways!  
Here is what we are currently celebrating:

- ◆ On March 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> our newly formed SMS Junior Drama Club presented Cinderella Jr. to wonderful audiences! 76 students in grades 2-5 were on the stage and 19 drama club students from grades 6-8 were given leadership roles behind the scenes and in teaching the students. Everyone did a fantastic job!
- ◆ Students in grades 4 and 5 worked hard to prepare for their spring concert that was held on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. We featured the 4th grade students playing recorders, 5<sup>th</sup> grade students doing bucket drumming, 4<sup>th</sup> grade choir and 5<sup>th</sup> grade band. We hope you enjoyed this music filled evening!
- ◆ General music students in grades 6-8 finished a unit on music history of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. They ended by creating a March Madness tournament bracket of influential songs and voted down to one top winner. Winning songs were "Don't Stop Believing" and "Sweet Caroline." Feel free to continue the debate with your favorite middle school student.
- ◆ Our middle school performance groups are preparing for their Evening of the Arts concert to be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm followed by an amazing Art Show! Please come out and see the 6<sup>th</sup> grade band, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade band, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> choir, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> choir, jazz band, bells, a cappella group and various students soloists through the evening!
- ◆ Students also prepared for solo and ensemble contests held on March 24<sup>th</sup>! We are proud of Jillian Nicholson, Maddy Goshe, Kristin Nickerson, Samantha Brzozka, Andrew Schroeder, Elizabeth Laird, Alicia Casselman and Brenden McCauley.



Congrats to the students who represented SMS at OMEA District Honors Festival on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in Wapakoneta!  
Band students - Paige Pinion and Elizabeth Laird.  
Choir students- Emma Holdgreve, Ben Christiansen and Aiden Mowrey.



3rd grade had their final field trip of the year to Litzenburg for their presentation of Maple Sugarin' Days. Students spent the day learning about maple sugar, how it's collected (from different time periods) and how it's turned into maple sugar or maple syrup. They were even allowed to try some pure maple sugar and maple syrup! Above, 3B enjoys a demonstration.



The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders participated in a **STEM project with Marathon engineers**. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders were presented with a discussion on potential and kinetic energy and the science of roller coasters. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders were presented with the five kinds of energy and how to apply it to building fan cars. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders were given 3 6' foam tubes, lots of duct tape, scissors, measuring tape, stop watches and steel, glass and wooden marbles. They then built their own roller coasters in groups of four, being scored on height, turns, loops and jumps. The winning team was Isabelle H., Jaycie K., Paul K. and Johnny P, whose roller coaster stood 157 cm high, with four jumps. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders built fan cars with a motor, fan, battery, foam board, straws, popsicle sticks, axles, wheels and lots of duct, scotch and electrical tape. The winning team, with an average speed of 6.54 feet per second, was Kathryn C., Riley S., Eli S., and Anne T. The students had a great time working with the engineers and we thank Marathon for this opportunity!