



ROAR!

RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC RESULTS

CFSD Dates To Remember:

- May 23 **Lincoln Relay for Life**, 9:00am, Lincoln Elementary
- May 24 **High School Graduation** 8:00pm, Blossom Music Center
- May 26 **Last Day of School** All Schools

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A Special Section Dedicated to Black Tiger Headlines & Achievements

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Cuyahoga Falls City School District Partnerships are Growing in Summit County!



In an on-going effort to be a resource for the families of the community, the CFCSD is partnering with Summit County. The efforts are centered on supporting the family dynamic. One such initiative supported by the Summit County Job and Family Services Department is the Summit County Fatherhood Initiative (SCFI). SCFI is active in Akron, Barberton, Cuyahoga Falls, and

Twinsburg and focuses on helping men become better fathers. The joint mission of SCFI and the National Fatherhood Initiative is to improve the well-being of children by increasing the proportion of children growing up with involved, responsible, and committed fathers.

Locally, the initiative focuses on family. Our mission is to help men become better fathers through education and resources. We equip them with the skills and resources they need to become involved, responsible, and committed parents. The end result is stronger families and children who grow up to become involved, responsible adults.

SCFI's programs are available to you whether you are a custodial or non-custodial parent. Browse through their website www.summitfathers.org to find the resources you need to become a happier family.

One might ask, why the focus on fathers is important. To start, the data suggest 35% of our households are single-parent households; thus, there are more than 3,000 children impacted by single-parent households.

- Further, the research suggests infants of highly involved fathers are more cognitively competent at six months and score higher on the Bayley Scales of Infant Development.
- School-aged children of involved fathers are also better academic achievers.

They are more likely to get A's and have better quantitative and verbal skills.

- Children of involved fathers are more likely to enjoy school, have better attitudes toward school, participate in extracurricular activities, and graduate. They are also less likely to fail a grade, have poor attendance, or have behavior problems at school.
- Children of involved fathers are more likely to become educationally mobile young adults with higher levels of economic and educational achievement, career success, occupational competency, and psychological well-being.

In Cuyahoga Falls, the initiative involves our city government, the two public school districts (Cuyahoga Falls and Woodridge), the Summit County Educational Service Center, First United Methodist Church of Cuyahoga Falls, Pilgrim United Church of Christ, and Grandview United Methodist Church. The drive is a comprehensive multi-faceted approach aimed at helping the families in our community support their children. We started with an informational meeting for leaders in the community out of which the initial SCFI event was developed for Cuyahoga Falls.

The inaugural session will be held June 18, the day before Fathers' Day, appropriately enough! The event will take place from 10:00am to noon so it won't occupy your entire day. At the event you will learn more about the programs that are offered and designed to focus on the family. We will feed you and we will provide child care! So, join us at the Summit County Educational Service Center, 420 Washington Avenue!

For more information visit www.cfalls.org or www.summitesc.org.

Because, the time you spend with your children is worth more than the amount you spend on your children!

Another Senior 'Million Dollar Class'!

While we are still tabulating the final results, we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Class of 2016 for their achievements.

The Class of 2016 is a Million Dollar Class!

More specifically, the **Class of 2016** has earned more than 750 college credits over their high school career. And, we continue to receive information from universities relative to articulated credit earned during the second semester of this year. Moreover, members of the **Class of 2016** have taken 292 Advanced Placement tests which could translate into another 850 college credits or more.

All in all, members of the **Class of 2016** have earned upwards of 1,600 college credits before the calculations are complete; at nearly \$400 per credit hour if taken at the university, the value of credits earned while in high school is nearly \$640,000.

Additionally, members of the **Class of 2016** have earned more than \$1,000,000 in grant and scholarship money.

From the **Class of 2016**, nearly 65% of the graduates have been accepted to a two- or four-year institution of higher education. If 65% of the graduates enroll this fall, it will be the highest percentage in at least ten years.

Additionally, several students have earned industry credentials in cosmetology, A+ systems certification, automotive technologies, and other *Six-District Compact* programs. Also, ten students have elected to join the armed forces.

As we continue to provide opportunities for our students to become college and career ready, the **Class of 2016** stands as a shining star of the progress being made in Cuyahoga Falls City Schools.

Seniors: A Quick Look

Scholarships: \$950,000 (that's with a lot of 4-year, renewable estimates).

Colleges: Roughly 60-65% will attend college. Kent - 30%, Akron - 20%, Stark State - 15%

Some other schools reported: Rochester Institute of Technology, Ohio University, Cleveland Institute of Technology, Cleveland State, Baldwin-Wallace, University of Tampa, The Ohio State University, Heidelberg University, Walsh University, Mount Union University, Hiram College, Ashland University, University of Cincinnati, Wilmington College, Roosevelt University, Paul Mitchell School for Cosmetology

Military: Ten students have expressed interest or have enlisted in all four military branches.

Workforce: Approximately 30-35%

Reported as of May 16, 2016.

Student Profile: Regan Smith



Another amazing student that we have in our schools is Regan Smith. Regan, a standout 2nd grader at Richardson Elementary is described by her teacher, Miss Katherine Huston as “an outstanding student because I can always count on her to do the right thing and be a wonderful role model”.

Regan’s favorite class is Mathematics and she enjoys working with her multiplication flash cards and the independent work at the beginning of the day where she likes to read. During recess, Regan has fun hanging out with her friend Lexi.

Outside of school, Regan enjoys playing with her friends in the neighborhood, “loves” participating in her gymnastics class and said she wants to be a coach like her Coach Georgia. “I love gymnastics and showing my parents all of the things we learn from class at the recitals”. Regan says she “is really inspired by gold medal winner Gabby Douglas”.

We can’t wait to hear about what the future holds. Keep it up Regan!

Tech-Ed Brings It Home! Ohio Technology Summit Award Winners from CFHS!



The *Ohio Technology Summit* is an annual gathering of Technology Educators from throughout the State of Ohio. Different categories are used to cover the vast amount of areas of Technology Education. CFHS students took part in the category of Student Projects Exhibit.

In the area of *Welding & Metal Works*, Joe Cambria of CFHS won both 1st and 2nd place for his coffee table and end tables which were a combination of

welding and woodworking. The Cuyahoga Falls schools exhibit display placed 7th in the entire State of Ohio.

Heading Downhill!



CFHS students Cristian Robinson, Liam Larsen and Andrew Kull pose with their GRC hardware.

The Soap Box Derby has been holding the *Gravity Racing Challenge* for the past five years and CFHS was one of the first school districts to participate.

The race divisions are Stock, Super Stock and Open. In the Open division, students design and build their own car using the Derby supplied base and at the competition last year, CFHS finished 3rd in the race and 3rd in design. This year, driver Andrew Kull, assisted by Liam Larsen, finished 4th in the race for the Open Class. Our Super Stock cars were driven by Jared Marion, Scott Smith and Cristian Robinson. In the Super Stock Division for High Schools Cristian won the Championship for the *GRC 2016*.

It was a great day for the *Black Tiger Racing Team!*

Don't Forget!

On May 23, Lincoln Elementary will be hosting the Lincoln Elementary School *Relay for Life Relay Recess*. Opening ceremony begins at 9:00am.

Student Profile: Corbin Luksza



In this edition of the *ROAR!* we had the privilege of profiling a great 5th grade student from Lincoln Elementary School. Corbin Luksza is not just a great student, but also an amazing citizen and classmate. As one of the Lincoln STARS, Corbin works with students with autism by helping them with their exercises and while on the playground. He also works with

the kindergarten students, helping them get their library books where they belong. Another duty that Corbin performs is as a back-up photographer taking pictures at the various school events. Being a photographer and a geologist is something that he is thinking he may want to pursue as careers. Currently, Corbin is earning money by helping his neighbors taking their trash down on trash day and returning them after.

Corbin’s favorite subjects in school are Social Studies and History. “Mr. Karam (Corbin’s 5th grade teacher) makes it interesting”, he says. “I like learning about the past and how the U.S. and other countries became countries”. According to Karam, “Corbin invests the time needed to accomplish a task, no matter how long it takes him with a never give-up attitude”.

Outside of school, Corbin is a first year Boy Scout after five years of being a Cub Scout. He enjoys helping his dad work on projects around the house like the fire pit they rebuilt. He also “sometimes” enjoys helping his mom clean up around the house.

Keep up the great work Corbin!

Price Elementary Embraces Diversity With ELL Cultural Party



Just some of the food samplings provided by the students and their families.

As the population of the community becomes more diverse, the CFCSD is working hard to welcome all of the different cultures into the schools. Both DeWitt and Price Elementary schools are designated for English Language Learners (ELL) and on Tuesday, Price ELL teachers, Ms. Alicia Pan and Ms. Molly Murphy organized an opportunity

for all of the students to experience a little bit of culture from their classmates. Throughout the day, students sampled foods from nine different countries; Iraq, Malaysia, Nepal, China, Burma, Saudi Arabia, Libya and Mexico. “The kids really had a great time getting a taste of the culture from their classmates”, said Murphy. “Being able to show-off a little bit gives the kids a sense of pride about their family culture”, said Pan.

Leading up to the party, kindergarten and 1st graders were given different countries to research. The older kids did a little more in depth research about their countries and talked about different symbols that represented the country, geographical information as well as famous people and interesting facts.

According to Murphy, who has been with the CFCSD for three years, and Pan, who is new to the District this year, having the ELL kids at more of a centralized location has really helped everyone, students and teachers alike. “The District is really leading the way when it comes to addressing the needs of our ELL community.” says Murphy. “The administration has really provided the kids and educators the necessary support in helping make sure these kids have all of the opportunities available to them”, Pan added.

Last August, the District had an Open House for the ELL families to come and see what is available to them that was very well attended said Murphy. The District is determined to continue their efforts in providing these types of opportunities for all of the families joining the *Black Tiger Family*.