



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.



Preparing our students for success!

# 2018-19 Quality PROFILE



# Twinsburg

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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



Twinsburg, Ohio

# Superintendent's Message

Dear Twinsburg Schools Family:

I am proud to present to you, for the sixth consecutive year, the Twinsburg City School District's *Quality Profile*. Included in the *Quality Profile* for the 2018/2019 school year is information that helps characterize the overall educational value of our public school district, beyond standardized testing and state-mandated assessments. Our *Quality Profile* provides you with important information about the ways in which we invest each and every day in our more than 4,200 students. 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. It serves as a supplement to the State of Ohio's Local Report Card. 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. Our *Quality Profile* highlights the many ways that our District provides our students with learning opportunities which are innovative and prepare them for success in the 21st century.

The *Quality Profile* is published by school districts across Ohio. This report is supported by the Alliance for High Quality Education, an education consortium that works to improve educational opportunities for students and represents member districts on matters of educational policy and funding. The Twinsburg City School District is a member of the Alliance for High Quality Education.

The Twinsburg City School District offers 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,



Yours in education,

*Kathi Powers*

Kathi Powers  
Superintendent



Twinsburg City School District

# Academics



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

## HIGHLIGHTS

- During the 2018-19 school year, the K-6 Guided Reading program (small group instruction with students working at their instructional level) continued to be an asset, allowing teachers to differentiate their teaching based on the individual needs of the students – from the struggling reader to supporting those who excelled. Also, a Blended Learning pilot program was introduced. Blended Learning is an approach to education that combines online educational materials and opportunities for interaction online with traditional place-based classroom methods.
- CPR training is now a graduation requirement; 225 Juniors completed CPR training to meet the new state mandate. Also, nearly all 500 TCSD staff hold the certification.
- Five Makerspace areas are in place – one at each building; planning and implementation will continue during 2019-20. A Makerspace curriculum was adopted for grades 4-6.
- The Curriculum Department continues to maintain its commitment to the current and future needs with regard to supporting the use of technology in the ever-evolving world of education. Some current examples include district-wide online state-mandated testing: Ohio's State Tests, NWEA's Measure of Academic Progress (MAP), which is an online computer adaptive assessment program, and continuing to support the increase in online textbook and resource components for teachers and students.
- In the fall of 2017, Chromebook implementation began. It has had growing success, both in daily classroom instruction and with Ohio State testing. In August 2018, the rollout continued with sophomores and seniors receiving their Chromebooks. Professional development of G-Suite products, including Google Classroom, continues.



**Lauren Wilson**, Physical Education teacher at Wilcox Primary School, was awarded the

**“Twinsburg Rotary Teacher of the Year.”**



Twinsburg High School  
Math Teacher,  
**Mr. Michael Porinchak**,  
and RB Chamberlin Middle  
School Math Academic Coach  
**Mrs. Deana Sarka**  
were named Greater  
Cleveland Council of Teachers  
of Mathematics (GCCTM)  
Classroom Outstanding Teachers.

- Multiple staff members within the District host a Google Classroom. This virtual classroom hub provides teachers the opportunity to post and differentiate assignments, personalize feedback, and provide real-time information. Students have easy access to class materials, are engaged in collaboration, and can submit work electronically.
- Technology aims to stay current and competitive with surrounding school districts; our recent implementation of district-wide wireless into our technology infrastructure supports teacher instruction, curriculum, and assessment, including the following programs: NoodleTools, Moby Max, Splash Math, Freckle, Peardeck, Edulastic, Gizmos, MAP, Chromebooks, Reading Plus, and assorted educational apps.
- Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) Partnership Funds were awarded to Twinsburg City School District to offset costs that directly support career technology education. A portion of the funds was used to implement Project Lead the Way (PLTW). The PLTW *Introduction to Engineering Design* course was offered at RB Chamberlin Middle School to expand STEM programs and projects. Funds were also used to help create Makerspace areas in school buildings.

# Academics *(continued)*

- The fourth year of Ohio State Tests, computer-based testing in English Language Arts, math, and science, were held. It was also the fourth year of implementation for OELPA (Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment). Nearly 15,000 tests (OST, AASCD, and OELPA) were completed district-wide. Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) at Wilcox Primary School went well, as did the online testing for CogAT assessments in Grades 2 and 5.
- During the 2018-19 school year, 177 children, ages 3-5, participated in either the play-based Integrated Preschool (IPP) or project-based Kindergarten Preparatory (KPP) programs at Wilcox Primary School. Both programs work cooperatively to offer students language-rich environments with a focus on the Ohio Early Learning and Development Standards.
- The Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators (OAESA) recognized Wilcox Primary School Assistant Principal, Scott Astey, as the 2019 Outstanding Assistant Principal for the State of Ohio.
- Wilcox Primary School principal, Lynn Villa, became a published author with her article “5, 4, 3, 2, 1: Five Breaths Change Everything” which appeared in the OAESA professional magazine Principal Navigator.
- Integrated preschool teacher, Jenni Ferro, was one of 20 early childhood educators from Summit County who were chosen to participate in the CLASS Act Scholars program.
- The Summit Education Initiative (SEI) has recognized Wilcox Primary School administrators Lynn Villa and Scott Astey for their work with early childhood education. They facilitate an Early Childhood Readiness Coalition in Twinsburg that includes professional development and networking opportunities for preschool providers in our community.
- Sandy Petrash, Kindergarten teacher and team leader at Wilcox Primary School, has been chosen as a finalist for Summit County’s “Teacher of the Year Award.”



Esther Boutros, the School Counselor at Wilcox Primary School, was featured in the Akron Beacon Journal regarding the **Zones of Regulation** curriculum and how she works with small groups of students to help them develop an understanding of their feelings and self-regulation skills.

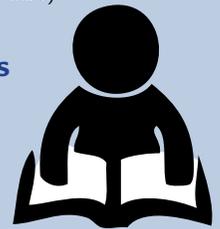
- Wilcox principal, Lynn Villa, was invited to join the advisory board for the Education Professions program at the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center.
- Classrooms at Wilcox Primary School offer children the opportunity to move around, use different types of seats (cushions, exercise balls), and desks and tables are positioned at different heights to accommodate children who focus better when they are standing.

During the summer before first grade,

**Wilcox**  
**Primary School students**  
completed a total of

**58,819**

**minutes of reading.**



- During the 2018-19 school year, Wilcox students benefited from field trips to Patterson’s Farm, Beckwith Orchards, the Twinsburg Historical Society, the Cleveland Zoo, the Akron Children’s Museum, and Lake Farmpark.
- As part of the ongoing commitment to Kindergarten readiness, Wilcox Primary School, in partnership with the Summit Education Initiative, offers a literacy-based “Get Ready for School” Boot Camp to 24 children who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall.
- Technology is integrated into daily instruction at Wilcox Primary School. Preschool, Kindergarten, and first-grade classes use interactive whiteboards and iPads to enhance student learning and engagement. Netbooks and listening centers are available to all students. Kindergarten and first-grade students also visit the computer lab weekly to work on academic, keyboard, and mouse skills through interactive learning games and coding activities. Students use these skills to participate in online Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments to help staff gauge students’ academic needs.
- Wilcox Primary School teachers meet with the administration, school counselor, and school psychologist quarterly for “Watch” Meetings where data trends and individual student progress are analyzed.
- All Wilcox Primary School students participate in small group Guided Reading at their individualized instructional reading levels. Over 160 Wilcox students received supplemental intervention or enrichment in reading through small group and individual instruction during the 2018-2019 school year. Early intervention helps students build a strong foundation on their way to passing the Third Grade Reading Guarantee.

# Academics *(continued)*

- First-grade students in Ms. Browning's class created and published a book called "Landforms". Students practiced their drawing and informational writing to connect the Ohio Learning Standards in Language Arts and Social Studies. A copy of this book can be found in the Wilcox School Library.
- The Twinsburg City School District has a long-standing commitment to providing free all-day Kindergarten to offer a strong educational foundation. 273 Kindergarten students were enrolled at Wilcox Primary School during the 2018-19 school year.
- Wilcox Primary School students who entered Kindergarten in Fall 2018 were part of a Summit County initiative and participated in an assessment called Transition Skills Summary (TSS). Over 3,000 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 areas.
- Teachers and support staff from Wilcox Primary School learned about using Google Classroom with Kindergarten and first-grade students.
- Hands-on learning, problem-solving, and critical thinking are important components of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) learning opportunities for Wilcox Primary School students. These experiences are embedded in classroom projects and the new Makerspace that is housed in the school library.



**Wilcox Reads Week** continues to be a highlight of the school year for students and families. During this week, every student received a copy of the book "Zoey and Sassafras: Dragons and Marshmallows". The book's author, Asia Citro, visited Wilcox to introduce the book which focuses on kindness, science, and critical thinking. Students read the same chapters each night at home, posted pictures of families reading together (#WilcoxReads), and then completed activities based on the book at school all week.

- Samuel Bissell Elementary School was the recipient of the PBIS *Bronze Award* by the Ohio Department of Education for positively rewarding student achievement and behavior choices through the school's PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) program. A team of teachers and administrators traveled to Columbus on November 29, 2018, to receive the award, which recognized schools that implemented school-wide supports at the Tier I Level. Samuel Bissell Elementary School's PBIS plan consists of various reward systems, including Golden Paw and GRIT Tickets. Students are also encouraged to perform kind acts through the school's "Random Acts of Kindness" program. The plan also includes educational components through students learning how to identify their emotions through *Zones of Regulation* and coming together as a school community as part of the school's "Community of Caring" initiative.
- To support our students in self-regulation, the Twinsburg City School District has adopted a program called *Zones of Regulation*, which is a systematic, cognitive behavioral approach used to teach self-regulation by categorizing our feelings into four concrete colored zones. The Zones framework provides strategies to teach students to independently control their emotions and impulses, manage their sensory needs, and improve their ability to problem solve conflicts.



Each fall, students at Wilcox Primary School are treated to the **Officer Phil safety program** that is sponsored by the Twinsburg Police Department. In this program, students learn about anti-bullying, stranger danger, and first responders. In addition, "**Buster the Bus**", a remote-control vehicle, delighted students at Wilcox Primary School during an assembly about bus safety.

# Academics *(continued)*



Samuel Bissell Elementary School's "**Community of Caring**" initiative continued during the 2018-19 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 allowed students and staff to get to know each other better and discuss the topic of the year, which was treating people with respect.

- Samuel Bissell Elementary School was proud to partner with The Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio during the 2018-19 school year. Students participated in activities and discussions centered on rethinking labels, which encouraged them to look past someone's outward appearance, which reminded them to not "judge a book by its cover," and see people for who they are on the inside.
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School incorporated *Mindful Mondays* into instruction during the 2018-19 school year. Students from different classrooms met each Monday to practice a variety of mindful strategies to help them to calm their minds/bodies better and to focus their thoughts.
- 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.
- Staff members took part in a book study with colleagues across the District. Each staff member read the book, "Trauma-Sensitive Schools: Learning Communities Transforming Children's Lives."
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School students completed a *Kindness Quest*. They were asked to complete various acts of kindness, highlighting the importance of being kind to one another. Acts of Kindness were also performed through Samuel Bissell Elementary School's Kindness Club. The club was created and facilitated by School Counselor Mr. Hoffmann.

- Samuel Bissell Elementary School students were treated to another toe-tapping performance by Mrs. Johnson, who, once again, danced on the roof to celebrate the results of the Fall Read-A-Thon Fundraiser. At the outset of the campaign, Mrs. Johnson challenged students to raise more than \$10,000 and read more than 90,000 minutes in one week. Students raised more than \$10,069.91 and read more than 135,529 minutes! Thanks to the PTA for their leadership and our generous families for their support and donations.
- The game plan for *Right to Read Week* at Samuel Bissell Elementary School was promoted with an "ALL STAR READER" theme. The week included varied sports-themed activities to encourage reading.
- The Makerspace movement found its way to Samuel Bissell Elementary School and students were able to use their imagination to build, collaborate, design, and play during their weekly library visits. Using a variety of building materials students explore their own interests, which foster creativity and innovation. Thanks to the Bissell Makerspace committee, support from the Makerspace initiative from the Twinsburg Board of Education and administration, and generous donations from Bissell stakeholders, teachers have Makerspace lesson plans and materials so their class can take challenges, brainstorm and build as a team every week.



Samuel Bissell Elementary School students and staff participated in "**Start with Hello Week**". Each day was highlighted with a new activity to promote inclusion.

- Teachers and students, once again, showed their "GRIT" (Give it your all, Respond with a positive attitude, Independent thinker, Totally engaged) during the 2018-19 school year. Students and staff participated in four Grit Days, where students were asked to complete tasks which caused them to think critically, and in many cases, start over before finally solving a given problem. 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.
- In December 2018, Samuel Bissell Elementary School students explored the field of computer science as they participated in the *Hour of Code*.

# Academics *(continued)*

- During the week of February 18, Samuel Bissell Elementary School students participated in *Engineer's Week*, which is a global learning event designed to introduce students of all ages to engineering and to expose them to some of the wonderful things made possible by engineers.
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School students participated in the 2019 *Doodle for Google Contest*. This year's theme was "When I grow up, I hope...". Bissell students spent several weeks in the Computer Lab exploring their hopes, creating a rough draft, and planning their final artwork. *Doodle for Google* is an annual contest open to all students in grades K-12. Students are invited to create their own Google Doodle for the chance to have it featured on Google.com and win college scholarships and other prizes.
- George G. Dodge Intermediate School offers a variety of programming that meets the needs of all students (Gifted, Special Education, Co-Teaching, Looping, Title I, and collaborative groups, to name a few).
- George G. Dodge Intermediate School encourages students to apply their leadership and artistic skills in programs such as Art, Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Student Council, Morning Announcers, and others.
- George G. Dodge Intermediate School students began exploring the design process and creative problem-solving strategies in our new Makerspace. The course is offered to all students and encourages and strengthens "out of the box" planning, thinking, and implementation skills. Our Makerspace focuses on the 4 C's of 21st Century Learning: Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Communication, and Creative Thinking.
- Fifth-grade students participated in the DARE program which was facilitated by Officer Greg Kopniske of the Twinsburg Police Department. The program helped give students the skills and strategies to make good choices that will positively impact their lives.
- We hosted our annual fourth, fifth, and sixth-grade *Breakfast of Champions*. Over 800 students were recognized for being great citizens and "earning their STRIPES".
- Innovation was a key theme district-wide this year. RB Chamberlin Middle School saw the library transformed into a Makerspace. Blended Learning was introduced in the RBC classrooms.
- RB Chamberlin Middle School students have the opportunity to take Honors courses in the areas of language arts, math, social studies, and science, as well as challenging courses such as Engineering Principles, Geometry, Art 1, and Spanish.



The class of 2023 had an excellent **Washington, D.C. trip**. The students visited many sites including Gettysburg, the National Mall, Air and Space Museum, and the White House.

## New to **George G. Dodge Intermediate School** this year is **Blended Learning**.

Blended learning allows our students to learn at least in part, through online learning, with some element of student control over time, place, path, and/or pace. It also incorporates "future ready" skills and practice.



- George G. Dodge Intermediate School, fifth-grade students, hosted their annual *Wax Museum*. Students brought characters such as Amelia Earhart, Martin Luther King, Bethany Hamilton, LeBron James, and Misty Copeland to life.
- George G. Dodge Intermediate School was proud to recognize students at the monthly Board of Education meetings with *Students of the Month*. Teachers nominated students for demonstrating the character pillars of our school, which are: Trustworthiness, Fairness, Responsibility, Respect, Caring, and Citizenship.
- RB Chamberlin Middle School received a grade of "A" from the State of Ohio for 2018.
- RB Chamberlin Middle School educator Lynnette Jimenez was awarded the *George I. Sanchez Memorial Award* by the National Education Association (NEA).
- Math Academic Coach Deana Sarka was named an *Outstanding Teacher* by the Greater Cleveland Council of Teachers of Mathematics.
- RBC Art teacher Julie VanDiest was named an *Akron Beacon Journal Amazing Teacher*.
- RB Chamberlin students were finalists at the College of Wooster State *Power of the Pen* tournament and won first place in Impromptu writing at the *Kent State Reading and Writing Festival*.
- Four RBC students participated in the OMEA District 6 Honors Band.
- An RBC student placed second at the *Akron Mathcounts* tournament
- An RBC student placed in the top 10 in the *Summit County Spelling Bee*.
- Over 40 girls attended the *Women in Stem* event at Kent State University.

# Academics *(continued)*

The Twinsburg High School  
graduating class of 2019 received  
**\$7,613,808** in scholarships.



- The Ohio Department of Education introduced several new Honors Diploma options in addition to Academic Honors and Career Tech. These additional Honors Diploma options include STEM Honors, Arts Honors, and Social Studies and Civic Engagement Honors. The Academy will offer one way to attain an Honors Diploma; however, Twinsburg High School will provide an opportunity to earn these diplomas (which include field experience and portfolio) to all students.
- All juniors took the PSAT at no cost to our families, thanks to our District's partnership with the Summit Education Initiative (SEI).
- Participation in the PSAT resulted in two students named as National Merit Finalists (seniors Rohan Deshpande and Cameron Lucas), and four students named as National Merit Commended Scholars (seniors Ryan Adkins, Alexandra "Xan" Denker, Ian Furniss and Adam Groenke) through the College Board Scholarship Program.
- Tracy Wilson earned a high school diploma and also simultaneously earned an Associate's Degree in the Arts from Cuyahoga Community College. Tracy is the first student in our District to receive both degrees simultaneously.
- The *Global Seal of Biliteracy* was awarded to 25 students who demonstrated Functional Fluency in English and at least one other language based on an assessment. One additional student was awarded the *Global Seal of Biliteracy* for having Working Fluency in English and Spanish. Finally, 17 students were awarded the *Ohio Seal of Biliteracy* for proficiency in English and Spanish.
- Twinsburg High School was awarded the *Silver Medal* from US News and World Report acknowledging student performance on state-required tests and preparation for college as strengths of the high school.
- All students and teachers, grades 9-12, were able to take part in the 1:1 Chromebook initiative. Building on professional development offered to teachers in the 2017-18 school year, teachers became familiar with the Google Suite platform and integrated Google Classroom into their curriculum as a way to further increase technological proficiency for both themselves and their students.

## The Academy

at Twinsburg High School

continues to expand, with academic pathways added to the menu of opportunities to which students in The Academy have access.

These pathways include Visual Arts, Broadcast Journalism, Media and Event Production, Engineering and Manufacturing, Business, Information Technology, and Independent Living. This collaboration between the Twinsburg Chamber of Commerce, local businesses and the District will be integral to the preparation of our students for post-secondary success.

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- In partnership with SEI, Twinsburg High School continued to build a comprehensive *Freshman Transition* program. In addition to the Success class, intended to familiarize 9th graders with "all things THS", some freshman students were paired with an adult/teacher mentor through the new "Who Do You Stand For?" program. Teachers are paired with students who need extra advocacy as they work to transition to high school.
- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is an emergency procedure designed to manually preserve intact brain function until medical professionals are available to a person in distress. HB 113 requires that the class of 2021 and beyond receive CPR and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training. Thanks to the District's partnership with University Hospitals, freshman (Class of 2022), sophomores (Class of 2023) and juniors (Class of 2024) were trained in these life-saving techniques.
- Twinsburg High School, along with the rest of the District, fully implemented the instructional strategy of Co-Teaching, a strategy designed to provide the least restrictive environment for our students with disabilities.
- Twinsburg High School students continue to excel in Advanced Placement (AP) Courses with AP exams administered during the spring of each year.
- Over 100 Seniors participated in Twinsburg High School's *Senior Experience* in May. This allows Seniors to shadow/intern at local businesses in their areas of interest. Seniors then presented about their experiences to school and business officials at the Senior Symposium.



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



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

- ✓ Choir competition
- ✓ Concert Band
- ✓ General Music
- ✓ Great Expectations
- ✓ Jazz
- ✓ Magic Hearts and TASK music programs for students with special needs
- ✓ Marching Band
- ✓ String Instruments
- ✓ The Mood Swingers
- ✓ Symphonic Band



- As part of the primary grade music curriculum, Wilcox Primary School students created musical instruments from recycled materials. After learning about instruments from different cultures, this unit integrated the science of music production such as sound and vibration with the importance of taking care of our earth.
- The 2019 *Wilcox Field Day* focused on a "Survivor" theme. This event highlighted the physical, artistic, and musical talents of our students as well as teaching sportsmanship. Classes created their own tribe with a flag, colors, and culture as they competed in a variety of athletic events.
- At the spring *Art Show*, Wilcox Primary School students displayed over 700 pieces of art, showing their talent and progress throughout the year. Highlights included student art in the style of Jim Dine, Andy Warhol, and Georgia O'Keefe. The Wilcox PTA got involved with interactive art stations so students and family members can create art to take home.
- All Wilcox Primary School Kindergarten and first-grade students perform in winter and spring vocal music concerts held at Twinsburg High School.
- Students in the Integrated Preschool Program (IPP) at Wilcox Primary School participate in a unit each spring that includes language arts, math, social studies, music, art, physical education, communication, and social interaction and culminates in their annual rodeo performance for families.

- Military veterans were treated to exceptional programs in recognition of the sacrifices they have made for our country. In honor of Veterans Day, second and third grade students sang patriotic songs and had the opportunity to visit with veterans during two socials, which offered our guests snacks and a light breakfast. Thanks to the Samuel Bissell PTA for coordinating volunteers and decorating the school cafeteria.
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School held two *Fine Arts Festivals*. Each of the two nights was devoted to highlighting the artistic abilities of students through showcasing their artwork throughout the building. Students also performed a musical program as part of the evening's festivities.
- In May 2019, seven pieces of art from Samuel Bissell Elementary School were chosen to be permanently displayed in the halls of the newest addition to Akron Children's Hospital. Earlier in the school year, some other student works of art were part of an art show at a local dentist's office and the Twinsburg Public Library. We are so very grateful for the partnerships we have created, which enable students to showcase their artistic abilities in the community.
- George G. Dodge Intermediate School's Art Department was recognized for developing a very creative yearbook. The Dodge Yearbook received an award in the Lifetouch Showcase Contest. This nationwide contest acknowledges the creativity and effort placed in creating yearbooks nationwide.
- George G. Dodge Intermediate School hosted its annual *Spring Fling*. The program involved students in each grade. Students' artwork was on display as well as live art demonstrations from our fourth, fifth, and sixth-grade students.
- George G. Dodge Intermediate School students were able to participate in Band, Orchestra, and Chorus. Our music students hosted Winter and Spring Concerts and showcased their growth and talents.
- At George G. Dodge Intermediate School, our Band continues to grow. Our students demonstrated significant growth under the leadership of Mr. Bonitz and Mr. Resnick. This growth is promising as we are working to continue to grow our music program.

# Arts *(continued)*

- The RBC Singers finished with Best Choreography, Best Vocals, and Grand Champion at the Solon Invitational.
- The RB Chamberlin Middle School Orchestra received a “Superior” rating in Class A at the District 6 OMEA Large Group Adjudicated Contest.
- The RB Chamberlin Middle School Band also took home a “Superior” rating at the District 6 OMEA Large Group Adjudicated Contest, the highest rating.
- The RB Chamberlin Middle School Solo and Ensemble Band and Orchestra students performed at the OMEA District 6 Adjudicated Event, taking home a combined 31 Superior ratings.



Each spring **RB Chamberlin Middle School** hosts the **Fine Arts Festival** showcasing the work of over 200 students from the seventh and eighth-grade art classes and seventh and eighth-grade Bands.

- The RB Chamberlin Middle School drama production for 2019 was “Alice in Wonderland”. The students in the cast and crew did a great job making a classic come to life, and both performances saw a full-house.
- The Twinsburg High School Vocal Music Department, under the leadership of Mr. Randall Lanoue, continues its winning ways with outstanding results from the many competitions in which they participated. At the Northrop Classique, the premier High School Show Choir, Great Expectations placed 3rd, with senior Bella Yee named Best Performer. At the Edgewood Contest of Champions, Great Expectations was named Grand Champions, and David Stauffer (12th grade) and Bella Yee (12th grade) named Best Male and Female Vocalist respectively. Bella was also named Best Overall Performer. Great Expectations continued to bring in the hardware, finishing second at the Medina Midwest Showcase and Solon Show Choir Invitational. Other individual honors went to junior Josh Maluyao as Best Performer (Medina) and senior David Stauffer as Best Performer (Solon). Finally, Great Expectations earned Best Choreography and Best Costumes at Edgewood and Solon.
- This year marked the debut performance of the newly-formed Twinsburg Symphonic Band. This addition highlights the growth of our already outstanding Band program, under the leadership of Mr. Ryan Bonitz. Our Tiger Band members participated in the 2019 Solo and Ensemble Competition, hosted by the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA). Of the 60+ events, our student-musicians earned 29 Superior ratings (the highest

honor available) and 24 Excellent ratings. At the Large Group Contest, the Concert Band received an Excellent rating, while the Symphonic Band earned a Superior rating in their first year competing in Class A. Rounding out the year, the Concert and Symphonic Bands competed at the OMEA State Competition, earning ratings of Excellent and Superior respectively.

- Senior trumpet player Xan Denker was selected to perform with the 2019 OMEA All-State Orchestra. As part of a rigorous audition process, Xan was chosen to one of just three trumpet positions in the All-State group, making her one of the top trumpet players in the state.
- Our Twinsburg High School Orchestra also competed at OMEA contest, receiving unanimous Superior ratings in Class A competition. This is the Orchestra’s sixth year in a row receiving this top honor.
- At the Orchestra Solo and Ensemble Competition, students earned ten Superior ratings and six Excellent ratings.
- The Regional winners of the 2018 National Scholastic Art and Writing Awards were announced, and Twinsburg High School student-artists were well represented. Students apply in 29 categories of art and writing, and of the nearly 3100 works of art and writing submitted, our talented artists received Gold and Silver Keys, and Several Honorable Mentions. Gold Key winners are automatically considered for national-level recognition. Senior Piper Lash received a Gold Key for her Zebra photo entry; junior Hannah Moeliono received a Silver Key for her Portrait of an Artist. Students Will Faini (11th), Piper Lash (12th), Sam Maurer (11th), Kyle Brodsky (11th), Paige Grum (9th), Makiyah Harris (10th), Emily Huber (10th), Claudia Palka (12th), and Leila Thomas (12th) earned Honorable Mention recognition for their artwork.
- As part of the National Scholastic Art and Writing Competition, Twinsburg High School had four students earn recognition – one Gold Key and three Honorable Mentions. Makiyah Harris (10th) won a Gold Key for her Science Fiction/Fantasy piece titled “The Crimson Garden.” April Dale (11th) and Ana Maria Surdu (12th) received Honorable Mentions – with two Honorable Mentions earned by Ana Maria for two different pieces.
- Twinsburg High School artists also competed in the Cleveland Clinic eXpressions Program. Over 1,400 arts, language, and math projects from 53 schools were submitted, and the judges award four levels of special recognition – Blue, Red, White Ribbons and Honorable Mention. Junior Jaylon Hunt received a White Ribbon for his art piece, “Smoke on the Outside,” while junior Adeline Geul, who also attends CVCC, submitted a poem entitled “Kangaroo Care,” for which she received Honorable Mention recognition.
- Claudia Palka, Makiyah Harris and Leila Thomas earned Regional honors at the Ohio Governor’s Youth Art Exhibit.

# Student Leadership and Activities

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

## HIGHLIGHTS

- First grade students at Wilcox Primary School were offered a leadership opportunity as part of the school's *Smile Patrol*. Wearing yellow sashes, students arrived early to greet their classmates at bus and parent drop off in the mornings.
- The student-run *Coffee Crew* at Wilcox Primary School helps students with disabilities become entrepreneurs. With the help of teachers, the occupational therapist, and the speech-language pathologist, students created a business, took orders, collected tickets that served as money, delivered, and tracked their sales.
- The 4th annual Heart Healthy Week at Wilcox Primary School raised over \$10,000 for the American Heart Association.
- For Spirit Week, the high school basketball team and cheerleaders visited Wilcox Primary School for a pep assembly. Students and families then attended the JV basketball game to cheer Tiger athletes on to a win.
- Throughout the school year, Wilcox Primary School students and families participated in collections for our neighbors. Students collected items such as toys, coats, and pet food to meet the needs of charitable organizations in our community, including our PAWS on Child Hunger partners, The Emergency Assistance Center.
- Wilcox Primary School is proud to be invited to march alongside the Twinsburg VFW in the community Memorial Day Parade.
- Wilcox Primary School students and staff participated in "Start with Hello" week, part of the Sandy Hook Promise. Students commit to making a new friend, perform random acts of kindness, and pledge to keep our schools and community safe.
- As part of the daily routine and the PBIS model (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports), Wilcox Primary School students recite the Wilcox Pledge and promise to "Be responsible, be respectful, be caring, and be safe" every morning.



Students with disabilities and their peer models were proud to participate in the

## Special Olympics

in spring 2019.

- Samuel Bissell Elementary School students made positive changes through our *Change Agent* program. Twenty-four students met regularly to discuss school-related matters, such as student safety, school beautification, and student recognition. Students took the lead on ensuring bulletin boards were stapled down correctly. They also put post-it notes on lockers with positive messages written on them and displayed posters within the school, reminding students to be safe when walking in the hallway.
- Second and third grade 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. They are responsible for collecting Box Tops, soup labels, and canned goods and taking them to the appropriate drop off points throughout the school. Student Council members also collect money and deliver popcorn to classes on Popcorn Fridays.

# Student Leadership and Activities *(continued)*

Students participate in

## Kids Heart Challenge

*(formerly known as Jump Rope for Heart)*, which is a school-wide initiative to raise money for the American Heart Association. Students raised \$14,503.08. Thank you to the American Red Cross for recognizing Samuel Bissell Elementary School as the #1 school in the region for monetary donations to support the Kids Heart Challenge during the 2018-19 school year.

Also, thanks to Physical Education teacher Mrs. Haines for her leadership. Mrs. Haines has led the charge since 2000; since then \$174,830 have been raised.



- Third grade students wishing to take on more leadership roles can apply for many jobs in and around the school, such as Safety Patrol, collectors of recyclable materials, bookstore workers and raising/lowering the American Flag outside the school building.

Since 2009, classrooms nationwide have collected and donated over **730,000 pajamas** to at-risk children through the

## Pajama Program

Scholastic Book Clubs has more than matched that by donating over 1,000,000 books. This year, students in Mrs. Doyle's class decided they wanted to give back, too. The children agreed that instead of a traditional gift from Mrs. Doyle, they would rather she buy pajamas for the kids. Then, they decided that they would help out around the house and earn the right to purchase and donate some pajamas, as well. The class collected 30 pairs of beautiful new pajamas for the Pajama Program.



- The annual Samuel Bissell Elementary School Food Drive, held before Thanksgiving, was a big success. Because of the leadership of our students, more than 700 items were collected and donated to The Emergency Assistance Center, our partners in PAWS on Child Hunger.
- Third grade students showcased their talents during the 2018-19 school year as part of Samuel Bissell Elementary School's 4th Annual "Bissell's Got Talent" Show. Students, staff, and parents were treated to singing, dancing, and musical acts.
- George G. Dodge Intermediate School continued our commitment to promoting and encouraging a KIND environment.
- As a result of our commitment to embrace Rachel's Challenge and spread kindness, each class at George G. Dodge Intermediate School started a "chain reaction." For each act of kindness, students receive a "link" to a chain. These links were connected to other links and displayed throughout the building. Our goal is to continue to build awareness to the links during the upcoming school year. We would love to see our chain stretched throughout the community so that kindness can be embraced by all.
- Student Council collected over 2,025 cans of canned goods that were donated to The Emergency Assistance Center.
- Dodge students raised over \$1,200 for the Lymphoma Association.
- Students in the fifth grade participated in their first overnight school trip. The students visited the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan.
- Students in the sixth grade went to Camp Fitch in North Springfield, Pennsylvania. Students participated in team building activities and other educational endeavors.
- Student Council members assisted with our third-grade transition to George G. Dodge Intermediate School. Student Council and student volunteers gave tours and completed crafts with the incoming class of 2028.
- RB Chamberlin Middle School offers athletic opportunities on 14 athletic teams, and also fall and winter cheerleading. Hundreds of students take advantage of these opportunities.
- RB Chamberlin Middle School offers many student activities such as Student Council, Power of the Pen, Robotics, RBC Singers, Science Club, Jazz Band, Drama Club, Summit County Spelling Bee, Tag Team, and the KSU Reading and Writing Festival.
- Honor Corps is an academic and service group comprised of 8th-grade students who maintain a 3.5 GPA for two years. This year's Honor Corps Induction saw 172 8th grade students meet the rigorous academic and social requirements. Honor Corps members held a very successful Red Cross blood drive as a service project.

# Student Leadership and Activities *(continued)*

- The Twinsburg High School Student Leadership Board was formally created and began the important work of leading their peers and creating and maintaining school spirit and pride. This board made up of Class Officers, Student Council Officers, athletes, National Honor Society, Key Club and the Friends of Rachel Club is working to identify three school-wide initiatives to take on as their project. In addition, they worked with the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio to hone their problem-solving skills, building relationships, and teamwork strategies.
- This year Twinsburg High School hosted *Rachel's Challenge*, a presentation with follow-up resources that "provide a sustainable, evidence-based framework for positive culture and climate in our schools." Rachel Joy Scott was the first person killed in the 1999 Columbine school shooting. Rachel's story, one that asks that we, as a society, build a chain reaction of kindness, is one that is compelling and transformational. Our students have since participated in the Friends of Rachel Club, as well as hosting a Kindness Week, dedicated to building that chain reaction.
- In its inaugural year, the Key Club, in collaboration with the National Honor Society, initiated a Spring Goodie Drive, where countless essentials including books, toys, and socks were donated and sorted into Easter baskets for The Emergency Assistance Center. Also, our students worked over Thanksgiving Break to sort food in The Emergency Assistance Center Food Pantry.
- Twinsburg High School student-athletes represented their school and their sport at regional and state competitions in Cross Country, Girls Soccer, Swimming, Gymnastics, Bowling, Boys Tennis and both Girls and Boys Track. Of particular note is Suburban League and Akron Touchdown Club Cross Country Runner of the Year, Ryan Adkins. Ryan finished his high school career as the OHSAA Division I State Runner-up, 1st Team All-Midwest Region, and Nike Cross Country National Qualifier.
- Suburban League Bowler of the Year, Twinsburg High School senior Kaleb East finished 8th in the state, and Senior Colin Martin finished 3rd in Butterfly at the Division 1 State Swim Meet.

- Five of our Twinsburg High School student-athletes competed in 10+ Special Olympics events this year, demonstrating our commitment to inclusion.
- A record 28 student-athletes participated in Twinsburg High School Athletic Signing Ceremonies, demonstrating not only their dedication to their chosen sport but also their commitment to continuing their education and postsecondary success.

## 2019 OHSAA TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

**Nya Bussey**, 3rd in the 200m Dash; 4th in the 100m Dash; **ET Easter**, 4th in the High Jump, 5th in the Long Jump; **Nia Robinson**, 2nd in the 400m Dash; **Brad Yates**, 5th in the Pole Vault.



## 2019 STATE CHAMPS - 4x200 Relay

**Alyssa Willis, Mariah Myles, Nya Bussey & Nia Robinson**

- Our THS Baseball team won the Suburban League Championship.
- Twinsburg High School continued to partner with the American Red Cross and conducted two successful blood drives for the national agency.
- The Cleveland Cavaliers recognized sophomore Josh Aponte as their *All-Star Kid* at the Cavaliers basketball game on April 7, 2019. Josh, who is also the Twinsburg High School mascot Twinnie, was the perfect choice for this award, as he consistently demonstrates school spirit, compassion for others and academic success.

Sophomore Nate Wagner, as part of Young Americans for Freedom

## 9-11 Never Forget Service Project,

created an inspirational and thought-provoking memorial to the lives lost on 9-11 by placing a flag for every life lost on 9-11-2001.



George G. Dodge Intermediate staff and students joined the initiative started by our high school counterparts with

## Rachel's Challenge.

Rachel's Challenge is based on the life and writings of Rachel Joy Scott, who was the first victim of the Columbine school shootings in 1999. Rachel's Challenge exists to equip and inspire individuals to replace acts of violence, bullying, and negativity with acts of respect, kindness, and compassion. Rachel's story permits us to start our own chain reaction of kindness and compassion, which positively affects the climate in our schools and communities.

# Parent and Community Involvement

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



## HIGHLIGHTS

- The Twinsburg Community Cub Club is a new parent organization that developed through a partnership between the Twinsburg City School District and the Twinsburg Schools Foundation. This parent organization is intended to enhance the lives of Preschool children and their parents through education, socialization, and community partnerships. The organization will focus on the academic and social-emotional preparation of Preschool children to assist in their preparation and development before entering Kindergarten.
- With the help of the PTA and the Wilcox Primary School library assistant, Yvette Bell, Kindergarten and first grade students completed a community service project called “Birthday in a Bag”. Students worked together to assemble boxes of essential birthday items (cake mix, frosting, candles) which were donated to The Emergency Assistance Center so all children would be able to celebrate their birthdays during 2019.
- Wilcox Tigers honored Veterans Day with their 15th annual “Bring-A-Veteran-To-Lunch Day”, which connected Wilcox students with veterans who have fought for our freedom.
- Over the last seven years Wilcox staff, students, and families have donated over 2,000 books to *Project Night Night*, an organization that prepares packages that contain a book, blanket, and a stuffed animal for homeless children.
- Students from Wilcox Primary School were invited by the members of the Twinsburg VFW to march with them in the community Memorial Day Parade. These students also performed a song with music teacher, Lori Bencie, at Twinsburg Township Square after the parade.
- As part of the District Wellness Initiative, staff members throughout the District participated in different healthy activities at the beginning of each professional development day.
- Each year, Wilcox Preschool families sign up their children to be part of *Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library*, a book gifting program that mails free books to children from birth to age five in participating communities within the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia. The United Way of Summit County is the sponsoring affiliate that makes this amazing program possible in our community.
- Wilcox Primary School hosts the Summit County Sheriff’s *Safety City Program* which is designed to instruct children in necessary precautions for bus, traffic, stranger, fire, animal, and home safety the summer before they enter Kindergarten. Over 80 children participated in summer 2019.
- The Wilcox Primary PTA has created a snack pantry to be sure that every child has a healthy snack during the school day.
- The District Wellness Committee in partnership with our booster organizations and PTA’s hosted the first Tiger Wellness Tailgate Party in September 2018.
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School students showed their school spirit as part of Spirit Week. Each day, students wore different sports-themed clothing representing their favorite baseball, football, soccer, and basketball teams.



During the District

**“Fill the Bus” food drive campaign,**

Wilcox Primary School students, parents, and staff collected the most food by donating

**1,378 lbs. of food**

to The Emergency Assistance Center.

# Parent and Community Involvement *(continued)*

Of course, students also wore their best gear to show their Tiger pride. The week was highlighted by visits from the Twinsburg High School football team, who assisted with different classroom activities, and with two pep-rallies, featuring members of the Twinsburg High School basketball team and Cheerleading squad. Thanks to the Samuel Bissell Elementary School PTA for organizing such a fun week for our students.

- Samuel Bissell Elementary School students and staff supported students of military families during the 2018-19 school year by wearing purple as part of the *Purple Up! Campaign*. The Samuel Bissell Elementary School Kindness Club also celebrated students of military families by making thank you cards and delivering them to military families across the District.

To strengthen our home and school connection, **Samuel Bissell Elementary School's Reading and Math Interventionists** held two

## **"Make-it, Take-it"**

events for parents. 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.



- Because of the recruiting efforts of our "Pint Size Heroes," the Bissell Blood Drive was a huge success. Donors rolled up their sleeves on October 12, 2018 and donated 39 pints of blood to help patients in need. Of course, none of this would have been possible without the leadership of the Samuel Bissell Elementary School PTA, the American Red Cross, and our students and families.
- PAWS on Child Hunger: This program, in partnership with The Emergency Assistance Center in Northfield, Ohio, offers students healthy supplements to meals over the weekend. Fifty-six Samuel Bissell Elementary School second and third-grade students received a 1,100 calorie food supplement in their weekend backpacks. Through Samuel Bissell Elementary School's "Change for Change" campaign, students donated \$1,170 to The Emergency Assistance Center to benefit the PAWS on Child Hunger program.

- Twinsburg City School District partnered with the Christ Community Chapel in Hudson to feed and support our families during the holiday season. The church donated 75 Thanksgiving boxes to Wilcox Primary School, Samuel Bissell Elementary School, and George G. Dodge Intermediate School.

Samuel Bissell Elementary School fathers and father-figures enjoyed a nice morning walking to school with their children. During September, approximately 300 fathers and father figures walked their children to school as part of the

## **Fame Fathers Walk**

through the Summit County Fatherhood Initiative.



- Samuel Bissell Elementary School's Career Day was a huge success with more than 40 members of the community speaking on various careers. Students heard from engineers, nurses, paramedics, ecologists, and chemists, to name a few. Special thanks to the Samuel Bissell Elementary School Career Day Committee for organizing a fun and informative day for our students.
- The Samuel Bissell Elementary School PTA helped fund many initiatives, programs, and events during the 2018-19 school year, including providing each student with \$6.00 to spend at each of our two Book Fairs, paying to transport our students to the Cleveland Aquarium and Hale Farm and Village, covering the cost of lunch for our annual 3rd Grade Picnic, making available \$3,785.44 in grant money to buy instructional materials for our students, spending countless hours putting up bulletin boards to highlight different programs, and planning Staff Appreciation Week activities that included breakfast, snacks, lunch, gift cards, and massages for the staff.

# Parent and Community Involvement *(continued)*

## COSI on Wheels,

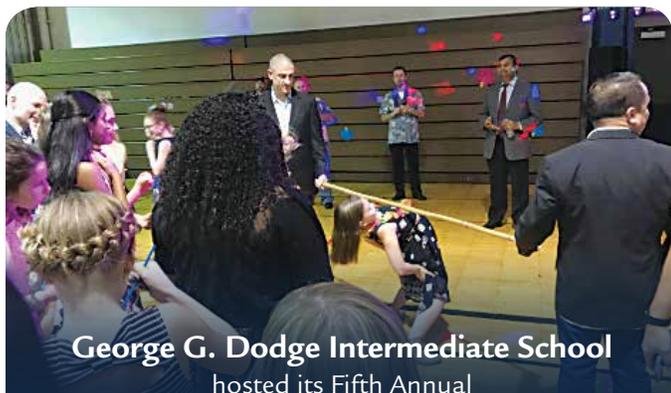
once again, stopped by

### Samuel Bissell Elementary School.

Students were treated to an informative and interactive assembly where they had the opportunity to learn about chemistry. On December 12-13, 2018, students attended assemblies where they became Certified COSI Chemists.



- George G. Dodge Intermediate School participated in the Summit County Father's Walk. The program promotes the importance of significant male role models in the lives of students. Over 600 fathers, father figures, grandfathers, brothers, and uncles participated in the walk. This year, members of our Twinsburg Administrative Team supported the event by walking with students during this event.



George G. Dodge Intermediate School hosted its Fifth Annual

## Father/Daughter Dance.

The event was organized in collaboration with the George G. Dodge PTA and had over 500 participants.



George G. Dodge Intermediate School also held its Fifth Annual

## Mother/Son Event.

- The PAWS on Child Hunger Program, in partnership with The Emergency Assistance Center, provides nutritious supplemental food to 54 George G. Dodge Intermediate School children. Students and staff have raised over \$2,000 to support our PAWS on Child Hunger Program.
- Various parent volunteers popped popcorn throughout the year to help raise money to support PAWS on Child Hunger.
- George G. Dodge Intermediate School welcomed our senior community members with the Senior Tour. Seniors from the Twinsburg Senior Center visited every school in the District to learn about the great things our Tigers are doing each day in class.

This year, George G. Dodge Intermediate School became a

## Purple Star School.



Purple Star is a designation initiated in 2017 to recognize schools that support military families and students. When servicemen and servicewomen serve our country, we understand that service impacts all parts of their family lives, especially the lives of the children. Our goal as a *Purple Star School* is to support our military families and help them connect with available resources.

# Parent and Community Involvement *(continued)*

- This past November, RB Chamberlin Middle School students and staff hosted a Veterans Day Assembly. We were delighted to perform a musical and vocal tribute by the RBC Singers, RBC Orchestra, and RBC Band students.
  - Twinsburg Police Department partnered with Math 7 teachers Michelle Tucker and Julie Thompson for lessons in Accident Analytics and Speed Investigation.
  - The RB Chamberlin Middle School *Holiday Helping Hands* program is a student-led campaign to raise money and buy gifts for less fortunate families during the holidays. Students also participated in a food drive and other charitable opportunities.
  - Community partners included University Hospitals, Beech Brook, Cleveland Clinic, Community Health Center, Alliance for Healthy Youth, and the ADM Board. These partnerships afforded our students opportunities, such as CPR certification.
  - As part of the *Rachel's Challenge* initiative, parents were invited to an evening event that highlighted the information shared with students earlier the same day.
  - Twinsburg Senior Citizens were invited to special performances of the THS Drama Department's two plays – "The Importance of Being Ernest" and "The Headless Horseman of Sleepy Hollow".
- The *African American History Showcase* was held in February where students performed a modified version of the movie "Skool Dayz". This production was an effort to showcase the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) as well as the role fraternities and sororities play in the lives of black students while in college and beyond. Additionally, several alumni of Twinsburg High School and HBCU institutions participated in a panel designed to introduce students to the college experience.
  - The Academy at Twinsburg High School hosted Twin Talks where local businesses addressed students and their parents about what it takes to become successful in career fields.
  - Twinsburg High School hosted an Educational Options Meeting for parents of students in grades 5-11 to introduce the options available to their child(ren): Credit Flex, Honors & AP Courses, CVCC, Dual Credit, and College Credit Plus.
  - The Twinsburg City School District is encouraged by the growing partnership with the Twinsburg Public Library (TPL). As part of our *Summer Reading Camp*, our students had the opportunity to visit the library once a week for literacy activities. The library is also an integral part of the Guided Reading program used in grades K-6. TPL has created a collection of leveled books aligned to our Guided Reading program. This collaboration supports continued growth in balanced literacy.



**The World Language Club**  
collected a record

**11,412**  
**non-perishable food items**

for their 9th annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. All food (and monetary donations) were donated to The Emergency Assistance Center. Students volunteered to help count, sort, and box all of the food each day, and over 60 students stayed after school on the last day to help load the many boxes of food into vehicles.



# Student Services

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



## HIGHLIGHTS

- All Twinsburg City School District staff members have been trained in CPR and the use of AEDs through University Hospitals. Additionally, staff members have been trained in the “Stop the Bleed” protocols by University Hospitals and UH has donated “Stop the Bleed” buckets for classrooms, offices and school buses.
- The Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio visited our schools to offer lessons to students about accepting differences and treating others with kindness.
- The *Officer Phil Safety Program* is brought to students at Wilcox Primary School each year by the Twinsburg Police Department. During this fun, interactive assembly, students are reminded about being safe and responsible at school, home, and in the community.
- Through a grant from the PTA, a new sensory walk was installed at Wilcox Primary School. Colorful decals were placed on the floor so students who need some extra movement during the day can hop, skip, stomp, and tip-toe for a few minutes. Research supports “sensory breaks” throughout the day to improve focus and concentration.
- Teachers at Wilcox Primary School participated in a “Trauma Sensitive Schools” book study where they learned about the impact of stressors on students’ well-being and ability to succeed in school. With the help of the school counselor and social worker, teachers developed strategies to recognize and support struggling students.
- Each morning at Wilcox Primary School, everything stops for a few minutes of quiet time while staff and students listen to world-class music from the Cleveland Orchestra. After using these methods for two years, students express the development of self-regulation skills to stop, breathe, and think before acting, which has helped reduce the number of office discipline referrals.
- *Zones of Regulation* by Leah Kuypers is a systematic, cognitive-behavioral approach that was adopted as part of a social-emotional curriculum to help students identify their feelings and build self-regulation skills.

*Zones of Regulation* has contributed to a 30% decrease in discipline referrals at Willcox in the last two years.

- As part of the school’s *Response to Intervention (RtI)*, each teacher at Wilcox Primary School meets with Principal Lynn Villa, Assistant Principal Scott Astey, School Psychologist Vicki Robbins, and School Counselor Esther Boutros for quarterly “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 Primary School continued its partnership with Beech Brook counseling services during the 2018-19 school year. Students identified by the Intervention Assistance Team (IAT) as needing extra mental health, emotional, or social skills support met with the Beech Brook social worker weekly. Wrap-around services and family support continue over the summer months.
- The Beech Brook social worker at Wilcox Primary School created a “Tiger Training” curriculum for Preschool students where students participated in age-appropriate lessons about friendship, kindness, and working together.
- For the seventh year, the PAWS on Child Hunger program, a partnership with The Emergency Assistance Center, has consistently provided nutritious supplemental food to over 60 Wilcox children who are food insecure on the weekend.
- Consultants worked with Wilcox Primary School staff on applied behavioral analysis (ABA) professional development and completing functional behavior assessments to train staff about ways to support students’ behavioral needs in the school environment. These experts help build capacity among Wilcox staff through an observation and coaching model.
- 50 Kindergarten and first grade students participate in our *Summer Reading Camp* sponsored by the District each year to reinforce decoding, fluency, and comprehension skills right before school begins in August.

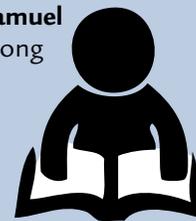
# Student Services *(continued)*

- The Twinsburg City School District started the new initiative of Co-Teaching. In a Co-Teaching environment, an Intervention Specialist or Instructional Assistant team teach in the general education classroom. There have been many positive results from this teaching model. First, students with disabilities have the opportunity to be included and spend more time with their peers in the classroom. Second, having two teachers in the room allow for a variety of teaching models that ALL students can benefit from such as, parallel teaching, team-teaching, and stations. Third, there has been a considerable increase in motivation, ownership of learning, and academic growth from ALL students within the classroom.
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School staff offered students the opportunity to learn through the Blended Learning approach, where they worked at their own pace, and chose their path in the classroom during instruction.
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School's use of the Scholastic Guided Reading Program allows for enrichment opportunities as students are evaluated and challenged at their reading levels.
- Second and third grade teachers work closely with the District's Gifted Coordinator to develop activities which extend the learning of students who have displayed mastery in various academic areas and need more challenging or enriching assignments and subject matter.
- In the area of math, an extension is provided through the use of math enrichment activities offered by the Go Math Series. The math program provides students with challenging Higher Order Thinking (HOT) questions beyond the curriculum.
- Second-grade students were involved with the Invention League program, which required our Tigers to identify a problem and then develop an invention to solve it. The project also included writing and speaking/presentation components, as students had to write about their inventions and present them to their classmates.
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School continued its partnership with Beech Brook counseling services during the 2018-19 school year. Students identified as needing extra behavioral or emotional support, met with a Beech Brook Counselor frequently. These wrap around services will continue throughout the summer.
- Second-grade special education, and Tier 3, *Response to Intervention*, (Rtl), students participated in Tiger Camp, which is a center-based intervention that meets daily. The purpose of the program is to rotate through different centers focusing on areas of need, such as the acquisition of vocabulary, the understanding of fiction and non-fiction text, reading and comprehension skills and fluency.

Students who continue to need extra support, based on the results of the Spring Ohio State Test, were invited to participate in **Samuel Bissell Elementary School's** 2-week long

## **“Roar into Reading”**

Summer Session, which offered students more focused instruction in the area of reading.



- Second and third-grade students, who need extra assistance in the area of reading, are also invited to be a part of the Twinsburg City School District's *Reading Camp*. This three-week long program, done in partnership with the Twinsburg Public Library, offers students an opportunity to enhance and reinforce their literacy skills.
- To strengthen the love of reading, several future third-grade students and incoming second-grade students will participate in our summer reading club called *Camp Read-a-Lot*. Students received ten books to take home over the summer to read.
- Gifted services adjust the pace of instruction to the students' capabilities to provide an appropriate level of challenge. 14% 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 Intermediate School.
- RB Chamberlin Middle School celebrated Red Ribbon Week, “Start with Hello” Week, and See Something, Say Something Week. Students also participated in the “Too Good for Drugs” program with the Community Health Center.
- RB Chamberlin Middle School students were engaged in training through the Diversity Center, including “Re-Thinking Labels.” A group of middle school students attended the Diversity Center Conference.
- RB Chamberlin Middle School received the *Purple Star* designation for our work with military families.
- The PBIS team at RB Chamberlin Middle School traveled to Columbus in November to receive the “*Silver Medal*” PBIS award.
- The English Learners program helps students overcome cultural and language challenges. 1.5% of students are identified as English Language Learners.

# Fiscal Stewardship

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



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Wilcox Primary School teachers were awarded over \$3,500 in grants from the Wilcox PTA to support innovative projects in the classroom.
- The Wilcox Primary School PTA brought a new fundraiser to Wilcox Primary School. “Boosterthon” was a fitness and character program that helped the PTA raise over \$21,000 to help support PTA programs that directly benefit students and staff.
- In March 2019 Treasurer Marty Aho and the Treasurer’s office staff were once again recognized with the Ohio Auditor of State Award with Distinction.
- The teams at George G. Dodge Intermediate School, RB Chamberlin Middle School and Twinsburg High School continually looks for ways to provide opportunities for our students in a fiscally responsible manner. One way is through grants, such as the ADM grant, which provides our students with resources at no cost to our families.
- Thanks to House Bill 318, the Twinsburg City School District received a School Safety Training Grant from the Ohio Attorney General’s Office. This grant was used to enhance the District’s safety and security protocols.



## Maintaining School Facilities

### Major Permanent Improvements for 2018-19 School Year

- Roofing Project at RB Chamberlin Middle School (approximately \$170,000);
- Gym Floor Renovation Project at Twinsburg High School and RB Chamberlin Middle School (approximately \$42,000);
- LED Lighting Projects at Gym/Cafeteria of Wilcox Primary School and Samuel Bissell Elementary School, Auditorium of George G. Dodge Intermediate School, Auditorium of RBC and Auditorium of THS (approximately \$10,000);
- At Wilcox Primary School, the HVAC system and fire alarm panel were upgraded (approximately \$50,000);
- At Samuel Bissell Elementary School, the air conditioning system was upgraded (approximately \$50,000);
- Updated computer labs (Samuel Bissell Elementary School and Digital Design Lab at THS) (approximately \$45,000);
- Implemented first three years of Chromebook Initiative, including 1:1 devices for Twinsburg High School and 1:1 Chromebook Carts for RB Chamberlin Middle School (approximately \$575,000 over three years or \$225,000 this year);
- Purchased three buses as part of our ten year bus replacement cycle (approximately \$240,000);
- Blended Learning Furniture Pilot for sixteen classrooms at George G. Dodge Intermediate School, Samuel Bissell Elementary School and Wilcox Primary School (approximately \$100,000);
- The District’s playgrounds, bleachers, stages and kilns are inspected on a regular basis to ensure the safety of the students; and
- Various smaller summer projects, all of which are based on the Facilities Strategic Plan of 2016 and 2019.

# Fiscal Stewardship *(continued)*



## Shared Service Agreements and Fiscal Stewardship

- 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 has saved the Twinsburg City School District over \$200,000 each year.
- The Twinsburg City School District also participates in numerous purchasing consortiums, such as the AEPA, US Communities, Omnia Partners, Sourcewell, Sourcing Alliance and GSA to ensure lowest available pricing on various supply and permanent improvement projects.
- Further implementation of an online work order system that allows us to better track maintenance/repairs on buildings and equipment.
- Further implementation of a new bus routing software, Transfinder, for the Transportation Department.
- Further implementation of the Multimedia Project involving five major corporate sponsors.

## Recycling Program

In the seven years the Twinsburg City School District has participated in

### Zero Waste Recycling,

we have reduced our trash by more than

**700,000 pounds,**

which is equivalent to approximately

**60 full garbage trucks.**



# Fiscal Stewardship *(continued)*

## Facilities Strategic Plan

During the 2018-19 school year, the District continued to update and utilize the comprehensive immediate-high priority, mid-range and long-range components of the Facilities Strategic Plan. This included a formal update in 2019 of the 2016 Facilities Assessment by Lesko Associates and Karpinski Engineering, as well as a review by the Facilities arm of the District Action Team Committee. Several components of the Facilities Strategic Plan were reinforced and confirmed through our Focus Group efforts in Fall 2017, Winter/Spring 2018 and the Facilities Action Team during which key stakeholders were asked to share their vision for our District. The Facilities Strategic Plan serves as a guide to ensure that the District efficiently and effectively spends its permanent improvement dollars toward its long term initiatives. The Facilities Assessment guides Permanent Improvement expenditures. All major projects this year were identified as high priorities in our Facilities Assessment.

The groundwork for the Facilities Strategic Plan began during the 2014-15 school year with input gathered from key stakeholder groups. During the 2015-16 school year, the Board approved Lesko Associates, along with Karpinski Engineering, to review the results of the Facilities Assessment Focus Groups and evaluate key components of our facilities such as our current HVAC systems, mechanical systems, lighting systems, roofs, paving and other parts of our facilities. The Facilities Strategic Plan was presented to the Board of Education on June 29, 2016 and continues to guide the District as we work to ensure that our buildings and grounds support our students.

As we head into the 2019-20 school year, the District plans to gather additional input on the long term facilities vision of the community as we continue to develop the Conceptual Legacy Project with the District's key stakeholders.



### 2019 Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Ohio Superintendent Outstanding Performance Award

Superintendent Kathryn Powers was named the recipient of the 2019 Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Ohio Superintendent Outstanding Performance Award. The Foundation provided a \$10,000 award payable to the school district in Powers' name. Each year the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation recognizes and rewards a group of Ohio's most effective educators. The honors are bestowed each year at the Foundation's annual Educators Retreat. Candidates for the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Ohio Superintendent Outstanding Performance Award must have five years of experience as an Ohio superintendent and must have served at least two years in the current position. Powers has served as Superintendent of the Twinsburg City School District since 2011.

## 2018-19 District Goals

### 1. STUDENT GROWTH

During the 2018-19 school year, the Twinsburg City School District will address the needs of the whole child through innovative programming while preparing students to be enrolled in post-secondary schooling, enlisted in the military, or to be competitively employed.



### 2. FINANCIAL

During the 2018-19 school year, the Twinsburg City School District will continue to operate in a fiscally responsible manner by utilizing the benchmarks identified in the Financial Strategic Planning Flow Chart in order to support educational opportunities.



### 3. COMMUNITY RELATIONS

During the 2018-19 school year, the Twinsburg City School District will develop a comprehensive District communication plan that engages members of the community.



### 4. FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

During the 2018-19 school year, the Twinsburg City School District will address the immediate and long-term needs regarding facilities and grounds by continuing to implement and update the Facilities Assessment while remaining cognizant of the District's financial resources.





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