# **The Patriot Pulse Tri-Village Local Schools**

June 2016

Teachers, Staff and Tri-Village Community,

As we celebrate the conclusion of another school year I would like to thank each of you for your many contributions to Tri-Village Local Schools. The accomplishments and successes of the 2015-2016 school year are due to the collective efforts of our Tri-Village Family.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all staff members, students and stakeholders of the community. It seems like yesterday we began our journey together. I assure you preparations for another exciting school year are already in full swing as we find ourselves replacing personnel, completing maintenance and grounds improvements while making curricular preparations for the 2016-2017 school year.

On behalf of the Tri-Village Board of Education, I would specifically like to thank our community for their continued support including 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.

Simply stated, 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.

As we take time in coming weeks to reflect and refresh we do with confidence that the 2016-2017 school year will be even better. We will learn from failures and tweak our successes. We will grow stronger as a team and overcome any obstacles placed in our way. This is the Patriot Way...it starts and ends with the best team of educators, support staff and families.

Sincerely,

Josh Sagester

## Memorial Bench Project

Students find perfect use for "imperfection by collecting simple bottle caps and tub lids, which were taken to Green Tree Plastics in Evansville Indiana. The caps weighed in at 1,200 pounds, then made into three memorial benches. The memorial benches are in memory of Susie Midlam, who was a third grade teacher for 35 years before retiring. Mitch McCabe who was a former graduate. Along with Jonathan Kinnison who would have been in 11<sup>th</sup> grade this year.

The school wanted to teach the students two important lessons. First, the lesson of being a good steward to the environment; second, the importance of volunteering and learning that there is nothing too small to make a difference in this world. We are so proud of our TV students in making a difference for our environment. Next year the goal is to collect over 2,200 pounds of bottle caps to make 2 picnic tables for the school. A BIG thanks goes out to the following people and organizations: TV students, Brian Pohlman, Geneva Price, Karen Bietry, Emily Brinkman, Band Boosters, Bruce Burk, Debbie Frech, Karen Reier, Dana Heckman, Brenda Miller, JoNell and Roger Rutan, TV News Staff, Bonita Breining, The Art Classes, Lee Morris, Shawn Thomas, Jason Schondelmyer, Shellie Francis, Angie

Harrington, Amanda Magoto, School Board and Mr. Josh Sagester, TV Community Members, Class of 2015, PATS- Parents Assisting Teachers and Students, and Adopt-A-Family.









### <u>2015–2016 JH/HS Highlights</u>

#### August

- Mrs. Emily Brinkman, Director of Bands, led the TV Marching Band in the Darke County Band Spectacular during the Great Darke County Fair.
- Opening teacher professional work days were highlighted by guest speaker Doug Grote of Upward Sports, and by the inaugural "Amazing Race"

#### September

◆ TV celebrated the 1st football victory in school history with a win over Dayton Northridge on Saturday, September 12, 2015.

#### October

- The TV Class of 2018 participated in the 2nd annual National Manufacturing Day for Darke County by visiting the FRAM oil filters factory in Greenville.
- Congratulations to the King, Knox Morris, and the Queen, Jenna Fisherback at the 42nd annual TV School Fair
- Mrs. Brinkman and the Band participated at the Bradford Pumpkin Festival parade.
- Mr. Morris attended the Darke County Juvenile Justice Seminar on Tuesday, October 6, at the Elks Lodge in Greenville, Ohio.
- TV High School, in conjunction with Mrs. Brenda Miller and the New Madison Public Library, hosted a College Night at the library.
- TV also teamed with the NMPL on Thursday, October 22 for a stargazing event that was sponsored by Boonshoft Museum.
- Mr. Brian Pohlman and the TV MVCTC FFA took 12 students to the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.
- The Boys Golf Team, led by Coach Frese, qualified from the Sectional Tournament to the District Golf Tournament, held at Weatherwax Golf Course.

#### November

- ◆ The TV Music Department hosted their annual Dinner Theatre, Jungle Safari.
- ◆ TV hosted their annual Veteran's Day breakfast. 47 guests were in attendance, and groups involved included Kindergarten students and teachers, Mr. Pohlman and the TV MVCTC FFA, Mr. John Beard and his American Government students, Mrs. Emily Brinkman and Mrs Geneva Price and their High School Band and Choir, Mrs. Sheryll Hedger and the TV Kitchen Staff, and Mr. Chris Pearson.
- The TV Adopt-A-Family program held its inaugural "Quarter Auction", raising nearly \$2500 for our annual Christmas givings.
- Mrs. Geneva Price took her Junior High Choir to St. Clair's Memorial Hall to perform in the Darke County Choral Festival.
- TV hosted their school Spelling Bee: Aidan Collins of TV won the Bee for the Junior High division while Arizona Adkins won the Elementary division.
- Mrs. Annette Black, Guidance Counselor, attended the Scholarship Breakfast hosted by IUE, she returned with over \$120,000 in scholarships .
- Mrs. Dana Heckman and Mrs. Katie Pleiman took students to the MVCTC, to investigate possible career paths.

#### December

- All 10th & 8th grade students visited the MVCTC for a guided tour
- TV hosted a "FAFSA Night", to assist students and parents in filing out and applying for colleges and financial aid to secondary institutions.
- Mrs. Kathy Harris and her Drama Class attended "A Charlie Brown Christmas" at Sinclair Community College.
- Coach Gray and the Varsity Girls Basketball Team and Coach Fisherback and the JV Girls Team won the Bill Burkett Invitational Tournament.
- The Arts in Education program, sponsored by the DCCA, invited VoicePlay, an acapella singing group based out of Orlando, FL to perform at TV.
- Coach Brad Gray and the Varsity Girls Basketball Team won the Barn Ball Classic Basketball Tournament held at Miami East High School

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- ◆ TV hosted the Darke County Spelling Bee in the High School gymnasium on.
- The TV Adopt-A-Family program raised over \$10,500 over the holiday season to give gifts to families in need.
- TV held its annual Homecoming , congratulations to King Elijah Fourman and Queen Jenna Fisherback.

#### February

- ◆ 7th and 8th grade students traveled to St. Clair's Memorial Hall to see "Anne Frank: Through the Eyes of a Friend," by Living Voices.
- ♦ 59 TV students competed in the Darke County Science Day competition, held at Greenville High School. 8 Patriots qualified on to compete at the District Science Fair and three, Maddie Downing, Landen Fraylick, and Justus Thomas, advanced to the State Science Fair in Columbus, OH. Congratulations to all students, as well as Mrs. Christina Gutierrez and Mr. George Kowalski for their efforts.

#### March

- Darke County ESC invited special education students to their "Dress for Success" presentation at Shawnee Prairie Preserves.
- TV was granted occupancy to our new Field House.
- ◆ The TV Music Department welcomed the Air Force Brass Band for our students in grades 7 through 12.
- Congratulations to our students involved in the Believe in Ohio project and contests. Mrs. Christina Gutierrez and Mr. George Kowalski gave out \$5400 in awards at a ceremony in March. The top prize of \$1000 was awarded to Shelby Holzapfel and Kaylor Pearson while the \$500 second place prize went to Kloev Murphy. In the Junior High division, Andi Bietry and Lissa Siler claimed the \$150 top prize while Abbi Lipps and Hannah Schepis finished second.
- Through a generous private donation, the staff of TV Junior/Senior High School each received a Google Chromebook for their classroom use.
- R.E.A.L. Success Luncheon- students in grades K through 12 who receive special education services who achieved high scores on state mandated tests traveled to Romer's Catering in Greenville to be honored by the Darke County ESC.
- The Ohio State Lima Campus hosted a Reality Fair at Ansonia High School.
- Ms. Bonita Breining and the Art Department traveled to the Dayton Art Institute. courtesy of Target Corporation.
- ♦ Coach Jim Maples and the Varsity Baseball team began their season by traveling to Vero Beach, Fl. The baseball team ended their season with a Sectional Title and loss in the District Championship game.
- ♦ Mr. George Kowalski and the FIRST Robotics team from his Pre-Engineering class competed at Xavier University. Students included Ian Bailey, Trace Couch, Shelby Holzapfel, Kaylor Pearson, Luke Wheeler, and Josh Wiford.

#### April

- The TV Dance team hosted their 2nd annual Dance Showcase.
- ♦ Mr. Brian Pohlman and the TV MVCTC FFA hosted their annual banquet. Three graduating Seniors received their State FFA degrees.
- ♦ Mrs. Annette Black hosted TV's annual Freshman Orientation.
- TV's Destination Imagination teams competed at the state level at Mount Vernon Nazarene University. HS team members included Emma Campbell, Shelby Holzapfel, Kaylor Pearson, and Makenzie Stucky. JH team members included Dylan Finkbine, Dylan Holsapple, Matthew Holzapfel, Jacob Siegrist, and Johnna Siegrist.
- Mr. Morris attended the Southwest District Athletic Association breakfast and OHSAA Regional Update meetings at Wright State University.
- The Junior Class and Student Council hosted a "Mock Accident" in preparation for the Senior Prom.
- The Junior Class hosted "Alice in Wonderland" in the high school gymnasium.
- Mr. Jeff Judy and the Junior High Staff visited Shawnee Prairie Reserve for a Civil War Re-enactment.

#### May

- Mrs. Kathy Harris and the Drama Department hosted their Spring Theatrical Performance, The Some What True Tale of Robin Hood.
- Darke County Special Olympics ceremonies and events were held on Friday, May 13.2016.
- The TV Alumni Association held its annual banquet in the Commons area. Honored classes included the Classes of 2016, 1991, 1966, and 1941.
- ◆ Mr. Jeff Judy welcomed Kraig McWhinney from K&K Tours to TV on Wednesday evening, to speak to members and parents of the Class of 2021 to discuss a class trip to Washington DC in May of 2017.
- The Mathematics Department took high performing students to Kings Island, for the annual Math/Science day at the park.
- The "Don't Flip Your Lid, Save It" program, presented three families with memorial benches. The families of Jonathan Kinnison, Mitch McCabe, and Susie Midlam were present on campus for the ceremony.
- ♦ Mrs. Black, Mrs. Price, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Sagester attended the Year-End Celebration for the ACES program, run by the Council on Rural Services. Special speaker was Mr. Jeff Vaughn.

#### June

- Commencement exercises took place for the graduating Class of 2016 at TV High School on Saturday, June 4, 2016. 62 students received their diplomas.
- Please check out our students' accomplishments, fun times, and hard work by visiting youtube.com and searching "TVYearbook." Many thanks to all students and staff for making the 2015-2016 school year an excellent one.