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RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC RESULTS

CFCSO Dates To Remember:

- Oct 5 **Community Outreach Event**
Silver Lake Elementary - 6:00pm
- Oct 12 **End of 1st Quarter**
All Schools - Two hour early release
- Oct 13 **No 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: Report Card Explained

Recently, the *Ohio Department of Education* released Local Report Cards for the 2016-2017 school year. On the surface, it would appear that the performance of Cuyahoga Falls City Schools was less than favorable; however, we encourage you to take a closer look. Specifically, we would encourage everyone to reflect upon the changes to the rigor, type, and indicator level associated with the assessments. For example, we have transitioned from the *Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA)*s to *Partnership for Assessments of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)* assessments, now to *American Institute of Research (AIR)* assessments. We have transitioned from paper and pencil assessments to on-line assessments. And, despite the increased rigor associated with the new assessments, the indicator level returned to an 80% proficiency rate for 2016-2017. The net effect is the state average proficiency rate did not reach 80% in any of the twenty-three assessed areas. In fact, of the seventeen (17) school districts in Summit County, ten (10) met less than half of the indicators.

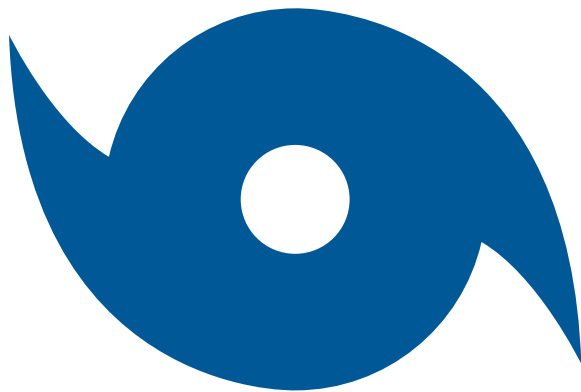
What we know is student achievement has a nearly one-to-one relationship with the demographics of a school district as published in a *cleveland.com* article "See how closely Ohio school report card grades trend with district

income." The demographics of Cuyahoga Falls City School District suggest we are fourteenth (14th) of the seventeen (17) districts in Summit County. Only Akron, Barberton, and Springfield have greater challenges to student achievement. The net effect is our performance index, a measure of student achievement, has not surprisingly been fourteenth (14th) for the last two years.

While this is our reality, demographics do not have the same impact on student growth. This is where our teachers and students *shine!* Specifically, each of the last two years, our students have demonstrated more than one year's growth for the year spent in school. In fact, our student growth measure over that last two years has been sixth (6th) in Summit County. We believe in meeting each student where they are on the cognitive continuum and doing everything we can to help them grow academically. If we continue to help students grow more than expected each year, student achievement will improve.

We should be very proud of the effort put forth by our staff and students. Together, the opportunities for students offered in Cuyahoga Falls City Schools are phenomenal. For evidence, we encourage you to visit the school district profile on the website or linked through the Local Report Card.

A Lesson In Being Humble Falls Schools Send Messages of Hope and Support



Lessons In Action

Recent weather disasters have garnered the attention of the nation, including Cuyahoga Falls City School District teachers and students. Our elementary students and their families joined Mayor Walters in sending much needed supplies and messages of hope to the people of Humble, Texas. Silver Lake Mayor, Bernie Hovey, and the students of Silver Lake Elementary are planning on doing the same for Silver Lake, Texas, also affected by Hurricane Harvey. Our students and staff, as usual, are there to do all they can to help.

In addition, our teachers are utilizing these weather disasters to bring real-life events into the classrooms as age-appropriate lesson plans. Students learned about the geography of the affected areas, lessons about weather patterns including hurricanes and earthquakes were taught in science classes, and the concept of helping those in need have been incorporated into social studies classes.

Our staff and students have continued to "fill their buckets."

"Have You Filled Your Bucket Today?"

At Silver Lake, this question gets asked of our students and according to the book of the same name, the idea of this question is "when you show love to someone, when you say or do something kind, or even when you give someone a smile," you are filling your bucket. This is a lesson that our elementary students are being taught on a daily basis. And this idea falls right in line with the motto of Silver Lake Elementary, "Kindness...Pass It On."



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).

10/9 – DeWitt/Richardson @ DeWitt

10/12 – Alumni Band @ Stadium

10 - 15 minute Q & A

10/16 – Price/Preston @ Preston

10/23 – Lincoln/Silver Lake @ Lincoln

10/24 – PTA Advisory @ Silver Lake

10/31 – Roberts/Bolich @ Bolich

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.

Price Elementary: A REAL Black Tiger!



Price Elementary Principal John Musat with Felix Torres and the donated school supplies.

Local business owner, Felix Torres, knows what it is like to not always have the things you need to get the school year off on the right foot. Because of this, he wanted to do something for Price Elementary neighborhood children who may be experiencing a similar situation. Torres donated around 20 bags with supplies in them to help some of our kids in need.

Why would he do this? Mr. Torres remembers going to school and feeling out of place because in second grade many of his classmates had a backpack but he did not. He would carry his supplies to school each day in a plastic grocery bag. “Once we were told this was going on by one of his customers, I went to see what it was all about and that is when I learned the entire story,” said Price Elementary PTA President, Zaina Brown.

Torres offered his customers a discount for bringing in backpacks with school supplies and they really stepped up and responded generously.

According to Musat, Mr. Torres is looking forward to partnering with Price and donating new backpacks and supplies each school year.

Mr. Torres, thank you for your generosity and showing what it means to be a **real Black Tiger!**

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, October 5 at 5:00pm

Community Safety Night at Silver Lake Elementary

This event is in collaboration with the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department’s K-9 Unit and the Silver Lake Police Department.

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

Treasurer’s Message:

The *Uniform School Accounting System (USAS)* requires school districts to account for its revenue in separate funds and to be identified by its source. The two main sources of revenue for Cuyahoga Falls Schools is local and State revenue.

Local Revenue is comprised of local property taxes, tuition payments, fees, sales, and earning on investments while State revenue includes state foundation payments, property tax allocations, and State grants.

The following table combines local revenue per pupil and State revenue per pupil compared to all public school districts in Summit County. This type of comparison is important because it shows how the State funding formula works in conjunction with local property revenue. Ultimately, the formula is designed to provide less State funding for districts that have the ability to generate higher revenue from local sources.

As shown in *Table 1*, Cuyahoga Falls receives the lowest combined local and State revenue per pupil in Summit County. By comparison, Cuyahoga Falls receives \$1,600.48 less per pupil in local revenue and \$128.54 less per pupil in State revenue for a total of \$1,729.03 per pupil. This equates to approximately \$825,000 less in revenue compared to the Summit County average.

Ranking	District	County	Total Local Revenue per Pupil	Total State Revenue per Pupil	Total Revenue per Pupil
1	Revere Local SD	Summit	\$14,180.33	\$615.96	\$14,796.29
2	Hudson City SD	Summit	\$10,983.36	\$2,286.80	\$13,270.16
3	Coventry Local SD	Summit	\$9,232.94	\$3,650.67	\$12,883.61
4	Akron City SD	Summit	\$5,116.96	\$7,237.42	\$12,354.38
5	Mogadore Local SD	Summit	\$6,900.24	\$5,378.81	\$12,279.05
6	Copley-Fairlawn City SD	Summit	\$11,797.86	\$416.62	\$12,214.48
7	Manchester Local SD	Summit	\$7,972.65	\$3,743.93	\$11,716.58
8	Woodridge Local SD	Summit	\$11,010.12	\$697.39	\$11,707.51
9	Nordonia Hills City SD	Summit	\$10,433.18	\$1,087.29	\$11,520.47
10	Stow-Munroe Falls City SD	Summit	\$8,652.03	\$2,609.54	\$11,261.57
11	Barberton City SD	Summit	\$3,937.72	\$7,293.60	\$11,231.32
12	Tallmadge City SD	Summit	\$7,173.84	\$3,185.70	\$10,359.54
13	Springfield Local SD	Summit	\$6,575.54	\$3,713.28	\$10,288.82
14	Green Local SD	Summit	\$7,037.91	\$3,195.33	\$10,233.24
15	Twinsburg City SD	Summit	\$8,857.31	\$1,175.81	\$10,033.12
16	Norton City SD	Summit	\$5,687.76	\$4,338.42	\$10,026.18
17	Cuyahoga Falls City SD	Summit	\$6,871.37	\$3,035.62	\$9,906.99
	Local Average		8,471.86	3,164.16	11,636.02
	Difference		(1,600.48)	(128.54)	(1,729.03)

Source: ODE; State Foundation Payment Reports and Five-Year Forecasts

CFHS Art Club and Interact Group: Is Making An Impact!

With the recent rash of inclement weather, CFHS students from the *Interact Group* have decided to do what they can to help by raising funds for the *Houston Public Independent Schools* in response to the hurricane that hit the Houston, Texas area.

Cans of *Crush* were sold and students were allowed to attach anonymous notes to specified friends that were then delivered to the students last Thursday during *Tiger Time*. According to CFHS teacher, Ms. Federonick, approximately \$300 was raised and they will be continuing their fund raising efforts throughout the year.

The *Interact Group* and the *Art Club* are also working together in helping out. The *Art Club* is crafting



homemade clay pins that students will be selling at school and throughout the community. All the proceeds will also go to hurricane victim relief.