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Dear Tiger family,

Here are this week's updates:

Just In Case You Missed Our Outstanding News...

On September 14th, the Ohio Department of Education released the Local Report Cards. We are Tiger Proud of our **5-Star Overall Rating**! More than that, we are **<u>Tiger Proud of our students</u>**! You can view our District's Local Report Card at: <u>https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/district/overview/050070</u>

Also on Thursday, we released our 2022-2023 *Quality Profile*. The *Quality Profile* provides additional accountability measures that define a high-quality education that are not captured by the state's Local Report Card. The *Quality Profile* helps to evaluate the effectiveness of our school district beyond standardized testing and other statistical measures provided in the state's Local Report Card. The *Quality Profile* is based on six categories: academics, arts, student leadership and activities, fiscal stewardship, parent and community involvement, and student services. Attached is a copy of our 10th annual *Quality Profile*. We hope you enjoy reading it!

Congratulations to our National Merit Semi-Finalists!

Congratulations to Twinsburg High School seniors Muhammad Atif and James Ding who were recently named National Merit Semi-Finalists for the 2023/2024 academic year! To qualify for National Merit Semi-Finalist status, students undergo a rigorous selection process, and have ascended to the top 1% of high school seniors in the entire nation. Muhammad is the son of Muhammad Atif Sharif & Javeria Atif of Twinsburg and James is the son of Zhendong Ding & Ping Zhang of Reminderville. We are extremely Tiger Proud of Muhammad and James! Their commitment to excellence is impressive. Way to go, Muhammad and James!

Congratulations to George G. Dodge Intermediate School!

George G. Dodge Intermediate School Principal Reggie Holland recently learned that our intermediate school was honored with the *2023 Encouraging Environmental Excellence Award* by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. In order to receive this award, schools must demonstrate activities in at least two of the 3Rs: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. Environmental education and stewardship must be interdisciplinary through all grade levels and students must have opportunities to participate in STEM programs or green clubs. Special thanks and congrats to Dodge educators Mrs. Patty Spring and Mrs. Gayle Wall for writing and submitting the application on behalf of our Dodge family. Mr. Holland, Mrs. Spring, and Mrs. Wall will travel to Columbus this week to receive this prestigious award. Way to go, Dodge! We are Tiger Proud of you!

Congratulations to Mrs. Liguzinski!

Last week, we learned that Wilcox Primary School Preschool educator, Mrs. Kristen Liguzinski was nominated and selected to be the recipient of a classroom materials gift from the *Carol Boyd Love for Learning Program*! The organizers of this program are Aurora graduates who select a teacher each year to make a donation to honor their mom, Carol Boyd, a lifelong teacher. We cannot wait to see Mrs. Liguzinski using these new instructional materials with her Wilcox Tigers! So well-deserved!



Twinsburg Schools Foundation 50/50 Raffle

The Twinsburg Schools Foundation is once again hosting its annual 50/50 Fundraiser! Tickets are available for \$20 each or \$100 for six (6) tickets. Please use the following link to purchase your tickets: https://twinsburgschoolsfoundation.org/donations/tigers-care-raffle-2023/. Enter the amount of your "donation" and it will then be converted to the correct number of tickets. The winning ticket will be drawn on Friday, September 29th during the Homecoming Football Game versus the Brush Arcs. The winner will receive half of all proceeds! The winner does NOT need to be present.

The Twinsburg Schools Foundation has awarded several grants over the last few years to enhance learning opportunities for students. Last year, more than \$10,000 in classroom grants were awarded. In order to do so, the Foundation relies on support from the community, and this is their major annual fundraiser. Thank you for offering them your support!

COVID-19 Test Kits Have Arrived

Last week, we received our order of COVID-19 Test Kits from the Ohio Department of Health. Parents/guardians or staff members interested in picking up a test kit should submit their request to: <u>testingkitrequests@twinsburgcsd.org</u>. Test kits must be picked up from the Twinsburg Board of Education Office, 11136 Ravenna Road. Please note that you must request a test kit through the aforementioned email and receive a response from our District Nurse prior to coming to the Board of Education Office to pick up the test kit.

<u>gth Annual Fill the Bus in Partnership With The Emergency Assistance Center & Nordonia Hills City</u> School District

Help us stop hunger in our community by participating in the *9th Annual Fill the Bus Campaign*, in partnership with The Emergency Assistance Center and the Nordonia Hills City School District. This year's campaign runs from September 11th through September 22nd. Bins are located in our school lobbies and at the Board of Education Office in which you can place unexpired non-perishable food items. Thanks, in advance, for helping us help our neighbors in need.

Join Us for Tiger Tailgate!

Twinsburg Council PTA is excited to host the annual Tiger Tailgate which is scheduled for Friday, September 22nd from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm on Tiger Trail (the road that loops past Tiger Stadium). This event will be held prior to the Tiger Varsity Football Game versus the Nordonia Knights which begins at 7:00 pm at Tiger Stadium. We hope you will be able to join in the fun at this year's Tiger Tailgate which includes food, fun, games, and activities! See the attached flyer for more details. We thank our Twinsburg Council PTA for hosting this exciting Tiger family event!

Mark Your Calendar Now for the TCSD Unity Day, October 18th

The month of October is *National Bullying Prevention Month*. Unity Day will be October's signature event in our District and this year, Unity Day is sponsored by the Twinsburg City School District's Equity Steering Committee. Unity Day is October 18th and it is meant to promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion to prevent bullying. The TCSD Equity Steering Committee is asking all Tigers to wear orange on October 18th as we unite for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Unity Day t-shirts are available to purchase at: https://rdpsports.com/shop/01-twinsburg-unity-day-5000-s-s-cotton-tee/. T-shirt orders are due by September 28th.

Monday, September 25th is a Curriculum Day. Our students will enjoy the day off while staff members participate in professional development.

Have a great week! Kathi Powers, Superintendent

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