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Dear Twinsburg Schools Family:

We hope our *Soft Reopening Week* was great for your family. On Monday, August 21st, all students in Preschool – Grade 12 will report for a regular school day. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday!

Congratulations to Our Staff Members!

Before we move too far into the new school year, we want to congratulate several of our staff members!

- Martha Holden Jennings Award Recipients (Selected educators receive a \$1,000 grant to be used for an innovative classroom project of their choice:
 - Mrs. Amanda Fariello, Wilcox Primary School – 2023 *Master Teacher Award of Excellence*
 - Mrs. Jessica York, Twinsburg High School – 2023 *Arthur S. Holden Science Teacher Award of Excellence*
- Making the Grade on the AP Exams
 - 100% Passage on the Spring 2023 AP Exams:
 - Mrs. Candice Wolf – *English Literature & Composition*
 - Mrs. Liz Teeter – *English Language & Composition*
- Making the Grade on the Ohio State Tests
 - All 39 of Mrs. Kim MacArthur's 4th grade students scored at the Advanced Level on the Spring administration of the Math Ohio State Test
- Pollinator Garden Takes Root at Twinsburg High School
 - Thanks to a grant secured by Twinsburg High School Science educator Mrs. Cyndi Kurt and with the assistance of Twinsburg High School senior and Eagle Scout candidate Nick Kirkpatrick, son of Craig & Kristel Kirkpatrick of Twinsburg Township, a wonderful pollinator garden was planted on the front lawn at Twinsburg High School. Feel free to stop by, relax on a bench, and enjoy the beauty!
- 100% of Fleet Passes Inspection
 - A great big "Tiger Thank You" to our mechanics, Mr. Fred Berardinelli, Mr. Barry Eshelman, and Mr. Rick Levi as it was through their efforts this summer that 100% of our school buses and vans passed the inspection conducted by the Ohio State Highway Patrol!

"Fill the Bus" and PAWS on Child Hunger Donation Drives are Successful

Thanks to all who donated to our *"Fill the Bus" and PAWS on Child Hunger Donation Drives* this month. Thanks to your generosity, we filled an entire school bus with newly purchased school supplies and we raised \$1,336.05 for our *PAWS on Child Hunger* program which provides qualifying

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students with a bag of nutritious snacks to enjoy over weekends. In addition, we want to give a giant "Tiger Thanks" to Mrs. Melanie Harwood from Harwood Motors. Mrs. Harwood recently hosted an Open House at her business where she raised \$2,275. for *PAWS on Child Hunger* – WOW! Thank you so very much, Mrs. Harwood. Your donation will go a long way in supporting our students this year.

School Closings & Delays

The potential for school closings and delays may occur during the 2023/2024 school year. The determination as to whether school is closed or delayed begins at approximately 4:00 a.m. School district employees assess the road conditions by driving school district areas. Other area school and city officials are consulted before the final decision is made to delay or close school.

Generally, I will follow the recommendation of a number of school and other officials and make the decision to close or delay school by approximately 5:45 a.m. As soon as the decision is made to delay or close school, an automated Blackboard Connect message will be sent to parents/guardians and staff members. To allow for a successful automated phone system process to occur, please assist us in making sure your contact information with current phone number(s) is updated. Kindly update your contact information at your child's school if anything has changed since you submitted information at the beginning of the school year.

In the event of a **delayed start** to school, that delay will be a two-hour delay. Bus schedules will be adjusted by two (2) hours and the schools will begin two hours after their regularly scheduled start times. The school day will end at the normally scheduled time. A delay is called if we believe that conditions may clear enough for us to have school. Parents/guardians should continue to monitor TV and radio stations because the possibility remains that if the conditions do not improve, school may be cancelled for the entire day. Also, a second Blackboard Connect message will be sent if, in fact, school closes for the day.

Morning school bus service to the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) and morning Preschool classes will be cancelled in the event of a delay or closing. Private school transportation will also be on the two-hour delay schedule.

It is important for parents/guardians to have a plan in place in the event of a school delay or closing. Children tend to adjust to the situation if you have reviewed your family's plan ahead of time. We will utilize school delays or closings with the students' best interests and safety in mind.

BIG Buckeye News from THS Alum

We are *extremely* excited to share some fantastic news from Twinsburg High School and Tiger Band alum, Class of 2019, Michael Sterling. Michael was an exceptional tuba player and gifted academic student in our Band program. He began his playing career in the fifth grade, at George G. Dodge Intermediate School, under the direction of Mr. Tom Resnick. He had a stellar Twinsburg Band career, performing college level solos for competition in his later years of high school, under the direction of Mr. Ryan Bonitz and Ms. Samantha Gossett. Michael is the son of Jeff and Karen Sterling of Twinsburg Township.

After graduation from Twinsburg High School, Michael went on to attend The Ohio State University where he majored in aviation. He has also been a performing member in The Ohio State University Marching Band for the last five years - an incredible distinction given how difficult it is to make such a prestigious group. He has kept in touch with his previous Music educators over the years, updating them on his progress in "The Best *Darn* Band in the Land". Michael recently shared that that he will have the high honor of "Dotting the i" this season during OSU's performance of their iconic "Script Ohio"! For those that might not know, this is a huge distinction that dates all the way back to 1937. Michael will be "Dotting the i" during the OSU vs. Minnesota game on November 18th! Way to go, Michael, we are Tiger Proud of you!

Our Fall Sports Season is underway! Please come out and cheer on our Tigers!

A reminder that our students do not have school on Friday, August 25, 2023 as that is a Data Day.

I hope all of our Tigers have a fantastic week of learning!
Kathi Powers, Superintendent

