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Dear Tiger family,

Here are this week's updates:

Congratulations to Mrs. Wilson, Ohio Elementary PE Teacher of the Year!

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs. Lauren Wilson, Physical Education teacher from Wilcox Primary School, was selected as the *2023 Ohio Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year* by the Ohio Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (OAHPERD). Mrs. Wilson is a fantastic Physical Education teacher who is always thinking of new ways to engage our students. She is a wonderful colleague and she enjoys a strong partnership with our Wilcox PTA. We are Tiger Proud of Mrs. Wilson – Way to go!

Thank You, TCSD School Psychologists

Last week was National School Psychology Awareness Week. The theme this year was "Let's Grow Together". We are very grateful for the many ways our TCSD School Psychologists support our students and their families, as well as our staff members:

- Mrs. Vicki Robbins - Wilcox Primary School
- Mr. Kyle Fazio- Wilcox Primary School and Twinsburg High School
- Mrs. Alexa Travers- Wilcox Primary School and George G. Dodge Intermediate School
- Mrs. Kelly Hrach- Samuel Bissell Elementary School and RB Chamberlin Middle School

Thank you, one and all!

Bravo, Twinsburg High School Drama Club

I hope you had a chance to see a performance of the Twinsburg High School's Fall Play, *Rogues' Gallery* this past weekend. It was a wonderful performance! Special thanks to our new Drama Club Director Mr. Erik Kneisel for his leadership. Mr. Kneisel is a 2016 alum of Twinsburg High School. Congratulations to the entire Cast & Crew for fantastic performances of *Rogues' Gallery!*

THS Model UN Attends Autumn Conference

Last week, our Twinsburg High School Model UN Club attended the Cleveland Council on World Affairs Autumn Conference at Case Western Reserve University. It was a great conference and our team was amazing! We are pleased to announce that junior Millie Wolff, daughter of Richard & Diana Wolff of Twinsburg and sophomore Shriya Chavan, daughter of Kedarnath & Pallavi Chavan of Twinsburg, who represented Singapore on the UNOOSA Committee won Position Paper Awards. Also, we are pleased to announce that sophomore Subah Radiyah, daughter of Sahab Uddin and Rabeya Ive of Twinsburg won the Gavel Award for her work representing Qatar in ECOSOC! We are Tiger Proud of these fantastic students! Our THS Model UN Club is advised by Mrs. Jessica Rader.

The TCSD Honors Our Veterans

Although Veterans Day was observed on Saturday, November 11th, the Twinsburg City School District honored our community's veterans through a variety of programs on Friday, November 10th. RB Chamberlin Middle School honored veterans during a special Veterans Day Assembly. All attendees

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enjoyed performances by the RBC Concert Band, Chorus, and Orchestra followed by breakfast in the cafeteria. At George G. Dodge Intermediate School, Friday was "Bring a Veteran to School on Veteran's Day" and at Samuel Bissell Elementary School, the annual Veteran's Day Parade kicked off at 9:30 a.m. Wilcox Primary School celebrated the 20th Anniversary of "Bring a Veteran to Lunch". This special day at Wilcox Primary School began with a Flag Raising Ceremony facilitated by our friends from VFW Post 4929. A special addition to the Wilcox Flag Raising Ceremony was the playing of *God Bless America* by Cleveland Police Officer Dan Rafferty who played this patriotic tune on bagpipes. Thanks to our PTAs for their support of our Veterans Day programs. It was a wonderful day in the TCSD and we thank all of our community's veterans who joined us for this day of gratitude.

Congratulations to our THS Orchestra & Band Students

Congratulations to the Twinsburg High School Orchestra and Band students for an outstanding performance with the North East Regional Orchestra (NERO) at EJ Thomas Hall last weekend:

Sarah Horvath, violin; Deshna Naruka, violin; Rhea Ballani, viola; Joseph Jenyk, viola; Kaiden Honaker, cello; Imaya Perera, cello; Jaren Jenyk, string bass; Ryan Kramer, clarinet; Brianna Nemec, trumpet; and Hayden Couch, french horn.

The NERO Orchestra is composed of the top high school musicians from northeast Ohio. Rhea Ballani and Jaren Jenyk will move on to perform with the All-State Orchestra at the OMEA Professional Development Conference in February! Bravo, one and all!

Twinsburg Schools Foundation Launches Giving Tuesday Fundraiser

The Twinsburg Schools Foundation is launching its 3rd annual Giving Tuesday Fundraising Campaign from Monday, November 13th through Giving Tuesday on November 28th. This year, there are ways for families and local businesses to support the campaign. Enhanced incentives for donors, such as *Kindness Rocks: Charms for your Crocs* and *Kindness Rocks: Tiger Socks*, make this a great way to support the Twinsburg Schools Foundation and share your pride for the Twinsburg City School District!

In 2023, the Twinsburg Schools Foundation donated \$6,000 for teacher grants:

- Journal Time: Artistic Wellness Exploration Grant
- Makerspace VETTS Clinic Project
- M.A.T.H. Program: Motivating Advanced Thinking Habits

Be a part of the Giving Tuesday movement, and help the Twinsburg Schools Foundation continue the good work that directly supports the students and staff of the Twinsburg City School District. To learn more, or to make a donation, visit www.TwinsburgSchoolsFoundation.org/GivingTuesday or contact TSF at TwinsburgSchoolsFoundation@gmail.com.

A Few Reminders...

- Friday, November 17th marks the mid-point of the second grading period.
- The Twinsburg City School District will be closed for Thanksgiving Break from November 20th – 24th. As such, my next TCSD Weekly Update will come to you on Sunday, December 3rd.

We are very grateful that you are part of our Tiger family. Best wishes to you and yours for a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Have a great week,
Kathi Powers, Superintendent



