



# ROAR!

RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC RESULTS

## CFCS Dates To Remember:

- Sept. 24 *Visioning Session*  
NEOnet, 8:00am - 3:00pm
- Oct. 5 *All-Class Reunion*  
CFHS Cafeteria, 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- Oct. 8 *The Harlem Wizards*  
CFHS Gymnasium, 6:30pm

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## Creating A “Buzz”!



This year, 9th-grade students from Ms. Ashlynn Schindler’s biology classes befriended Emily Obringer, a representative of the Sierra Club. With about \$1,000 in grant money and working with *Native Roots*, a local native plant nursery, Obringer helped Schindler and her students plant a pollinator garden outside of the library. The three freshman biology classes planted 99 local flowers and plants.

Students also had the opportunity to work with Lucy Chamberlain, a botanist affiliated with Hiram College. Chamberlain worked with students, researching plants using a dichotomous key that helped identify the different species of plants and trees around the school. Students then quantified the health of the species of plants and trees.

Pollinator gardens are great for promoting biodiversity, “which is wonderful for providing habitats to different native insects in addition to providing habitat and food sources for bees, butterflies, and bird species as well,” said Schindler. As an example, Monarch butterflies lay their eggs on the native plant milkweed, and caterpillars, in turn, feed on that milkweed plant until they are ready to form a chrysalis.

Schindler said, “Invasive plant species that are bad for the environment are usually non-native invasive species. These plants spread quickly and can displace native plants, prevent native plant growth, and create monocultures, and decrease native biodiversity.” Often the non-native plants pull nutrients out of the soil that are necessary for the native plants to sustain life.

Once winter is over, Obringer will come back to the classes and spend a few days with the students adding in more plants, mulching, and evaluating how the native species did over the winter. The students will tie this into their ecology standards by seeing nutrient cycling in action and recording the number of species they see in the given area compared to a nearby patch of grass that has not been actively cultivated. The garden was designed to need very little maintenance, but what little maintenance needs to be done, will be done by the students.



Lucy Chamberlain, a botanist affiliated with Hiram College talks with students.



Pestemon (left) and Rattlesnake Master (right) are just two of the native species planted at CFHS.



## CFCS Hosts “Meet the Candidates”

On October 16, 2018, in the CFHS auditorium at 7:00pm, residents may attend the *Akron Area Superintendents’ Association* as they discuss school funding, school choice, and education policy with Ohio House and Senate candidates that represent the school districts that are members of our association to the candidates’ forum.

### Those invited are:

#### Senate District 27 Candidates:

Adam VanHo and Kristina Roegner

#### House District 34 Candidates:

Emilia Sykes and Josh Sines

#### House District 35 Candidates:

Tavia Galonski and Osita Obierika

#### House District 36 Candidates:

Timothy Piatt and Anthony DeVitis

#### House District 37 Candidates:

Casey Weinstein and Mike Rasor

#### House District 38 Candidates:

Elliot Kolkovich and Bill Roemer

#### House District 69: Candidates:

Carol Brenstuhl and Steve Hambley

#### House District 75: Candidates:

Randi Clites and Jim Lutz

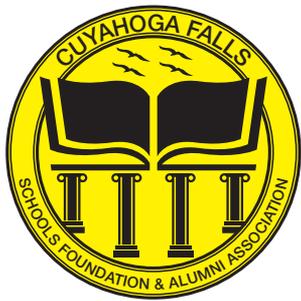
## Plants To Plant!

Here is a list of native species people can plant in their own yards to promote biodiversity, provide habitat for pollinators, and enrich the quality of their soil without pesticides. Native species also develop deeper root structures that will hold the soil in place. These are all perennials that come back year after year.

- Butterfly Bush
- Coneflower
- Aster
- Silphium
- Rattlesnake master
- Liatris
- Milkweed
- Penstemon
- Joe Pye
- Lobelia
- Indigo
- Hibiscus
- Black Eyed Susan
- Dalea
- Goldenrod
- Obedient Plant
- Spiderwort
- Sunflowers

There’s never been a better time to become involved in your local schools. Go to [cfalls.org](http://cfalls.org) and learn how you can help. **Go Black Tigers!**

# CFSFAA: 10th Annual All-Class Reunion



The *Cuyahoga Falls Schools Foundation & Alumni Association (CFSFAA)* is a non-profit organization tasked with promoting educational excellence in the CFCSD by awarding scholarships and teacher grants, assisting with school district capital improvements, and fostering relationships with current students and alumni. Led by a Board of Trustees comprised of alumni, parents,

and community members, the *CFSFAA* strives to support the students, staff, and alumni of the Cuyahoga Falls City Schools.

This year, the *CFSFAA* will be hosting their 10th Annual All-Class Reunion on Friday, October 5, 2018 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm in the high school cafeteria before the football game. Come for free brats, hamburgers, and Hollywood Squares, along with free school tours, games, and more! The class with the most people in attendance will get a special picture on the field with the cheerleaders and mascot after the first quarter!

Please come out and support your *Black Tiger* family!

## Quick Sill Update

Below is a very condensed version of the Sill project.

As of this publication of the *ROAR!*, the abatement of asbestos containing material in the roofing deck of the 1949 addition will be completed. The District is about 70% complete with the actual demo of Sill. Weather permitting, the District anticipates by the end of the week, the remaining 30% will be complete. Also weather permitting, the contractor will begin bringing in 12-15 truckloads of back fill dirt for the tunnels, basement, and footer areas to be filled. Also, late next week, the contractor should start the process of grading to proper elevation.

Currently the project is on schedule.

## Silver Lake Elementary Has a New Best Friend!

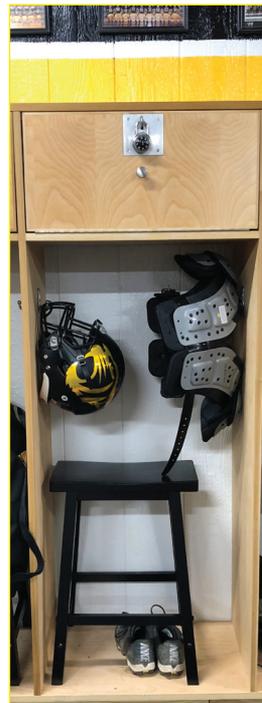
There's a new face this year at Silver Lake Elementary and she is quickly becoming the most popular kid in school. Except she's not a kid at all; she is an 8-year-old Goldendoodle named Penny and her school days are just as busy as her two-legged friends. Penny attends school at Silver Lake two to three times a week with her owner, principal, Mrs. Hillary Freitag-Geiger. Penny serves as an official greeter for students arriving to school in the morning, often waiting in the bus lines with her Kindergarten friends. This has helped make the first weeks of school a little less scary for them. As a part of school-wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS), Penny is often used by teachers of all grade-levels as an incentive for students to make positive choices throughout the school day. Students even created their own Black Tiger Pride expectations for the days that Penny comes to school by outlining what it means to Be Respectful, Take Responsibility, and Practice Safety (BTP)

when Penny is at Silver Lake Elementary. It is also not unusual to see a line of kids at recess taking turns tossing the tennis ball out into the field for a giant game of fetch until Penny gives up and takes a rest in the shade. Best of all, at the end of the day, our kids know Penny loves them and she can't wait to see them again!



*Penny enjoys story-time with Andrew Deering, a 1st grader at Silver Lake Elementary.*

## Varsity Football: Locker Room Receives a Reno!



As the 2017-2018 school year ended, work was just beginning in preparation of this year's football season. Thanks in large part to the financial backing of the *Black Tiger Gridiron Club* and the *CFSFAA*, and the sweat, blood and tears of Black Tiger alumni and football coaches, the Black Tiger football team received a much needed locker room renovation!

Work on the renovation began at the end of May, after school let out for summer break, and was revealed to the players just prior to their first game of the season. Head football coach, Shane Parker said, "It was really a team effort. Everyone put in long days to get this project ready for the team." He continued, "Thank you to Larry Thompson of Thompson Electric, CFHS alum (class of '68) and football player, for donating the lighting and electrical work."

This was truly a team effort by a lot of Black Tiger faithful! "Words cannot begin to express the amount of gratitude I have for our alumni, the foundation, and the Gridiron Club for our combined efforts. This has been an awe inspiring process. I am very humbled and beyond proud to not only be leading our football program, but to be a Black Tiger," said Parker.



*Black Tiger Alum, Max Scheuneman designed and is working on a mural to be included with the renovation. Concept on the left, in progress on the right.*

## Richardson Elementary Messages of Peace



On September 11, 2018, Richardson students took part in their 4th annual *Pinwheels for Peace* project. Guided by Mrs. Amber Hamilton, art teacher, every student created a pinwheel with messages of peace and kindness on one side and the other was adorned with polka dots inspired by the Japanese artist, Yayoi Kusama. Kusama is a world famous artist known for painting large installations. She currently has an exhibit at the *Cleveland Museum of Art*. Along with the individual pinwheels, students also created giant grade-level pinwheels, and in conjunction with Collide: Cuyahoga Falls' downtown festival project, students decorated individual pennants with drawings or messages of peace. All of the completed pennants will be on display around Downtown next spring.

Stop by Richardson and read some of the messages of kindness being shared by our students!