

## NEWS RELEASE

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Mariemont City Schools

### **Author Rick Sowash and Mariemont Schools 4<sup>th</sup> Graders Present “Ohio Heroes”**



*Sowash\_Group: 4<sup>th</sup> graders from Fairfax Elementary, Mariemont Elementary and Terrace Park Elementary took on the roles of Ohio’s heroes with the help of children’s author Rick Sowash.*

On January 22, children’s author Rick Sowash created a living time line with the help of fourth grade students from across the Mariemont City Schools district. The students from Fairfax Elementary, Mariemont Elementary and Terrace Park Elementary portrayed Ohio heroes spanning from the time of Johnny “Appleseed” Chapman to current day with Dr. Henry Heimlich.

Sowash’s program is adapted from his book *Heroes of Ohio: 23 True Tales of Courage and Character* and has the student participants bring to life each hero to the delight of their attentive third and fourth grade audience.

Studying Ohio history is an integral part of the district’s fourth grade curriculum, making this particular program a perfect fit. By preparing and participating in this assembly, the students understand that history is full of stories of real people, that Ohio has given the world great heroes, and that every one of us can be a hero in our own way.

The presentation was part of the district’s visiting author program, an ongoing joint effort of Mariemont City Schools and its parent/teacher groups.

Photos:



*Sowash\_Wright\_family: Dariyus Wooten, Nate Michaelson, and Lauren Stinnett, 4<sup>th</sup> graders from Terrace Park Elementary, portrayed aviation pioneers, Wilbur, Orville and Katherine Wright.*

*Sowash\_Grant: Fairfax Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> grader, Jacob Hudson presented the heroics of Civil War general, Ulysses S. Grant.*



*Sowash\_Hauser: Mariemont Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> grader, Chloe Reavill, described Suffragette Elizabeth Hauser's fight for women's right to vote.*

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