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Pre-K Returns for Spring Semester

By: Jeremy Bray and Jason Crane

Thanks to two different efforts that came together to save the pre-K program, the class was re-established at the November board meeting. First, some pre-K parents worked together and went around town to get pledges from local families and businesses trying to get some pledges for funding. Thankfully one of the pre-K families had a family member, who works at DOT Foods which is associated with the Tracey family, in Mount Sterling, that was aware of a grant program.

"The Tracy Foundation said they were willing to give us \$35,000 if we were able to get

pledges from our community of \$20,000 so they kind of worked together to make that happen," Jillian Theis elementary principal explained.

The Tracey Family and local pledge made a total of \$55,000 dollars, to keep the pre-K open this year.

"We still have to develop a plan for next year. So there are a couple different options because it is a five-year grant, so it is usually only opened up once every five years. So since we did not get it, we are out for five years," explained Theis, "There has been a lot of push with local legislative members that they open that grant back up because we are not the only school dis-

trict that did not get funded."

Lawmakers are talking about not making the grant competitive meaning that they will fund it through the regular school funding.

"Basically, what the district is doing now is Mr. Hawley is starting a what's next for pre-k group, so we are going to meet the first week of January and kind of develop a plan to figure out what we need to do for the rest of the year so we can have pre-k next year," Theis said.

If the school does not get some type of state funding the district will have to rely on donations again.



Dokey Devotes Times to Preparing Students for College

By: Ivy McCarter

As Allison Dokey prepares students for college and for their high school career, Dokey has multiple explanations for this.

"There is three main things that you can choose from, there is going to college, attending the military or joining the workforce," Dokey replies

If you plan on going to college she helps plan like how far students want to be away from home, if students are wanting to go to a big school, small school any of those things are what Dokey helps plan. If students plan on going to the military Dokey will set those people with resources to take the ASVAB test to enter the

military. If anyone goes to the workforce Dokey will set up on how to fill out a job application and focus on if anyone, who has skills for a certain job.

Dokey meets with each student during various times throughout the year to start planning ahead in the direction for college, she also does in-class lessons with the freshman and focuses on helping them reach their end goal.

"We do more career interest surveys on what you plan to do after high school," Dokey explained. The hardest part of getting students prepared for high school is the freshman don't understand that the things they do can affect them and the

"We start to think about high school plans that is when we look at taking the SAT and ACT,"

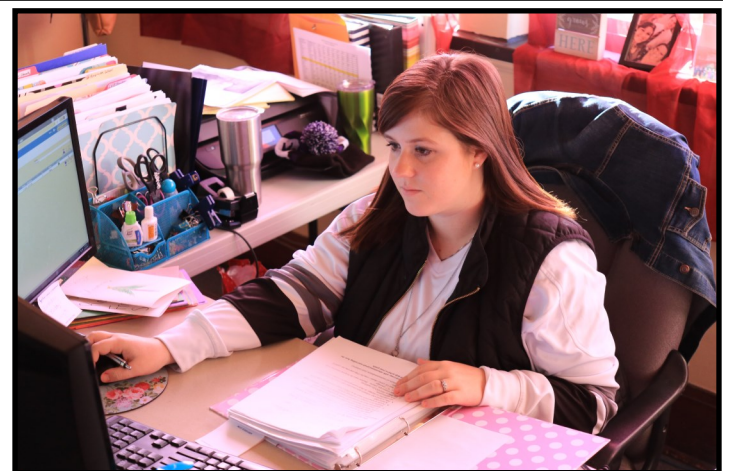
replies Dokey.

For the Juniors it is based on what scores they need for college, and there is a SAT prep website that they can look into to get them ready for that.along with quarterly check ins with every student, to see how students are doing in classes.

She meets at least once a month with the seniors to make sure they are staying on track to meet their goal. Dokey and the seniors also work on scholarships.

"Any scholarship that I get I it send out to the seniors in an email blast, and there parents have the opportunity to sign up to get weekly notifications," says Dokey

If seniors need extra assistance on the scholarships Dokey will be there to help them through it,



Allison Dokey, Counselor.

students are offered english four and AP english for the classes.

A presentation at the beginning of the year helps students learn how to prepare for graduation and life after high school.

"We do get quite a bit of local scholarship, sent to us," Dokey replies.

Students prepare to reach their goals more during their freshman year, because of us looking into different types of careers, and what their interests are.

"Seniors can come to me and I can help them with any scholarship they need for after graduation," Dokey said.

Science Classes Move Online in Wake of Applicant Shortage

By: Jason Crane

GPHS has started using online classes to teach students chemistry and other sciences. Even though it is not as interactive as a physical classroom, students still enjoy it.

"I think that it's a little easier to learn things for myself when there online and you can work at your own pace and you can comprehend things differently," said junior Kaitlyn Leenerts. "You can take your own notes and you don't have to

take the teachers notes, and you can, like, replay videos." Leenerts said she initially thought the class would have a teacher delivering instruction.

"I thought that the teacher would, like, teach. Like, we didn't have a teacher at the beginning of the year, so I just thought the teacher was going to teach in class and there would be online homework and online test. Which there are," Leenerts explained. "But you learn eve-

rything for chemistry online. Like there's videos of people teaching you, it's not the actual teacher."

The class starts like a traditional learning environment then, students go online and that is where things change

"[When you] log into your account, there's a page that tells you your grade and if you are on target, behind, or ahead. The first video is what the lesson is going to be about and it will softly explain. And then [there will

be] 10 to 25 videos of the actual lesson," Leenerts said.

Leenerts shared some ideas to improve the class.

"I think teacher feedback would help a little more if we stopped and talked about what we are doing, and if it's working for everybody. For the most part you still learn everything it's just the speed or how you comprehend things. It just depends if you work better on a computer or communicating with other people," Leenerts said.

Leenerts shared some ad-

vice for other students.

"I think that you should try an online class and if it doesn't work then try and switch but, an online class works better for me because I don't have to deal with other disruptive students and I work at my own pace and I really do what I want in the class. It sounds bad but ... you can learn how you want, and do it whenever you want to, just with a certain time limit."



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Get to Know a Senior

Ivey Opens Up on Life on the Court and in the Class

By: Mya Kattleman

With all his friends walking by his side as he walks to class, anyone can hear Colton Ivey making jokes and laughing with his friends. Ivey is a seventeen year old senior and a team member of the Tornado boys basketball team. After basketball practice, Ivey says he enjoys spending time with family, friends and his girlfriend, Kaitlyn Leenerts.

Ivey doesn't plan on playing sports after high school. He does plan on going to John Wood and studying business or marketing.

Ivey has spent the past few months thinking about what motivates him. “I would say basketball, but definitely now it's my family, my sister, and the boys they keep me going

for sure and give me a reason to keep on pushing through,” Ivey said.

Ivey has two nephews, Major and Vance. His favorite thing to do with them is play Fortnite.

“Major likes doing the dances, and Vance likes the music and also dances around,” Ivey explained.

Ivey's friend, junior Tyler Thomas, talked about their relationship.

“When him and Kaitlyn went through their first break up, I brought Oreo cookies for him and we were sitting in the locker room during halftime at the basketball game. It was nice to see him laugh and helping him out,” Thomas explained. “There are ups and downs but anyone can get through it themselves.”

Ivey has also been thinking



Colton Ivey shows his emotions during a basketball game against Western.

about high school and what it has meant to him.

“Highschool goes by fast so don't take it for granted,” Ivey said.

Basketball is Back in the Nic

By: Brookelyn Crone

As basketball season comes around again people tend to take what happened the previous year and use that as what they expect for this year. But this year some players have a different idea. But the expectations for the players have changed.

But, the players can be a little rusty at the beginning of the year.

“I think we are going to have a better season than last year. I think we will improve and win a lot more games once we get our team and able to play together.” explained Senior Matthew Myers.

Each player has their own reason as to why they love to play basketball and participate.

“I started at a young age and that is all i really thought about from then to now i just really love to play” said Freshman Tate Kunzman

As every team can use improvements some may have some specifics on what needs to be improved some of the improvements can be personal or a team improvement.

“I hope I can just play my role a lot better I think we all just need to accept our role more” explained Kunzman.

For the seniors there are some things that they want to leave behind for the years to come.

“I hope to help improve our upcoming players that are going to be here after me. I hope to set

a foundation to help our program grow” stated Myers.

As the year progresses so will the team and that is what matters.

“Our transition going from defense to offense has improved a lot” says Kunzman.



Matthew Myers jumps for the ball during tip-off during the game against Pittsfield. The Tornadoes went on to lose the game with the score 60-57. “We could have rebounded a little better,” said sophomore Avery Bradshaw.

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Overbeck Joins GP as New English Teacher

By: Ashlee Jones

Douglas Overbeck is the English teacher this year at Griggsville-Perry high school. This is Mr. Overbeck's first year, of teaching.

“This is my first teaching job so I don't have a lot to compare it to, except for my student teaching and my substitute teaching that I've done in the past.” said Overbeck

Mr. Overbeck has a few hobbies.

“My biggest hobby the one I spent most of my money on is card games. I like to play a lot of children card games.” said Overbeck

Overbeck teaches English all day, but says the seniors are his favorite.

“I think the senior class is my favorite, English four because I get to teach

more mature topics. I also think in general seniors are more fun to teach because they're more laid back and don't have anymore to prove to anybody anymore.” said Overbeck

Overbeck enjoys some other things.

“I really like cooking, my wife likes that to about me she likes somebody who can cook for her and I just think it's fun. So one the weekends I do a lot of cooking when I'm not cooking,” said Mr. Overbeck

Kaitlyn Leenerts a junior at Griggsville-Perry high is one of Mr. Overbeck's students.

“I think Mr. overbeck is actually a really good english teacher and knows what he is talking about and he is also trying to improve our reading skills by reading 10 minutes before class.



Mr. Overbeck teaches one of his classes during first quarter.