



# Our Voice

## Tri-Village Local Schools

We're on our way to building for tomorrow

### A School of Excellence



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### Reid Sports Medicine and Tri-Village EMS Working Together for the Community.

For several years, our community has benefited from the combined efforts of Reid Sports Medicine and Tri-Village EMS. Each group brings special talents and training to the care of our athletes and community.

Reid Sports Medicine continues to provide an athletic trainer to Tri-Village Schools as a part of Reid's Community Benefit program. This means Reid Hospital does not charge the school system for this service. The only way the hospital makes money is if patients choose Reid Hospital over other medical providers.

Athletic trainers are specially trained for medical situations and injuries sustained during athletics. Scott Gravatt comes to school daily to care for our athletes. He works to prevent injuries, assesses new injuries, and provides treatment and rehabilitation.

Additionally, you've probably noticed Tri-Village EMS personnel at home games. Their presence provides additional coverage. EMS personnel are trained for their mission of urgent response and transportation in medical emergencies. They deploy advanced equipment and medications that allow care to begin in transit to a hospital. EMS can respond to medical emergencies involving the public, which allows the athletic trainer to focus on athletes.

When necessary, the athletic trainer will support the EMS in complex situations or help care for others when EMS personnel are pulled away from a game to another community emergency.

If an athlete is injured, the athletic trainer takes responsibility for initial care, assessing the situation and determining the athlete's condition. Sometimes an athlete can get up and continue play, and sometimes athletes require only the care of the athletic trainer. If appropriate, the athletic trainer will direct care to a physician or even a hospital with transportation by the family.

However, if an athlete needs emergency care or emergency transportation to the hospital, then the athletic trainer will communicate with Tri-Village EMS and the two will work together to hand off care and get the athlete ready for transport.

When EMS personnel, ambulances and hospital emergency rooms are used unnecessarily, it means that those individuals and services are not available to someone that has a more urgent medical emergency. This side-by-side arrangement allocates the special capabilities Reid Sports Medicine and Tri-Village EMS possess to provide the best possible care for the entire community.

When you come to a game and see both the athletic trainer and EMS sitting through the whole event, be thankful that no one was hurt. If you see EMS sitting through the game while the athletic trainer is working, be thankful that the injury is not a medical emergency. If you see both the athletic trainer and EMS working together, support the family as our community does so well.

Remember that not all athletes transported by ambulance have sustained a catastrophic injury; however, some serious injuries have to be suspected until ruled out.

## Maintain Excellence

The Tri-Village Local School district is asking voters to approve a 2.5 mill permanent improvement ballot issue. The election is March 6, 2012. The purpose of the levy is to maintain the facility and purchase technology and other educational equipment to maintain excellence. Mr. Thomas would like to invite citizens to attend any of the open meetings scheduled for 1/10, 1/23, 2/6, 2/13 or 3/5. All meetings will be held in the auditorium at 7:00 p.m. on the above mentioned dates. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings.

In compliance with district approved policy, Tri-Village Local Schools accepts referrals for students recommended for evaluation for possible academic acceleration, both subject and grade level, for early entrance, and for early graduation. A referral form can be downloaded on the district web site home page. ([www.tri-village.k12.oh.us](http://www.tri-village.k12.oh.us)) An acceleration evaluation committee, established by the district, will conduct a fair and thorough evaluation of the student using an acceleration assessment process approved by the Ohio Department of Education.



Tri-Village FFA had a very good fair this year. They had members in various areas of the Junior Fair, who did especially well at the FFA Shop and Crop. Tyler Royer received overall 2<sup>nd</sup> place shop exhibit for his Cub Cadet Pulling Mower. Dylon Price received overall 1<sup>st</sup> place shop exhibit for his redone AC WD 45. Kyle Pipenger received overall 1<sup>st</sup> place crop exhibit for is Best Overall Stalk of Corn.

## Students visit I/ITSEC in Orlando, Florida

When RADM Frederick L. Lewis USN (Ret), President of the National Training and Simulation Association (NTSA), met with the I/ITSEC 2010 America's Teacher's participants just a year ago this week, he challenged them to go back and "make a difference."

Clear evidence that his message was taken to heart could be seen on the exhibit floor in the form of six visiting high school students from the Tri-Village Local School District. The students were accompanied by Kim Puckett, a 2010 "America's Teachers" recipient who joined her students in paying their own way to this year's event.

"In education, we frequently say that we are trying to prepare students for a future that we don't understand or for jobs that don't exist yet," she said. "But at I/ITSEC it hit me; they do exist. They're right here."

Puckett returned to Ohio with a new appreciation for modeling and simulation. With a fortuitous location near Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Puckett worked with the support of Col Jack Franz, Wink Bennett and Bruce Preiss, along with the Gaming Research Integration and Learning Laboratory (GRILL) to write a modeling and simulation curriculum through the Dayton Regional STEM Center.

The students' capstone project involved taking a gaming engine and developing a fire evacuation for a school.

"They were able to do it," Puckett said. "They created fire. They used artificial intelligence. They created 3D modeling for chairs and desks and imported them in, adding textures and physics."

Puckett summarized, "I just think that the right people happened to be in the right places with the right motivation to give students opportunities with the right goals. I'm just a piece of the puzzle. But the end result is that students in the Dayton area are getting this incredible opportunity to learn about modeling and simulation in a way that is really engaging and current, with experts who come out to the classroom to support and assist. It's awesome."



## 3rd Grade Sponsors Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Project.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an organization based in North Carolina. Franklin Graham is its president. This project is a tangible way to demonstrate love to hurting children by providing gift-filled shoeboxes to these children wherever they may reside in the world.

The 3rd grade sponsored the collection, but students in 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade brought in small toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and other small gifts. In all, 51 boxes were filled by these students. Some paid a delivery fee online and will hear back to learn to what country their box was delivered.

Teachers and staff feel it's an important part of a child's education to learn to help those in need, wherever they may be in the world. We thank you for your support of this project.



## Kayla Linkous signing letter of intent for Cedarville University



Kayla Linkous signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Cedarville University. Pictured are front row: Christy Sarver, Kayla Linkous, and Randy Linkous. Back row: Colton Linkous, Eric Sarver, Layne Sarver, Coach Brad Gray, Katy Linkous, Ty Linkous and Luke Linkous.