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- OSD Vision Statement

## The Ohio School for the Deaf Observes Black History Month 2007: Two American Cultures Meet to Pay their Respects

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“...it doesn't really matter with me now...  
because I have been to the mountaintop.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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## 2007 CSSD Basketball

By Bill Estes, Athletic Director

On Wednesday, January 24th, OSD roundballers and cheerleaders traveled to Flint, Michigan, to participate in the Central States Schools for the Deaf (CSSD) basketball tournament and cheerleading competition. The program kicked off with different competitions that night which our girls and boys basketball players participated in.

In the lightning competition, Amy Bachtel won first place among all schools. In coed hot shot competition, Ashley Sivils and Cameron Runyon placed second, losing by a few points. In a new and neat hot spot competition, a team of Amanda Lenhart, Amy Bachtel, Duane Davis, and Max Cook placed first and Kristy Penny finished second in three-point shooting competition. In overall competition, we finished second of 8 schools involved, losing to Indiana by 3 points. We were elated considering the size of our school.

On a very cold and snowy day on January 25th, the boys varsity team started off the tournament play at 8:00 a.m. against Illinois' junior varsity team, losing to them 36-31. Cedrick Payne paced the Fighting Spartans with a team-high 15 points and grabbed 6 rebounds. Right after the boys' game, the girls team played Indiana's junior varsity squad, smashing them 60-9 behind Kristy Penny's career-high 30 points and 10 steals while Amy Bachtel had 16 and Ashley Sivils 12.

On the following day, January 26th, our cheerleaders participated in the CSSD cheerleading competition and fared well, making a very few mistakes. Unfortunately we were not in the top four, and the competition was won by the Indiana School for the Deaf. After the competition, our girls' team played North Star Academy of Minnesota, winning a tough game, 45-26. North Star led 13-12 after the first stanza, but our defense adjusted very well by shutting them out in the second quarter in building a 22-13 halftime lead. We never looked back in winning by 19. We were led again by Kristy Penny with 20 points, 6 assists and 6 steals. Sierra Witt and Ashley Sivils prevented the opponents from having second-chance shots by grabbing 14 and 10 rebounds respectively. Our boys played North Star after the girls' game; one of the toughest assignments we had to do was to contain their towering players who stood at 6'7" and 6'5". Our tallest starter was a little over six feet, but we played hard and well in beating them in a very low-scoring game, 25-18. We were led by Cedrick Payne with 13 hard-earned points. Duane Davis had 8 rebounds to lead us in rebounding.

On the final day of the tournament play, on Saturday, January 27th, our girls' team played against an improved Wisconsin team. Kristy Penny made sure that her last tournament appearance was a special and memorable one as she scored 13 of our team's 15

points at halftime to lead us to a 15-11 halftime lead. Penny finished the game with 30 important points as we won our 2nd straight CSSD Division II title over the Firebirds, 39-20. Amy Bachtel added 9 crucial points. Penny, Bachtel, and Sivils were selected on the CSSD Division II All-Star team. Our boys played Wisconsin after witnessing the girls capture the title, but did not fare as well as the girls. Wisconsin held our leading scorer, Cedrick Payne, to only 4 points throughout the game and defeated us 39-18. With the win, the Firebirds were the winners of Division II boys' title. Cedrick Payne was selected to the boys' all-star team.



# SPRING 2007





## ASL IDOL

By Mary Ellen Cox

There was an ASL Idol contest held at the Ohio State School for the Blind on March 1st. This contest was based on the popular TV show called "American Idol." However, in place of Paula, Randy and Simon, the judges were Marla Berkowitz, Willis Cook and Bill Estes. Instead of Ryan Seacrest, Mike Haliscsak was the MC. Many performers competed for the "star" trophy with poetry, skits, storytelling, songs, and jokes.



The two winners were from OSD. Franco Harmount, our own OSD 7th-grader, won in the student category for his original poem entitled "9/11, World Trade Center."

Nancy Boone, an OSD middle school language arts teacher, won in the community category with her original poem, entitled "Poetry Immersion."



Hakeem Musgrove adds the title to his scrapbook page about how to make s'mores.

Jennifer Miller shows off her finished "First Day of 7th Grade" page.



## Scrapbooking In Language Arts

By PJ Carson

This year, our middle school has a new way to develop our writing skills. Our reading/language arts team teachers, Mrs. Boone and Mrs. Cox, have started the entire MS on a scrapbooking project. This will help us improve our writing skills, and also give us an idea of how fun creating things through writing can be. First, it's the pink papers. The pink papers are a checklist to help us through the writing process, where we draft and edit our paragraphs, test out our designs and smooth out all the rough edges. After the rough draft has been approved both by a peer and a teacher, then we begin our pages. We have done scrapbook pages on ourselves, our friends and the school activities we have done so far. This lets us add a little flair to our writing, and encourages students to work harder. Our scrapbooking project lasts the whole year, and we can't wait to see how it turns out!



Zachary Gullett experiments with a variety of tools and materials to create a scrapbook page.

Chad Willman and Franco Harmount conference about a rough draft during the writing process.



## *Keeping the Dream Alive* by Yveetes Dorton

Our school took joy in observing Black History Month this year, especially during our schoolwide assembly February 22. The participants at this ceremony ranged from the very young (Alice Cogswell Center students) to the highly accomplished (a veteran of Central Ohio TV and radio) and everyone in between. Our Director of Human Resources, Charles Rudolph, served as emcee, introducing the performers from ACC, middle and high school, and

even staff members.

The middle and high schoolers re-created the story of Rosa Parks and the Montgomery bus boycott of 1955. Ms. Martha Anderson reflected on her heritage as a black woman, the middle and high school group entertained us with a dance number, and then it was time for the featured speaker.

Bob Nunnally, meteorologist on NBC 4 today and NBC 4 Midday, spoke of his experiences attending school in Mississippi and Alabama,

working as an entertainment reporter interviewing TV and movie stars, performing on Sunny 95 (WSNY-FM) radio, and his career at Channel 4 in Columbus.

He was a gracious guest, thanking us for the invitation to take part in our observance of Black History Month.

He told the students what life is like for a TV weatherman: rising early, driving across town when most people are still sleeping, and preparing for the morning broadcast.

We all enjoyed his frank and easy way with people; he has the charm of a man who is long familiar with addressing audiences and who obviously likes doing it.

Principal Tamara Burnett and Assistant Director of Student Life Lonnie Pitt helped field questions from the audience for our guest.

The afternoon was a rewarding mix of entertainment and education!



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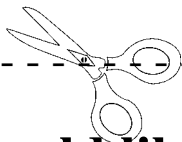
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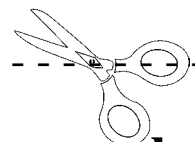
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