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A Special Section Dedicated to Black Tiger Headlines & Achievements

March 2020

The CFCSD Cares!

We truly recognize the emotional and financial burden that many of our families are experiencing. Our goal is to demonstrate a culture of caring by minimizing frustrations to the greatest degree possible. Thank you for your patience and continued support. We will continue to update you during these very fluid and unprecedented times.

As has been publicly reported by the Governor and Ohio Department of Health Director, we expect to see many more cases of COVID-19 in Ohio, including in our community. Due to the expected increase in the number of cases, we have been informed that we will not be notified

of every confirmed case in our community.

It is essential during this time that we follow the illness prevention guidelines as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control to avoid being exposed to a virus:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

- Stay home when ill. Staying home prevents the spread of illness in the community.

If you are experiencing any health symptoms, please call your healthcare provider. If you have questions about COVID-19, you can visit coronavirus.ohio.gov or call the Ohio Department of Health hotline at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.

Please know that we will continue to take the measures we believe will most effectively ensure the health and safety of our students, staff, and community. We are also committed to providing nutrition and the educational process for our students. More information will come out after spring break. Be safe!

Sincerely, Dr. Nichols

Black Tiger Community: Stepping Up

As the world continues to deal with the COVID-19, the Black Tiger Community is coming together to help each other. From City Hall to local restaurants and churches, there are people stepping up to help those community members in need. Below are just a few of the resources we are aware of at the time of writing, that are available to help our Black Tiger families.

- The City of Cuyahoga Falls has implemented the **Cuyahoga Falls Cares Program**. If you are a Cuyahoga Falls resident and need help or can help running errands, going to the grocery store, or taking trash cans to and from the curb during this time of social isolation and social distancing due to COVID-19, please contact necco@cityofcf.com.
- The District recognizes that some students rely upon us for nutrition; thus, we will be distributing **FREE Grab and Go** breakfast and lunch bags to any student who wants one. Distribution will take place at each school building from 10:30 am. to 12:30 pm. on Monday, March 30 through Friday, April 3. (Bags were also distributed Wednesday, March 18 through Friday, March 20.) Again, if you are interested in a grab bag, an email was sent to the address on record with a link for a form, or you can go to: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1QItJcBq1OSIuDtT11bc3uaZJu2uJNpgjQP2Zy2Nc4/viewform?edit_requested=true

Cuyahoga Falls Community Tiger Bags

Through a community wide effort, we are providing food boxes in addition to the CFCSD food program during the break from school.

In order to be sure some supplemental food is accessible during the district's Spring Break week we have secured three sites for evening pick-ups at local community churches including The Church in Silver Lake located at 2951 Kent Road, First Christian Church at 230 Stow Avenue, and

Northminister Presbyterian at 104 West Portage Trail.

Relying on the community's support we will provide one food distribution for each household.

This form will need to be submitted by Monday, March 23 at 5:00pm to receive a box on Tuesday, March 24. Our pickup times at all three locations will be 5:30pm until 7:00pm that evening.

There is a link on the District website. Please take a moment to fill out this form so you can access the supplemental food. If you have questions please email us at cf_staats@cfalls.org.

- Grandview United Methodist Church on 23rd Street is also opening its doors to serve families during the school shutdown. Normally, the Richardson PTO offers what it calls "food bags" throughout the year to provide families with items that they need to make it through a weekend or even a tough spot in the week. These services are typically provided inside the school building, but with the closure, Grandview stepped up for the volunteers to assemble the packages for people to pick up from the school.

There are also a number of local restaurants that are stepping up to make sure our students get a good lunch with the closure of the schools. **Piada** on State Road is offering a free kids' pasta with sauce, cheese, and a fountain drink through April 3 during the hours of 10:45am to 1:00pm for students impacted. From now until April 5, **Butcher & Sprout**, located on Front Street is offering free lunch for kids under 12 every day. Lunches are available in store from 11:00am to 3:00pm.

A few of the fast-food chains are also helping out. Nationally, as of March 23, Burger King will be offering free kids' meals for take-out or drive-thru with any purchase on the Burger King app. (Contact individual restaurant locations for any other offerings.)

Educational Resources

During this extended building closure, student learning remains a priority. We want our students to have every opportunity to experience academic success and to have access to meaningful learning.

We anticipate student access to learning materials to take place mostly via electronic means. Please be sure to continue checking email and the District's website at cfalls.org for different resources that are available to our students during the schools' closure.

There's never been a better time to become involved in your local schools. Go to cfalls.org and learn how you can help. **Go Black Tigers!**

Steps Being Taken

With the World dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, our custodial and maintenance staff are working hard to be sure that once our students are back at school, they will be learning in a safe and healthy environment.

During the week immediately following the school closures, the custodial staff from each building went around and disinfected all flat surfaces throughout the building including the students' desks, doorknobs, fixtures, restroom areas, floors, etc.

Black Tiger QB: Recognized as Scholar Athlete!



Scholar athlete Braunavan Arsenault and Head Coach Shane Parker.

On March 3, The Mike Cleary NEO Chapter of the National Football Foundation (NFF) held its 32nd Annual Awards Banquet at the La Centre Conference & Banquet Center in Westlake, Ohio. Every year the NFF recognizes football student athletes and coaches from 15 counties and 223 high schools throughout northeast Ohio. At this year's event, CF

Black Tiger quarterback Braunavan "Brauny" Arsenault was recognized as one of NEO's top 25 scholar athletes for 2019-20!

Nominated by CF Head Coach, Shane Parker, Braunavan is the first Black Tiger to receive this honor! Parker said, "Braunavan is a living, breathing example of what a Black Tiger encompasses. I was ecstatic to see that he was honored with this prestigious award. I nominate as many of our guys as possible for any award they are eligible for. They deserve to be recognized for their efforts and Brauny is no exception. He set an example for so many to come after him and is a great example of what being a member of this football program can do for you."

The program for the evening included a number of award presentations and speakers with Ryan Day, Head Coach from The Ohio State Buckeyes, closing the evening as the featured speaker. Some of the other notable attendees included OSU Athletic Director Gene Smith and former OSU football coach and current President of Youngstown State University, Jim Tressel.

The NFF provides approximately \$30,000 each year in scholarships to students throughout NEO. Since the chapter started awarding scholarships in 1997, over 220 student athletes have been impacted and received \$440,000 in scholarships.

The NFF's mission is to "promote and develop the power of amateur football in developing the qualities of leadership, sportsmanship, competitive zeal, and the drive for academic excellence in America's young people."

The NFF has been around since 1947 and is a member-supported, non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring the future of amateur football at the local, state, and national levels.

Braunavan said of the recognition, "It was an honor to win an award with many other high school athletes who are also doing big things. It was nice to be recognized for my hard work on the field and in the classroom, while getting to hear many inspiring stories and hear from some good coaches too."

Holding a 4.2 GPA, Braunavan is currently weighing his college options where he plans on studying engineering and continuing his football career.

Congratulations Braunavan! Your Black Tiger Family is proud of you!

During the shutdown, a member of the custodial or maintenance staff does daily building checks. They will also have a member from their staff assisting the Food Services people as they provide meals for the students needing them during the closure.

A big thank you to these amazing individuals for helping keep our kids healthy and safe!

More Black Tigers Helping Out!



Richardson crossing guard Phil Reynolds



Preston crossing guard Jim Hohma



Preston volunteers getting student lunches ready

Between our crossing guards, members of our kitchen staffs, and others, there are many people in the community stepping up to do what they can!

Richardson crossing guard, Mr. Phil Reynolds, is volunteering his time to make sure students safely get their lunches. Reynolds is a retired custodian in the CFCSD and attended Richardson in the 1950s! According to Richardson Principal Julie Hall, "Mr. Reynolds is a proud Black Tiger!"

Preston Principal Tammy Brown said, "I would like to give some extra love for people helping our kids and families right now! My amazingly awesome cafeteria ladies, Karen Hummel and Angie Hill, and First United Methodist Church have had lunch bags ready for our community." Preston crossing guard, Mr. Jim Hohma, has also come every day during the two-hour lunch period to safely cross kids coming to pick up their lunches!

At all of our schools throughout the District, volunteers are showing what it means to be a proud member of the **Black Tiger Community**. *Thank you!*

Recap: Black Tiger Cub Club

Community members who have children from birth to age five attended the *First Annual Black Tiger Cub Club - Dinner and Learning Games* that was recently held at the Cuyahoga Falls High School. The event was created to promote the importance of early learning readiness for the youngest members of our community. Over 300 children and their family members visited displays offered by local preschools and our important service providers such as the *CF Fire Fighters* who host *Safety Town* and *Akron Children's Hospital* who provides medical services for the CFCSD. All of our families were treated to a dinner hosted by the district's very own Chef Bill Bailey. There were about 50 stations to visit! Families were able to register for appointments to sign up their future Black Tiger Kindergartener and see what it is like to climb onto a school bus for the very first time! Each elementary school kindergarten team created a learning activity to send home with each child to promote early learning skills. Each game was designed so that the child can learn through play which is the most important way a young child learns. Finally, all of the children left with several books to read at home.

We are grateful to all of our community members for taking part in the *Black Tiger Cub Club Dinner and Learning Games!* Mostly, we appreciate the dedication of the families in Cuyahoga Falls for embracing early learning for their future Black Tiger!