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RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC RESULTS

CFCSD Dates To Remember:

- Jan. 9 **Freshman Orientation**
CFHS Auditorium, 5:45pm
- Jan. 10 **Active Adults - Leader in Me**
Preston Elementary, 1:00pm
- Jan. 11 **Uniting For Our Future**
CFHS Auditorium, 6:30pm

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Early January 2017

Preston and Lincoln Elementary: Developing Leaders, Inspiring Greatness

In 2015, Preston Elementary School Principal, Tamara Brown, began looking into the steps necessary in creating a *The Leader in Me School*.

The program, created by Franklin Covey, is a whole-school transformational process that teaches leadership and life skills to students.

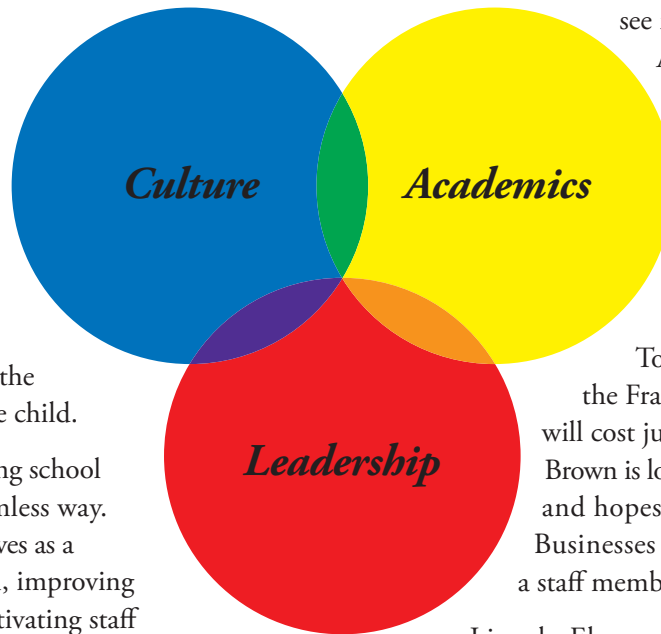
The Leader in Me:

- Starts from a powerful premise – that every child possesses unique strengths and has the ability to be a leader – and therefore shapes the views of staff to value and develop the whole child.
- Integrates leadership development into existing school programs, curricula, and traditions in a seamless way. More than a program, *The Leader in Me* serves as a foundational operating system for the school, improving relationships, transforming culture, and motivating staff members and students.
- Impacts all stakeholders starting first with the staff of the school, then moving out to students, their families, and the community at large. This inside-out approach is the key ingredient to successfully creating positive change.

According to information provided by Franklin Covey, “*The Leader in Me* is based on paradigms, content, and practices, implemented with excellence, the program transforms how a school community approaches education and redefine what school greatness means for the 21st century.” This new definition of school greatness is represented by the three overlapping circles: leadership, culture, and academics. (Pictured above)

The overall process includes student participation in goal setting, data tracking, leadership roles, student-led conferences, leadership environments, and leadership events. A key component of the process is *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*: a “synthesis of universal, timeless principles of personal, interpersonal, and organizational effectiveness such as responsibility, vision, integrity, teamwork, collaboration, and renewal.”

To implement this program the teachers were asked to read *The 7 Habits* to



see if this was something they could believe in.

According to Brown, “the Preston staff is 100% on board.” The next step is for the teachers to visit area *Leader in Me* schools to see first-hand how the program works.

Brown said, “I truly believe that this program will positively change the lives of our teachers, students and families in our community.”

To be able to officially be a *Leader in Me* school, the Franklin Covey program needs to be purchased and will cost just over \$66,000 for the first three years. Ms. Brown is looking for donations and grant opportunities and hopes to have it paid for by May 1 of 2017. Businesses and/or individuals can also sponsor a child or a staff member.

Lincoln Elementary has been teaching and following the *Leader in Me* concepts of the *7 Habits* for over seven years. The staff had previously completed the original book study and initial implementation phases of the program during the 2012-2013 school year. At that time, the staff decided to not go forward with the official *Leader in Me* program.

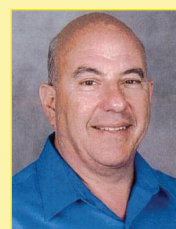
However, during the next three school years, the concepts of the program and original ideas that match perfectly with the *Leader in Me* program continue to be utilized. A few members of the *BEST (Building Enthusiasm for Students and Teachers)* committee visited other districts’ *Leader in Me Leadership Days* and the enthusiasm for the official program commenced. Lincoln had a representative from *Leader in Me* provide an overview for the entire staff back in October. More staff members have visited other schools and additional visits are scheduled this year. The staff has been completing the new edition of the book study this year with completion scheduled for February. According to Ms. Early, Principal at Lincoln, “We have also met with our representative regarding possible avenues for funding the program and our next steps in this process.”

Some content of this article was sourced from “*The Leader in Me*” program info packet. For more information, visit www.TheLeaderInMe.org.

Parent/Guardian Information Needed! Please Take Our Internet Access Survey

In accordance with the CFCSD’s Vision statement, we are collecting information on the availability and use of technology. We are asking that parents/guardians, help us refine our direction through your answers.

To participate in this survey, please go to cfalls.org.



Jeff Hoffman

Special Guest Speaker
Jeff Hoffman

**Wednesday, January 11, 2017
6:30pm in the CFHS Auditorium**

For more information on these community meetings, please check out the District website at www.cfalls.org.



Cuyahoga Falls Schools Foundation & Alumni Association (CFSFAA): Looking for Local Business Partnerships

The Cuyahoga Falls Schools Foundation and Alumni Association (CFSFAA) has been very successful in raising money from community members for college scholarships. Over \$150,000 worth of scholarships per year has been awarded in recent years. The Foundation has not, however, been as effective in funding other student programs and School District facilities. In order to raise those additional funds, the Foundation needs to broaden its donor base. To do that effectively, the Foundation will need to become better known within the community. The Foundation plans to contact local businesses and ask them for their help in publicizing and endorsing the Foundation and its goals.

Programs that the Foundation intends to fund include, but are not limited to:

- College scholarships for Cuyahoga Falls High School students
- Dual Credit program costs
- Advanced Placement testing costs
- Support for levy and capital improvement campaigns
- Goal: \$100,000 per year additional donations

Plan Step 1 - Dec. '16 - Mar '17

CFSFAA Development committee will develop a coalition of local Cuyahoga Falls businesses to endorse the CFSFAA and its efforts to support the Cuyahoga Falls City School District. Businesses will be asked to:

- Display CFSFAA partner window stickers (below) at their businesses
- Include CFSFAA partner graphics in their print advertisements
- Be listed as supporters of the CFSFAA in future fundraising efforts

Plan Step 2 - Beginning April '17

CFSFAA Development committee will contact local businesses and individuals for contributions to the CFSFAA, showing donors information on what programs will be funded, CFSFAA finances, and a listing of CFSFAA supporters.

For more information on how to participate, please email or write to any of us at:

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Are you a **Black Tiger** alum? Become a member of the CFSFAA and help be a part of making positive things happen for our schools. Check out cfsfaa.org for more information.



Cuyahoga Falls High School Freshman Orientation

Cuyahoga Falls High School would like to welcome the class of 2021 into our interest-based learning environment. Students will have the opportunity to experience the small learning communities that have been developed by the teachers and administration.

The four interest-based small learning communities are: *Arts, Media & Design; Human & Public Service; Health and Wellness; and E² (Engineering & Entrepreneurship)*. Incoming freshmen and their parents will have an opportunity to learn more at our Freshmen Orientation evening on January 9, 2017 at CFHS. Registration will begin at 5:45p.m. At registration students and their parents will receive a detailed agenda for the evening. This will include activities and information to begin to help students identify the small learning community they would be interested in for the 2017-2018 school year.

Kindergarten Information Night

On January 31, 2017, the Cuyahoga Falls City School District will host a parent/guardian information night for anyone whose child turns five by August 1, 2017. This is for adults only. Attendees will be provided with an opportunity to schedule an appointment to register their child during this information night.

No RSVP is necessary, and attendees will hear about the CFCSD's exceptional all-day program, find out what you can do to help prepare your child for a successful school experience, and to schedule an appointment to register your child for Kindergarten. Representatives from the Departments of Pupil Services, Transportation, Food Service, and School Health will also be in attendance to answer questions.

Please plan to attend:

Kindergarten Information Night
Tuesday, January 31, 2017
Lincoln Elementary School, 3131 Bailey Road
6:00pm to 7:00pm

CFCSD Presents Monthly Events for Active Adults

The CFCSD is pleased to announce a monthly event for active adults, residents of the community that are 55 years of age or older. These events will be highlighting the educational opportunities in the schools. A different school building within the District will host these FREE monthly events. Our active adult community members are encouraged to attend the various themed events and activities.

To RSVP, please contact the host school.

Schedule of Events:

Love Our Community

Lunch and Learn: History of Cuyahoga Falls
Feb. 14, 1:00pm at Bolich Middle School

Learning About New Cultures

Cultural Fair with Refreshments
Mar. 9, 9:30am at Price Elementary

Art and Music Celebration - TBA

Roberts Middle School

"Senior Prom" - TBA

Cuyahoga Falls High School