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CFCSD Dates To Remember:

Nov. 10 *PTA Craft and Vendor Winter Wonderland Event*
Roberts MS, All Day

Nov. 22-23 *No School, Thanksgiving*
All schools, All Day

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A Special Section Dedicated to Black Tiger Headlines & Achievements

Mid-November 2018

Master Facilities Planning Committee: Helping Design District's Future



Current floor-plan of Bolich Middle School.

On September 24, the CFCSD held an Educational Visioning Session that included approximately 100 community and District members working together to identify where the District is regarding educational delivery and the pros and cons of our current buildings. Following the Visioning Session, the CFCSD established the Master Facilities Planning Committee (MFPC), an input group, comprised of individuals invited by the BOE, as well as the five BOE members, five central office administrators, and a number of school staff and administrators. The MFPC has been tasked with helping develop the Master Facilities plans that will aid in shaping the future of the District. Then Design Architecture (TDA), along with Jeff Tuckerman from Hammond Construction and regional consultant from the

OFCC have been facilitating the MFPC bi-weekly meetings. One of the initial tasks of the MFPC is to identify the priorities for the District based on the Educational Visioning Session that took place earlier this year.

Initially, this group of approximately 50 individuals were broken up into smaller discussion groups and asked to come to a consensus on five major challenges facing the District. A couple of the challenges that were, for the most part, consistent across the groups were age and condition of buildings, safety and security, and technology. A full list of the challenges discussed can be found on the District's website under the Master Facilities Plan tab in the navigation.

Currently, the committee is reviewing the building assessments that were developed collaboratively by TDA, the OFCC, and Hammond Construction. Tours of the different buildings have been taken with more scheduled in the coming weeks. These are being led by District maintenance employees to identify what has been improved, future needs, and overall condition of the current facilities.

The ultimate goal of the MFPC is to reach a consensus on a Master Facilities Plan that could include complete rebuild, renovation, or possibly a combination of the two. Once the plan has been agreed upon by the committee, it will be submitted to and approved by the BOE. From there, it needs to be submitted to the OFCC by April 19, 2019 for approval. Once that occurs, the BOE will establish the financial ask and develop the language to be on the ballot in November of 2019.

To follow along with the meetings and the committee discussions, go to the District's website (cfalls.org) under the Master Facilities Plan tab in the navigation.

Four Dates Set for CFHS Theatre's "Radium Girls"



Produced by special arrangement with The Dramatic Publishing Company, the CFHS Theatre drama club will perform D.W. Gregory's "Radium Girls."

Tickets for any of the four shows are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and can be purchased at <http://cfhstheatre.ludus.com>. The performances will take place November 9, 10, 16 and 17 in the CFHS Little Theatre. All showtimes are 7:00pm.

October Top Tigers Announced

At the November 7th Board of Education meeting, two students from each of the schools in the District were recognized as October's Top Tigers.

Each month, with support from the *Cuyahoga Falls Schools Foundation & Alumni Association*, the BOE recognizes students from across the District. Although the BOE introduced this program in 2007, it has now become a part of the BOE's participation in the recent Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) initiative.

Top Tigers are sponsored by Dietz Falls Florist, Donato's Pizza, and Young's Screenprinting.

This month's Top Tigers are (*Names and grade*):

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| <i>DeWitt Elementary</i>
Zoe Capaldi, 5
Jaise Rains, 5 | <i>Silver Lake Elementary</i>
Emma Huettich, 5
Gabriella Mollica, 5 |
| <i>Lincoln Elementary</i>
Lilli Plovic, 5
Eric Kolvey, 5 | <i>Bolich Middle</i>
Delaney Dalman, 6
Tanner Vann, 6 |
| <i>Preston Elementary</i>
Madison Wilhelm, 4
Nathaniel Russell, 4 | <i>Roberts Middle</i>
Natalee Confere, 7
Andrew Wegner, 7 |
| <i>Price Elementary</i>
Lily Bagnato, 4
Ivory Thomas, 4 | <i>Cuyahoga Falls High</i>
Haley Ikey, 12
Nicholas Carrell, 12 |
| <i>Richardson Elementary</i>
Emily Collins, 3
Landon Orwig, 3 | |



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 central office. A limited number of these signs are also available at the main office of each of the schools throughout the District.

Dustin Harris Earns ASO's Music Educator of the Year Honor

Last spring, the Instrumental Music Patron (IMP) board became aware that the Akron Symphony Orchestra (ASO) was taking nominations for their *Music Educator of the Year* award. As a board, IMP felt that the CFCSD had the perfect and only logical candidate for this award; Mr. Dustin Harris.

The IMP nominated CFHS Band Director, Mr. Harris, via the ASO's application process and submitted many letters of recommendation from students and parents alike. According to Kalli Alvis, IMP President, "Mr Harris is a wonderful and dedicated educator and continues to strive to maintain and exceed the level of excellence that is the instrumental music program in the Cuyahoga Falls City School District."

Harris will be honored at the Akron Symphony's Verdi and Valkyries performance at The University of Akron's E.J. Thomas Hall on Nov. 16. In addition, a \$500 prize, sponsored by the Trillium Schools of Music, will be awarded to the Cuyahoga Falls High School music program in Harris' name.

The Music Educator of the Year Award promotes a greater understanding of and appreciation for the value of music education in schools. The award honors those music teachers who make a real difference through their dedication and involvement to the stability and growth of music education in their communities.

The award is open to any certified/licensed music teacher in a public, private, or parochial classroom setting in Grades K-12. Nominees must teach in Cuyahoga, Medina, Portage, Stark, or Summit counties.

Congratulations Mr. Harris!

Mrs. Kimberly Rawson: Receives Lifetime Educator Award

On Tuesday, October 23, 2018, the Summit County ESC hosted the annual Summit Education Celebration event to recognize outstanding educators throughout Summit County.

This year, there were three nominations representing the CFCSD. For the *Teacher of the Year*, Mrs. Janet Rhodes, kindergarten teacher from Richardson was one of the 20 nominees from the county. For *Rookie of the Year*, Mr. Thomas Williams, an English teacher at CFHS was one of the 19 nominees from the county. Finally, Mrs. Kimberly Rawson, retired teacher from Richardson, was not only nominated, but was awarded the *Lifetime Educator Award!*

Rawson taught for 35 years with the CFCSD and always put her students first. On her classroom door, Rawson had the quote, "Every child is gifted. They just open their packages at different times."

Congratulations to all of our amazing educators!



Mrs. Rawson poses with her Lifetime Educator award.

Roberts Middle School: Science Teacher Receives Award

Amanda Bonds, science teacher at Roberts Middle School, received the *Governor's Thomas Edison Award for Excellence in STEM Education and Student Research*. The criteria for the *Thomas Edison Award for Excellence* are: (1) to conduct a local science fair with twelve or more students, (2) qualify two or more of these students for one of the Academy's 17 district science days, (3) have students participate in at least one or more youth science opportunities beyond the classroom such as State Science Day, Buckeye Science & Engineering Fair, Science Olympiad, B-Wiser, visits to museums, mentorship programs, and extended field trips and other structured STEM-related youth activities, (4) convince external STEM professionals how and to what extent the school's program met the Academy's definition of STEM education.

First established in 1985, the *Governor's Thomas Edison Awards* recognizes Ohio schools and teachers who stimulate scientific student research and technological design and extend opportunities beyond traditional classroom activities.

For more information, visit www.ohiosci.org.

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.



**Tom Pozza,
Class of 1975**

After graduating from CFHS, Mr. Pozza attended Kent State University and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. After graduating from KSU, he began working for the CFPD as a full-time police officer in 1980. In 1985, Mr. Pozza the first undercover narcotics detective in Cuyahoga Falls. After various other positions in the CFPD, Mr. Pozza was promoted to Sergeant in 1995, Lieutenant in 2003, Captain in 2004, and then in 2011, he was promoted to Chief of Police.

During Mr. Pozza's tenure with the CFPD, he earned the Ohio Attorney General's Distinguished Law Enforcement Valor Award.

At the end of 2013, Mr. Pozza retired as CFPD Police Chief, and was then hired as Chief of Police for the Munroe Falls Police Department where he served for a little over two years. Mr. Pozza is currently employed as the Safety/Security Specialist for the Copley-Fairlawn Schools.

Education Celebration Registration Information

The All-County Teaching Team members are nominated by the community and chosen to represent their school systems by a selection committee comprised of superintendents of each Summit County school district and a representative from each major sponsor. The Rookies are nominated by their superintendents as model educators with less than three years teaching experience.