



A successful school district places a high degree of importance on ensuring that all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential inside and outside of the classroom. This profile helps characterize the overall educational value of your school district in areas that matter most in our community.



2015-16 Quality PROFILE



Twinsburg

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

...where the schools and the communities are one.



Twinsburg, Ohio

Superintendent's Message

Dear Twinsburg City School District Family:

Once again this year, I am very proud to present to you our *Quality Profile*. This is the third consecutive year that our school district has published a *Quality Profile*. Included in this *Quality Profile* is important information about the ways in which we invest each and every day in our more than 4,000 students. We know that excellence in education goes beyond a data point and a letter grade on a state report card. In the Twinsburg City School District, we clearly understand that behind every data point is the heart and soul of a child.

Included in the *Quality Profile* for the 2015-16 school year is information that helps characterize the overall value of our public school district, beyond standardized testing and state-mandated assessments. This information is categorized into six (6) sections: Academics, Arts, Parent & Community Involvement, Student Leadership & Activities, Student Services, and Fiscal Stewardship.

Our *Quality Profile* is an accountability report designed to give our community members a transparent view of our District's strengths and areas of concern. It serves as a supplement to the State of Ohio's Local Report Card and it offers accountability measures along with a broader perspective and deeper understanding of the high-quality educational experiences we offer the students who attend the Twinsburg City School District. The *Quality Profile* provides insight into the overall educational experiences the students in our District receive. We strive to provide wrap-around services which address the needs of the "whole child", meaning programs which assist our students to be successful academically, athletically, in the arts, and through community service.

The *Quality Profile* is supported by the Alliance for High Quality Education, an education consortium that works to improve educational opportunities for students and represent member districts on matters of educational policy and funding. Our school district is a member of the Alliance for High Quality Education.

The Twinsburg City School District provides a rigorous and comprehensive academic experience, balanced with a breadth of extra-curricular and athletic programs. Such a high quality education is nurtured by the valuable partnerships and collaborations fostered with members of our school community to ensure student success and engagement. This year's *Quality Profile* provides you with an overview of the accomplishments of our students and staff. I hope you find this report enlightening and informative.



Thank you for your continued support of our students,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathi Powers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathi Powers
Superintendent



Twinsburg City School District

Academics



Our district's academic program provides opportunities for all students to reach their full potential.

HIGHLIGHTS

- By embracing and integrating technology in the classroom, the Twinsburg City School District is setting our students up for a successful life outside of school. The Twinsburg Board of Education remains focused on meeting both current and future needs by supporting the integration of technology into instruction every day in the Twinsburg City School District. Technology is essential in today's learning environment. With the implementation of a district-wide wireless infrastructure, the Twinsburg City School District remains competitive with surrounding school districts. To support the integration of technology in classroom instruction the Twinsburg City School District utilizes: *NoodleTools*, *Moby Max*, *Study Island*, *Gizmos*, *MAP*, and *Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)*.



New Courses for 2015 -16 which support quality education at Twinsburg High School:

AP Microeconomics
Financial Accounting Dual Credit
College Writing I and II Dual Credit

- Twinsburg High School added American Sign Language to the World Languages Department and students were excited with this offering. The program has grown to include over 160 students for the 2016-17 school year.
- Dual Credit opportunities are increasing at Twinsburg High School, with students earning high school and college credit while remaining right on our high school campus. Our quality staff members have achieved "adjunct professor status" with local universities in the areas of Physics, Spanish IV, Financial Accounting, and Writing/Composition.
- Twinsburg High School offers the following academic and co-curricular clubs designed to enhance content knowledge and communication skills: Academic Challenge, Speech and Debate and Art Club.



- 115 juniors and seniors from Twinsburg High School attended Cuyahoga Valley Career Center during the 2015-16 school year. CVCC was recognized as one of 15 high performing *High Schools That Work* sites offering over 104 programs and a 98% job placement rate.
- 7 Twinsburg High School students were named Commended Scholars in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program.
- Twinsburg High School increased Advance Placement opportunities in Art - AP Art History; Music - AP Music Theory; Social Studies - AP Human Geography and AP European History; and Science - AP Physics 2.



U.S. News and World Report ranked
Twinsburg High School

**49th in Ohio and ranks in
the top 5% nationally.**



- Author Danny Hall visited R.B. Chamberlin staff twice during the 2015-16 school year, bringing new insight into student motivation, student success, and best practices in grading and assessment.
- R.B. Chamberlin and Twinsburg High School Academic Coaches, specialists in intervention strategies in reading and math, were featured presenters at the state level Ohio School Board's Association Conference in Columbus.
- R.B. Chamberlin teachers were immersed in content literacy strategies all designed to improve student learning and outcomes. The staff worked with renowned author and literacy expert, Dr. Mark Forget.
- R.B. Chamberlin and George G. Dodge science and math teachers participated in a year-long professional development training that included on-site coaching and regional content experts. This training was made possible by a grant provided by the GAR Foundation.



The Class of 2016 was awarded over
\$6.0 million
in national awards and
scholarship opportunities.



District State

22.7	21.2	English
22.7	21.6	Math
23.3	22.5	Reading
22.9	22.0	Science
23.0	22.0	Composite

**2016
COMPOSITE
SCORES**
**274 students
tested**

Academics *(continued)*

- R.B. Chamberlin teachers, were awarded a grant from PPG Industries to support and expand the use of technology in their classrooms.
- R.B. Chamberlin offers Honors courses in the areas of language arts, math, art, and science.
- R.B. Chamberlin offers six courses for high school credit; Honors Physical Science, Spanish I, Algebra I, Honors Geometry, Art I, and Physical Education. French I will be added in the 2016-17 school year.
- R.B. Chamberlin students have the opportunity to take a nine-week exploratory class in the areas of: Financial Literacy, World Cultures, Art, and Pre-Engineering Technologies.



3.47

The outstanding average GPA for the 2015-16 **R.B. Chamberlin athletics teams**

- George G. Dodge offers a variety of academic programming that meets the needs of all students including; Gifted, Special Education, Co-Teaching, Looping, Title I, and collaborative groups.
- George G. Dodge encourages students to apply their leadership and artistic skills in programs such as art, music, band, orchestra, chorus, student council, and morning announcers.
- Over 70 George G. Dodge students were invited to the annual PTA sponsored Fun & Stuff Night. The program rewarded students for maintaining a 3.5 grade point average and above.

George G. Dodge

5th grade students hosted their annual Wax Museum. Students brought characters such as Amelia Earhart, Martin Luther King, and Misty Copeland to life.



- George G. Dodge nominated students were recognized at the monthly Board of Education meetings. Students were nominated by teachers for demonstrating the following character pillars: Trustworthiness, Fairness, Responsibility, and Respect.
- George G. Dodge 5th grade students participated in the D.A.R.E. program under the leadership of Twinsburg Police Officer Greg Kopniske. The program helped give students the skills and strategies to make good choices that will positively impact their lives.
- George G. Dodge hosted the Annual Breakfast of Champions. Over 800 students were recognized for being great citizens and “earning their STRIPES”.

Samuel Bissell Elementary School

was nominated by the Ohio Department of Education for recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School during the 2015-16 school year. Samuel Bissell Elementary School was recognized for overall academic excellence and consistent progress in closing the achievement gap among student subgroups. As part of the nomination process, Samuel Bissell staff submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Education, highlighting the school's mission and outlining educational, social and behavioral programs that assist students in reaching their full potential. Nominated schools that are selected for this prestigious award will be notified in Fall of 2016.



- Samuel Bissell Elementary School believes in educating the whole-child. To that end, character education is a big focus. The *Officer Phil Program*, in partnership with the Twinsburg Police Department, offers an interactive assembly in which students learn how to be safe, respectful and responsible at school, at home, or in the community. Police Chief Noga was on hand to show his support and participate in the program.
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School students were treated to an OUT OF THIS WORLD performance by Mrs. Johnson. Dressed as an astronaut, Mrs. Johnson danced on the roof to celebrate the results of the *Fall Read-A-Thon Fundraiser*. After counting every last minute read and every last dollar donated, students raised more than \$13,000 and read more than 94,000 minutes. As an added bonus, a representative from NASA came to Samuel Bissell to read to the 2nd and 3rd grade classes, who raised the most money and read the most minutes.
- Teachers and students showed their “GRIT” (Give it your all, Respond with a positive attitude, Independent thinker, Totally engaged) during the 2015-16 school year. Bissell staff members participated in an adult professional learning community focused upon the “GRIT” principles. The idea of “GRIT” was transferred to students in their everyday activities when they faced difficult challenges and were encouraged by their teachers and classmates to keep working hard and to never give up.
- During the 2015-16 school year, Samuel Bissell Elementary School students had the opportunity to see the world through the Earth Dome. The assembly gave students an up-close look at the Earth. But that's not all, students also entered the Earth Dome and got a unique view of continents, oceans and landforms.

86% of first graders

were reading at or “above” grade level by June, 2016, according to our guided reading expectations.

Academics *(continued)*

- Samuel Bissell Elementary School's *Community of Caring* initiative got off to a great start during the 2015-16 school year. Students and staff from different classrooms came together to eat lunch with one another. The idea behind the program is that, regardless of what class you're in, we are all part of the Samuel Bissell Elementary School Family. Throughout the school year, every student participated in at least one session. Each lunch session gave students and staff the opportunity to get to know each other better and discuss the ideas of respect, responsibility, friendship, and trustworthiness.
- Wilcox Primary School was awarded a \$4,800 grant from the Summit County ADM Board. The grant supports parent engagement by teaching guided reading strategies that adult caregivers can use at home when reading with their children.
- Technology is integrated into instruction every day at Wilcox Primary School. Every preschool, kindergarten, and first grade classroom has an interactive white board and 3 iPads. Wilcox has a set of 30 laptops and listening centers available to students. In addition, K-1 students visit the computer lab weekly where they work on academic, keyboard, and mouse skills through interactive games and participate in online assessments in reading and math. During the 2015-16 school year, first grade students participated in Hour of Code to learn simple computer programming.
- The Junior Science Fair is held every spring at Wilcox where 100 kindergarten students conduct an experiment, write a science journal of their findings, and practice their public speaking skills as they explain their experiment and what they learned to visitors.
- Through a partnership with the University of Akron, Wilcox teachers worked with a literacy coach to improve instructional strategies that build foundational skills in reading. 197 students received intervention or enrichment in reading through small group and individual instruction during the 2015-16 school year.

98% Wilcox first graders scored "on track" on the State writing diagnostic assessment in May 2016.

12% Wilcox first graders were already reading at or above the end-of-year second grade reading expectation.

- The Twinsburg City School District has a long-standing commitment to providing free all-day kindergarten to all children to help them build a strong educational foundation. 295 kindergarten students were enrolled at Wilcox during the 2015-16 school year.
- 200 children participated in a kindergarten screening and registration process designed to assess their readiness skills in language arts and math and meet the State requirements for speech/language, vision, and hearing screenings months before these children entered kindergarten.



Wilcox Primary School

is proud to announce that our preschool program was awarded a

5-star Step Up to Quality rating from the Ohio Department of Education. Step Up to Quality is a tiered system intended to recognize and promote early learning development programs that meet or exceed standards in academics and health/safety regulations.

- Wilcox Primary School physical education teachers, Lauren Wilson and Dominique Sanders, were recognized at the state level with an Ohio Gold Excellence in Physical Education award. This honor was achieved through quality programming that teaches students about the importance of fitness and proper nutrition. Physical education classes are offered daily at Wilcox and our staff and students participate in exercise classes and our Tiger 100 Mile Club where they walk on the playground track.
- Wilcox Primary School houses an integrated preschool that meets the academic, social, and communication needs of 72 area children, ages 3-5.
- Wilcox Primary School teachers meet with the principal and school psychologist quarterly for "watch" meetings where data trends and individual student progress are discussed. Students are monitored to ensure they are making appropriate progress on grade level expectations and interventions are implemented when they are not.
- Wilcox Preschool students who entered kindergarten in fall 2015, were part of a Summit County initiative and participated in an assessment called Transition Skills Summary (TSS). 2,500 students in Summit County were assessed in the areas of Social Skills, Motor Development, Pre-academic, Communication, and Following Routines. The percentage of Twinsburg City Schools' preschoolers identified as "on track" was higher than the county average in all categories.
- Thirty kindergarten and first grade students participated in a math enrichment workshop during the 2015-16 school year. Children's literature was used each week to introduce a mathematics topic and then students participated in hands-on, project-based activities to further explore the concepts.
- Wilcox Primary School first grade teacher, Shirley Browning, was recognized by the Twinsburg Police Department for the creative methods and instructional materials she uses to help her students love learning.



100% of all 3rd graders

passed the Third Grade Reading Guarantee.

Arts

Participation in performing and visual arts inspires students' creativity, problem-solving and critical thinking skills.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Nearly thirty performing arts opportunities were held during the 2015-16 school year including a variety of band festivals, holiday concerts, holiday musicals, and benefit concerts.
- Two Twinsburg City School District Marching Band alums performed in nationally televised football games: Orange Bowl and Fiesta Bowl.
- Twinsburg High School Great Expectations participated in national and regional competitions, culminating with a trip to Los Angeles, California to compete in the Los Alamitos Xtravaganza show choir competition.
- The Twinsburg High School Orchestra received a "Superior" rating in Class A at the OMEA State Orchestra Adjudicated Contest. This is the highest honor a high school performing group can receive from the Ohio Music Education Association. This is the third year in a row that the orchestra has earned this honor in the most difficult class.
- All-State Orchestra represents the best high school orchestra students in the state of Ohio. One Twinsburg High School student was selected as first runner-up to represent our district.
- OMEA North Eastern Ohio Region Orchestra represents the best high school orchestra students in all of Northeast Ohio. Three Twinsburg High School students were selected to represent Twinsburg City Schools.
- Our District offers students opportunities to perform onstage and backstage where they can experience the many aspects of producing a play and/or musical.
- Drama Class is available for high school students eager to learn the art of theater.
- Class offerings at Twinsburg High School increased with the addition of: AP Art History; other Visual Arts classes, such as Art I - IV, AP Studio Drawing, Ceramics, and The Art of Photography.
- Art students at Twinsburg High School won several prestigious awards, including a Silver Medal for the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. That award recognizes students for being among the most talented young artists and writers in the nation. Regional awards were also received at the Scholastic Arts and Writing Awards, winning 3 gold and 4 silver medals. One student's work won national recognition (top 1%) of all submitted entries.
- State Representative Kristina Roegner (R-Hudson) recognized a Twinsburg High School student as the 37th House District winner of the 2016 Ohio House of Representatives Student Art Exhibition. The work was displayed in an exhibition open to the public at the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts in Columbus, Ohio. The work was also showcased at the Governor's Show in Columbus, Ohio in April.
- R.B. Chamberlin Band and Orchestra received superior ratings at the OMEA large group contest, while at the Solo and Ensemble contest R.B. Chamberlin students finished with 31 superior ratings.
- Six R.B. Chamberlin Middle School students were selected for the OMEA North Eastern Ohio Region Orchestra District 6 Junior High Honor Band.
- Four members of the R.B. Chamberlin Band were selected from students in six states to join the Ohio State University Band Festival.

Music is an important part of our students' education, and Twinsburg City School District is proud to offer a wide range of opportunities to experience the multi-levels available in the realm of music:

- ✓ Choral competition
- ✓ Concert Band
- ✓ General Music
- ✓ Jazz
- ✓ Marching Band
- ✓ String Instruments
- ✓ Magic Hearts and TASK music programs for students with special needs



- During the 2015-16 school year, 76 sixth graders, the largest number in recent history, participated in band under the leadership of Mr. Bonitz and Mr. Resnick.
- Each Spring R.B. Chamberlin hosts the *Fine Arts Festival* showcasing the work of over 200 students from the 7th and 8th grade art classes and 7th and 8th grade bands.
- The 2016 R.B. Chamberlin drama production was “Honk”. The students in the cast and crew did a great job making a classic come to life. Both performances saw an almost full-house.

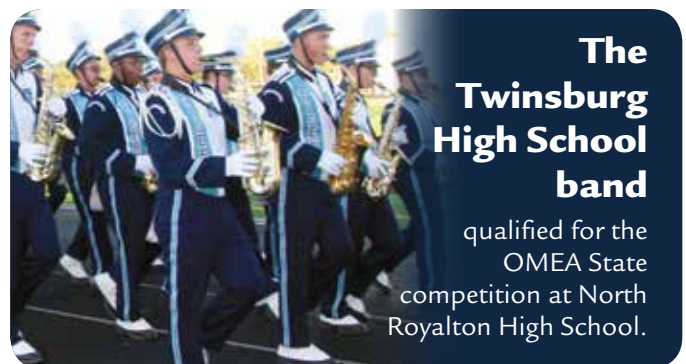


RBC Singers were First Runner Up

at the DeKalb Show Choir Invitational, including one student who received **Best Soloist**.

- R.B. Chamberlin Art classes provide a wide variety of activities within the nine-week course such as Zentangle, ceramics, and flatwork drawings of geometric designs.
- Third grade students at Samuel Bissell Elementary School in Mrs. Castrigano’s art class completed an art timeline during the 2015-16 school year. They began with Cave Art, where students completed cave-like drawings by laying under their desks, drawing on their backs, using symbols and crumbling brown paper for a “rock effect,” just as cave people may have done thousands of years ago. The next stop on their art journey was a project, centered on the Mona Lisa, with their last stop being modern-day art, such as Pop Art.
- Second grade students at Samuel Bissell Elementary School in Mrs. Castrigano’s art class “traveled” around the world to learn about different art techniques and artists. Their first stop was Europe, where they learned about stained glass art and made their own stained glass creations. Their tour included stops in Mexico to learn about self-portraits and Africa to learn about quilting.

- Students who made up Samuel Bissell Elementary School’s Art Club met and learned about different artists and mediums and had the opportunity to create works of art using unconventional materials.
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School held two *Fine Arts Festivals* during the 2015-16 school year. Each of the two nights was devoted to highlighting the artistic abilities of students through showcasing their art work throughout the building. Students also performed a musical program as part of the evening’s festivities.
- Wilcox Primary School held the annual Field Day that highlighted the physical, artistic, and musical talents of our students and is a schoolwide event that ends the year on a positive note. The 2016 Olympic theme exposed students to the history of the Olympics and information about the different countries they represented.
- At the spring Art Show, Wilcox students displayed over 600 pieces of art showing their talent and progress throughout the year.
- All students at Wilcox Primary School perform in Winter and Spring Vocal Music Concerts held at Twinsburg High School.
- Preschool students at Wilcox Primary School participate in a unit during March that includes language arts, math, social studies, science, music, art, physical education, communication, and social interaction and culminates in their annual rodeo performance for families.
- George G. Dodge students participated in *Square One Art*. This fundraiser gave our students the opportunity to turn their artwork into “living” pieces of art. The students sold their artwork as a fundraiser for the art department.
- George G. Dodge hosted its annual *Spring Fling*. The program involved students in each grade. Student artwork was on display as well as live art demonstrations from our 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students.
- George G. Dodge students are able to participate in Band, Orchestra, and Chorus. Music students hosted Winter and Spring Concerts to showcase their growth and talents.



The Twinsburg High School band

qualified for the
OMEA State
competition at North
Royalton High School.

Student Leadership and Activities

A well-rounded education includes a wide variety of opportunities.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Twinsburg High School offers 24 interscholastic athletic teams that stress the importance of team work, individual and team skill-improvement, and individual/team success. Among these teams are: Bowling, Cheerleading, Diving, and Track which all competed during the 2015-16 school year at the OHSAA State level.
- Student athletes at Twinsburg High School participated in at least one student activity while competing in interscholastic sports. Our fall sports athletes achieved a 3.36 cumulative GPA, winter sports athletes achieved a 3.27 cumulative GPA, and our spring sports athletes achieved a 3.41 cumulative GPA.
- 64% of students in grades 9-12 at Twinsburg High School participate in at least one student activity.
- The Varsity Baseball Team won the school's first ever baseball championship as a part of the newly formed Suburban League.
- Twinsburg High School held their annual Blood Drive to support the United Red Cross and collected over 49 pints of blood. One senior Student Council member was the recipient of a Red Cross Scholarship.
- R.B. Chamberlin Student Council sponsored their first *Start with Hello Week* as part of the Sandy Hook Promise Campaign with great success. The purpose behind the campaign is to bring students closer together and to reach out to those who are struggling socially and/or emotionally. More than 350 R.B. Chamberlin students took the pledge to "Start with Hello."
- R.B. Chamberlin offers 16 sports teams, including, 7th Grade Football, 8th Grade Football, Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, Fall Cheerleading, 7th Grade Volleyball, 8th Grade Volleyball, Wrestling, Boys 7th Grade Basketball, Boys 8th Grade Basketball, Girls 7th Grade Basketball, Girls 8th Grade Basketball, Winter Cheerleading, Boys Track and Field, Girls Track and Field, Baseball and Softball.
- Over 62% of all R.B. Chamberlin students participated in at least one athletic team.
- The 8th Grade Boys Basketball team was UNDEFEATED and won the Suburban League Championship.
- The R.B. Chamberlin Cross Country team placed 5th overall at the OHSAA MS Invitational, the state meet for middle schools.
- The R.B. Chamberlin Wrestling team was a runner-up at the 24 team CVCA Invitational.
- R.B. Chamberlin offers many student activities such as: Student Council, Power of the Pen, Robotics, RBC Singers, Jazz Band, Drama Club, and the KSU Reading and Writing Festival.
- One R.B. Chamberlin student was selected with top essay at the Kent State Reading and Writing Festival.
- R.B. Chamberlin students gave back to their community by holding several different fund-raisers throughout the year, raising over \$2,000 for local charities.
- R.B. Chamberlin students participated in the *Power of the Pen* and received numerous awards and accomplishments, including sending two team members to the State Competition.

For the first time in school history, the

Girls Bowling Team

advanced to the

OHSAA State Bowling Tournament

in Columbus, placing 9th in Division 1 in the state of Ohio.



Student Leadership and Activities *(continued)*

- An R.B. Chamberlin student came in second place in the *Patriot's Pen* essay contest sponsored by the V.F.W.
- The R.B. Chamberlin *Holiday Helping Hands* program raised over \$900 to purchase gifts for less fortunate families during the holidays.
- The Class of 2020 had an excellent Washington D.C. trip. The students visited many sites including: the National Mall, Flight 93 Memorial, Air and Space Museum, and enjoyed the Spirit Cruise on the Potomac River.
- R.B. Chamberlin students participated in several activities to learn about social isolation. International speaker Nick Vujicic raised the students' awareness as he presented live here at THS while being simulcast around the state.

134

**8th grade students
from R.B. Chamberlin**
were inducted in the

Honor Corps

Honor Corps is an academic and service group in which students maintain at least a

3.5 GPA for two years.

- R.B. Chamberlin students participated in Game Club after school, had "mix-it-up" day at lunch, and held a New Student Ice Cream Social.
- The George G. Dodge Student Council collected over 2,025 canned goods that were donated to the Emergency Assistance Shelter.
- George G. Dodge students raised over \$1,200 for the Lymphoma Association.
- Students in the fifth grade at George G. Dodge participated in their first overnight school trip. The students visited the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan.
- Sixth grade students at George G. Dodge went to Camp Fitch in North Springfield, Pennsylvania. Students participated in team building activities and other educational endeavors.

All schools in the Twinsburg City School District participated in **two parades**

at the beginning of the 2015-16 school year. The first parade "Meet the Tigers" included a celebration of the new field turf and an introduction of fall sport athletes. The second parade was done in conjunction with Homecoming.



- Student Council members assisted with third grade transition to George G. Dodge. George G. Dodge Student Council and student volunteers painted faces, gave tours, and completed crafts with the incoming class of 2025 – welcoming our newest Tigers.
- George G. Dodge participated in *Start with Hello*. Social isolation is the overwhelming feeling of being left out, lonely and treated like you are invisible. *Start with Hello* taught students the skills they need to reach out to and include those who may be dealing with isolation and create a culture of inclusion and connectedness within our school.
- Second and third grade Samuel Bissell Elementary students have the opportunity to be selected to participate in Student Council. Student Council has the responsibility of showing leadership skills in organizing Spirit Days, leading whole-school assemblies, organizing fundraisers, escorting visitors around the building as well as attending meetings and sharing information with their homeroom classes.

Student Leadership and Activities *(continued)*



Samuel Bissell Elementary
students participated in

Jump Rope for Heart

a school-wide initiative to raise money
for the American Heart Association.

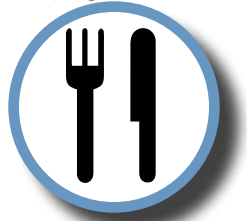
During the 2015-16 school year,

students raised over \$15,000.

- This year's United Way Campaign was one of the largest yet. As a building, Samuel Bissell Elementary School students and staff raised more than \$1,000 to benefit the PAWS on Child Hunger Program, which assists students at Wilcox, Bissell and Dodge with nutritious snacks over the weekend and during school breaks.
- 300 Wilcox Primary students participated in the Wilcox Walkers 100 Mile Club. Students walked during their recess time.

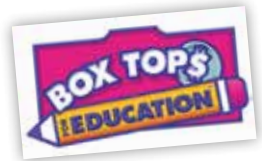
- Twinsburg High School students participated in *Start with Hello Week* as part of the Sandy Hook Promise organization. The majority of the high school and middle school students took the pledge to help others avoid social isolation and prevent acts of bullying.

- The annual Samuel Bissell Food Drive, held before Thanksgiving, was a big success! Because of the leadership of our students, more than 1,500 pounds of food was collected and donated to the Emergency Assistance Center in Northfield to help area families in need.



- Samuel Bissell Elementary School was the big winner of the district canned fruit drive during the 2015-16 school year. Students donated 856 pounds of canned fruit, which was given to the Emergency Assistance Center to benefit area families.

- To encourage students to bring in Box Tops for Education, Mrs. Johnson was "Duct Taped" to the wall.



- Third grade students showcased their talents during the 2015-16 school year as part of the first ever *Bissell's Got Talent* show. Students, staff, parents and other honored guests were treated to singing, dancing and musical acts.
- Wilcox Primary School students and staff participated in *Say Hello Week*, part of the Sandy Hook Promise. Students made a commitment to making a new friend and pledged to help keep our schools and community safe.



Parent and Community Involvement



Educational experiences are enhanced by partnerships between the school district and community.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Twinsburg City School District is encouraged by the growing partnership with the Twinsburg Public Library. As part of the Summer Reading Camp, Twinsburg students had the opportunity to visit the library once a week for literacy activities. The library was an integral part of the *Guided Reading* program used in grades K-6. The library created a collection of leveled books aligned to the *Guided Reading* program. This collaboration helped support continued growth in balanced literacy.
- Twinsburg High School Intervention Specialist, Mr. Matthew Socrates, was a 2016 Cleveland Plain Dealer Crystal Apple Award Winner. Mr. Socrates was nominated by a thankful parent of one of his students.
- Twinsburg High School Foreign Language Club dedicated countless hours to the collection of 10,130 food items donated to Joseph's Kitchen, a local food bank.
- The Twinsburg High School Drama Club and Great Expectations Show Choir each welcomed local senior citizens to special performances throughout the year. Drama performances included "The Matchmaker" and "Up the Down Staircase". GE's winter competition show was performed as a culminating activity during a district-wide Senior Citizen's tour of the school buildings in January 2016.
- R.B. Chamberlin students and staff hosted the Veterans/Grandparents Assembly. Over 175 community members attended the event, listening to a musical and vocal tribute by the RBC Singers, R.B. Chamberlin Orchestra, and R.B. Chamberlin Band.
- Summit County Sheriff Steve Barry and officials from the Twinsburg Police Department hosted a Parent Forum about encouraging teens and students in making good choices.
- The Twinsburg Police Department partnered with a 7th grade R.B. Chamberlin teacher in a classroom activity on Accident Analytics and Speed Investigation.
- Chief County Prosecutor Brad Gessner, along with Twinsburg Police, shared information with R.B. Chamberlin students on the topic of social media safety.

The graduating class of 2016

contributed over

26,000 hours

of community service,

led by one student who amassed a school record of 965 individual hours over a four year period.

- Twinsburg students and staff partnered with the Twinsburg Police, Fire and CERT units to perform a Mock Crisis Simulation Drill in April 2016. Twinsburg High School students and staff volunteered to be active participants to help train the school and law enforcement personnel in the event of a true crisis.
- Twinsburg High School students and staff contributed to a variety of causes during the 2015-16 school year including: Relay for Life, American Red Cross, American Heart Association, and the Lupus Foundation.

Twinsburg High School students and staff

participated in community planned

Earth Day activities

in April. We are most thankful of the partnership between our District and the community's Environmental Commission. One Twinsburg High School graduate was selected and celebrated as the recipient of the Environmental Commission's Scholarship.



Parent and Community Involvement *(continued)*

- George G. Dodge participated in the Summit County *Father's Walk*. The program promotes the importance of significant male role models in the lives of students. There were over 600 fathers, father figures, grandfathers, brothers and uncles participating in the walk.
- George G. Dodge Intermediate School hosted its first *Father/Daughter Dance*. The event was held in collaboration with the George G. Dodge PTA and had over 500 participants.
- George G. Dodge hosted its first *Mother/Son Event*. Moms, grandmothers, sisters, and aunts came to school to have some fun with their Tigers.

All schools, staff and students in the Twinsburg City School District opened their doors to welcome our **1st Annual Senior Citizen Bus Tour.**



- George G. Dodge students are leaders and initiated great programs to help our community. One George G. Dodge student collected and donated over 1,000 books for students in need.
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School, recognized Veterans with two very special programs in recognition of the sacrifices they have made for our country. Second and third graders sang patriotic songs and enjoyed the opportunity to visit with the veterans.
- Because of the recruiting efforts of our *Pint Size Heroes*, the Bissell Blood Drive was a HUGE success. 57 donors rolled up their sleeves and donated 45 pints of blood, which in turn helped 135 patients in need.
- The Twinsburg City School District held its first Business Advisory Council meeting in December with local businesses.
- The Twinsburg Educational Foundation was re-established as The Twinsburg Schools Foundation.

Samuel Bissell Elementary School fathers and father-figures

enjoyed a nice morning walk to school with their children. Approximately 300 fathers and father figures walked their children to school as part of the Fame Fathers Walk through the Summit County Fatherhood Initiative.



- Twinsburg City Schools partnered with Christ Community Chapel to feed families in need during the holiday season. 70 Thanksgiving boxes were donated by the church to Wilcox Primary and Samuel Bissell Elementary School families in need.
- During the 2015-16 school year, volunteers from the Cleveland Clinic Twinsburg Family Health and Surgery Center read stories to second grade students. Doctors, nurses and pharmacists answered questions and offered students details about various careers in the field of medicine.
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School's 2015-16 Career Day was a huge success with over 50 members from the community speaking on a different career opportunities.
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School partnered with Kent State University - Twinsburg Regional Campus during the 2015-16 school year. College students visited second and third grade classrooms and taught a lesson on economics. The topics covered were opportunity cost, goods and services, and producers and consumers.

To strengthen our home and school connection,

Samuel Bissell Elementary School's

Reading and Math Interventionists held two

“Make-it, Take-it Nights”

for parents during the 2015-16 school year. Parents in attendance had the opportunity to make various resources that they could use at home to further develop their child's reading and/or math skills.



Parent and Community Involvement *(continued)*

- Samuel Bissell Elementary School was turned into an ecological laboratory during the 2015-16 school year, thanks to COSI on Wheels. Students were treated to an informative and interactive assembly where they had the opportunity to learn about different habitats and animals found in the wild.
- The PTA helped fund many other initiatives, programs and events at Samuel Bissell Elementary School during the 2015-16 school year, including:
 - ✓ Providing each student with \$5.00 to shop at the Holiday Shop and \$7.00 to spend at the Book Fair.
 - ✓ 3rd grade field trip to the Cleveland Aquarium.
 - ✓ Field Day T-Shirts – Supplemented the cost of t-shirts for Field Day.
 - ✓ 3rd Grade Picnic – Covered the cost of lunch for our annual 3rd Grade Picnic.
- Wilcox Primary School got the whole community to read during the #WilcoxReads week. PTA provided every family with the children's novel *The Chocolate Touch*. Students and families read the same chapters each night and posted their photos on social media.
- In our inaugural *Jump Rope for Heart* event, Wilcox Primary School students far exceeded every goal by raising over \$10,000 for the American Heart Association. Students were treated to their principal, Lynn Villa, and Assistant Principal, Scott Astey riding tricycles around the school all day for meeting their goal.
- Wilcox Primary School was awarded a \$4,800 grant from the Summit County ADM Board. The grant supports parent engagement by teaching guided reading strategies that adult caregivers can use at home when reading with their children.
- Wilcox Primary School and Samuel Bissell Elementary partnered with the Cleveland Clinic to have medical professionals visit our schools. These community readers spent time sharing a favorite book with students and talking about their career choice in the health field.
- Project Night, Night, a non-profit organization that provides homeless children with a blanket, book, and stuffed animal was overwhelmingly supported by Wilcox Primary School students, staff, and families. In the last four years, Wilcox has donated over 1,200 new and gently used books to Project Night, Night as part of our *Right to Read* weeks and school book fairs.
- The *Bring a Veteran to Lunch* program at Wilcox Primary School has become a popular event for the last 12 years. In November 2015 Wilcox Primary School staff, students, and PTA welcomed over 150 veterans for lunch and a patriotic performance.

PAWS on Child Hunger

PAWS on Child Hunger Program, works in partnership with The Emergency Assistance Center.



- ✓ During the 2015-16 school year, 40 George G. Dodge students received healthy snacks to enjoy over weekends.
 - ✓ George G. Dodge parent volunteers popped popcorn throughout the year to help raise money to support PAWS on Child Hunger.
 - ✓ Dodge students and staff raised over \$2,000 to support the PAWS on Child Hunger Program.
 - ✓ During the 2015-16 school year, 50 Samuel Bissell Elementary students received 1,100 calorie food supplements in their weekend backpacks.
 - ✓ During the 2015-16 school year, 60 Wilcox Primary School students received food supplements in their weekend backpacks. The Wilcox PTA created a snack pantry to be sure that every child has a healthy snack during the school day.
- Over 100 Wilcox Primary School students, staff, and parents marched with the Twinsburg VFW in the 2016 Memorial Day Parade.
 - Wilcox Primary School hosted the Summit County Sheriff's Safety City program which is designed to instruct children in important precautions for bus, traffic, stranger, fire, animal, and home safety the summer before they enter kindergarten



Student Services

A variety of services provide options to ensure all students receive individualized instruction, enrichment and support.



HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to regular education services, Twinsburg City School District offers identification of and services to gifted students, students with disabilities, 504 students, and students for whom English is their second language.



5%

of our students are on a 504 plan



10.4%

of our students are identified as students with disabilities

- Twinsburg City School District's Pupil Services Department administers services that include special education, guidance, health, mental health, and school psychology. The team includes school counselors, health assistants, speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, a physical therapist, school psychologists, and a parent mentor. They work together with teachers, administrators, and parents in building Intervention Assistance Teams. These teams use a collaborative problem solving process to help understand student strengths and needs. The team then designs appropriate interventions for each student.
- Twinsburg City School District's Special Education program provides services to approximately 10.4% of our student population that have been identified as having a disability. These services include specialized instruction, modifications in curriculum, and accommodations as appropriate to access school programs.
- The English Language Learners program helps students overcome cultural and language challenges. 3% of students are identified as English Language Learners.
- Gifted services adjust the pace of instruction to the student's capabilities to provide an appropriate level of challenge. 5% of students are identified as Gifted. Gifted students are serviced in team-taught classes or cluster grouping at George G. Dodge Intermediate School. Students also have the opportunity to begin the path of math acceleration at George G. Dodge.

- Twinsburg City School District's Pupil Services Department is dedicated to providing additional services, support, programs, and specialized placements, including a center-based Preschool program with peer models.

Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee



is a program which encourages schools to provide help and support to make sure students are on track for reading success by the end of third grade. 100% of our 3rd grade students meet the requirements of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee.

- Reading Intervention tutoring programs include Extra Scoop tutoring, Summer Reading Camp for grades K-4 and Roar Into Reading for grade 3.
- Through Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), we addressed positive relationships, clear expectations and consistently acknowledged and corrected behaviors district-wide. PBIS reduces problem behavior, increases academic performance, reduces bullying behaviors, increases teacher efficacy, improves social-emotional competence and increases positive school climate and culture. Our District's focus is "Be Safe. Be Respectful. Be Responsible."
- As part of PBIS, Twinsburg was invited to Orange High School to participate with several other schools in our area in the Sandy Hook Promise *Say Something*. Students from R.B. Chamberlin and Twinsburg High School attended the *Say Something* program, which teaches students to look for warning signs, act immediately, and say something to a trusted adult. THS & RBC students returned to share this information with the entire student body. Photos of our students were featured in *People* magazine's December 2015 issue.

Student Services *(continued)*

Twinsburg City School District

is committed to meeting the goal of providing both academic and social services for students in order to enhance the learning environment and support the “whole child.” This year we were very fortunate to bring the

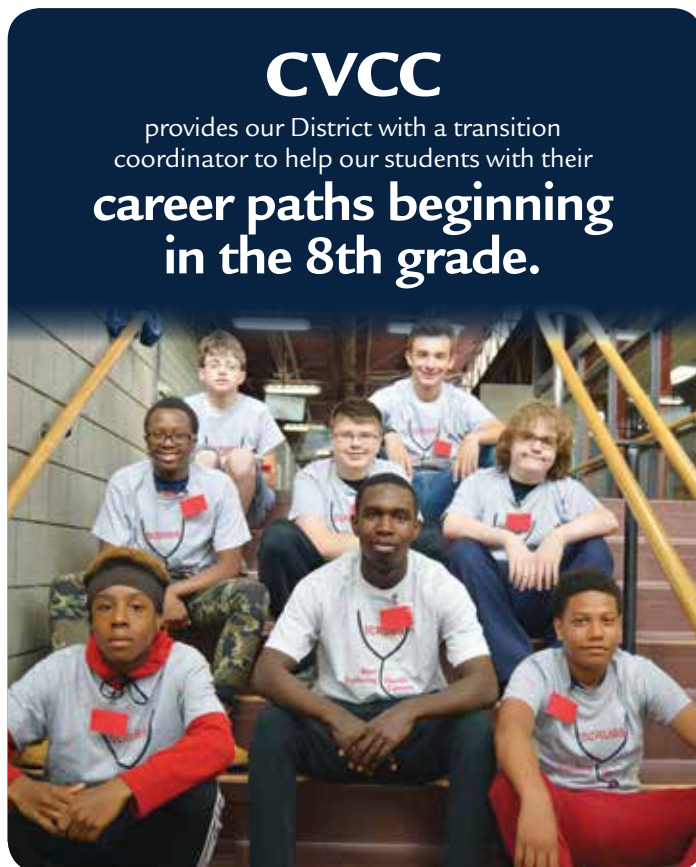
Beech Brook

School-Based Program to our District. This program has allowed us to support the “whole child” by addressing the social and emotional needs of our students.



- Utilizing Beech Brook, Solutions Behavioral, and our implementation of PBIS district-wide has allowed us to address the needs of students with disabilities through specialized programming. All three programs (Beech Brook, Solutions Behavioral and PBIS) provided staff development/training at the building levels for teachers and support staff.
- A district-wide Crisis Intervention training and recertification was conducted during the 2015-16 school year.
- Our Parent Mentor Project is a program funded through the Ohio Department of Education. This program is designed to support families in understanding the special education process by providing the information needed to become effective partners for their children with special needs. This year, our Parent Mentor worked to develop social inclusion activities, including the RBC Game Club and the *Community Spring Dance*. Peer models were invited to both activities to promote positive peer relationships and social skills.

- Pupil Services facilitated training sessions including CPR, First Aid, Diabetes Care and CPI (Crisis Prevention Intervention).
- The Twinsburg City School District offers nursing services at all of our five buildings. With all the changes in health care, we changed our model to include a District RN who supports all our buildings. Each building is also staffed with an LPN, MA (Medical Assistant) or HA (Health Aide).
- The Twinsburg City School District continues to offer Applied Behavioral Analysis Training (ABA) to our Intervention Specialists and support staff serving our students with autism and behavioral needs.



CVCC
provides our District with a transition coordinator to help our students with their **career paths beginning in the 8th grade.**

- Through transition services outlined on Individual Education Plans (IEP), students received career technical training from the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC).
- The Twinsburg City School District also provides services for students with 504 plans. The purpose of a 504 plan is to provide accommodations to assist students with disabilities in the general education curriculum.



Fiscal Stewardship

Financial responsibility ensures that the majority of funding is spent on classroom instruction.

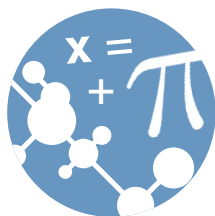


The Twinsburg City School District received excellent news... we were the recipient of three different grants all related to strengthening students' academic achievement through high quality professional development.



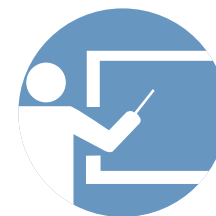
Literacy Coaching

Literacy Coaching is the focus at Wilcox Primary School and Samuel Bissell Elementary School and is funded in partnership with the Center for Literacy at the University of Akron, Summit Education Initiative (SEI), and Martha Holden Jennings Foundation. This coaching initiative, called Summit Council for Reading Readiness (SCRR), provides a wealth of resources to our K-3 teaching staff. The Literacy Coach provides professional development opportunities then models that strategy for classroom teachers. This year's primary focus is digging deep into the data to see how we can assist our struggling kindergarten students and provide additional strategies to our primary teachers.



The SMART Consortium

The SMART Consortium, funded by the GAR Foundation, awarded Twinsburg City School District with a \$48,000 grant for professional development and coaching for math and science that focused on assessments and mapping in grades 4-8. Teachers focused on implementing Inquiry-Based Learning and Problem-Based Learning in their classrooms. The coaching staff was available to help plan lessons and model inquiry-based lessons. Additionally, RBC and Dodge staff focused on updating curriculum maps and creating teacher-generated assessments.



MAX Teaching

The third grant awarded to the district was given by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation for \$15,000 to implement MAX teaching strategies. MAX teaching involves using multiple strategies to infuse literacy-based strategies in all content areas. This allows students the opportunity to use 21st century skills. MAX teaching trainers demonstrated lessons to students. Teachers observed the lessons being taught. At the conclusion of the demonstration lesson, the roles reverse; the classroom teacher instructed the students while the trainer critiqued the lesson. The day ended with a debriefing session. Positive feedback regarding this job-embedded professional development has been received - "best professional development ever."

Without grant funding, these fabulous opportunities would not be available. Twinsburg City School District is extremely grateful for the partnerships. We believe this new model of professional development namely, coaching, will have sustained and positive impact on student learning.

Fiscal Stewardship *(continued)*



SHARED Services... keeping costs down

The Twinsburg City School District participates in a variety of consortiums, providing the right options –designed to reduce costs. In addition, the District partners with the Educational Service Centers for essential educational support. Here are examples of shared services made possible through consortium buying:

- The Twinsburg City School District participates in the Ohio Schools Council Cooperative Purchasing Program for property and liability insurance, fuel purchases, bus and vehicle purchases, utilities and other major purchases of supplies and permanent improvement projects. Participation saved the Twinsburg City School District over \$150,000 during the 2015-16 school year.
- The Twinsburg City School District also participates in numerous purchasing consortiums, such as the AEPA, US Communities and GSA to ensure lowest available pricing on various supply and permanent improvement projects.
- The Twinsburg City School District implemented an online work order system that allows us to better track maintenance/repairs on buildings and equipment.



Recycling Program

In the five years the Twinsburg City School District has participated in Zero Waste Recycling, we have reduced our trash by more than 500,000 pounds, which is equivalent to approximately 40 full garbage trucks.

Grants

- Fuel Up to Play 60 – Additional grant for \$4,550 for food service equipment and supplies increasing grant total to over \$22,000 over two years
- In cooperation with Twinsburg, Reminderville and Twinsburg Township, the Twinsburg City School District applied for a Safe Routes to School Grant to develop a School Travel Plan.



Maintaining School Facilities

Major Permanent Improvements for 2015-16 School Year

- Completed paving project at an approximate cost of \$300,000:
 - Tennis Court renovation project
 - RBC Library Parking Lot renovation project
 - Drainage project outside Tiger Stadium and at the front gate of Tiger Stadium
- Roofing Project at R.B. Chamberlin - Addresses two major sections of the roof, as well as the Octagon at an approximate cost of \$224,000
- HVAC repairs at Wilcox, Bissell and Dodge at an approximate cost of \$82,000
- Hot water heater replacements at RBC and THS approximate cost of \$102,000
- Updated four computer labs (THS Rooms A216, B206 and B219, and Bissell Lab 311) as part of our Technology Permanent Improvement Plan at an approximate cost of \$74,000
- During the year a major PI project was the boiler and controls renovation project at Wilcox and Bissell at an approximate cost of \$400,000. This project replaced the main boilers at each building and updated the control system for more efficient and effective heating and cooling of these two elementary buildings.
- Purchased four new buses and a new box truck/van as part of our ten year bus replacement cycle

Fiscal Stewardship *(continued)*

Facilities Strategic Plan

During the 2015-16 school year, the District continued work on the development of a comprehensive immediate – high priority, mid-range, and long range Facilities Strategic Plan. The groundwork for this project began during the 2014-15 school year with input gathered from key stakeholder groups. The following highlights the progress made during the 2015-16 school year.

- Utilizing results from Facilities Assessment to help guide future Permanent Improvement Expenditures, all projects this summer were identified as high priorities in our Facilities Assessment.
- In September 2015, the Board adopted the facilities and grounds goal, which is that “the Twinsburg City School District will finalize a Facilities Strategic Plan which will address and balance our District’s immediate needs and long term goals.”
- On November 18, 2015, the Board approved Lesko Associates, along with Karpinski Engineering, to further develop the Facilities Strategic Plan.
- These firms have reviewed the results of the Facilities Assessment Focus Groups and evaluated key components of our facilities to evaluate our current HVAC systems, mechanical systems, lighting systems, roofs, paving and other parts of our facilities. Over the past several months, they reviewed our facilities and provided recommendations to include in our Facilities Strategic Plan.
- Facilities Strategic Plan was presented to the Board of Education on June 29, 2016.

Looking Ahead 2016-2017 District Goals

1. STUDENT GROWTH

The Twinsburg City School District will be student centered by developing the “whole child” through the implementation of a focused curriculum, community partnerships and high quality professional development.



2. FINANCIAL

The Twinsburg City School District will be student centered and support student learning and safety by continuing to maintain fiscal integrity, transparency and accountability of the District’s financial resources by implementation of the benchmarks identified on the Financial Strategic Planning Flow Chart.



3. COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The Twinsburg City School District will be student centered through active communication and engagement with our community to provide opportunities to support student growth and development.



4. FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

The Twinsburg City School District will be student centered in our efforts to address and balance our facilities’ immediate and long-term needs utilizing the current facilities assessment to support student growth and development.





Twinsburg City School District

...where the schools and communities are one.

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