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Dear Tiger family,

Here are this week's updates:

Kourtside for Koby, A TCSD Fundraising Effort to Support the Looman Family

In an effort to honor Koby Looman and to support the Looman family, the Twinsburg City School District will sponsor, ***Kourtside for Koby*** on Friday, February 9, 2024. As a sign of unity, we ask all of our Tigers to wear their favorite basketball team colors or shirts and to provide a monetary donation for the Looman family on Friday, February 9th. Your cash donation or check, made payable to the Twinsburg City School District, should be turned in to your child's teacher or the main office of your child's school. Thanks for all the care, concern, and support you are offering the Looman family during this very difficult time. See the attached flyer for details.

February is Black History Month

The Twinsburg City School District will celebrate Black History Month with a variety of activities. The 2024 theme is "African Americans and the Arts". Our classroom doors are coming along with this theme and the many ways African Americans have impacted the Arts and culture in general. You can find a list of our schools' planned activities in my Superintendent's Message at:

<https://www.twinsburg.k12.oh.us/superintendentsmessage.aspx>

RBC Tigers Featured on *Twinsburg Schools Today*

Over the last two weeks, Dennis Suchetka, the producer of *Twinsburg Schools Today*, has been at RB Chamberlin Middle School, videotaping stories about classroom activities made possible through grants from the Twinsburg Schools Foundation. Art educator Mrs. Wendy Neto and students from her class are featured in a story about Journal Time. Over in the math classroom of Ms. Jodie Coseno and Mrs. Laura Smalheer, students and these two very talented educators were featured in a story about Math Project. Both of these featured stories are included in the February edition of *Twinsburg Schools Today*. We thank Mrs. Neto, Ms. Coseno, Mrs. Smalheer, and their students, along with Principal Mr. Jim Ries and of course Mr. Dennis Suchetka and our partners at Community Focus for sharing these innovative classroom practices with our school community. Finally, we thank the Twinsburg Schools Foundation for their generosity in funding these grants.

You can view the February edition of *Twinsburg Schools Today* at:

<https://mycommunityfocus.app/programs/tstfeb24>

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Congratulations to Rhea Ballani and Jaren Jenyk!

Congratulations to Twinsburg High School juniors Rhea Ballani and Jaren Jenyk for their outstanding performance with the OMEA All-State Orchestra on Friday, February 2, 2024! The performance took place at the Columbus Convention Center during the OMEA Professional Development Conference. Students are selected by a difficult audition process out of 1,200 students from all over Ohio. The OMEA All-State Orchestra represents the best Orchestra students in Ohio. Rhea Ballani was selected in the top 14 Violists and Jaren Jenyk was selected 3rd String Bass in the State. Rhea is the daughter of Manoj Ballani of Twinsburg and Jaren is the son of Joe & Amy Jenyk of Twinsburg Township. Bravo, Rhea and Jaren! We are Tiger Proud of you! See the attached photo of our musically talented Tigers along with Orchestra Director Mr. Damon Conn and Assistant Orchestra Director Mrs. Claire Jarmusik.

Congratulations to Liyara Mananayaka!

Congratulations to George G. Dodge Intermediate School 6th grader Liyara Mananayaka who tested for and earned her 3rd Degree Black Belt last Monday! The 3rd Degree Black Belt is the highest designation a student can achieve until they turn eighteen (18) years of age. Liyara is the daughter of Asanka & Arundathi Mananayaka of Twinsburg. Way to go, Liyara! See the attached photo of Liyara...

A Message of Gratitude from the TAB Executive Committee

The Twinsburg Athletic Boosters would like to thank the Twinsburg City School District and community volunteers who helped make the David Mariola Middle School Wrestling Tournament a huge success. Special thanks to our Wrestling Tournament Committee Members Pam Hobart, Jim Willmott, Dan Mazany and Robert Smaltz for the numerous hours put into organizing this amazing event. We also thank our Hospitality Committee Members Scott Egan, Shannon Collins and Sue Nock and the TCSD Maintenance & Custodial Staff. We are truly thankful for our partnership with our schools, and the City of Twinsburg. We look forward to hosting this event in 2025.

A Welcome Center Reminder

Visitors to our schools are asked to give their driver's licenses to the Welcome Center Administrative Assistant/Receptionist. The driver's license is then secured by the Welcome Center Administrative Assistant/Receptionist until the visitor leaves the school. This serves two purposes: 1. To ensure that we know who is visiting the school; and 2. To know when the visitor leaves the school building. This information is important, especially in an emergency. Thanks, in advance, for assisting our staff members in ensuring that our schools are safe for our students, staff members, and visitors.

Best Wishes to our THS Academic Challenge Team!

Our Twinsburg High School Academic Challenge Team, under the leadership of Mrs. Nora Suder-Riley, will compete against Kenston and St. Vincent/St. Mary High Schools this Wednesday, February 7th at the WEWS News 5 studio. At this time, we do not know when the show will air but we want to wish our Tigers the very best! Let's go Tigers!

Twinsburg Council PTA's Black History Program

We look forward to seeing you at the Twinsburg Council Black History Program on Monday, February 5th beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Commons and Auditorium at Twinsburg High School.

Everyone's An Artist – Artistry Unleashed!

Please plan to join us for arts and crafts on Saturday, February 24th at the Twinsburg Community Center between 10:00 a.m. – noon at *Everyone's an Artist – Artistry Unleashed!* Special thanks to our Parent Mentor, Mrs. Tisha Eisenhuth, for co-sponsoring this event along with the City of Twinsburg and the Parent Mentors from Solon City School District, Hudson City School District, and Nordon Hills City School District. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Have a great week!
Kathi Powers, Superintendent

