

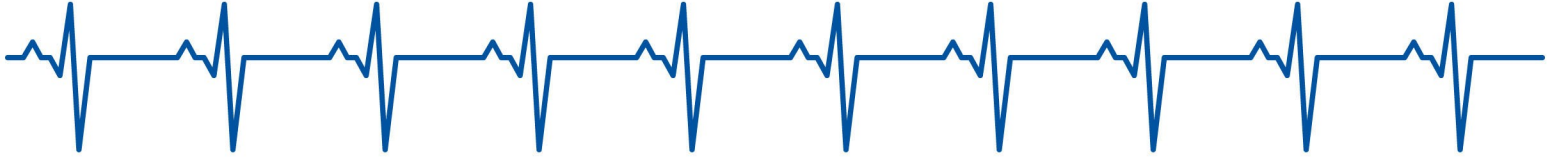


The Patriot Pulse



Tri-Village Local Schools

February 2020



Dear Parents,

As mentioned in our last Patriot Pulse edition, because of the passage of House Bill 166 last July, the district was able to partner with Darke County Recovery and bring an Ohio certified licensed prevention specialist to the district two days a week beginning in January 2020.

With that being said, the district is excited for our Student Success Liaison (Kelly Harrison) and our Youth Advocate (Amanda Dyson) to enhance and support our student's prevention education through an interactive science program called Brain Power. Please see below the goal of the K-12 curriculum being utilized to educate our students on the dangers of drug addiction.

The partnership between schools and community is the backbone of our excellence. As superintendent, my door is always open and I welcome your input as my team and I support the academic, social and emotional growth of your child.

Josh Sagester



*Mr. Sagester
Superintendent*

Why choose NIDA's Brain Power! and The Brain?

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), the experts on the science of addiction have created a K-12 curriculum that is developmentally-appropriate, educator-friendly, and science-based. The series is called *Brain Power* for grades K-8, and *The Brain* for grades 9-12.

NIDA's goal is to educate students on the science behind how the brain works, the effects of drugs on the brain, and the process of addiction. Each highly interactive lesson correlates to required National Science Education Standards (NSES). Each lesson engages the student in the discovering how to promote good brain health, and explains how abusing substances harms the brain and body.

What really works?

- Research has shown that the most effective prevention programs integrate prevention instruction into the school's daily classes. Further, instruction delivered in the child's classroom as part of the core curriculum allows for a cost-effective and universal approach. **NIDA's program becomes part of Science class and is treated as equally important.**
- And effective prevention education program includes instruction at every stage of the child's development, beginning in Kindergarten, and continuing through the high school years. **NIDA's program is comprehensive, offering instruction modules for all grades, K-12, that build on the previous year's instruction.**
- NIDA's program relies on the Theory of Reasoned Action/Theory of Planned Behavior (Knowledge about the dangers of substance use leads to changes in attitude, which in turn creates intentions, which leads to behavioral changes.)

PROGRAM GOALS: Increase healthy behaviors and delay the onset of substance use.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Students will increase knowledge about the dangers of abused substances and the process of addiction, as demonstrated by pre/post tests.
2. Parents and community members will communicate with students about the dangers of drug abuse.
3. Science teachers, along with community members who are invited on occasion to share their expertise, will integrate the NIDA program into the Science or Health curriculum annually.

Spelling Bee

Students in grades 3-8 took part in our annual district Spelling Bee on Thursday, November 20th. The Elementary Bee consisted of students in grades 3-5. This year's champion was Mekedes Butsch while our runner up was Grace Bergman. Mekedes is a 6th grade student and represented the district in the County Bee on January 23rd at Romer's Catering in Greenville. Our Junior High Bee took place on the same day in the afternoon. The Junior High Bee consisted of students in grades 6-8. This year's Junior High champion was Lydia Ayette while our runner up was Leana Metzcar. Lydia is a 7th grade student who like Mekedes, represented the district in the County Bee at Romers Catering in Greenville.



Junior High Elementary



Ayette Metzcar Butsch Bergman

County Spelling Bee Champion

Congratulations Mekedes Butsch for winning the County Spelling Bee!



Parent Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, February 18th &
Thursday February 20th
Grades K-12 (3:30 - 6:30 p.m.)

Please call the school office or email your student's teacher to schedule a conference time.

Elementary Patriot's of the Month



Carson Lipps
4th Grade

Callista Stites
2nd Grade

Samuel George
5th Grade

Shane Blankenship
5th Grade

Wee Patriot Preschool

Wee Patriots Preschool is now enrolling for the 2020-2021 school year. We also have openings for students who might qualify for financial assistance. If interested please contact Joanie Hollinger at 937-996-1511 or email her at joanie_hollinger@tri-village.k12.oh.us.

There is also information available at:
<http://www.tri-village.k12.oh.us/WeePatriotPreschool1.aspx> under the Wee Patriots Preschool tab.

After School Intervention: Grades 3-6

Tri-Village offers a program for elementary students in grades 3-6 called the After-School Intervention Program. This program will focus on increasing skills in a variety of areas including Math and Reading. If you feel your child would benefit from this program, please contact his/her teacher to have them send a form home to sign up.

Winter is now upon us and the weather has a great impact on the health of our students, particularly the ones who do not have a suitable coat for the frigid weather conditions. If you know of a student who could use a new nice warm coat, hat or gloves please contact Ms. Black, Guidance Counselor at 937-996-1511 extension 1210. We have a generous supply of brand new coats of all sizes along with hats and gloves.

