

# Bulletin board

## CHAGRIN FALLS



Jameson

### Angie Jameson named outstanding school librarian

The Ohio Educational Library Media Association, Ohio's professional association for highly effective school librarians and libraries, announced that Library Media Specialist Angie Jameson for Chagrin Falls Schools, is the recipient of the 2024 OELMA/Follett School Solutions Outstanding School Librarian Award. The OELMA/Follett School Solutions Outstanding School Librarian Award recognizes an Ohio licensed school library media specialist who develops an exemplary school library program. The school library media specialist must incorporate through their daily practice Ohio's Library Guidelines for Librarians (2021) strands: equity, literacies, partnerships, and quality schools. Follett School Solutions, through its integrated solutions that combine content discovery, access, and delivery with best-in-class management and instructional systems, has been a leader in empowering educators to lay the strongest possible foundations for student learning. One of her recommendation letters cited, "With her innovative initiatives and her personalized approach, Mrs. Jameson continues to transcend the expectations of a traditional

school librarian. Her contributions to the district's leadership team, various district projects, and most recently, the integration of generative AI, underscore her invaluable influence and foresight." Jameson will be recognized at the 2024 OELMA Conference and Awards Ceremony, October 2-4 in Dublin, OH. As the recipient of the association's highest honor, Jameson will give a short, uplifting speech about school librarianship at the ceremony.



Daugherty

### Mike Daugherty receives award for school administrators

The Ohio Educational Library Media Association, Ohio's professional association for highly effective school librarians and libraries, announced that Mike Daugherty, Director of Technology and Innovation for Chagrin Falls Schools, is the recipient of the 2024 OELMA Service Award for School Administrators. The OELMA Service Award for School

Administrators honors school administrators whose leadership has made a significant contribution to the school library media program and services within their learning community. As one of Mr. Daugherty's recommendation letters stated, "The spirit of collaboration is one of Mike's greatest strengths. Mike understands how collaboration between his position, the library media specialist, and the teachers is a crucial connection for literacy skills. Mike removes barriers and creates opportunities for these individuals to collaborate and support students. This collaboration is incredibly powerful - we are able to learn from each other and improve our practices. This would be impossible without Mike's advocacy and support. Mike's leadership has fostered a collaborative environment where the library media program thrives. His commitment to equitable access and information literacy skills has demonstrably improved student learning outcomes." Daugherty will be recognized at the 2024 OELMA Conference and Awards Ceremony, October 2-4, 2024, in Dublin, OH.



Last fall the Chagrin Falls School Board and Superintendent approved the Flags and Friday Nights program. Beginning this fall (2024), Chagrin Falls VFW Post 12067 and Chagrin Falls Schools will officially kick off our Student Color Guard Leader opportunity. All students who live in the Chagrin Falls Schools district (private and home school included) may request to be a CFVFW Student Color Guard Leader. As there are very few games each year, the process begins with the student's respective school counselor. Home school children's parents may act in the counselor's capacity.

## Parenting

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### Is School Fun and Engaging?

I visited an urban first grade classroom. The discouraged teacher shared that her class cannot use playdough to make alphabet letters. No games in the classroom. They are limited to one recess a day. Her principal says, "They can have fun in the summer."

Our company meets with kids who have given up on school. School is frustrating, sometimes too hard or too easy. Often it there is just no fun in school.

A second grade teacher shared her students were behind in reading. Yet her September reading lesson included nine phonics skills. Her students tried hard, but they were lost.

My 5th grade granddaughter spent weeks practicing for State tests. Then they had to do MAP testing for the district. While she enjoys school, the amount of testing time is so extreme.

When I taught school, my kids created models of different climates for social studies. I had to teach art and we did needlepointing. Six boys chose not to participate, and they made a life size cows head for the school play. Everyone was engaged!

I do not fault our teachers. They are under pressure to improve test scores. The demand on their time to teach too many skills to quickly is problematic. The above first grade teacher was in tears because she did not have time to

teach the required curriculum. She is an amazing teacher, but stifled in presenting fun engaging lessons to her students.

If you have school age children and they do not enjoy school. Share your frustration with the administration. If the teacher is great, support their efforts and thank them. It will brighten their day.

Last fall we attended a conference and shared with Ohio Department of Education staff that the State Standards are too fast. They agreed and said, "They are working on revising standards." It could take years for them to change. In the meantime, the pressure is on our teachers and administrators. Our children do not have time for much fun in school.

Not playtime, but lessons that make learning fun and engaging. Too often, the focus is on the "tests" not on learning.

What is the answer to this dilemma? Learning should be fun not endless test practice created for inappropriate State Standards. With all the testing, our reading and math skills have not improved. It is not working!

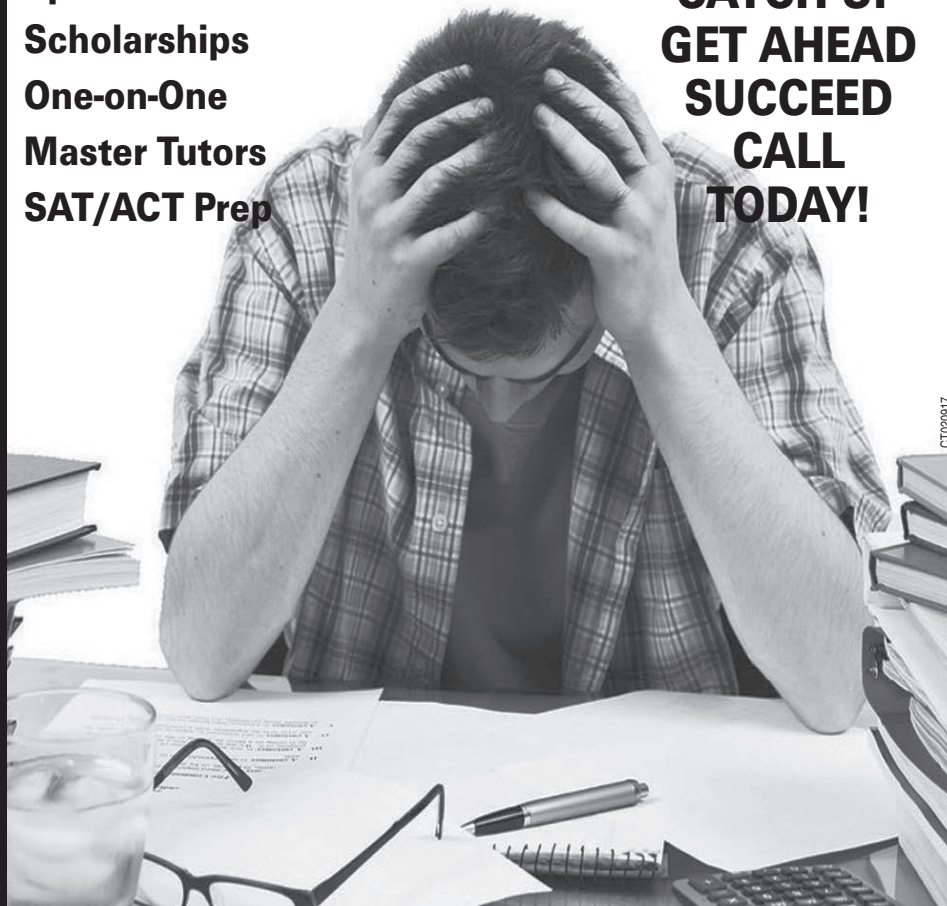
*Carole Richards* Chairman of North Coast Education Services, President of Creative Education Institute, and Creator of *Sammy and the Magical Reading Chest*. Designed to train teachers/parents and teach children at the same time with puppets, animation and children. Contact Carole at [caroler@northcoasted.com](mailto:caroler@northcoasted.com).

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