



# ROAR!

## RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC RESULTS

### CFCSD Dates To Remember:

- Jan. 31 **Kindergarten Information Night**  
Lincoln Elementary, 6:00pm
- Feb. 1 **BOE Meeting**  
CFHS Library, 6:00pm
- Feb. 9 **CFHS Career Awareness Night**  
CFHS Cafeteria, 6:30pm

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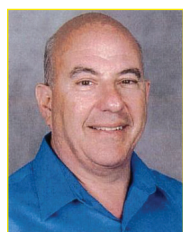
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## Cuyahoga Falls City School District: Inspiration and Entrepreneurship!



CFHS students take center stage with Jeff Hoffman.



Jeff Hoffman

On Wednesday, January 11, over 150 students, teachers, administrators, and community members attended an evening with special guest speaker, Mr. Jeff Hoffman, founder of *priceline.com*. Hoffman discussed his life in the corporate world and his transition to entrepreneur, telling stories about his path to success.

As a successful entrepreneur, Hoffman has had the opportunity to work with or meet a variety of celebrities including Sir Elton John, Britney Spears and *NSYNC*, athletes like LeBron James and Evander Holyfield, and political figures including President Obama.

***“Your attitude determines your outcome.”***

*- Jeff Hoffman*

always asked “*why can’t I?*” This mantra led to his process for success: He would write his dreams and ambitions down. He would create a “Vision Board” and keep these reminders to himself constantly in view. Every day he would ask himself, “What am I doing today to make that dream come true?” Another technique that Hoffman says anyone can try is to plan your dreams backwards and take the steps from where you want to be to where you are, and that will reveal your path.

With all of his successes, Hoffman says that the most fulfilling projects he has ever worked on did not earn him a dime, but instead helped to positively change the lives of others. He believes that the younger generation has the potential to make similar changes in the world; that exposing them to some of the problems that exist in the world around them, and giving them the opportunity, they would come up with solutions. This led to Hoffman chartering a ship and traveling around the world with students for four months. They stopped at different locations to look for problems leading to human suffering that they could try and help solve. The ship had a floor dedicated to research where students would brainstorm ideas

and launch companies to help solve some of the issues that they witnessed during their stops.

When asked about his thoughts on what the CFCSD is working toward, Mr. Hoffman said, “It’s exciting to see how Dr. Nichols and the administration are focusing on the importance of exposing students and faculty to the skillset and mindset of entrepreneurship, inspiring students to pursue their own dreams and ideas. I think it’s great for everyone in the district to have access to this kind of educational content and thinking so students discover yet another path to living a fulfilling and meaningful life.”



Although Hoffman has traveled the world, he emphasized that we don’t have to build global solutions; that we can work to create solutions in our own community and always “chase excellence.”

*The “No 299” symbol references a story Hoffman told about former heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield and his workout routine. “299 is not good enough.”*

### Weather Postpones “Leader in Me” Active Adult Event at Preston Elementary

Due to the ice storm that rolled through our area last week, schools had to be closed and unfortunately, the “Leader in Me” Active Adult event that was to be held at Preston Elementary is being re-planned and rescheduled for a date in May. “I have never seen a group of staff and students so disappointed about having a day off of school. My phone and Preston face book page were full of sad messages.” said Preston Elementary Principal, Ms. Tamara Brown.

According to Brown, the original plan will not be possible to replicate because of all the moving parts behind the scenes, but “plans are already in the works for an experience we will share with the community in May.”

Stay tuned, it will be something you don’t want to miss!

*There’s never been a better time to become involved in your local schools. Go to [cfalls.org](http://cfalls.org) and learn how you can help. **Go Black Tigers!***



# Preston Elementary School: The Wonders of Science!



Top Photo: Carnegie Science Center presenter talking with members of the Preston family.

Middle and Bottom Photos: Cuyahoga Falls High School NHS students work with Preston Elementary students at the various stations.

The Carnegie Science Center, along with assistance from CFHS Junior and Senior National Honor Society (NHS) students, helped provide the kids of Preston Elementary an opportunity to see and participate in a series of hands-on scientific wonders! The educational displays ranged from watching different interactions with dry ice, to testing their sense of smell at the *What's Wafting in the Air* table. The Preston kids had a great time making their rounds at each of the six stations.

According to Carnegie Science Center presenter, Justin Meinert, many of the school districts that they travel to do not have the older students working with the younger kids. "The high school students are good at applying the science

at a level the younger kids can understand," says Meinert. He feels that because the older students have more recently learned the information, they are often better able to relay it to the kids than an adult. CFHS Science Teacher and NHS Adviser, Mr. Scott Wilson, agrees that the younger kids seem to be "more receptive to the high school students."

CFHS senior and NHS President, Troy Tofil, enjoyed spending the day with the Preston kids. He feels it is a "great way to unite the school community."

Preston Elementary Principal, Ms. Tamara Brown said, "I have to thank the Carnegie Science Center, Mr. Wilson, and all of the amazing CFHS students from the NHS that worked with our students. But, I especially need to thank our amazing PTA for purchasing such a wonderful program for our kids to participate in!"

## CFHS National Honor Society Looking for Volunteer Opportunities

If your business or organization is in the need for volunteers, the CFHS National Honor Society is looking to take part in more community outreach.

Contact Mr. Scott Wilson, NHS Adviser at 330-926-3808 x502231, or by email at [cf\\_wilsons@cfalls.org](mailto:cf_wilsons@cfalls.org).

## 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

## A Friendly Reminder: 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

