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CFCSD Dates To Remember:

- Nov 11 **Veteran's Day Celebration**
Preston Elementary, 10:00am
- Nov 15 **Fall Play** CFHS, Little Theater & 16 7:30pm to 9:00pm
- Nov 22 **Turkey Trot**
Roberts MS, 1:00pm to 3:00pm

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A Special Section Dedicated to Black Tiger Headlines & Achievements

Early November 2019

Master Facilities Plan: The Next Steps

On behalf of the entire Cuyahoga Falls City School District, I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the members of our commUNITY who helped us successfully pass Issue 6. The future of our school district is much more certain and stable given your efforts! THANK YOU!

While everyone is eager to begin preparing for construction, there are several steps that remain. Specific to the *Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC)* process, the first step is to revise our *Notice of Conditional Acceptance (NOCA)* to remove the label of a "lapsed" district on the naming convention, then the Board of Education will be asked to again approve the revised version. Then, the *OFCC* will approve the package for their staff to take the package to the State Controlling Board for release of state funds. It should be noted that nothing will change regarding the scope and budget of the project. Once the Controlling Board takes action, the *OFCC* will enter into a Project Agreement with our District. At that point, *OFCC* will lead the process of selecting an Architect/Engineer and a Construction Management Representative.

Additionally, it should be noted that the *OFCC* controls the timing of the

final approval and release of state funds. As a lapsed district, we will have funding priority. However, we do not know when the *OFCC* will provide this approval. The timing of the approval will impact the financial part of the preparation. Traditionally, the *OFCC* has funded lapsed school districts in January; however, last year, lapsed school districts had to wait on funding until July. It is likely that this will happen again this year.

After the election results are certified, a plan of finance will be developed and the financing of the project will proceed in accordance with that plan. With interest rates at historic lows, the District's intention is to move forward with the issuance of the voter-approved debt as soon as practicable, consistent with state approvals. As a reminder, an interest rate less than 4.5% will result in lower tax collections thereby reducing the burden to the property owner.



Black Tiger Footballers Are Taking On A Bigger Role Off The Field!



CFHS Football players making a difference on their visit with DeWitt students.

Since taking over the Black Tiger football program in 2017, Shane Parker has been teaching his players that life is more than Xs and Os and stressing the importance of their impact on the people around them; especially on our younger students. His players have been active in the elementary schools, either

by taking part in Black Tiger Pride assemblies or just hanging out with the younger kids during lunch or recess. This year is the first year the team took it to more of a mentorship role. According to Parker, "Our guys started by just hanging out and building a rapport with the students. More recently, we have been transitioning into *Event Plus Response Equals Outcomes (E+R=O)*, and other skills to help set them up for success using the playbook for life."

Every Wednesday, three to five players visit with the elementary students at DeWitt and Silver Lake during their early release; the older students love it as much as the younger students. According to Parker, "They love it and have found it very rewarding. It has been truly special to see these young men giving back to the community that they live in and play for." He also said that many of his players mentioned that they would have liked having someone do this for them when they were young. "The relationships they are forging are truly remarkable and the players have asked if they can continue the program after the season, to which I obviously resoundingly approved" Parker continued.

Parker has been wanting to implement a program like this for a long time. He wanted his players to be visible at the elementary levels and help instill **Black Tiger Pride** and to provide them with opportunities to make a difference and give back to their community.

It isn't just our students that are seeing the positive results of this program. Parker has received "numerous positive remarks, comments, and emails from teachers and principals." The success of this program has inspired him to continue building upon it during the off season and for years to come.

Awesome work Coach Parker and Black Tiger Football team!

Lincoln Elementary: Recess With A Role Model

On November 1, Lincoln hosted a new community event this year called *Recess with a Role Model* where students were asked to invite someone who is a positive role model in their life to join them to experience and remember the joy and excitement of being in elementary school. Role models are served pizza and water provided by Lincoln's incredible PTA. Students and their role models eat lunch, play at recess, and enjoy spending time with the people who are influencing them to become the best learners and leaders that they can be!



Lincoln 1st Grader Sophie embraces her brother who surprised her and was home on leave from the Army.

Preston Elementary: Helping Kids Cope With Trauma

Everyday there are kids in our schools that are experiencing some type of trauma in their lives. At Preston Elementary, there are members of the **Black Tiger Community** that are doing what they can to help these kids cope with whatever they might be dealing with: The Mundorf family.

To commemorate the 30th anniversary of their mother's passing from cancer at the age of 38, Preston alumni Jon, Kate, and Chris Mundorf, who were ages ten, eight and four at the time of her passing, have decided to help the kids of their old school (and the District) that are struggling with trauma by dedicating *Rachel's Library*. *Rachel's Library* is located in the school counselor's office and has various materials including information, books, and games that are geared to help children who may be dealing with personal trauma. In addition, the Mundorf siblings have provided carpeting and comfortable seating to give the kids a safe and secure environment to meet and receive help. These resources are also able to be shared with the other schools throughout the District for kids that need them.

This project was inspired by the fact that at the time of their mother's death, there were little to no resources available to help them get through the pain and trauma they were suffering. After reaching out to current BOE member and their kindergarten teacher, Kathy Moffet, it was decided to set up a GoFundMe account to see if they would be able to reach their initial goal of \$2,000. As of this writing, the account has raised over \$5,000!



Pictured left to right: Chris Mundorf, Tammy Brown, Kate Johnson (Mundorf) and Jon Mundorf at the opening of Rachel's Library on November 2, 2019.

So finally, after months of planning and raising the money for the project, *Rachel's Library* is now open and Preston's Principal, Ms. Tammy Brown, could not be more excited. "It is such an amazing little space and we are blessed to house it at Preston. Our kids today face so many challenges and to have a library dedicated to those challenges and a safe space where kids can go to feel loved and listened to and sit with a picture book or an adult friend that will help them through the tough times is amazing!"

The family plans to keep in constant communication with Brown and add to the library and the staff resources based upon need.

Thank you to the Mundorf family for such an amazing gift for our students! This is what being a part of the **Black Tiger Family** is all about!

CFHS X-Country Runners: Run With Pride



Aiamyia Dudley and Jack Wilcoxson (center) qualified for the State Cross Country meet in Hebron, Ohio.

The CF **Black Tiger Family** was represented this year at the Regional AND State Cross Country meets by runners from our Boys and Girls teams!

On October 26, seniors Jack Wilcoxson, Anthony Nichols and Aiamyia Dudley, and sophomore Koby Dunford participated in the Regional meet held at Boardman High School. The top 32 runners of 196 boys and 189 girls from Regionals are eligible to participate at the State meet in Hebron, Ohio. This year two of our runners, Wilcoxson with a 14th place finish and Dudley with a 29th place finish, qualified to run in the State meet on November 2. Wilcoxson competed in his 5k run against 186 young men from across the State and ran a personal record of 16:14.5 for his 5k. Dudley also posted a personal record of 19:18.5 for her run against 184 young women.

Although neither runner won their meet, both did an excellent job of representing the **Black Tiger Family** and made us proud! Congratulations!



Preston Elementary: Veteran's Day Celebration

Students and staff at Preston Elementary want to thank you for your service! Please join us on Veterans Day, Monday, November 11, 2019 beginning at 10:00am.

If you are able to join us, call our main office at 330-926-3805. We look forward to seeing you!

Silver Lake Elementary: Serving Those That Served

Silver Lake Elementary is participating in a project in conjunction with the USO of Northern Ohio. They have asked our Black Tigers to help support military families by donating items throughout the month of November. Collected items will be used to assemble meal baskets.

The following items will be collected by grade level:

- Kindergarten – Cereal
- 1st Grade – Pop Tarts
- 2nd Grade – Canned Green Beans
- 3rd Grade – Cream of Mushroom Soup and French Fried Onions
- 4th Grade – Boxed Stuffing
- 5th Grade – Boxed Potatoes
- Staff – Boxed Dessert

Grocery gift cards also accepted.

Second Annual Health & Wellness Event

Earlier this year, the District hosted the 2019 *CFCSD Operation Wellness Benefits, Health & Wellness Event* at CFHS. This event included 63 different vendors ranging from various insurance providers, health and wellness organizations, financial planners, healthy eating demonstrations put on by our own Chef Bill Bailey, veterans groups, and Western Reserve Hospital to just name a few. This event was open to and attended by about 500 District employees and community members, and attendees were given a small gift bag with stress balls and flu kits. This event was funded by a grant through the Anthem Wellness Program.

Any vendors wishing to participate in next year's event in September may reach out to Peggy Whitcomb at cf_whitcomb@cfalls.org.



Show Your Black Tiger Pride!

As a part of the CFCSD's goal to embrace all newly enrolled students to the District, **Black Tiger Pride** signs are free and available to kindergarten parents and students who register at the central office. A limited number of these signs are also available at the main office of each of the schools throughout the District.