



Tri-Village Local Schools
School of Excellence
Board News Release

The Tri-Village Board of Education met on Monday, December 15, 2014 at 6:00 in the board office.

Mr. Shane Mead, Elementary Principal shared he has six remaining OTES (Ohio Teacher Evaluation System) formal observations to complete for the first round of observations.

All kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade teachers will participate in IMPACT (primary math training) training this year. (Mathematics Professional Development) This training will assist us in gaining a better sense of geometry and measurements, all teachers will be attending. Joan Smith the professional development coordinator for mathematics from teaching and learning collaborative out of Columbus will be on campus to teach a lesson while our teachers observe her on January 7th.

Mr. Mead briefed the board on the third grade reading guarantee (TGRG) update. The fall testing indicated we were 54% proficient, Five students who were on RIMPs passed, four students were placed on a RIMP due to their scores, with eleven students possible being retained. The winter MAP testing results are in which we use as our alternative testing for the TGRG, the students tested very well and only have a possibility of retaining three students. Those students will have two more opportunities in the Spring to meet the TGRG requirements.

Starting after school on January 5, 2015 Mr. Mead is offering a Reading and Math Intervention training. Letters were sent home to identified students in each grade level. The intervention hours will be from 2:45 - 3:45 Monday - Thursday. The training will be all computer based and held in our elementary computer lab.

During the December 10th early release K-2 staff members participated in W.E.P. (Written Educational Plan) training to better service our gifted students in the primary grades.

Congratulations to Tori Richards, 4th grade student for winning the Spelling Bee for the second year in a row and will compete at the County Spelling Bee on January 22nd at Mississinawa Valley Local Schools.

The fall fundraiser limo ride and pizza party was held on December 5th. There were 47 students who sold at least 15 items in the fall fundraiser to earn the limo ride and pizza party on December 5th. Congratulations and thank you to the students who earned the limo ride and party.

Congratulations to Jace Lipps for earning Patriot of the Month.

Mr. Lee Morris, JH/HS Principal, discussed the MAP Testing for the junior high and high school. This year the students were given index result cards so they could record their test score, allowing them to see their progress from the fall to spring testing periods. Now they have a more tangible goal to reach. Mr. Morris and Mr. Welbaum created a MAP schedule to test all junior high students at the same time in our computer labs, this was to maximize the system capabilities and building efficiency.

Congratulations to Elijah Driver for winning the junior high spelling bee. He along with Tori Richards will compete at the County Spelling Bee on January 22nd at Mississinawa Valley Local Schools.

Mr. Morris shared a book list that the students are reading throughout the building, while he was doing his classroom visits.

Mr. Morris created a window for students to take semester exams. The testing window is from December 15 to January 15, 2015. This will help teacher and student flexibility and allow students to spread out their workload and maximize learning.

Thank you to Mrs. Shawn Thomas for stepping up to help with the Darke County Science Fair on February 26, 2015.

Mr. Morris would like to thank Mr. Randy Linkous, Darke County Sheriff's Department and Mr. Michael Lewis, New Madison Police Department for assisting in the schools lockdown drill on December 9th.

Congratulations to the newly inducted National Honor Society Members. Inductees: Gabe Watern, Rachel Fickert, Casey Puckett, Keenan Fraylick, Skylar Spotts, Kaylor Pearson, Alisha Hollinger, Shelby Holzapfel, Brooke Koons, Samantha Holzapfel, Paige Sloan. Mr. Morris wanted to publically thank Mrs. Natalie Malott and Mrs. Wanda Roberts for organizing a wonderful ceremony.



Mrs. Black organized a FAFSA student aid application night on December 9th. Several parents and students took advantage of this opportunity to learn about free application for student aid. If you were unable to attend the meeting please email Mrs. Black at

annette_black@darke.k12.oh.us or feel free to go to www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Drama Club presented 'A spare Me' on December 12-13, 2014. The entire cast did an outstanding job. Thank you to Miss Rachel Laux for organizing a great production. "It's great to see the kids play some incredible roles and to see them step out of their comfort zone, it was incredible", state Morris.

Congratulations to the entire student body, staff, and community for raising over \$7000 for the Adopt A Family Campaign. The student council adopted 10 families and 22 students for the holidays. "Our kids and staff are pretty amazing", stated Morris.

During the halftime of the Bill Burkett Holiday Tournament, Mr. Gray and the administration honored the Scoreboard Sponsors. On December 6th during the halftime of the first home basketball game Mr. Sagester accepted the check for the America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Grant in the amount of \$10,000. The STEM Lab was opened for a hospitality room and they were given a quick tour of the lab.

Mr. Josh Sagester, Superintendent elaborated on the TGRG stating Mr. Mead and the entire primary staff is working really hard to improve the TGRG numbers. Mr. Sagester went on to thank Mr. Mead for his hard work in this area.

Mr. Sagester is in the process of meeting with the administration and the Union regarding the 2015-2016 school calendar.

Mr. Sagester was pleased to report Mrs. Sheryll Hedger and her entire cafeteria staff recently went through an audit and it was very successful. Lisa Shepherd, who conducted the audit emailed Mr. Sagester a letter of appraisal, stating the cafeteria was extremely kind and professional. Mr. Sagester praised Mrs. Hedger and her entire staff, sometimes the classified staff goes unnoticed, this speaks volumes about our employees and it is always nice to receive positive feedback regarding our staff from outside entities.

Dr. Greg Homan, Wright State University Lake Campus Agriculture Program Director emailed Mr. Sagester regarding Mr. Brian Pohlman commending him and the job he is doing with the Tri-Village Agricultural Program. There is a very positive relationship and rapport established between Mr. Pohlman and his current and former students. "We have a lot of good people here on campus, and they make my job easier", stated Mr. Sagester.

Mr. Sagester recently signed our letter of intent to work with Edison State Community College regarding the college credit plus program. Dr. Long evaluated our teacher's transcripts and it looks as if we are going to be in good shape moving forward with some course offerings on campus for next year. Mrs. Black and Mr. Morris are in the initial stages of looking at our schedule for the upcoming school year. Along with Edison State, other universities will be rolling out their college plus options. Miami University,

Wright State University and Edison will be on hand at Montgomery County ESC for a meeting conducted by the Ohio Board of Regents who is spearheading the rules and regulations. Mr. Sagester will keep the board abreast as he learns more in the future. The goal for college credit plus is to try to create a head start career path for high school students who have an idea of what they want to do to get them started on their path for a college diploma.

Mr. Sagester thanked Mrs. Malott, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Black and Mr. Morris for organizing a successful National Honor Society induction.

Energy Optimizers recently conducted a facility audit. Mrs. Chowning, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Dubbs, Mr. Harrison and Mr. Sagester will meet with the president of Energy Optimizers to discuss potential savings opportunities for the district.

The Englewood YMCA is renovating their weight room and is donating equipment to local schools. Mr. Tracy Brown, Mr. Chris Pearson and Mr. Brad Gray will pick up the pieces toward the end of the month.

Mr. Sagester concluded by thanking Mrs. Karen Friar and Mrs. Karen Chronister for their devotion to the district. Both Mrs. Friar and Mrs. Chronister have both been dedicated and loyal employees of the school district. We wish them well on their retirements.

Other Items of Interest:

PERSONNEL

- A. Non-renewed all (2014-2015) supplemental contracts at the end of their season, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- B. Issued a one year (2015-2016) limited supplemental contract to Brad Gray, Athletic Director, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- C. Recognized George Kowalski as having obtained additional hours to place him on the Bachelor +150 step per the negotiated agreement, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- D. Accepted with thanks the resignation of Karen Chronister, Elementary 1-8 Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective May 29, 2015, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- E. Accepted with thanks the resignation of Karen Friar, Kindergarten - Elementary (K-8) Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective May 29, 2015, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- F. Approved a Wee Patriot Preschool daily rate of \$8.25/hour for substitutes effective January 1, 2015, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- G. Approved Angela Pankratz, substitute Title 1 Coach, retro-active to December 2, 2014, as recommended by the Superintendent.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Appointed Tim Bevins President Pro Tem for the annual organizational meeting on January 05, 2015, beginning at 5:45 p.m. to preside over the meeting until board officers for 2015 have been elected, as recommended by the Superintendent.
(Budget Meeting to begin at 5:30 p.m. and Regular Board Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.)
- B. Approved the renewal of membership to the Ohio School Boards Association and subscription to the OSBA Briefcase for 2015, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- C. Approved the Legal Assistance Fund Consultant Service Contract pursuant to R.C. section 3313.171 (January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015), as recommended by the Superintendent.
- D. Approved the Wee Patriot Preschool Tuition rates as follows for the 2015-2016 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- E. Accepted the following donations, as recommended by the Superintendent.
 - 1. \$110.67 from Kroger to PATS to benefit the Backpack Program.
 - 2. \$300.00 from New Madison Kiwanis to HS Choir.
 - 3. \$300.00 from New Madison Kiwanis to HS Band.
 - 4. \$50.00 from Jane Combs to HS Band.
 - 5. \$300.00 from Trinity Lutheran Church to benefit the Adopt-A Family Program.
 - 6. \$300.00 from CAP Industries to HS Student Council to benefit the Adopt-A-Family Program.

7. \$500.00 from New Madison Kiwanis to HS Student Council to benefit the Adopt-A-Family Program.
8. \$50.00 from Todd & Sara Porter to HS Student Council to benefit the Adopt-A Family Program.
9. \$50.00 from Vickie Wilcox to benefit the Adopt-A Family Program.
10. \$100.00 from Becky Middleton to benefit the Adopt-A Family Program.
11. \$100.00 MJS Plastics Inc. to benefit the Adopt-A Family Program.
12. \$50.00 Eldon & Beverly Erdman to benefit the Adopt-A Family Program.
13. \$50.00 Phillip Pierri to benefit the Adopt-A Family Program.
14. \$50.00 Barbara Beard to benefit the Adopt-A Family Program.
15. \$25.00 Lorraine Townsend to benefit the Adopt-A Family Program.
16. \$200.00 Darke County Vocal Teacher Association to HS Chorus Fund.
17. \$700.00 from New Madison Kiwanis to Destination Imagination
18. \$500.00 from New Madison Kiwanis to Elementary Principals Fund.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.