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RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC RESULTS

CFCSD Dates To Remember:

- Nov 5 **Black Tiger Community Bonfire**
Bolich, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- Nov 7 **Voting Day**
All Schools Closed
- Nov 7 **K-12 Day Conferences**
All Schools, All day

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A Special Section Dedicated to Black Tiger Headlines & Achievements

Early November 2017

CFCSD: November 7 – Issue 29

The Board of Education approved a resolution for a 4.95-mill levy to be placed on the November 7, 2017 ballot. If approved, the levy would generate \$3.6 million per year for five years and those funds will be used for capital improvements, technology, curriculum, human resources, and operating funds.

The District last received additional support from residents in May 2011 and since then, according to the U.S. Inflation Calculator at usinflationcalculator.com, inflation has increased the cost of goods and services by 9.1 percent.

The District's 20-year bond issue, which generates 0.88 mills, expires on December 31, 2017. This

will save area residents \$30.80 per year for each \$100,000 of property valuation. The additional 4.95 mills will cost a property owner \$173.25 per year for each \$100,000 of property valuation. The net impact of the expiration of the bond issue and passage of the emergency levy is a total of \$142.45 per year for each \$100,000 of property valuation.

Community members are invited to attend any of the *Emergency Levy Expenditure Plan* meetings that are scheduled (*see schedule to the right*) leading up to the vote.

You can also read more about it at cfalls.org in the *News & Announcements* section.



Emergency Levy Expenditure Plan Speaking Schedule

The following is a presentation schedule for the purpose of sharing the Emergency Levy expenditure plan (posted to the district website).

11/6 – Athletic Boosters/IMP @ CFHS

All presentations are scheduled for 6:30pm. The presentations are intended to be approximately an hour with 30-45 minutes of presentation and 15-30 minutes of Q/A.

Emergency Levy Planning

The following are the areas that will be addressed with the passage of Issue 29:

Capital Improvements:

- Tear down Sill
- Replace aging roofs
- Update bus fleet
- Upgrade and replace parking lots
- Upgrade boilers, windows, hot water boilers, and air-conditioning units as needed

Technology/Educational Supports:

- Install perimeter security in each building
- Upgrade network and PA system as needed
- Maintain and upgrade instructional technology

Curriculum:

- Upgrade texts (all formats) to align with current academic standards
- Invest in manufacturing, 3-D printing, and makerspace capabilities to better prepare students for the demands in the modern workplace

Human Resources:

- Invest in people who provide interventions and enrichment to students

Operations/Contingency Planning:

- Reserve funds to support our cash carry-over position
- Safety net to ensure plan execution
- Barring unforeseen needs, stabilize the District's financial position

Community Outreach Events Scheduled

The CFCSD is hosting free community outreach events throughout the year that will be held at the different schools incorporating various themes and activities. Community members are encouraged to attend. For more info, please check the District website at cfalls.org.

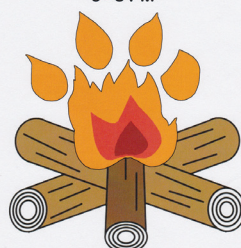
Thursday, November 30 at 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Winter Celebration at Richardson Elementary – Musical event with refreshments

If you are planning on attending an event taking place during the school day, please RSVP by calling the hosting school.

Black Tiger Community PTA Bonfire

Sunday, November 5
Behind the Fire Station @ Bolich M.S.
on Portage Trail
6 - 8 PM



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS

"Every Student, Every Day, Every Opportunity"

The CFCSD PTA: Black Tiger Community Bonfire

On Sunday, November 5 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, the CFCSD PTA is hosting a community bonfire in support of our schools. Superintendent of CFCSD, Dr. Nichols, and Mayor Don Walters will be in attendance and talking a bit about our schools and City.

This awesome event will take place at Bolich Middle School behind the fire station on Portage Trail. We look forward to seeing you there!

Postponed: Community Outreach Event

Unfortunately, due to leaking sections of the roof at DeWitt Elementary that require more immediate attention, the November 10, *Veteran's Day Celebration* at DeWitt has been postponed.

All of the roof systems in the District are scanned using an infrared technology, but a leak detected at DeWitt lead the District to perform a nuclear scan that allows a more comprehensive scan of the layers of the roof which revealed a more immediate need for repairs. "Trying to plan for an event while the construction is going on just is not possible" says DeWitt Principal, Ms. Catherine Perrow.

Please keep posted. The new date for this great event will be announced soon!

Outside Funding Creates Educational Opportunities

Our teachers and administrators strive to provide our kids with the best educational opportunities possible and we are very fortunate to have a number of foundations in the greater Akron area that help provide much needed funding. One of these organizations is the GAR Foundation through their *Educator Initiative Grant (EIG) Program*. According to GAR, this is an annual program separate and distinct from the Foundation's regular grant-making in the area of education. The goal of *EIG* is to support teacher-initiated, classroom-based projects and methods that demonstrably impact student academic achievement.

Here is a list of the 2017-2018 *GAR EIGs* written by and awarded to Cuyahoga Falls teachers totaling \$72,652!

CFHS – *Cuyahoga Falls Urban Agriculture Initiative* (Steve Newlon and Steve McIntosh) - \$13,780

CFHS – *Tiger Time News: Publicizing Information in the 21st Century* (Ashlynn Schindler and eight others) - \$14,000

Silver Lake – *See it. Sing it. Move it. Write it!* (Catherine Witte Beck and ten others) - \$9,952

DeWitt – *Environmental Changes through the Realms of Reality* (Heidi Short, Sarah Suboticki, and Kat Skoff) - \$9,530

Preston – *Preston Pride - News on your Side: Creating Learners for the 21st Century* (Rebekah Chaffee and 12 others) - \$8,790

Roberts – *Mini Soap Box Derby* (Dan McGovern, and Lisa Hostutler) - \$6,720

Richardson - *Black Tiger Cubs: Exploring the Past While Inventing the Future* (Kim Rawson and six others) - \$9,880

Three CFCSD Superstars! Well-Deserved Recognition



The three outstanding nominees from left to right: Kelli Staats, Ashlynn Schindler, and Sarah Suboticki.

October 24, at the annual *Summit ESC's Top of the Class Education Celebration* three of our outstanding teachers were nominated for various awards by their peers. Kelli Staats from Silver Lake Elementary was nominated for the *Lifetime Educator Award*, Ashlynn Schindler from Cuyahoga Falls High School was nominated for the *Rookie Teacher of the Year Award*, and Sarah Suboticki from DeWitt Elementary was nominated for the *Outstanding Educator Award*. This is an event hosted by the Summit County *Educational Services Center (ESC)* which honors teachers from each of the districts within Summit County.

At the end of the night, CFHS science teacher, Ms. Ashlynn Schindler received the *Rookie Teacher of the Year Award* for the entire county! Schindler is being recognized for her outstanding dedication to her students.



CFHS science teacher, Ms. Ashlynn Schindler poses with her Rookie Teacher of the Year award.

To top off an amazing evening, our very own **Black Tiger Gold Tones Jazz Orchestra** provided the entertainment for the event.

CFCS Director of Human Services, Ellen McClure, who attended the event said, "Congratulations to all of these outstanding educators – they certainly make all of us very proud each and every day."

We could not agree more!

Staying Up To Date With



At CFHS, faculty members, Ms. Katelyn Ferrara and Ms. Ashlynn Schindler, are working with our students to create more than just your average morning announcements! Because of funding provided by the *GAR's Educator Initiative Grant (EIG) Program*, our sophomore to senior students are learning how to produce and edit video and audio utilizing professional grade equipment. With the \$14,000 grant from GAR, Ferrara and Schindler were able to purchase multiple editing stations, textbooks, and software. Both faculty members were also able to attend a seminar over the summer on Broadcast Journalism & Education in Connecticut.

Some students want to be anchors while others prefer to work behind the scenes, but all students work together in teams to get the announcements produced, from developing the stories to creating the commercials. "We want the students to be empowered to run things," says Schindler. "The students have really stepped up. They perform weekly self-evaluations to determine what they need to work on."

To broaden the program, Ferrara and Schindler plan on re-applying for the grant in hopes of creating mobile opportunities to get students outside of the classroom for stories about things happening in the community.

Basic advertising opportunities are available for local businesses or organizations. Money raised goes back into the program. If you are interested in more info about advertising opportunities, reach out to Ms. Ferrara at cf_ferrarak@cfalls.org or Ms. Schindler at cf_schindlera@cfalls.org.

Community members can see what the students are working on. Just search for *CFHS Black Tiger News* on Youtube and don't forget to subscribe!