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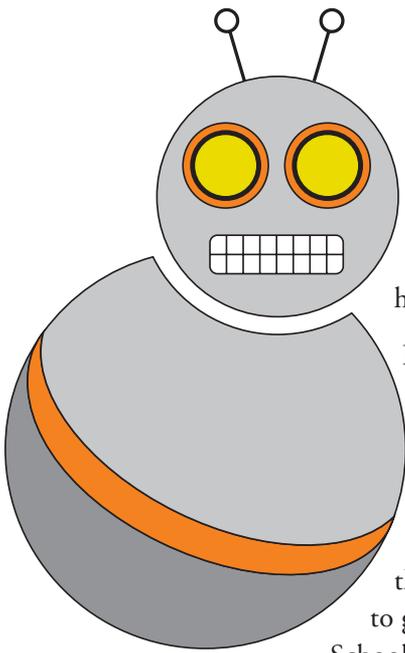
CFCSD Dates To Remember:

- Jan. 19 *Black Tiger Culture Fair*
11:00am - 2:00pm, Lincoln Elem.
- Jan. 22 *Kindergarten Welcome Night*
6:00pm to 7:00pm, DeWitt Elem.
- Jan. 24 *Career Awareness Night*
6:00pm to 8:00pm, CFHS

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A Special Section Dedicated to Black Tiger Headlines & Achievements

January 2019



Our Future, Their Today!

Many of us adults watched television shows and movies that had robots and we dreamt of having one of our own. Still today robots play a role in the entertainment industry, but now our kids don't have to just dream about them, they are making them!

In May 2018, Alex Oris, Technology Integration Specialist and faculty member at Bolich and Roberts Middle schools was awarded a \$10,000 GAR Foundation grant to purchase robotic equipment.

This funding gave our students at both Bolich and Roberts the opportunity to learn about robotics, coding, and programming. While the intention is to have all students learn some robotics through integration in various classes, any student who wanted to get started learning right away was invited to join their Middle School's Robotic Club at the beginning of this school year. The club meets once a month to learn about robotics and, through a series of lessons, students gain valuable STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) skills that are used in robotics. Through the grant, Oris purchased *Spheros*, an app controlled robotic ball that is connected via bluetooth to the student's device and can be programmed through drawing, block, or text coding. According to Oris, "What's most exciting is that members of the Robotics Clubs are helping transition these skills into integrated lessons with all students in regular classes by teaching and assisting their teachers."

Currently, there are only clubs at our two middle schools, but Oris introduced a lesson with *Spheros* at the high school and an elementary technology integration specialist has done some lessons with them in an elementary schools. Oris stated, "We are hoping to expand the program but don't have any secured funding to do so at this time."

As a project for the club, Roberts Robotics Club had an awesome time with their @SpheroEdu Chariot Design Challenge competing to be the last one standing! Students learned about chariots and gladiators and created a chariot/gladiator to compete in battle. They worked in teams to collaborate and create their armies. The students had a blast battling other teams to be the last ones standing. They learned a lot about the design process and want to do it again with updated designs.

Kindergarten Welcome Night Scheduled



The CFCSD will be hosting a Kindergarten Welcome Night on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at DeWitt Elementary.

Who should come?

Any parent, guardian, neighbor, or community member who has a child who will turn 5-years old before August 1, 2019.

Come and learn about our exceptional all-day kindergarten program. Find out what you can do to prepare your child for a successful school experience. Most importantly, schedule an appointment to register your child for Kindergarten. Elementary principals are looking forward to meeting you. We will have representatives from the Departments of Pupil Services, Transportation, Food Services, and School Health to help answer your questions. No RSVP is necessary. Parents only please. We are so excited to have you join the Cuyahoga Falls Black Tiger Family! See you soon!

Questions? Please visit www.cfalls.org or call 330-926-3800.

Broadcasting Students Are Soaring On Air!

In 2015, the City of Cuyahoga Falls approached the school district with the idea of partnering to provide local content to area listeners on WCFI 96.1 FM. At that time, English, Journalism, and Broadcasting teacher Mr. Nowak started a broadcasting elective for students to take to learn the basics of broadcasting, how to use a recording studio, and how to edit, publish, and share their recordings.

Since that partnership, the District has added a Broadcasting 2 class to the initial Intro to Broadcasting class, and they have done some exciting things this year! They are continuing to learn about broadcasting, and to record and publish content for WCFI, 96.1 FM. Alex Oris, Technology Integration Specialist, has started to help his students incorporate PSAs and commercials from the middle school onto their shows. Students are also beginning to

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create show pages or websites that include information about the show and their recorded content. We plan to link

the show pages to cfalls.org and start podcasting, so they can reach a larger audience. Broadcasting 2 students, Noah House and Dustin Johnson, have been invited to appear on an upcoming episode of the *Teach Better Talk Podcast*, a national educational podcast highlighting educators and programs sharing progressive tactics to reach more students.

Currently, 12 students in grades 10-12 are in the program, but Nowak and Oris are hoping to involve many more students and curricular programs.

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.



Dale Lauren Foland, Class of 1949

After graduating from CFHS, Mr. Dale Foland attended Kent State University, where he played football and wrestled. After his first year at Kent, Foland left school and joined the Marines during the Korean War, earning a Purple Heart for his service.

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After his service in the Marines, Foland worked for a number of jobs prior to forming his own company that he started in his garage in 1965 called Lauren Manufacturing Company. His company has grown to over 600 employees worldwide and manufactures rubber seals for many diverse products. Under the umbrella of his company, Lauren Mfg. developed the software Navigate, a critical information management plan for hospitals, schools, and businesses that ensures safe workplace evacuation and location identification. This software is currently being used in CFHS and is under consideration to be implemented to the other buildings throughout the District.

Some of Foland's other accomplishments include helping start and fund the Starlight School, MRDD, a technology wing at KSU's Tuscarawas campus, and the Tuscarawas County Center for the Arts among others.

Mr. Dale Lauren Foland passed away at the age of 85 in New Philadelphia, Ohio on January 17, 2016.

A Season of Giving: Black Tiger Generosity!

Inspired by our neighbors from the *Stow-Munroe Falls Neighborhood Improvement and Community Engagement*, one of our Black Tiger community members has stepped up to help out some of our students and families by paying off their lunch debt!

On December 5 of 2018, Chef Bill Bailey, the District's

Food Service Supervisor, received a call from a generous community member who anonymously wanted to pay the unpaid lunch accounts at their elementary school. After further conversation, the community member then decided to donate more and cover the District's entire unpaid lunch account balance of \$1,588.45! All they asked was "Where to send the check."

According to Chef Bailey, "We are ever blessed to have BLACK TIGER community members that step up for our students."

Reminder: Black Tiger Culture Fair

On Saturday, January 19, at Lincoln school from 11:00am to 2:00pm, the community is invited to experience a sample of the various cultures that make up the students of the CFCSD. Through a collaboration between the Department of English Learners (EL) and the Nutrition and Food Service Program, CFCSD will be hosting the first ever free Black Tiger Pride Culture Fair.

We look forward to sharing with and introducing the community to just some of their neighbors. Hope to see you there!



Reminder: Tickets Still Available!



Want to win a car and help our students while doing it? Well, thanks to the amazing generosity of Serpentini Chevrolet of Tallmadge, you can! Serpentini has DONATED a 2019 Chevrolet Cruze that has a MSRP of \$19,995 to the CF PTSA to be raffled off! Only 1,000 raffle tickets will be sold at \$100 per ticket. Proceeds will support the CF PTSA scholarship fund, Principal's Account, PBIS, and various groups around the school.

For info on how to purchase tickets, contact Craig Wargowsky at cf_wargowsky@cfalls.org.

"Amazing Teacher" Todd Hartong



Roberts Middle School's Todd Hartong.

Photo Courtesy of Phil Masturzo *Beacon Journal/Ohio.com*

Last month the site *Ohio.com* recognized one of our many outstanding educators in their *Make the Grades Amazing Teachers*, Mr. Todd Hartong. Mr. Hartong is a 7th grade History teacher, a 23-year veteran of the CFCSD, and just another reason to be proud of our schools.

To view the article, go to: <https://www.ohio.com/news/20181217/meet-make-grades-amazing-teacher-todd-hartong-cuyahoga-falls-city-schools>

26th Annual Career Night

The CFCSD will be hosting its 26th Annual Cuyahoga Falls High Schools Career Awareness Night on Thursday, January 24, 2019, 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the high school cafeteria and library.

This is a great way to meet our students and let them see first hand the many opportunities for careers that exist in Cuyahoga Falls and Northeast Ohio. This event is required for all sophomore language arts students.

If you are interested in being a participating business, go to the link below, enter your information, and you will receive a confirmation e-mail.

<https://goo.gl/forms/xLk3e1yCS0Xj70OV2>

If you have any questions, contact Cathy Nicholson by phone or email at 330-926-3808 ext 502126 or cf_nicholson@cfalls.org.

Gridiron Club Fund-Raiser

On Saturday, February 23, 2019, the 12th Annual Black Tiger Gridiron Alumni Club Dinner and Silent & Live Auctions will be held at the SYB Hall at 4157 Hudson Drive, Stow, Ohio.

Doors will open at 5:30pm and the program will start at 7:00pm. Base ticket price is \$125 for two dinners, open bar, and more! All money raised from the auction goes to support the Gridiron Club scholarship fund.

For more information email Todd Caruthers at tcaruthers@superiorstaffing.com or call 330-983-2742, You can also go to www.blacktigergridironclub.com.