



KATE MYERS WINS HOLIDAY CARD DESIGN CONTEST

This is the 11th year that an Apollo-Ridge student's artwork will be featured on the greeting card Apollo-Ridge sends to staff, area school districts, local businesses and affiliates of the District. Kate's winning entry earned her \$25 and a box of cards. Runners up included Brooke Kuntz and Beck Andree. Michael Huber's entry received Honorable Mention for being the first design submitted.



Cindy Geiger Vranka
in memory of her father

HAROLD GEIGER

The Foundation is grateful that Cindy Vranka chose to keep her father's memory alive with a gift in his name.

The funds will be used to educate our students on the historical impact our region has had on the world by annual visits to the Senator John Heinz History Center.

A-RMS STUDENTS DONATE TO FOUNDATION

Members of the Apollo-Ridge Middle School Yearbook Staff and Student Council donated baskets to *Bow Ties & Blue Jeans*, the Foundation's 5th Annual Gala/Silent Auction last month. The Yearbook's basket included items from their Yankee Candle fund raiser and Student Council's Spirit basket included A-R apparel and a Walmart gift card.

The Education Foundation is pleased and honored to have the support of our students!



INNOVATIVE PROJECTS GRANTS

\$3500 awarded to 9 recipients in October

- Matt Grantz: Sensing Energy & Momentum
- Becky Snyder: Potty Ponderings
- Chad Danko: A-R Elementary Museum
- Danielle King: One School, One Book
- Janie Fryer: First Grade Foodies
- First Grade Team: 1st Grade Family Fun Fest
- Tina Hartman: HS Environmental Science Course
- Jamie Biller: Seat Pockets for Elementary Classrooms
- Monika Bradley: Grade 6-8 Garden Club

BOO! The volleyball team scared over 500 people in the haunted maze created by the Foundation in the Mason's building for Apollo Tag & Title during the Business Association's Apollo-Ween event.



4th Grade Students attended a Schoolttime Concert presented by the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. Transportation was provided by the Education Foundation using funds received through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program.

Dear AREF,

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to see the Pittsburgh Symphony. My favorite part was:

The "Pink Panther" Song—**Austin Gregory** I liked the guitar because it was so smooth —**Trinyti Allie** performing with the cello—**Arianna Hughley** The saxophone because I want to play it—**Beck Andree** The violin made me feel relaxed & calm —**Miranda Gartley** The Funky Fly Project drums & guitars —**Shawn** "Singing in the Rain" — **Melina McCorkle** The tap dancers dancing to "Singing in the Rain" —**Emma D** The Funky Fly Project because the drum was loud and I really like the architecture —**Landon Sadler** The drummer —**Parker Gourley** All of them because you are so talented —**Sammy Brie Linn** The music because it made it a great field trip—**Lee Leasure** The guitar because I play guitar —**Caleb Coy** You're nice to pay money for us to go there—**Peyton** The music and the dancing —**Jake McKendrick** When the conductor was controlling the orchestra —**Logen Schrock** We had front row seats —**Abigail** The cello because my aunt played the cello —**Paige Sikora** Listening to all the different music —**Marley Silvis** The "Pink Panther" because it has a very good beat —**Aaron Myers** All —**Maliyah Schmiedel** I like how you made the place really fancy —**Brody Henderson** I want to see them again —**Addison Frain** The cello song—it was so deep —**Kaiden Headley** It would have been better if you came —**Mason** The drums & guitar —**Logan Gamble** The Funky Fly Project because they were only 13 and 16 —**Caleb Coy**

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The District received three major donations at the November School Board Meeting: \$10,000 from Elderton State Bank through the EITC program; a \$20,000 grant from Arconic Foundation; and \$21,000 in proceeds from the Education Foundation's Gala/Silent Auction!
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