

Springfield Public Schools-April 15 through April 18

School	Highlighted Activity	Theme/Purpose
DAYTON High School		
		<p>Friday, April 12th, was Poetry Day at Jonathan Dayton High School. The Media Center and Jargon hosted a poetry reading during Activity Period. Students and staff participated, reading original poems or their favorite poems. All shared poems were hung on the 'Poet Tree' that is blooming in our Media Center.</p>  

GAUDINEER Middle School		
	<p>Union County Arbor Day Program</p>	<p>On April 9, Students from Mrs. Gillen’s seventh grade science class participated in the Union County Arbor Day Tree Planting Program. After receiving a flowering dogwood tree, participating students planted the tree in front of the school. Students received training on planting and maintenance to care for the tree.</p> 
	<p>Trip to Philadelphia</p>	<p>On April 17th, 7th grade Team 1 ventured to Philadelphia to visit the Franklin Institute and Eastern State Penitentiary. At the Franklin Institute students were immersed in 80 years of Marvel history as they walked through an exhibit that explored the comic book company’s impact on American culture. They learned the history of iconic characters such as Captain America and his connection to World War II and how he was so much more than a super-hero, but became, and still is, a symbol of American values. Our visit to Eastern State brought us back to the architecture of 1822 and into the minds of America’s Founding Fathers. Eastern State was the physical embodiment of the moral values proposed by the “Philadelphia Society for Alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons”, which included members such as Benjamin Franklin and Dr. Benjamin Rush. Students additionally learned about the importance of historical preservation of institutions such as Eastern State, and what lessons can be learned from them.</p>

**CALDWELL
Elementary**

Union County Poster
Contest Winner,
Caylee Brice

Caylee Brice, James Caldwell School 4th Grader, was one of 12 award winners for her artwork submitted to the Constitutional Officers Association Union County Poster Contest. Her artwork will appear in their annual poster contest calendar.



