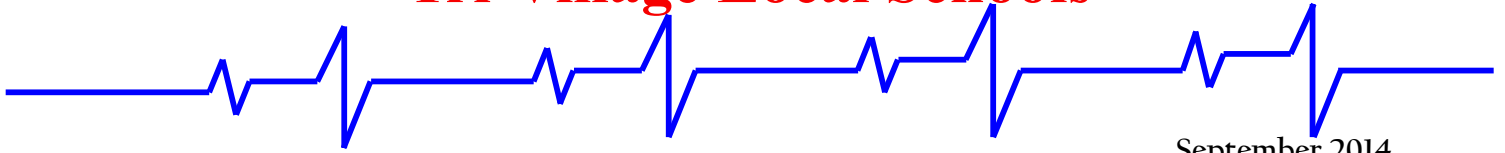




# The Patriot Pulse



## Tri-Village Local Schools



September 2014

### A message from the Superintendent

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of September in the 2014-2015 calendar! Therefore, I am thrilled to begin year two as your Superintendent of Schools. The mission of our district is to make sure we are preparing all our students for their future, to be college and career ready, by providing high quality instruction that is rigorous in content and relevant to our students' needs.

I trust the 2014-2015 school year will prove to be even more rewarding and productive. Several changes will continue to transpire, having a positive impact on our staff, students and stakeholders. As a staff we will continue to hone our knowledge and expertise regarding common core standards, we will continue to educate all stakeholders on the new report card accountability system, our students will take new state assessments, the new state assessments will be taken online and new graduation requirements commence with the class of 2018. This is in addition to our new Ohio Teacher Evaluation System and the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. The challenges have never been greater in public education but our district is poised to prosper.

We in the Tri-Village District are ready for these challenges and continue to seek ways of being more competitive and innovative in the educational marketplace so that our students have the necessary tools to excel. Our outstanding educators and staff are working hard to meet the demands while creating high quality opportunities for students to be college and career ready.

The partnership between schools and community is the backbone of our excellence. As we embark on a promising new year together, it is my aspiration that we will work collaboratively to provide your child the best possible opportunities in preparing them to be world-class citizens ready to master the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. As superintendent, my door is always open and I welcome your input. As mentioned above, we anticipate another successful year at Tri-Village Local as my team and I support the academic, social and emotional growth of your child.



**Mr. Josh Sagester**  
Superintendent

Please tune into 97.5 FM WTGR on September 24th at 11:15 am to hear Mr. Sagester on Community Ties.

**A Night @ the Office:** Any stakeholder who would like to chat with the Superintendent and Treasurer regarding school readiness, local district initiatives, state initiatives, finances or anything else on their mind, please stop by on Thursday, October 9, 2014 between 6:00-7:30 in the Board Office. (No official agenda, just open dialogue.)



# New Staff Introduced



Position	Teacher
5th Grade	Matt Harman
4th Grade	Wanda Roberts
Integrated Science	George Kowalski
Bus Driver	Jewell Towery
Title 1 Coach 2nd Grade	Michelle Groff
Title 1 Coach 4th Grade	Sarah Loxley
Title 1 Coach Primary	Stephanie Rowland
Title 1 Coach 5th Grade	Emma McKenzie
Title 1 Coach Kindergarten	Josselyn Tobias

Mrs. Stephanie Rowland is the new Primary Title 1 Coach. She will be working with Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd Grade teachers this year! She recently moved back to the area with her husband Paul and daughter who will be in Kindergarten this year.

She graduated with her Master's in Education from Wright State University She taught 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade for six years at Dayton Public Schools.

Mrs. Sarah Loxley, 4th grade Title 1 Coach. She graduated from Arcanum High School and resides in Arcanum with her husband Shawn and their six children. She earned her Bachelors Degree in Early Childhood Education Pre K-3. She was a Head Start Preschool teacher for 20 years, at Bradford Preschool. She is very excited to meet all the wonderful students.

Miss Emma McKenzie Title 1 Coach for 5th grade this year at Tri-Village. She earned her Masters of Education degree in Intervention, Mild to Moderate and also has her undergraduate degree in Middle Childhood Education. Prior to coming to Tri-Village, she worked as an Intervention Specialist and Reading Specialist for the intermediate grades.

She is a Tipton High School graduate and still resides in Tipp City with her husband and their one year old son, Asher.

Mr. George Kowalski, Integrated Science Teacher. He graduated from the University of Dayton where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree with a minor in Geology. He previously taught at Thurgood Marshall High School for 4 years. Mr. Kowalski is also the advisor for the class of 2018.

Mrs. Michelle Groff, 2nd grade Title I Coach. She graduated from the University of Cincinnati with an Early Childhood Education degree in 2011. She has been a substitute teacher in Cincinnati and Darke County for over the last three years holding long term positions. She resides in Potsdam with her husband Trent and their two dogs. They are also expecting their first child in December ó a baby boy!!

Miss Josselyn Tobias, Kindergarten Title I Coach. She was born and raised in Covington, Ohio and still resides there. She graduated from Bowling Green State University in May of 2014 with a major in Early Childhood Education. She also received her Reading Endorsement and she is continuing to take courses towards her Masters Degree. In her free time, she enjoy playing sports. She is currently the 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball coach at Covington Middle School.

**America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Grant** - Mr. Sagester was pleased to announce that our grant application has been reviewed and we were selected as one of the nine winners in the state of Ohio. The district will receive a check for \$10,000. Thank you to Leesa Folkerth and Kim Puckett for spearheading this endeavor. Thank you to the area farmers for taking the time to nominate the district for this grant.

