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CFSD Upcoming Events:

- Nov. 3 **Voting Day - No School**
All Day
- Nov. 5 **BOE Meeting**
6:00pm, CFHS
- Nov. 13 **Fall Play, *Dark of the Moon***
7:00pm, CFHS

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A Special Section Dedicated to Black Tiger Headlines & Achievements

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ISSUE 12: Important Info For Tuesday's Election

Black Tigers – Election Day is this Tuesday, November 3rd. Voters in our community will get to cast their ballots on Issue 12, our 5.98 mill bond issue to build two new schools – a new Cuyahoga Falls High School (9-12), and a new Middle School (7-8), both located on the current Bolich/Newberry property. Issue 12 costs \$17.45/month per \$100,000 of property value, or \$209 a year. The state will contribute \$22.5 million to the cost of construction, but only if our voters approve the bond issue.

Serious infrastructure problems make it difficult to deliver the best education to our students. Our buildings struggle with antiquated, inefficient heating and cooling, bad plumbing, leaking roofs, and dysfunctional electrical wiring that cannot meet the needs of today's students and classrooms.

New schools would provide the safe, functional, productive classrooms our students need – with greater access for students and residents with disabilities. Modern electrical systems mean students can use learning technology that develops the skills colleges and employers value. Plus, new schools would include modern security features – like fewer entrances and better monitoring to prevent unauthorized access.

Before anything is built, the district will reach out to fully engage the community for your input on the needs and expectations of new buildings. The district will hire an architectural design firm, but only after a bond issue passes. Then, the state will appoint a professional, independent project manager to oversee the budget, timeline, and progress of the project.

Construction for the new CFHS would begin in the Spring of 2017. We anticipate opening the new High School in 2019. Likewise, pre-construction planning for the new Middle School would get underway in 2018, with an expectation to open the new Middle School by 2021.

For more information, please check the district website at cfalls.org, ask us on Facebook, or contact the Superintendent's Office at (330) 926-3800.

DeWitt Fifth Graders Hit All Of The Right Notes!



DeWitt Elementary students receive feedback from Singers Company founder, Dr. Samuel Gordon.

Under the direction of DeWitt Elementary School music teacher, Christine Stewart, a group of 29 DeWitt fifth graders were invited to represent the Cuyahoga Falls City Schools with Akron's critically acclaimed choir, *Singers Company's Vibrant Voices Choral Concert*.

Founded by Samuel Gordon in 2000, *Singers Company* offers musicians an opportunity to experience the choral spectrum, singing a wide range of musical periods and styles while emphasizing the organization's key values of artistic excellence, accessibility and diversity, leadership, community enrichment and education.

Prior to the show, our students rehearsed with University of Akron Professor Emeritus and Artistic Director, Dr. Samuel Gordon, to prepare for the October 18 concert at St. Sebastian Church in Akron. "Dr. Gordon was very complimentary of our students" says Stewart. "He said he would like to see this group of students continue as a private chamber choir in the school!"

DeWitt students joined fifth and sixth grade students from Litchfield Middle School, Crouse Community Learning School, Inventor's Hall of Fame STEM School, St. Sebastian School, Miller South School for the Visual and Performing Arts, and high school students from Our Lady of the Elms, in a collaborative concert with the *Singers Company*. Students had the opportunity to sing with over 200 voices and a chamber orchestra. The theme for the concert was, "*The Artist Teaches Us All.*"

For more information about the *Singers Company*, check out their website www.singerscompany.org and see what the choir is about and listen to a demo of their concerts.

We are very proud of our DeWitt students and how well they represented Cuyahoga Falls City School District!

Silver Lake Police Department and Elementary Partner Up: Anti-Bullying Initiatives Continue

SLPD and 5th graders at Silver Lake Elementary joined forces to promote anti-bullying. Working with Lieutenant Steve Justice, two of our 5th grade teachers, Cari Shannon and Meredith Koch, created an authentic learning opportunity for the kids.

The problem presented to the students:
How can we educate and promote an initiative against bullying that will resonate with kids our age?

Using Chromebooks to research, the fifth grade students and Lt. Justice worked together to create a plan for how to approach this task. They had brainstorming sessions to decide what the final product should be and created a forum for sharing. Through this process of exploration, the students created persuasive advertisement posters that they shared with each other. From there, the activity was turned into technology based projects that were action and information filled. Some students wrote "one-scene" performances that were acted out and videotaped to model an incident of bullying and potential solutions.

The SLPD was so impressed with the students' participation, a contest to reward the top posters

was created with awards handed out. Finally the experience culminated with the sharing of learning and a celebratory pizza party!

"At the center of this experience was real-life learning, creative problem solving, critical thinking and community collaboration." said Rachael Seifert, Silver Lake Principal. "This was authentic learning at its best!"



Poster examples from Silver Lake Elementary 5th grade students' Anti-Bullying collaboration with the SLPD.