

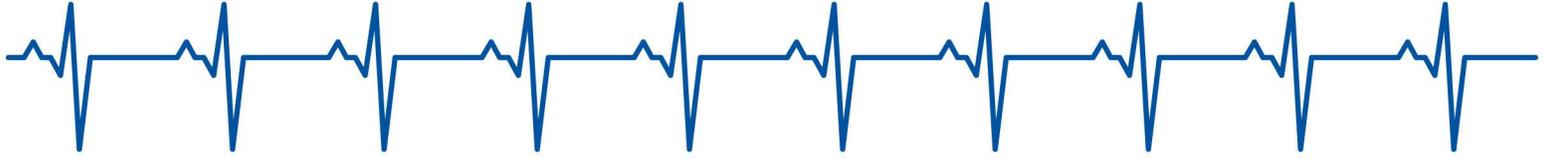


The Patriot Pulse



Tri-Village Local Schools

July 2015



A message from the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Community Members,

On behalf of the Tri-Village Board of Education, I would like to thank our community for their continued support, including your attendance at school events, volunteer efforts at our facility and financial support through your local tax dollars. Thank you for making the connection between a strong, local school system and strong community. We are grateful that our community values an investment of both time and resources to positively impact our children.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all staff members, students and stakeholders of the community. It seems like yesterday we began our journey together. However, the days of summer are quickly passing and preparations for another exciting school year are already in full swing as we find ourselves replacing personnel, completing maintenance and grounds improvements and making curricular preparations for the 2015-2016 school year.

As we close the doors on my second year as superintendent of the Tri-Village Local School District, I would like to thank the members of the Board of Education, administration, staff, parents and members of the community for your unwavering support and cooperation during my second year at the helm. As superintendent, I am honored to lead such a wonderful district and community.

On May 29th the district recognized the following staff retirements and presented them with a desk clock as a token of our appreciation for their years of service and loyalty to the district.

- Jim Stacy - Mr. Stacy began his career with Tri-Village in 1984 and spent 31 years with the district.
- Karen Friar - Mrs. Friar began her career with Tri-Village in 1987 and spent 28 years with the district.
- Becky Middleton - Ms. Middleton began her career with Tri-Village in 1987 and spent 28 years with the district.
- Kathy Kutter - Mrs. Kutter began her career with Tri-Village in 1990 and spent 25 years with the district.
- John Wise - Mr. Wise began his career with Tri-Village in 1994 and spent 21 years with the district.
- Karen Chronister - Mrs. Chronister began her career with Tri-Village in 2000 and spent 15 years with the district.



Mr. Josh Sagester
Superintendent



In closing, a culture of success and high expectations is not possible without the support of everyone in our community. This concept only becomes a reality when each and every one of us is willing to grow and sustain a culture of excellence in education. We depend on all of our stakeholder groups and community partners to strategically move our school system forward during challenging times. Our educators remain focused on providing all of our students with the guidance, leadership and instruction that will prepare them for success in a global society. We welcome the beginning of a new school year and the opportunity for all of us to foster a culture of excellence in education the "Patriot Way!"

Sincerely,

Josh Sagester

TV MVCTC FFA Members Recognized at State FFA Convention

The 87th Ohio FFA State Convention was held in Columbus, Ohio April 30th – May 1st. This year's theme was "Go All Out" and was attended by FFA members from across the state. The two-day convention included Powerful Speakers, Agricultural Career Show, Ohio FFA Officers Retiring Addresses, Award Presentations and the installation of the newly elected State Officers. Tri-Village MVCTC FFA Members attending the convention were: Alexis Nelson, Mykenzie Neanen, Jenna Cline, Trent Laux, Gabe Watern, Wesley Murphy, Keith Hunt, Riley Hollinger, Grant Flory, Josh Wiford, Brittany Brewer, Garrett George, Christina Smith, Courtney Banis, William Blanken, Cody Hollinger, and Nathan Thobe.

Tri-Village MVCTC FFA Officers Wesley Murphy and Riley Hollinger were recognized for their Gold Rated Officer Book. Wesley completed the Treasurer's Officer Book which covers all of the income and expenses for the chapter during 2014. Riley completed the Secretary's Officer Book which included records of the chapter's activities and correspondence.

The Tri-Village MVCTC had three Proficiency Award Finalists which are based on the student's Supervised Agricultural Experience. Proficiency Awards are given to those members that excel in hours worked and competencies gained in their SAE. Each member completes a written application that covers skills and activities. As a finalist they are required to complete a display board and participate in an interview. Trent Laux was a finalist in the area of Diversified Crop Production for his work at Laux Farms. Trent placed 4th overall in the state for his award. Trent was also a finalist in the area of Ag Mechanics Repair and Maintenance for his work at Jasen Laux Trucking. Trent placed 2nd overall in the state for his award. Gabe Watern was a finalist in the area of Outdoor Recreation for his work at Woodland Trails Scout Reservation. Gabe was the State Winner for his award and will move on to national competition.

Tri-Village MVCTC FFA Senior Trent Laux was selected as a State Finalist for the Star State in Agriculture Placement for his work at Laux Farms and Jasen Laux Trucking. The Star State Finalist is the highest award given to Ohio FFA Members. The Star State Awards represent the best of the best among the hundreds of State FFA Degree recipients. Finalists for the award have mastered skill in production, finance, and management.

During the final convention session the Tri-Village MVCTC FFA had five members receive the State FFA Degree which is the highest degree of membership bestowed at the state level. The golden charm of the State FFA Degree is symbolic of growth and development in the students chosen occupation. The five members were Alexis Nelson, Mykenzie Neanen, Riley Hollinger, Keith Hunt and Wesley Murphy, all five met or exceeded all state requirements including: hours worked, money earned, leadership activities and academic success.



(2015 State Group) Members attending State FFA Convention: Brittany Brewer, Christina Smith, Garrett George, William Blanken, Josh Wiford, Grant Flory, Trent Laux, Courtney Banis, Nathan Thobe, Gabe Watern, Cody Hollinger, Riley Hollinger, Wesley Murphy, Jenna Cline, Keith Hunt, Alexis Nelson and Mykenzie Neanen.

Class of 2015 Valedictorian's

Alexandra Bietry. Alexandra is the daughter of Shane & Karen Bietry. Her future plans are to attend Indiana University in Bloomington and majoring in Political Science with a possible second major in Spanish. After college Alex will be joining the Peace Corps for 2 years, and then hopefully becoming a foreign service officer. Ecko Brown. Ecko is the daughter of Gale & Kelly Brown. Ecko has enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. in the field of Intelligence. Trent Laux. Trent is the son of Jasen Laux and Jennifer Dohme. His future plans are to attend Wright State University and major in Agri Business and Marketing. Rachel Marker. Rachel is the daughter of Dan & Michelle Marker. Her future plans are to attend Cornerstone University and major in Psychology and Child Adolescence Services.

Salutatorians

Raya Mikesell. Raya is the daughter of Randy & Jodi Mikesell. Raya attended Edison Community College both her junior and senior year, and has earned her Associates Degree in Applied Science. Her future plans after graduating high school are to attend Miami University and major in Nutrition. Rochelle Weimer. Rochelle is the daughter of Darrell & Tangelia Weimer. Her future plans after graduating high school are to attend Bowling Green majoring in Bio-Chemistry.



Bietry Brown Laux Marker



Mikesell



Weimer

