

MVA

Parent News

November 2008



"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."

1 Corinthians 16:34 (NIV)

December Upcoming Events

Music to Kettering	5-6
Service Day	10
Campus Family	13
ACT	14
SA Xmas Party	14
Semester Exams	16-18
Concert Rehearsal	19
Christmas Concert	20
Homeleave	20-4



Departmental Spotlight



by Mrs. Pam Castillo **Science Department**

Honors Biology began the year with some flower identification field trips. Students spent time taking wildflower photos on campus, at the Kokosing Gap bike trail and surrounding areas.

Using several identification books and keys, the students excitedly keyed the wildflowers as part of the process for making a central Ohio wildflower key. This key will have a couple of photos of the wildflowers, the path the students took to key the flower, the flower's scientific name, some interesting history and/or the medicinal purpose of each flower.

More trips are planned in the spring to key the different flowers blooming at that time. It is hoped that the students will use this key with their families as a Sabbath afternoon activity to learn more of God's creation.


The Science Department is running with the new technology received from a generous donation. Students take "clicker" reinforcement quizzes where they key in the answer using a hand held device to focus and reinforce learning during class. The answers from each student are then exported to an Excel spreadsheet and

recorded in RenWeb. Even midterm exams were taken on clickers allowing each student to receive immediate feedback. A new classroom computer has allowed the running of many programs at the same time for classroom presentations.



Students are enjoying and using the "clicker" questions and "interactives" put on the school computer network for study and review and also during class.

The "interactives" are created using Smart Board software. The Smart Board is a touch screen "electronic chalkboard" which displays what is on a computer screen with all kinds of capabilities. The "interactives" are customized, teacher made activities where the student moves words, sentences, pictures, diagrams around to match, sort, and sequence concepts used for reinforcement and review of learning objectives.

Student feedback for these activities is very positive and there is never a shortage of volunteers ready to use the "interactives" and the Smart Board during class.



The annual MVA Christmas Candlelight Concert is one of the most delightful events hosted by the Music department. This year's presentation is entitled He is Born...Child Divine. The concert will take place on December 20 at the Hill SDA Church during the 11:00a worship service. Come and join us as we celebrate the Savior's birth.

Ordering School Pictures

School Portraits were taken in September. If you didn't get to order pictures and would like to, you may do so by calling *Lifetouch* at 866-587-1079 or using visiting *Lifetouch* online at payments.lifetouch.com.

This 'N That:
Informative
MVA Tidbits

- November 19 is our monthly community service day.
- **Thanksgiving Break begins on Friday, November 21 after classes are over.**
- Basketball season has begun. Game schedules and directions are located on our website.