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Dear Tiger family,

Here are this week's updates:

April Edition of *Twinsburg Schools Today* Features Our THS VETTS Clinic!

The April edition of *Twinsburg Schools Today* features our VETTS Clinic at Twinsburg High School. Through the VETTS Clinic, our high school students are harnessing the power of our THS Makerspace to create interactive activities about veterinary career awareness. The idea behind the VETTS Clinic was proposed by THS Media Assistant Mrs. Jean DiMatteo. Last year, Mrs. DiMatteo developed a proposal for funding to the Twinsburg Schools Foundation. The Foundation trustees fully funded the program and the idea moved forward to becoming an exciting collaborative effort between staff and students at Twinsburg High School and Wilcox Primary School! You can view the April edition of *Twinsburg Schools Today* at:

<https://mycommunityfocus.app/programs/tstapril2024vetts> With special thanks to the Twinsburg Schools Foundation and to our friends at Community Focus! I hope you enjoy the show!

Solar Eclipse Day, Monday, April 8th

This is a reminder that the Twinsburg City School District will have a Calamity Day this Monday, April 8th, the Solar Eclipse Day. The District will be closed on Monday so that students and staff members can enjoy this historic event with their families.

Wednesday, April 10th is Eid al-Fitr and a Data Day

Eid al-Fitr is on Wednesday, April 10th and it marks the end of Ramadan which is a month-long period of fasting, prayer, reflection and community for our Tigers of the Muslim faith. Eid al-Fitr, which means "Festival of Breaking the Fast" is a joyous occasion celebrated by Muslims across the world. On Eid al-Fitr, Muslims break their fast with a delicious meal and get together with friends and family. On this day, people wear new clothes, prepare delicacies, do charity and wish their family and friends, "Eid Mubarak", which means, "Blessed Feast/Festival".

During the 2022/2023 school year, Twinsburg High School student Subah Radyah brought to the attention of THS Principal Brian Linn and me, the importance of the Eid al-Fitr holyday. Subah advocated for students' day away from their studies on Eid al-Fitr so they could celebrate with their families. After proposing this idea to Mr. Linn and me, Subah conducted research to determine the number of students who celebrate this holyday. She then made a formal presentation to the Twinsburg Board of Education who ultimately authorized Eid al-Fitr as a non-student day so that Tigers of the Muslim faith could celebrate with their families. Thus, Wednesday, April 10th is a Data Day and our students do not report for school that day.

On behalf of the Twinsburg Board of Education, I commend Subah for her advocacy. Subah, currently a THS sophomore, is the daughter of Sahab Uddin and Rabeya Ivy of Twinsburg. Thanks to Subah's efforts, our students will be able to enjoy this special day celebrating with family and friends. We are very Tiger Proud of Subah!

Please Plan to Join Us for Tech Talk 2024

In collaboration with Nordon Hills City School District, the Twinsburg City School District is hosting *Tech Talk 2024* on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Twinsburg High

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School. During this "Adults Only" presentation, parents/guardians can learn strategies for promoting positive mental health with technology while also learning about important technology trends. No registration is required. For more information, please contact our TCSD Curriculum & Technology Supervisor Mrs. Beth Mariola at bmariola@twinsburgcsd.org. We hope to see you there!

Metal Detector Wand Implementation Continues

In order to protect the health, welfare and safety of students, staff members, and visitors and as part of our evolving School Safety Plan, the Twinsburg Board of Education approved revised Board Policy 7440 which authorizes the use of metal detector wands on school property. This school year, the District secured Safety Grant funds from the State of Ohio of which a portion has been used to purchase metal detector wands. The metal detector wands were introduced at Twinsburg High School earlier this semester and have been used for intermittent safety checks. In the near future, the metal detector wands will also be intermittently used at RB Chamberlin Middle School. RBC Principal Jim Ries and the administrative team will introduce our middle school students to the procedures we will use during a metal detector wand search. Thereafter, we will begin to implement these searches intermittently, as the need arises. Attached to this week's Update is a document that describes the process that will be used during these searches. The metal detector wands will detect metal objects including vape devices and weapons. We hope the intermittent use of the metal detector wands will deter inappropriate behavior and enhance our safe learning environment.

THS/CVCC Student Damon Hoody Featured in CVCC's *Student Connection*

Congratulations to Twinsburg High School/Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) junior Damon Hoody who is featured in the latest edition of CVCC's *Student Connection*! Damon is enrolled in CVCC's Computer Network Academy. After high school, Damon hopes to pursue a career as a "penetration tester, specializing in conducting simulated cyberattacks on corporate computer systems and networks to pinpoint security vulnerabilities before malicious hackers exploit them. Alternatively, he aims to explore a role as a security engineer". Damon is the son of Tanki and Scarlet Hoody of Twinsburg. You can read more about Damon and his program of study in the attached *Student Connection*. Way to go, Damon!

Congratulations to One and All!

Upon our return from Spring Break, I received a wonderful letter from Director Steve Dackin of the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce (ODEW), congratulating our District's prestigious Overall 5-Star Award for our students' performance on the 2022-2023 Ohio Report Card. Along with the letter, we received a beautiful banner which will be displayed on the exterior of the Board of Education Office. The Twinsburg Board of Education and a group of our Wilcox Tigers formally received the banner during the BOE Meeting on Wednesday, April 3rd. See the attached photo. Way to go, one and all!

THS Athletic Department Wins School Spirit Award!

Thanks to your votes, Twinsburg High School's Athletic Department won \$1,000 for the most votes in the Greater Akron-Canton High School Sports Awards School Spirit Online Voting Contest! Special thanks to Ms. Angela Lowry, Tiger Mom of THS senior Tate Lowry, who informed us about this contest! Thanks so much, Ms. Lowry! Way to go, Tigers!

THS After Prom Committee Hosts a Spring Vendor & Craft Fair

The Twinsburg High School After Prom Committee will host a Spring Vendor & Craft Fair on Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Twinsburg High School. Admission is \$2.00 and all proceeds benefit the Class of 2024's After Prom. We hope to see you next Saturday for the Spring Vendor and Craft Fair!

Have a great week!
Kathi Powers, Superintendent

