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CFCSD Dates To Remember:

- Feb. 26 *Mini Public Health Fair*
6:00pm - 8:00pm, Price Elem.
- Mar. 6 *BOE Meeting*
6:00pm, CFHS Library
- Mar. 7 *Master Facilities Plan Meeting*
6:30pm, CFHS Library

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A Special Section Dedicated to Black Tiger Headlines & Achievements

February 2019

Thank You For the Season of Giving

Prior to the most recent holiday season, Richardson first-graders collected items to include in care packages that they wanted to send to Richardson alum and Staff Sergeant Amy Savage.

This drive taught the first-graders about advertising, collecting and organizing, graphing, counting and adding two-digit numbers, the cost of shipping, writing (students wrote letters to the military), geography, and most importantly, the spirit of giving! The first-graders advertised the drive throughout the school by hanging posters that they created. They also wrote and read announcements for the whole school to hear three different times. The students decorated boxes in red, white, and blue and gave each teacher in the building a box to collect items in each day. All 60 first-graders were assigned a classroom and their job every morning was to visit the classroom and collect the items that were placed in the donation box. Students kept a count of the items and graphed the amount brought in each day for the two-week collection drive.

In total, 1,727 items and \$216 was donated. The money covered the cost to ship 12 boxes at \$18 per box, and each box contained about 20-30 items. According to first-grade teacher, Mrs. Jackie Mishler, "We made sure to include letters and pictures created by the first-graders in each care package."

To thank these amazing students, Staff Sergeant Amy Savage personally stopped in to show her appreciation. Mishler added, "Amy's visit was wonderful! She mostly took time to answer kids' questions about what it is like to be in the military and work in Afghanistan where she was stationed for six months. I asked her what her favorite item was that she received from us and she quickly responded that the student pictures were her favorite!"

Thank you Staff Sergeant Amy Savage and thank you to the Richardson first-graders!

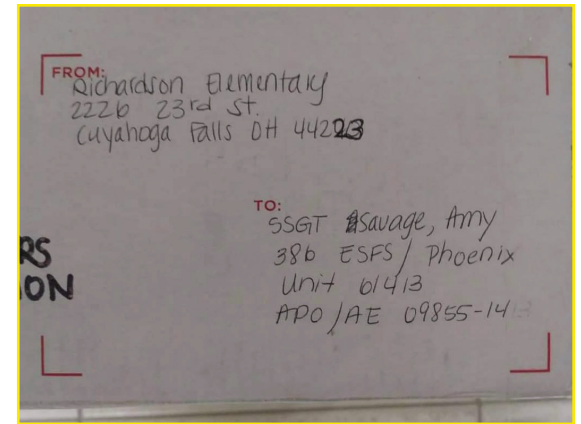


Photo of care package after it arrived in Afghanistan for Staff Sergeant Amy Savage and her fellow officers.



Staff Sergeant Amy Savage thanks our first-graders for organizing our donation drive for the troops.



Friend of Education Award: Shelley Pearsall

*Author, Shelley Pearsall
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At the February 6, 2019 BOE meeting, the February Friend of Education Award was presented to local author and native Silver Lake resident Shelley Pearsall.

About eight years ago, two middle school Language Arts teachers, Mrs. Courtney Rubino and Mrs. Julie Dudones (Dudones is the current Curriculum Director for the CFCSD), from Roberts Middle School reached out to a local author, Shelley Pearsall, who lived in Silver Lake at the time and asked her if she would be willing to do a one-hour visit with Roberts' students. Fortunately, she agreed and that initial contact from eight years ago has become a wonderful relationship between the author and the school!

Pearsall and her husband visit Roberts at least once a year and meet with students from each grade level that volunteer to take part in the school's annual Reading Festival, coordinated by students and overseen by Rubino. During her visits, Pearsall shares how her writing career began, some of the highlights as well as some of the challenges she faces as a writer, and how she overcame those challenges. Pearsall stresses to students the importance of multiple drafts of their writing.

As the relationship has grown, Pearsall continues to reach out with Rubino to work with students on other tasks. Students have worked with her to preview and provide feedback on drafts of future novels, and their critiques have helped influence characters in those novels. According to Rubino, "It has been a thrill for those students to be credited for their contributions."

Pearsall's continued relationship with Roberts and the students there, has motivated many of them to continue reading at an age when some may abandon books for other interests, and their reading and writing have benefited from these interactions. Rubino added, "We are grateful for her work with our students, and we look forward to enriching our relationship in the future."

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.



Mayor's Youth Advisory

The Cuyahoga Falls Mayor's Youth Advisory Council is a unique collaboration between the Mayor's Office and our future leaders of Cuyahoga Falls. The purpose of the program is to encourage high school students to become active participants in their local government and community by working with city leaders to address issues that directly affect young people in Cuyahoga Falls. The panel meets with Mayor Walters and various city departments to have open discussions about what matters most to them, how they would like to see the city move forward, and what role they can play to effect change. The Youth Advisory Council attends City Council meetings to gain an understanding of how local government works. The group is also asked to complete an act of service for the community prior to each meeting.

The current session began February 4, 2019 with the following participants:

- Ash Shahi, Grade 11, CFHS
- Avery Bishop, Grade 10, CFHS
- Matthew Hammonds, Grade 10, CFHS
- Kaitlin Wilson, Grade 11, CFHS
- Meredith Gallagher, Grade 11, CFHS
- Matthew Nowak, Grade 11, CFHS
- Bailey Thompson, Grade 11, WHS
- Nadia Mansour, Grade 10, WHS

Preston's Wall of Love



When Ms. Tammy Brown became principal at Preston four years ago, one of her main points of focus was not just teaching the students about doing things for others, but putting those words into action. "I checked with our local Ronald McDonald House my first year here as we were approaching Valentine's Day. I thought what a great time to focus on giving," said Brown. So began the Wall of Love!

For the past four years, leading up to Valentine's Day, the students at Preston receive a wish-list, and collect the items requested by the people at the local Ronald McDonald House located in Akron. This year, the Preston students and their families were so generous and filled two cars with the donated items.

Brown added, "The Ronald McDonald House is close to my heart because I needed their service for my own daughter when she was younger and we needed to travel to Cincinnati for her health problems."

Brown concluded by saying, "We love to show our kids that when we each do a little, it adds up to a lot!"

Remembering the Past Brings Pride to the Future

Special Profile Section:

In the CFCSD, one of the top priorities is to strengthen Black Tiger Pride throughout the District. With PBIS, Top Tigers, and Friends of Education initiatives, to name just a few, we believe this Pride can spread community-wide.

Over the years, the CFSFAA has done a lot of great things for the CFCSD. One of those things is recognizing our Distinguished Alumni with an annual reception. The first recognition of ten Distinguished Alumni was announced in 1985. Since that time, 117 alumni have been honored.



Dr. Kevin Koudela,
Class of 1979

After graduating from CFHS, Dr. Kevin Koudela attended the University of Akron for both his undergraduate and master's degrees in mechanical engineering where he graduated *magna cum laude*. Koudela continued his educational career and earned his Ph.D. in Engineering Science and Mechanics at Penn State University, where he also began his professional career teaching and as a member of the Applied Research Laboratory (ARL), with a special interest in composites for Navy operations. Some of the projects developed by ARL teams that Dr. Koudela led are the first composite propeller for the Navy, the installation on the Advanced Seal Delivery System, and the team that developed a marine propeller for the Virginia Class Submarine.

Dr. Koudela authored and/or co-authored numerous articles for several technical journals and has presented over 20 of his papers around the world. He has also been awarded over \$16 million in funding for over 70 research projects. Throughout his career, he has received numerous awards including the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award, Joint Defense Manufacturing Technology Panel Commendation, co-recipient of the Defense ManTech Achievement Award from the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, and last but not least, Dr. Koudela is an "official" Distinguished Alumni Award recipient for the CFCSD!

Price Elementary: Mini Public Health Fair

On Tuesday, February 26 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Price Elementary will be hosting a Public Health Fair. Attendees will gain knowledge about the importance of mental health and nutrition from professionals. The fair will also include freebies, resource tables, and a basket raffle. It is recommended that attendees wear

comfortable clothes to be able to take part in a number of activities including "Stress Pong", Nutrition Outreach, Fun Fitness Games for All, and Meditation Education to just name a few.

This educational event is made possible by the Kent State Colleges of Public Health and Education, Health and Human Services.



Recap: Black Tiger Culture Fair

Approximately 300 community members braved the weather on January 19 to enjoy the tastes, sights, smells, and sounds of the first annual Black Tiger Culture Fair at Lincoln! Organizers, *EL Program Coordinator,*



Courtney Marcucci, and Supervisor of Nutrition & Food Service, Chef Bill Bailey, said the feedback was all positive. Many of the parents that attended said that they are looking forward to getting involved next year!

Everyone in attendance enjoyed cultural music and dance performances, educational games and booths, and delicious foods from around the world served up by members of the CFCSD staff and volunteers. Much of the food for the event was donated by local restaurants that included, *Everest, Aladdin's, the Asian Market & Korean Restaurant and El Meson.* Two families from the CFCSD EL Program also brought in some of their native foods from Nepal and Afghanistan.

According to Marcucci, "The families were excited to share their culture with the community." Chef Bailey added, "We are looking forward to making next year's event bigger and better!"

