



Tri-Village Local Schools Regular Board News Release

The Tri-Village Board of Education met on Monday March 21, 2016 at 6:00 in the board office.

Kindergarten registration for the 2016-2017 school year has begun. If you have a student who is not yet registered for Kindergarten, please stop in the elementary office between the hours of 8:00-3:30. If you have any questions please call Mrs. Harrington at 996-1511. Please check the elementary website for future details. You will need to bring your child's birth certificate and custody paperwork if applicable.

Mr. Lee Morris, JH/HS Principal briefed the board on the wellness program. The Educational Purchasing Council (EPC) has a wellness program that allows districts to earn up to \$4000 if a percentage of their staff participates in the Roadmap for Health. Mrs. Jodi Fritz, School Nurse does an outstanding job leading this program and getting information out to the entire staff. Staff members can earn a \$50.00 gift card for completing the Roadmap for Health.

Mr. Morris along with Mr. John Lay, IT Coordinator are attending a Google Professional Development Workshop to help find ways to incorporate google training in and out of the classroom.

The Darke County Education Service Center (ESC) hosted its annual R.E.A.L. Success luncheon Monday at Romer's Catering for students who achieved advanced or accelerated on their state mandated test for the 2014-2015 school year. The lunch was held in celebration of Raising Expectations for All Learners by the special education supervisory staff at the ESC, comprised of Lisa Giuffre, Lisa Preston, and Pat Wendel.

Mr. Morris is pleased to announce we have two Destination Imagination teams this year. This year there is a junior high and high school team. The regional competition was held at Jackson Center High School on March 19th, the high school team finished first and moves onto the state competition on April 16th. Members of the high school team are: Emma Campbell, Shelby Holzapfel, Kaylor Pearson, and Makenzie Stucky. The Junior High team of Dylan Finkbine, Dylan Holsapple, Matthew Holzapfel, Jacob Siegrist, and Johnna Siegrist finished second in their first year of competition.

Mr. Morris is excited for the FIRST Robotics team competition taking place on March 31 – April 2 at Xavier University in Cincinnati Ohio. Team members include Ian Bailey, Trace Couch, Shelby Holzapfel, Kaylor Pearson, Luke Wheeler, Josh Wiford, the Instructor is Mr. George Kowalski. Sixty-five teams will be on hand competing in this competition.

Believe in Ohio Awards Program was held on Thursday, March 10, 2016. Mrs. Gutierrez and Mr. Kowalski, STEM Instructors, awarded \$5,400 of local prize money. The high school team of Shelby Holzapfel and Kaylor Pearson earned \$1000, and Kloey Murphy earned \$500 for her project and report. The Junior High team of Andi Bietry and Lissa Siler earned \$150, and Abbi Lipps and Hannah Schepis each received 2nd place with their projects and reports.

Mrs. Bonita Breining is taking an art field trip funded by Target Field Trips 2016, to the Dayton Art Institute on Wednesday, March 23rd.

The Dress for Success program held on February 29th was a huge success. Students went through a mock interview process. On March 22nd students will participate in a Reality Fair. Thank you to Mrs. Kathryn Pleiman and Mrs. Karyn Smith for chaperoning the students.

Mr. Morris stated the 2016-2017 schedule is being finalized and we will begin student scheduling soon. There are a few minor tweaks for the 2016-2017 school year.

Air Force Band of Flight from WPAFB was on hand March, 4th and performed for students grades 7-12. Guests were members of the Wright Brass, and though stationed at WPAFB, came from Colorado, Louisiana, New York, and Virginia.

There was a College Credit Plus informational meeting on February 25, 2016. To date approximately twenty students have signed letters of intent for CCP for connections with Sinclair Community and Edison Community College.

Freshman Orientation will take place on April 14th at 6:30pm in the commons area.

Mr. Morris concluded by stating the JH/HS building is finalizing plans for a future talent show. More details to follow.

Mr. Josh Sagester, Superintendent distributed the ODE state testing research article, "Online vs Paper Pencil Testing" to board members. Mr. Sagester and Mrs. Kimberly Chowning, Treasurer will meet with our Neola Representative in the next few days to discuss current and new board policies.

Mr. Sagester presented the State Legislative Update packet talking points from his meeting in Columbus.

Congratulations to three of our students for moving onto the State Science Fair. Maddie Downing, Landen Fraylick and Justus Thomas who all earned first place in the District Science Fair to advance to State Science Fair on May 14, 2016. Good luck to these students.

Mr. Sagester publically thanked Mrs. Joanie Hollinger for her time and dedication to the WPP in getting the WPP ready to be a Step up to Quality Preschool. Step Up To Quality (SUTQ) is a five-star quality rating and improvement system administered by the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. SUTQ recognizes and promotes learning and development programs that meet quality program standards that exceed licensing health and safety regulations. The program standards are based on national research identifying standards which lead to improved outcomes for children.

Mr. Sagester presented the state testing results, "We own our data and we will not make excuses, however, we do more for our students on a daily basis than a test on any given day", stated Mr. Sagester.

Mr. Sagester informed the board of his plans to increase video surveillance on the premises.

We are pleased to announce Mrs. Fritz is bringing back the fluoride program for students in the elementary. To date we have over 200 students signed up for the program. Mrs. Fritz is excited that we are bringing this back and we appreciate her efforts.

Amanda Dyson, Youth Advocate has been a great addition to our team. She is currently serving twenty six students in grades 5-12.

Mr. Sagester publically thanked the New Madison Elks Lodge for donating \$1000 to the high school boys, high school girls' basketball team and \$1500 to the high school cheerleaders. They were instructed to take their teams out to dinner.

We are excited to offer a staff wellness room. This room will be shared by the athletic trainer to rehabilitate student athletes and for staff members to work out. This will be extremely nice to have the trainer near the gym and add some various staff wellness equipment. The district promotes wellness and with current wellness dollars we will be able to purchase around 4-5 pieces of equipment. This will be a nice area for our staff members to visit starting in the upcoming school year.

Mr. Sagester briefed the board on the bleacher and press box update.

Mr. Sagester concluded by congratulating student athlete Seth Earls for winning the State Powerlifting Unlimited Class. Earls won the boys unlimited class by lifting 350 pounds in the bench press, 635 in the deadlift and 600 in the squat for a total of 1,585 pounds.

Mr. Sagester congratulated senior Tyler VanWinkle was named third team all-Ohio in Division IV Boys Basketball and junior Allie Downing was first team all-Ohio in Division IV Girls Basketball.

Good luck to the varsity boys' baseball team as they leave to play four games at Dodgertown in Vero Beach, Florida.

Other items of interest:

PERSONNEL

- A. Amend the Safety Coordinator's contract to state Safety Coordinator will provide services of 20 hours per week, additional hours may be requested as approved by immediate supervisor.
- B. Accept the resolution of Amanda Pohl, Intervention Specialist K-8, effective June 6, 2016.
- C. Approve Joanna Plush, Classified Substitute (Wee Patriot Preschool) for the 2015-2016 school year.
- D. Approve the issuance of a school bus driver certificate to Mark Sheard and Jonathon Steele, for the 2015-2016 school year.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Accept donations.
- B. Accept with gratitude in-kind donation supporting the Outdoor Athletic Complex as recommended by the Treasurer.
- C. Accept with gratitude in-kind donations supporting the STEM Lab as recommended by the Treasurer.
- D. Approve an overnight field trip for select FFA members to attend the State FFA Convention in Columbus, OH, from May 5-6, 2016 under the direction of Brian Pohlman.
- E. Approve the reserved assigned seatbacks for football games to be \$30.00 per seat.
- F. Approve an Extension Agreement with Julian & Grube, Inc. for the audit period 6/30/2016 to 6/30/2020.
- G. Accept donation to the Capital Projects Fund to benefit the Outdoor Athletic Complex as recommended by the Treasurer.