



# ROAR!

RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC RESULTS

### CFCSD Dates To Remember:

- Sept 17 *Fresh Farm Garden Party*  
CFHS, 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- Sept 19 *Family Success Night*  
Preston Elem., 5:00pm to 7:00pm
- Sept 24 *Community Meeting – MFP*  
CFHS Auditorium, 6:30pm

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A Special Section Dedicated to Black Tiger Headlines & Achievements

September 2019

## Welcome Back! Looking Forward to an Exciting School Year!

Black Tiger Family,

Welcome back to what promises to be an exciting 2019-2020 school year. Over the last year we adopted a new five-year strategic plan titled Black Tiger Pride Strategic Plan 2019-2024. The strategic plan is used to develop our annual district goals which can be found in the *About Us* section of our newly developed website.

The goals are divided into four strategic focus areas:

- Student Success
- Culture of Caring
- Black Tiger Family
- Resource Leveraging

In terms of student success, the goals for the 2019-2020 school year include a focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) activities and a focus on oral and written communication skills. While we have many pockets of excellence, we look to be more intentional in our program alignment in these areas.

In terms of perpetuating a culture of caring, the goals for 2019-2020 include a focus on providing educational opportunities for families, recognition of student and staff successes, and celebration of school and community partnerships. We are blessed in Cuyahoga Falls to have an extremely strong relationship with our business partners and the City of Cuyahoga Falls. It

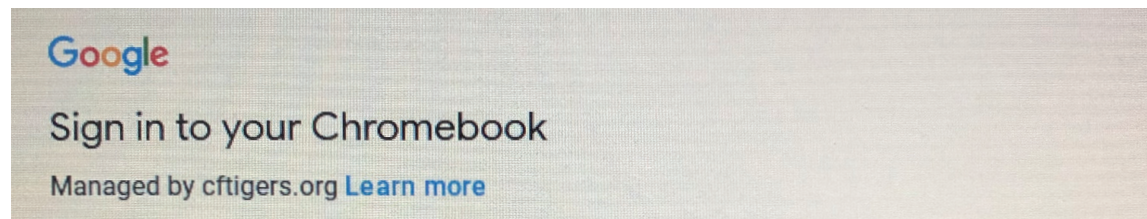
is often said, “it takes a village to raise a child.” In Cuyahoga Falls, those are not just words that lack support. Our partnerships are strong and support the education of our students.

In terms of enhancing the Black Tiger Family, the 2019-2020 goals focus on an increased social media presence and building upon our volunteer organizations and family participation. On the newly developed website, our goal is to make it more user-friendly for our customers. When one goes to [www.cfalls.org](http://www.cfalls.org) one will find the calendar to be more useful and prominently located in the center of the site. One will also see that our social media presence is much more noticeable and accessible. Specifically, we post to Facebook and Twitter on a regular basis in hopes that it is a good source of information.

In terms of resource leveraging, our focus is on fiscal responsibility and the construction of a new, state-of-the-art 6-12 facility including a new 1,400-seat performing arts center with a 200-seat Black Box theatre and flexible classrooms with advanced technology. The facility will be built on the existing Bolich/Newberry site and will feature a new 5,000-seat stadium for football, soccer, and track. We will be on the November 5th ballot with an issue that will accomplish both of these goals.

With all of these goals in mind, the 2019-2020 school year promises to be busy and very exciting! We look forward to your feedback throughout the year. **Go Black Tigers!**

### CFCSD Implements Phase One of the 1-to-1 Technology Initiative



As the new year begins, the first phase of moving students to the 1-to-1 Technology plan rolls in. Presently, only the 6th- and 9th-grade classes have been provided Chromebooks that are for take home purposes. Chromebook carts are still being used by the other grade levels. The 7th- and 8th-grade devices are older models and are still maintained in the classroom carts. These devices are more fragile due to aging and use. As this is in the first phase of the program, part of the study being done involves assessing the move from the carts to student hand-held devices for all grade-levels.

The District is working to provide technology as broadly as possible while advancing student technology use skills. This has included moving all testing to on-line access, adding digital versions of many textbooks, and providing instruction in technology skills through *Media Specialists* and *Classroom Technology Integration Specialists* when appropriate.

Currently, the plan is to repeat this initiative by adding new units for next year’s 6th- and 9th-grade students, with the current 6th- and 9th-grade students still maintaining the same Chromebook as they transition to the next grade level.



### 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.

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!**

## Black Tiger Football: En Route to a Rout, Tigers Show Appreciation

The Black Tiger football team opened their regular season in style beating Normandy 62-0 at Clifford Stadium. It was a great night with a victory, a broken record, and a show of appreciation for our military.

Members of the Ohio National Guard were in attendance and brought with them, two military vehicles that were displayed on the practice field for people to look at and take pictures. As members of the Operation Buckeye Guard program, the team wore special jerseys and helmets provided by the National Guard and entered the field of play through the National Guard tunnel at the beginning of the game.

Presenting the game ball at the beginning of the game was CFHS and Black Tiger football alum, and currently enlisted in the National Guard, Caleb Puchajda.

According to Staff Sergeant (SSG) Richard L. Gilliam, "The evening was a salute to service for members of the military past and present and I looked forward to this event with Cuyahoga Falls to kick off the year!"

### The Game

Once the game was underway, senior quarterback and punt returner, Braunavan Arsenault, set the tone with a 54-yard punt return for a touchdown; the highlights did not stop there! Senior running



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## 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 CFSEAA 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, 120 alumni have been honored.*



**Diane Pidwell,**  
Class of 1968

After graduating from CFHS, Ms. Pidwell went and graduated Cum Laude from Kent State University with a degree in Biology. For 13 years, she worked as a medical technologist at various hospitals in Ohio and Massachusetts before pursuing her

PhD in Immunology from the University of Denver. After obtaining her PhD, Pidwell was able to do drug research at a small company in Slough, England, and train at The Ohio State Medical Center. Her career has provided her the opportunity to direct labs at the Cleveland Clinic, in Charleston, West Virginia; the Jewish Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky; The Ohio State University Medical Center; and her current position of Director of Tissue Typing at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. While at the Jewish Hospital, Pidwell also played an integral part in a team that performed the first successful human hand transplant!

## Preston: Family Success Night

Thursday, September 19, 2019 will be a fantastic night full of information and giveaways for our Preston families.

Free dinner will be served from 5:00pm to 5:45pm as well as a bunch of free resource tables with helpful information. There will also be free samples from our fundraiser that kicks off this day as well.

From 6:00pm to 7:00pm, we will have two sessions in the individual classrooms to give attendees the ins and outs of how to have a successful school year with your student! We have two duplicate sessions for our families that need to go to two different rooms. We also have a group of additional resources provided by friends from the community.

There will also be free opportunities to win raffle baskets for everyone who joins this fun and informational event!

## Paying it Forward By Giving Back

If you recall the June edition of the ROAR!, we profiled Jessica Wallis, a CFHS graduate of 2000 and founder of the organization, *Ballet in the City*. For approximately four years, Wallis has been volunteering at Price Elementary with the reading assessments for first- and second-graders. This is just one way she is paying it forward! Upon confirming that *Ballet in the City* would be presenting "The Ashley Boudier Project" with *New York City Ballet* Principal Dancer Ashley Boudier, Wallis asked Price second grade teacher Roseann Kostoff if they might be able to collaborate on a project that would expose Price students to professional dance; she was all for it! *Ballet in the City* received an anonymous grant that will provide the following:

- Four educational "concert" programs at Price School (as well as Cuyahoga Falls Library) that incorporated ballet picture books, vocabulary, and movement with pre-professional dancers from Northeast Ohio.
- Free tickets to children and their families who attended the programs at Price and CF Library to "The Ashley Boudier Project" at EJ Thomas Hall on October 18, 2019. This will be a culminating activity with the books and ballet exposure to bring families and community members up close with *New York City Ballet* - an experience they likely never would have had.

Additional concert programs will take place at Price on September 20 and October 4, and at the Cuyahoga Falls Library on September 28.

Wallis says, "I'm happy to have the opportunity to share ballet with the students and families in the community and to give opportunities many otherwise may not have had, which is the mission of *Ballet in the City*."

Wallis also worked with the District to develop the *Arts, Media & Design* den at CFHS where she had a similar program with Principal Allison Bogdan and the high school students in 2014.