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CFCSD Dates To Remember:

- May 4 *Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week*
- May 6 *No Classes Professional Development Day*
- May 22 *Last Day of School All Schools*

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A Special Section Dedicated to Black Tiger Headlines & Achievements

April 2020

Buildings Closed; Education Continues!

As orders from Ohio Governor DeWine came down earlier this week to close all school buildings for the remainder of the school year, the **Black Tiger** community continues to adapt. While this is not an ideal situation for how the CFCSD educates our students, it has not prevented our teachers, staff, and administrators from going above and beyond their call to duty.

Below are *just some* examples of how our teachers, principals, and staff are doing just that — going above and beyond. Not just educating our students, but also being there for reassurance and comfort, and letting them know that “*We Are All in this Together!*”

According to Preston Principal Tammy Brown, “I have teachers who are calling homes each day and the staff is spending countless hours creating lessons and checking in on families. I have staff that do drive-bys of homes hoping to see their students outside so they can wave to them.” Brown continued by saying “The principals in our district are all going out of their way to meet the needs of families. From delivering Chromebooks to lunches, there isn’t anything our Principals won’t do to help our **Black Tiger** families.”

Earlier this week, Silver Lake teachers and staff drove their decorated vehicles around the neighborhood in a parade of support for the **Black Tiger** family. A number of parents and their children parked along the street near the school to return the honking and show their support.

Bolich Principal Ryan Huch said, “There are so many amazing stories of great work happening with our teachers and staff right now. From teachers setting up virtual classrooms in their homes to produce high-quality content for the kids to teachers delivering books to kids’ homes because they did not otherwise have access to the reading materials.”

At Lincoln, Principal Tracy Early said, “The Lincoln Elementary staff has



The sign at Preston Elementary shows its support for the community



Silver Lake staff paraded around the Village and River Estates.

been busy these last few weeks with our new normal of online instruction. Working together, and in just three weeks, the staff has created a welcoming virtual environment with meaningful instruction and activities promoting emotional well-being.” One of the ways the Lincoln staff has been helping the **Black Tiger** family is by providing specific instruction for English learners, explaining how technology works, and where to find info and using various translation apps to communicate with their parents. Another way they are helping their students is creating activities for physical movement, art skills, and musical experiences. Creativity continues to grow. “Students are very proud to share their activities, talents, crafts, and drawings,” said Early.

Many of our teachers, staff, and administrators are using available technology to stay in touch with each other, our students, and parents. Many are making themselves more available during these unique times and checking to make sure our kids are doing well, not just educationally, but also emotionally.

There is not enough room on the page to show everything that our teachers and staff are doing to help our students through a very unusual situation, but we are extremely fortunate to have such amazing educators and staff in the CFCSD! Thank you all for your hard work and dedication!

Black Tiger Music Program Receives Well-Deserved Recognition!

Now in its 21st year, the *Best Communities for Music Education* designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students. To qualify for the *Best Communities* designation, Fine Arts Department Chair Jennifer Culver collected evidence and answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, and support for the music programs. Responses were verified with school officials and reviewed by The Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

This award recognizes that Cuyahoga Falls is leading the way with learning opportunities as outlined in the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*. ESSA recommends music and the arts as important elements of a well-rounded education for all children.

Research into music education continues to demonstrate educational/ cognitive and social skill benefits for children who make music. After two years of music education, research found that participants showed more



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substantial improvements in how the brain processes speech and reading scores than their less-involved peers and that students who are involved in music are not only more likely to graduate high school, but also to attend college as well. Everyday listening skills are stronger in musically-trained children than in those without music training. Significantly, listening skills are closely tied to the ability to: perceive speech in a noisy background, pay attention, and keep sounds in memory. Later in life, individuals who took music lessons as children show stronger neural processing of sound; young adults and even older adults who have not played an instrument for up

to 50 years show enhanced neural processing compared to their peers. Not to mention, social benefits include conflict resolution, teamwork skills, and how to give and receive constructive criticism.

About The NAMM Foundation

The NAMM Foundation is a nonprofit supported in part by the National Association of Music Merchants and its approximately 10,400 members around the world. The foundation advances active participation in music making across the lifespan by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving, and public service programs. For more information about the NAMM Foundation, please visit www.nammfoundation.org.

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Emotional Senior Send-Off



Cars shining their lights and showing their love for the CFHS Black Tiger graduating class of 2020 pour into the parking lot at Clifford Stadium. Photo courtesy of The Workz.

www.playattheworkz.com

There will be no Senior Prom or graduation ceremony, but on Monday evening, at 8:20pm and for 20 minutes, the lights at Clifford Stadium were turned on in support of the 2020 **Black Tiger** graduating class.

This isn't the way anyone planned or wanted to send-off our **Black Tigers**, but with all things considered, this was an amazing and emotional way to show our love for the CFHS Senior Class of 2020. This event was initiated in conjunction with high schools all across Ohio per the request of the *Ohio High School Athletic Association*.



More Well Deserved Recognition for Huffman

CFHS Girls' Basketball standout, Chelsea Huffman has been recognized as an *Akron Beacon Journal* All-Star!

According to the *Beacon*, they are changing the annual *Best of Greater Akron Preps Awards* ceremony from a physical event originally scheduled for June 8 to a show that will be available at no charge at 6:00pm on June 18. The awards show will be available to watch on any smart device through YouTube and the event website, BeaconJournal.com/preps.

Congratulations Chelsea

Girl's Basketball Camp: Tentatively Still Scheduled

The annual camp, is open to girls entering grades four through eight. Because of the schools' closure, Joe Nowak, CFHS Girls' basketball coach and camp organizer, is asking for the registration portion of the flyer to be mailed back to him at CFHS before the start of camp. Participants may still sign up on the first day of camp.

Then, if the camp is allowed to proceed this summer, participants are being asked to bring the \$50 payment on the morning of June 1.

For more information or questions, please email CFHS girls basketball coach Joe Nowak at cf_nowak@cfalls.org.

Food Distribution Update

Below is an update regarding food distribution for the two weeks beginning April 20 to May 1.

The District is adding bus stop food pickup. On the following date: April 27, 2020 10:30am to 12:30pm. During this time, the District will be delivering one week's worth of breakfast and lunch to the following sites:



Volunteers loading buses with food bags.

Additional Sites:

- Studio City (Winter Parkway)
- Quirk Cultural Center
- Hunter's Lake (near the office building)
- Lot on Bailey Rd. and Munroe Falls Ave.
- "The Sanctuary" church on Northmorland and Sedro

Current Building Sites:

- DeWitt Elementary
- Lincoln Elementary
- Preston Elementary
- Price Elementary
- Richardson Elementary
- Will be reopening the CFHS site.

Additionally, we would like to inform you of the Cuyahoga Falls Community Tiger Bags Program.

This is a program that started at Silver Lake School five years ago and has grown to other buildings in different forms. Our Tiger Bag Program is now open to ALL Cuyahoga Falls City School students from K-12. We offer "Tiger Bags" every Friday that include two breakfast, two lunch, and two dinners. We continue to receive monetary donations that help us to purchase food from the *Akron-Canton Food Bank*.

- Through a community-wide effort, food is provided for CFCSD students and their families.
- During the time away from school, the bag is in addition to the CFCSD weekday food program.
- Pending community support, there is one food distribution for each registered household.
- There are two pick-up sites: Church in Silver Lake, 2951 Kent Rd. 44224 & Northminster Presbyterian Church, 104 Portage Trail Ext W., 44223
- To register, complete the form at <https://bit.ly/2XPeFUc> by Wednesday at 5:00pm to pick-up a bag on Friday from 5:30pm to 7:00pm.
- If after reviewing the entire form, you still have questions, please email cf_staats@cfalls.org.

Tiger One For All

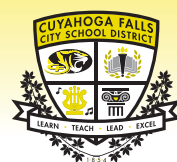
Tiger One for All is a collection of links and online resources collected to one webpage by the Media Specialists and Classroom Technology Integration Specialists for the purpose of sharing basic ideas, methods and safety concerns when using tech for education. This is a resource for all of our community as we continue through this period of "stay at home" orders for the sake of the health of our community.

For more information go to bit.ly/tigerone4all. For a richer explanation of *Tiger One for All*, click on the podcast at the bottom of the page for CFHS student DJ's interview with Alex Oris, Computer Technology Integration Specialist at Bolich and Roberts Middle Schools.

Please Note: this is Not the website for specific curriculum and classroom assignments; parents should login to Progressbook or Google Classroom for that materials as it applies to your student.

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