



A successful school district places a high degree of importance on ensuring that all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential inside and outside of the classroom. This profile helps characterize the overall educational value of your school district in areas that matter most in our community.



# 2017-18 Quality PROFILE



# Twinsburg

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



*...where the schools and the communities are one.*

Twinsburg, Ohio

# Superintendent's Message

Dear Twinsburg Schools Family:

I am proud to present to you, for the fifth consecutive year, the Twinsburg City School District's Quality Profile. Included in the Quality Profile for the 2017/2018 school year is information that helps characterize the overall educational value of our public school district, beyond standardized testing and state-mandated assessments. This information is categorized into six (6) sections: Academics, Arts, Parent & Community Involvement, Student Leadership & Activities, Student Services, and Fiscal Stewardship.

The Twinsburg City School District is committed to continuous quality improvement and meeting the needs of every child by knowing each child's story. We provide a rigorous and comprehensive academic experience, balanced with a wide breadth of extra-curricular and athletic programs. A high-quality education is nurtured by the valuable partnerships and collaborations fostered to ensure student success and engagement.

The Quality Profile is a supplement to the State of Ohio's Local Report Card. It offers accountability measures along with a broader perspective and deeper understanding of the high-quality educational experiences we offer the students who attend the Twinsburg City School District. This Quality Profile is meant as an informational tool that gauges the progress our school district has made while providing information about areas of growth and accomplishment for our students, staff and community. Residents of our school community have high standards for excellence in all facets of a well-rounded education. We strive to meet these expectations by providing our students with programs that assist them in being successful academically, athletically, in the arts and through community service.

The Quality Profile is published by school districts across Ohio. This report is supported by the Alliance for High Quality Education, an education consortium that works to improve educational opportunities for students and represents member districts on matters of educational policy and funding. The Twinsburg City School District is a member of the Alliance for High Quality Education.

As you read this Quality Profile, you will see the accomplishments of our students and staff, which are made possible thanks to the support of our Twinsburg, Twinsburg Township and Reminderville families and communities. I hope you find this collaborative report, our Quality Profile, informative as it shares an expanded story about the Twinsburg City School District.



Thank you for your continued support of our students,

*Kathi Powers*

Kathi Powers  
Superintendent



Twinsburg City School District

# Academics



*Our District's academic program provides opportunities for all students to reach their full potential.*

## HIGHLIGHTS

- The Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators (OAESA) recognized Wilcox Primary School as a 2018 Hall of Fame School. Under the leadership of Principal Lynn Villa, staff, students, parents, and community members collaborated to complete the application process and site visit that highlighted the many things Wilcox Primary School does to offer rigorous educational opportunities and social/emotional support to all students. School district staff traveled to Columbus in June to accept this prestigious honor.
- Wilcox Primary School partnered with City Silence, an organization from Cincinnati geared towards connecting the art of mindfulness to our busy lifestyles, to bring Mindful Music Moments to staff and students. Each day, the entire school stops for a few minutes of quiet time while listening to world-class music from the Cleveland Orchestra.
- During the summer of 2018, Wilcox Primary School will partner with SPARK for its second annual "Get Ready for School" Boot Camp. The program offers a literacy-based introduction to school to over 30 children who will be entering kindergarten in the fall.
- Technology is integrated into daily instruction at Wilcox Primary School. Preschool, kindergarten, and first-grade classes use interactive whiteboards and iPads to enhance student learning and engagement. Wilcox Primary School shares Netbooks and listening centers that are available to all students. Kindergarten and first-grade students also visit the computer lab weekly to work on academic, keyboard, and mouse skills through interactive learning games and coding activities. Students use these skills to participate in online Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments to help staff gauge students academic needs.
- Wilcox Primary School teachers meet with the administration and school psychologist quarterly for "Watch" Meetings where data trends and individual student progress are analyzed. Students are monitored to ensure appropriate progress on grade level expectations. Interventions are implemented when students require extra support.
- Zones of Regulation by Leah Kuypers, is a systematic, cognitive-behavioral approach that was adopted as part of a social-emotional curriculum to help students identify their feelings and build self-regulation skills. Zones of Regulation has contributed to a 30% decrease in discipline referrals at Willcox Primary School during the 2017-2018 school year.



The Ohio Department of Education recognized all five schools as **Purple Star Award Schools** for our commitment to military-connected students and families.



- Through a partnership with the University of Akron, Wilcox Primary School teachers worked with a literacy coach to improve instructional strategies that build foundational skills in reading.
- All Wilcox Primary School students participate in small group Guided Reading at their instructional reading level. Over 180 Wilcox Primary School students received supplemental intervention or enrichment in reading through small group and individual instruction during the 2017-2018 school year.
- Wilcox Primary School houses the Integrated Preschool Program that meets the academic, social, and communication needs of 90 children with disabilities and typically-developing peer models, ages 3-5.
- The Twinsburg City School District's commitment to early childhood education will be reinforced with the creation of a new Kindergarten Preparatory Program in 2018-2019. This pre-kindergarten program will support 64 children in the year before entering kindergarten with a project-based instructional approach.



# Academics *(continued)*

- Wilcox Primary School students in Ms. Browning's class created and published a book called "Landforms". Students practiced their drawing and informational writing. Several drafts were developed before their final copy was submitted. A copy of this book can be found in the Wilcox Primary School Library.

Each year, **Wilcox Primary School Preschool families** sign up their children to be part of

## **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library -**

a book gifting program that mails free books to children from birth to age five in participating communities within the United States, United Kingdom, Canada and Australia. The United Way of Summit County is the sponsoring affiliate that makes this amazing program possible in our community.



- In May 2018, 213 students participated in a kindergarten screening and registration process designated to assess children's readiness skills in language arts, math, and fine motor and State requirements for speech/language, vision, and hearing screening.
- The Twinsburg City School District has a long-standing commitment to providing free all-day kindergarten to offer a strong educational foundation. 272 kindergarten students were enrolled at Wilcox Primary School during the 2017-2018 school year.
- By May 2018, three-fourths of first-grade students were reading at or above grade level according to the District guided reading expectations that align with the Fountas and Pinnell leveling system. And, 41 first grade students (14%) were already reading at or above the end-of-year second-grade reading expectation (Level N).
- Teachers at Wilcox Primary School work in collaborative "E-Teams" where they plan and create hands-on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) activities that Engage, Empower, and Educate students.
- Wilcox Primary School students who will be entering kindergarten in Fall 2018 were part of a Summit County initiative and participated in an assessment called Transition Skills Summary (TSS). 2,700 students in Summit County were assessed in the areas of Social Skills, Motor Development, Pre-academic, Communication, and Following Routines. The percentage of Twinsburg City School District's preschoolers identified as "on track" was higher than the county average in all areas.
- HOT (Higher Order Thinking), problem-solving, and hands-on learning are essential components of the math curriculum at Wilcox Primary School.

- Teachers and support staff from Wilcox Primary School learned about using Google Classroom with kindergarten and first-grade students. Technology integration continues to grow as an instructional method to support learning. Students get excited about practicing their skills using applications like SeeSaw, ReadTheory, and SplashMath.
- Wilcox Primary School's Reading Specialist, Rhonda Albers was recognized as Teacher of the Year for the Twinsburg City School District and was honored with other outstanding educators at a luncheon hosted by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation.
- Jenni Ferro, a preschool teacher and intervention specialist at Wilcox Primary School, was part of the planning team for the Summit County Twice Exceptional Conference held at the John S. Knight Center in March 2018. This conference provided education and awareness about children who have been identified as gifted while also meeting the federal criteria for having a disability.
- Summit Education Initiative (SEI) has recognized Wilcox Primary School administrators Lynn Villa and Scott Astey for their work with early childhood education. They facilitate an Early Childhood Readiness Coalition in Twinsburg that includes professional development and networking opportunities for preschool providers in our community.
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School believes in educating the whole-child. To that end, character education is a big focus. The Officer Phil Program, in partnership with the Twinsburg Police Department, offers an interactive assembly in which students learn how to be safe, respectful and responsible at school, at home, or in the community. Twinsburg City School District Resource/ Twinsburg Police Officer Kopniske was on-hand to show his support and participate in the program.
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School students completed a Kindness Quest during the 2017-2018 school year. They were asked to complete various acts, highlighting the importance of being kind to one another. Some of the activities included hugging someone and holding the door open for someone.
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School students were treated to another toe-tapping performance by Mrs. Johnson, who, once again, danced on the roof to celebrate the results of the Fall Read-A-Thon Fundraiser. "Twinny" the Twinsburg Tiger joined her. At the outset of the campaign, Mrs. Johnson challenged students to raise more than \$10,000 and read more than 90,000 minutes in one week. After counting every last minute read, and every last dollar donated, students raised approximately \$11,600 and read 90,057 minutes! Thanks to the PTA for their leadership and our generous families for their support and donations.

# Academics *(continued)*

- Teachers at Samuel Bissell Elementary School took part in a book study during the 2017-2018 school year. Each staff member read the book, “The Innovator’s Mindset: Empower Learning, Unleash Talent and Lead a Culture of Creativity” by George Couros. As part of the study, staff prepared presentations and engaged in professional conversations about the ideas presented in the book. The book highlighted the importance of school’s cultivating an environment that fosters innovation, encourages critical thinking, and inspires creativity.
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School started a new and exciting opportunity during the 2017-2018 school year for students to engage, explore, and experiment with the principal and assistant principal. Through STREAM (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts, and Math), students use innovative ideas to investigate, and problem-solve through experimentation. This idea supports the mission of fostering innovation through GRIT, (Give it your all, Respond with a positive attitude, Independent thinker, Totally engaged), positive thinking, and a creative mindset.

Samuel Bissell Elementary School students and staff were excited about a new program during the 2017-2018 school year that enabled students to show off their creativity, while at the same time, using their GRIT to complete monthly-themed activities and challenges. These activities incorporated our STREAM (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, and Math) initiative. The first of these exciting challenges was **The Bissell Blizzard Blast** in January when each class participated in winter activities both in the classroom and in the gym. Students decorated hallways and classrooms thoroughly with snowflakes. Classroom doors were also decorated with Simile (language arts) Snowflake Activities. The entire school dressed in white, played a snowball game (using throwing and catching skills) in the gym, and had hot chocolate after lunch in the cafeteria. Students also played Pin the Carrot on the Snowman as every activity was related to the winter season. Then in February, in celebration of the **Winter Olympics and GRIT Day**, students participated in the “Grit Games.” Through a variety of short videos, students learned about the science involved with Winter Olympic Sports, such as curling, bobsledding, and figure skating. Then, they were given the opportunity to be Olympians. Students played an adapted form of curling. They designed a maze and guided a tiger ice skater, using magnets. Finally, students engineered a bobsled and tested it out on the Bissell Slopes. The activity for March was titled, **March Math Madness** where classes competed against each other to determine who knows their math facts the best within the school. Mrs. Wrobel’s students were the second-grade winners, and Mrs. Dorland’s class took home the trophy for third grade. In April, activities were centered on **Earth Day** and included creating robots from items such as paper towel rolls, aluminum foil, pipe cleaners, etc., students going on outdoor scavenger hunts, and decorating the school with coffee filter designs. Each student also left school with a tree to plant at home from the Mustard Seed. Finally, May concluded with **Disney Day**, which included many activities associated with Disney characters and movies.



# Academics *(continued)*

- Teachers and students at Samuel Bissell Elementary School, once again, showed their “GRIT” (Give it your all, Respond with a positive attitude, Independent thinker, Totally engaged) during the 2017-2018 school year. Students and staff participated in four Grit Days, where students were asked to complete tasks which caused them to think critically, and in many cases, start over before finally solving a given problem. The idea of “GRIT” was transferred to students in their everyday activities when they faced difficult challenges and were encouraged by their teachers and classmates to keep working hard and to never give up.
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School’s “Community of Caring” initiative continued during the 2017-2018 school year! Students and staff from different classrooms came together to eat lunch with one another. The idea behind the program is that, regardless of what class you’re in, we are all part of the Samuel Bissell Elementary School Family. Throughout the school year, every student participated in at least one session. Each lunch session gave students and staff the opportunity to get to know each other better and discuss the topic of the year, which was bus safety/expectations.

To support students in self-regulation, the  
**Twinsburg City School District**  
adopted a program called  
**Zones of Regulation**

during the 2017-2018 school year. Zones of Regulation is a systematic, cognitive behavioral approach used to teach self-regulation by categorizing all the ways we feel into four concrete colored zones. The Zones framework provides strategies to prepare students to independently control their emotions and impulses, manage their sensory needs, and improve their ability to problem solve conflicts. The four colored Zones include:

The **Red Zone** is used to describe extremely heightened states of alertness and intense emotions. A person may be elated or experiencing anger, rage, explosive behavior, devastation, or terror when in the Red Zone.

The **Yellow Zone** is also used to describe a heightened state of alertness and elevated emotions; however one has more control when they are in the Yellow Zone. A person may be experiencing stress, frustration, anxiety, excitement, silliness, the wiggles, or nervousness when in the Yellow Zone.

The **Green Zone** is used to describe a calm state of alertness. A person may be described as happy, focused, content, or ready to learn when in the Green Zone. This is the zone where optimal learning occurs.

The **Blue Zone** is used to describe low states of alertness and down feelings such as when one feels sad, tired, sick, or bored.

For the fifth year in a row,  
**100%**  
of third grade students  
met the requirements of the  
**Third Grade Reading Guarantee.**



- In December 2017, Samuel Bissell Elementary School students explored the field of computer science as they participated in the Hour of Code. During the Hour of Code, students wrote and tested computer programs while developing their critical thinking and problem-solving skills. As a final challenge, students even had the opportunity to design and program their own video game using characters from Minecraft.
- During the week of February 19th, Samuel Bissell Elementary School students participated in Engineer’s Week, which is a global learning event designed to introduce students of all ages to engineering and expose them to some of the wonderful things made possible by engineers. At Samuel Bissell Elementary School, we celebrated by learning about engineering and using our GRIT to demonstrate engineering skills with a hands-on challenge. Students had a chance to become earthquake engineers and were challenged to design and build a tower that could survive the forces of an earthquake. As they used the engineering design process, students tested their designs on a shake table, which simulates the forces found in an earthquake. Our future engineers did a fantastic job planning, building, testing, and improving their designs.
- George G. Dodge Intermediate School offers a variety of programming that meets the needs of all students (Gifted, Special Education, Co-Teaching, Looping, Title I, and collaborative groups to name a few).
- George G. Dodge Intermediate School encourages students to apply their leadership and artistic skills in programs such as Art, Music, Band, Orchestra, Vocal Music, Student Council, Morning Announcers and others.
- In 2018 George G. Dodge Intermediate School was recognized as an Ohio School to Watch and a National Forum School to Watch. Principal Reggie Holland and members of the staff along with Superintendent Kathi Powers received the formal recognition on behalf of George G. Dodge Intermediate School in June in Washington D.C.
- The National Forum School to Watch and the Ohio Schools to Watch designations were awarded after an extensive process involving a staff survey analyzing the four criteria; a comprehensive application detailing our achievement data as well as, student and family programming; and a site visit displaying all the student-centered initiatives in place at George G. Dodge Intermediate School. Our designations exemplify the hard work and dedication of our students, families, staff, and district community members.



# Academics *(continued)*

**George G. Dodge Intermediate School**  
was awarded the designations of

## **Ohio School to Watch/ National Forum School to Watch**

This prestigious award seeks to recognize diverse, high-performing, growth-oriented middle-level schools. Schools to Watch® is an initiative launched by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform in 1999. Through the Schools to Watch initiative, the National Forum identifies schools across the United States that are well on their way to meeting the Forum's FOUR CRITERIA for high-performing, middle-level schools.

- Academic Excellence
- Developmental Responsiveness
- Social Equity
- Organizational Structures and Processes



- George G. Dodge Intermediate School's fifth-grade students hosted their annual Wax Museum. Students brought characters such as Amelia Earhart, Martin Luther King, Jr., Bethany Hamilton, LeBron James, and Misty Copeland to life.
- George G. Dodge Intermediate School was proud to recognize students at the monthly Board of Education meetings with Students of the Month. Teachers nominated students for demonstrating the character pillars of our school which are: Trustworthiness, Fairness, Responsibility, Respect, Caring, and Citizenship.
- Fifth-grade students participated in the DARE program under the leadership of Officer Greg Kopniske of the Twinsburg Police Department. The program helped give students the skills and strategies to make good choices that will positively impact their lives.
- George G. Dodge Intermediate School hosted the annual fourth, fifth, and sixth-grade Breakfast of Champions. Over 800 students were recognized for being great citizens and "earning their STRIPES".
- Mr. Holland and Mrs. Huggins were joined by a new member of the George G. Dodge Intermediate School administrative team. Mrs. Julianne Walker became a Tiger and completed her first year in the Twinsburg City School District.
- During the 2017-2018 school year, our K-6 guided reading leveled book rooms continued to be an asset, allowing teachers to differentiate their teaching based on the individual needs of the students – from the struggling reader to supporting those who excel. In essence, the Guided Reading program is small group instruction with students working at their instructional level.



## The Class of 2022 had an excellent **Washington, D.C. trip.**

The students visited many sites including the National Mall, Flight 93 Memorial, Air, and Space Museum, and the White House.



- RB Chamberlin Middle School students have the opportunity to take honors courses in the areas of language arts, math, social studies, and science.
- RB Chamberlin Middle School students took challenging courses such as our new engineering course "Project Lead the Way", a high school-level course, and other high school-level courses such as Geometry, Algebra II, Art 1, and Spanish. Several of our students even took college-level courses this year.
- Congratulations to our Ohio Lottery Students of the Month Sam Gielink and Leila Ligon and Ohio Lottery Teacher of the Month Natalie Lonczak. Also, congratulations to Summit County Education Celebration Rookie of the Year nominee teacher Jessica York.
- RB Chamberlin Middle School seventh-grader Laura Hoyle finished in the top 10 at the Summit County Spelling Bee, eighth-grader Hannah Seitz finished fifth at the Pen Ohio writing tournament, and eighth-grader Ava Hadden won the award for group writing at the Kent State Reading and Writing Festival.
- Four students qualified to compete at the national level of the Ohio Invention Convention Entrepreneurship Competition at the Henry Ford Center in Dearborn, Michigan.
- *The Academy at Twinsburg High School* completed its first-year implementation. *The Academy* is a collaboration between the District, Twinsburg Chamber of Commerce, and local businesses; it is designed to equip students in their transition from high school to college or a career.

The graduating Class of 2018  
received nearly  
**\$8 million** in scholarships.



# Academics *(continued)*

- All juniors took the PSAT at no cost to our families, thanks to our District's partnership with Summit Education Initiative (SEI).



The 2017-2018 school year was the first year the

## Ohio Seal of Biliteracy

was awarded to graduating seniors that demonstrated proficiency in English and at least one other language, based on an assessment.

- The Tiger Scholars Program was introduced. This program is designed to provide mentors to freshmen to assist them in maneuvering through the high school experience.



CPR Training is now a graduation requirement; **320 Juniors** and **330 eighth graders** completed CPR training to meet the new state mandate. In addition, nearly all 500 TCSD staff members earned their certification.



- K-12 Makerspace planning is underway for 2018-2019.
- The Twinsburg City School District continues to maintain its commitment to current and future needs with regard to supporting the use of technology in the ever-evolving world of education. Some current examples are:
  - District-wide online state-mandated testing: Ohio's State Tests
  - Implementation of Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) for students.
  - NWEA's Measure of Academic Progress (MAP), which is an online computer adaptive assessment program.
  - Continuing to support the increase in online textbook and resource components for teachers and students.

- In the fall of 2017, Twinsburg High School teachers received a Chromebook and subsequent professional development to prepare for a 1:1 environment at Twinsburg High School.
- On January 8th and 9th, ninth and tenth-grade Twinsburg High School students (along with their parents) were invited to pick up their Chromebooks. Twinsburg City School District staff deployed over 600 Chromebooks during those two days.
- Ninth and tenth-grade students discussed digital citizenship and the nuances of their new HP Chromebooks during their Twinsburg High School Social Studies courses.
- The second semester at Twinsburg High School brought continued training and integration of G-Suite products with students and staff, including Google Classroom and Google Expeditions.
- Over 125 staff members within the Twinsburg City School District host a Google Classroom. This virtual classroom hub provides teachers the opportunity to post and differentiate assignments, personalize feedback, and provide real-time information. Students have easy access to class materials, are engaged in collaboration, and can submit work electronically.



**29 teachers**  
are **Google Level 1  
Certified Educators**

- The Technology Department strives to be good stewards of the District finances. Technology aims to stay current and competitive with surrounding school districts; the recent implementation of district-wide wireless into our technology infrastructure supports teacher instruction, curriculum, and assessment, including the following programs: NoodleTools, Moby Max, Study Island, Gizmos, MAP, Chromebooks, Reading Plus, different educational apps, and BYOD. Recently completed projects include:
  - Installation of a new computer lab at RBC for Project Lead The Way;
  - 1:1 Chromebook implementation for ninth and tenth-grade students;
  - Continued training and integration of G-Suite products with students and staff, including Google Classroom and Google Expeditions;
  - Implementation of archival software for social media district accounts; and
  - Development of district-wide Makerspace environments.





*Participation in performing and visual arts inspires students' creativity, problem-solving and critical thinking skills.*



Music is an important part in our students' education, and the Twinsburg City School District is proud to offer a wide range of opportunities to experience the multi-levels available in the realm of music:

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| ✓ Concert Band   | ✓ Marching Band     |
| ✓ General Music  | ✓ Orchestra         |
| ✓ Great Expectations   | ✓ RBC Singers       |
| ✓ Jazz   | ✓ The Mood Swingers |
| ✓ Magic Hearts and TASK music programs for students with special needs | ✓ Vocal Music       |



- As part of the primary grade music curriculum, Wilcox Primary School students created musical instruments from recycled materials. After learning about instruments from different cultures, this unit integrated the science of music production such as sound and vibration with the importance of taking care of our earth.
- The spring 2018 Wilcox Primary School Field Day focused on an Olympic theme. This event highlighted the physical, artistic, and musical talents of our students as well as teaching sportsmanship and understanding of other cultures. Classes adopted the flag, colors, and culture of different cultures as they competed in a variety of athletic events.
- Wilcox Primary School uses a "zone" recess system to keep students active during this time. Students can choose from the Free Play, Discovery (structured games), or Walking zones. During indoor recess, the lunch/playground aides lead students in "heart starters".
- At the Spring Art Show, Wilcox Primary School students displayed over 700 pieces of art showing their talent and progress throughout the year. Highlights included student art in the style of Jim Dine, Andy Warhol, and Georgia O'Keefe. PTA got involved with interactive art stations so students and family members were able to create art to take home.
- All Wilcox Primary School students perform in winter and spring vocal music concerts held at Twinsburg High School.
- Students in the Integrated Preschool Program at Wilcox Primary School participate in a unit during March that includes language arts, math, social studies, music, art, physical education, communication, and social interaction and culminates in their annual rodeo performance for families.
- DrumFit, a full-body exercise workout using rhythm sticks and a yoga ball, was an exciting part of the Wilcox Primary School physical education classes during the 2017-2018 school year.
- Veterans were treated to two exceptional programs in recognition of the sacrifices they have made for our country. In honor of Veterans Day, second and third-grade students sang patriotic songs and had the opportunity to visit with Veterans during two socials, which offered our guests snacks and a light breakfast. Thanks to the Samuel Bissell Elementary School PTA for coordinating volunteers and decorating the cafeteria.
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School held two Fine Arts Festivals during the 2017-2018 school year. Each of the two nights was devoted to highlighting the artistic abilities of students by showcasing their artwork throughout the building. Students also performed a musical program as part of the evening's festivities.
- In February 2018, six pieces of art were chosen to be permanently displayed in the halls of the newest addition at Akron Children's Hospital. Art Teacher Mrs. Castrigano said, "It's such an honor to have Twinsburg artists recognized for their creativity and passion for art by Akron Children's Hospital." Mrs. Castrigano added that she "hopes it brightens the day of patients." In March 2018, other students' artwork was part of an art show at a local dentist's office.
- George G. Dodge Intermediate School's Doodle Club was selected to provide art for the electric box on Ravenna Road near the George G. Dodge Intermediate School entrance. Ben Windover-Noble submitted the winning design for the project. The students then worked with Art Teachers Emily Yambor and Dawn Luetete to complete the painting.

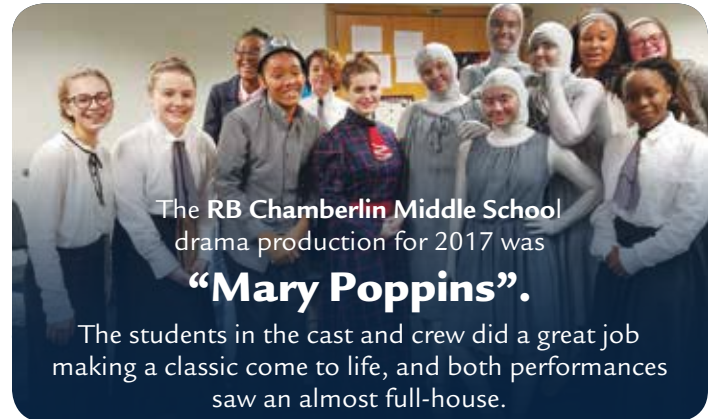
# Arts *(continued)*

- George G. Dodge Intermediate School hosted its annual Spring Fling. The program involved students in each grade. Student artwork was on display as well as live art demonstrations from our fourth, fifth, and sixth-grade students.
- George G. Dodge Intermediate School students were able to participate in Band, Orchestra, and Chorus. Our music students hosted winter and spring concerts to showcase their growth and talents.
- The George G. Dodge Intermediate School Band continues to grow each year. Students demonstrated great growth under the leadership of Mr. Bonitz and Mr. Resnick. We are proud of the growth of our Band program.



- The RB Chamberlin Middle School Orchestra received an “Excellent” rating in Class A at the District 6 OMEA Large Group Adjudicated Contest, while the RBC Band took home a “Superior” rating.
- The RB Chamberlin Middle School Solo and Ensemble Band and Orchestra students performed at the OMEA District 6 Adjudicated Event, taking home a combined 51 “Superior” ratings.
- Congratulations to Orchestra teacher Damon Conn, who was a finalist for the Akron Symphony Orchestra Music Educator of the Year.

- RB Chamberlin Middle School hosted the Fine Arts Festival showcasing the work of over 200 students from the seventh and eighth grade Art classes and seventh and eighth grade Bands.



- One RB Chamberlin Middle School student earned a National Medal in the 2017 Scholastic Art & Writing Award and publication in The Best Teen Writing of 2017.
- One RB Chamberlin Middle School student was selected as a winner in Patriot’s Pen District essay contest, beating out more than 132,000 entries.
- Twinsburg High School students again had a phenomenal year in the Arts. Students earned a variety of esteemed awards. One student received a first-place finish in the Cleveland Clinic eXpressions contest, while another student won an American Vision Award, one Gold Medal, three Silver Keys, four Honorable Mentions, and was a 2018 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards National Gold Medalist Winner for the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. At the Governor’s Youth Art Exhibition, three Twinsburg High School students won Regional Awards, and two students took home State Awards. One student was also an Ohio House of Representatives District Award Winner.
- The Twinsburg High School Concert Band at the Ohio Music Education Association’s (OMEA) State Large Group Contest earned a “Superior” Rating for their efforts, which is the highest score possible. The Twinsburg High School Orchestra also received a “Superior” rating in Class A, large group adjudication this year at the state contest.
- Four Twinsburg High School students were chosen to play in Bowling Green State University’s Honor Band.
- Drama Class is available for high school students eager to learn the art of theater.
- Visual Arts classes offered at Twinsburg High School include Art I through IV, AP Art History, AP Studio Drawing, Ceramics, and The Art of Photography.

# Student Leadership and Activities

*A well-rounded education includes a wide variety of opportunities.*

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Students with disabilities became entrepreneurs with the creation of a student-run Coffee Crew at Wilcox Primary School. With the help of teachers, the occupational therapist, and the speech-language pathologist, students created a business, took orders, collected tickets that served as money, delivered, and tracked their sales. It was a great way to practice academics and interpersonal skills in a real-life way.

### Jump Rope for Heart

at  
Wilcox Primary School  
raised over \$10,000  
for the American Heart  
Association.



- For Spirit Week, the high school basketball team and cheerleaders visited Wilcox Primary School for a pep assembly. Wilcox Primary School students and families then go to the JV Basketball Game to cheer Tiger athletes on to a win.
- Throughout the school year, Wilcox Primary School students and families participated in collections for our neighbors. Students collected things like toys, coats, and pet food to meet the needs of charitable organizations in our community, including our PAWS on Child Hunger partners, The Emergency Assistance Center.
- Wilcox Primary School got the whole community involved in finding Flat Stanley during Wilcox Reads Week. For this annual event, PTA provides every Wilcox Primary School family with the same novel to read at the same time. Books have included: "The Chocolate Touch", "Stuart Little", and "Flat Stanley".
- The Wilcox Primary School PTA has created a snack pantry to be sure that every child has a healthy meal.
- Wilcox Primary School is proud to be invited to march alongside the Twinsburg VFW in the community Memorial Day Parade.

For the sixth year, the

### PAWS on Child Hunger

program, a partnership with The Emergency Assistance Center, has consistently provided nutritious supplemental food on the weekends

to students at **Wilcox Primary School, Samuel Bissel Elementary School** and **George G. Dodge Intermediate School** who are food insecure.



- Wilcox Primary School hosts the Summit County Sheriff's Safety City Program which is designed to instruct children in necessary precautions for bus, traffic, stranger, fire, animal, and home safety the summer before they enter kindergarten. Over 80 children participated in summer 2018.
- Wilcox Primary School students and staff participated in "Start with Hello" week, part of the Sandy Hook Promise. Students committed to making a new friend performed random acts of kindness and pledged to keep our schools and community safe.
- As part of the daily routine and the PBIS model (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports), Wilcox Primary School students recite the Wilcox Pledge to "Be responsible, be respectful, be caring, and be safe" every morning. Also, they work as a team to earn compliments from others to fill their buckets with "warm fuzzies".
- Wilcox Primary School students with multiple disabilities and their peer models were proud to participate in the Special Olympics in Spring 2018.
- First-grade students at Wilcox Primary School embraced a leadership role by helping preschoolers through an American Ninja Warrior-style obstacle course during Physical Education class.



# Student Leadership and Activities *(continued)*

- Samuel Bissell Elementary School second and third-grade students have the opportunity to be selected to participate in Student Council. Student Council has the responsibility of showing leadership skills in organizing Spirit Days, leading whole-school assemblies, organizing fundraisers, escorting visitors around the building as well as attending meetings and sharing information with their homeroom classes. They are responsible for collecting Box Tops, soup labels, and canned goods and taking them to the appropriate drop off points throughout the school. Student Council members also collect money and deliver popcorn to classes on Popcorn Fridays.
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School third-grade students, wishing to take on more leadership roles, can apply for many jobs in and around the school, such as Safety Patrol, collectors of recyclable materials, Bookstore Workers and raising/lowering the American flag outside the school building.
- Students at Samuel Bissell Elementary School participate in Jump Rope for Heart, which is a school-wide initiative to raise money for the American Heart Association. During the 2017-2018 school year, students were challenged to raise more than \$15,000. After every last dollar was counted, the goal was achieved. Because of our generous families, the top 25 fundraisers had a Silly String "Battle" with Physical Education Teacher Mr. Schwed and Assistant Principal Mr. Winter.

The annual  
**Samuel Bissell Elementary School Food Drive**, held before Thanksgiving, was a big success. Because of the leadership of our students, hundreds of items were collected and donated to The Emergency Assistance Center in Northfield to help area families. Mrs. Doyle's second-grade students donated

**110 items**  
– the most of any class.



- Third-grade students showcased their talents during the 2017-2018 school year as part of Samuel Bissell Elementary School's Third Annual "Bissell's Got Talent" Show. Students, staff, and parents were treated to singing, dancing and musical acts.

**"Wonder"**, the movie, was released during this school year. This enlightening movie about a young man with a challenging disability became the springboard for care and leadership at **George G. Dodge Intermediate School**. Students in multiple classes in the building were reading the book **"Wonder"** this school year. This reading motivated students in Mrs. Karalic and Mrs. Reich's fourth-grade classes to write to Superintendent Kathi Powers to ask for permission to take the entire school to see this movie. Students used their study of persuasive writing to construct convincing letters to Superintendent Powers resulting in a meeting and subsequent permission to take the entire school to see the movie. Superintendent Powers challenged our students to demonstrate **Wonder** through kind acts throughout the school year.



- George G. Dodge Intermediate School Student Council collected over 2,025 cans of canned goods that were donated to The Emergency Assistance Shelter.



**George G. Dodge Intermediate School** students raised over

**\$1,200**

for the Lymphoma Association.

- Students in the fifth grade participated in their first overnight school trip. The students visited the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan.
- Students in the sixth grade went to Camp Fitch in North Springfield, Pennsylvania. Students participated in team building activities and other educational endeavors.
- Student Council members assisted with our third-grade transition to George G. Dodge Intermediate School. Student Council and student volunteers painted faces, gave tours, and completed crafts with the incoming class of 2027.

# Student Leadership and Activities *(continued)*

RB Chamberlin Middle School offers athletic opportunities on

## 14 athletic teams

and also fall and winter cheerleading. Hundreds of RB Chamberlin Middle School students take advantage of these opportunities.



- RB Chamberlin Middle School offers many student activities such as Student Council, Power of the Pen, Robotics, RBC Singers, Science Club, Art Club, Jazz Band, Drama Club, Summit County Spelling Bee, and the KSU Reading and Writing Festival.
- RB Chamberlin Middle School Honor Corps is an academic and service group comprised of eighth-grade students who maintain a 3.5 GPA for two years. This year's Honor Corps Induction saw 139 eighth grade students meet the rigorous academic and social requirements. The RBC Honor Corps hosted a very successful Red Cross blood drive as a service project.
- RB Chamberlin Middle School celebrated *Red Ribbon Week*, *Start with Hello Week*, and *See Something, Say Something Week*. Students also participated in the "Too Good for Drugs" program with the Community Health Center.
- RB Chamberlin Middle School students were engaged in training through the Diversity Center, including "Re-Thinking Labels", and thirteen students attended the Diversity Center Conference.

- Twinsburg High School students continue to take challenging courses while also competing in local academic competitions like the Baldwin Wallace Computer Programming event in April where four of our students competed against students from area high schools.
- The Twinsburg Rotary sponsored their annual Four-Way Speech Contest in the Spring. Winners received cash prizes by the Rotary, and the first place winner advanced to compete at the District competition in Aurora, Ohio.
- For the first time in Twinsburg High School history, the girls' soccer team advanced to the District Championship Game of the OHSAA State Tournament playing eventual state runner-up Walsh Jesuit.
- Emily O'Connor and Ryan Adkins qualified for the OHSAA State Cross Country Meet.
- Twinsburg High School senior bowler Tyhana Elder won the OHSAA Division One Individual Girls Bowling State Championship, and at the same time set the state record for a three-game series in the tournament, bowling a 729.
- The girls 4 x 200-meter relay team of Alyssa Willis, Mariah Myles, Camari Griffin, and Nia Robinson won the Division One State Championship running a time of 1:39.19 and winning the event by over two seconds.
- Twinsburg High School junior Etaijen Easter was an OHSAA Track & Field State Qualifier in both the high jump and the long jump, where he finished 3rd and 7th in Division One in the state, respectively.
- The THS girls' Track Team was named District Champions, Regional Champions, and scored an impressive 31 total points at the OHSAA State Track Meet to finish in 2nd place in Ohio.

Twinsburg High School's Academic Challenge Team competed in local competitions throughout the fall and was ultimately victorious in the WEWS sponsored televised competition scoring in the **top ten High Schools in Northeast Ohio.**





# Parent and Community Involvement

*Educational experiences are enhanced by partnerships between the school district and community.*



## HIGHLIGHTS

### Wilcox Primary School Tigers honored Veterans' Day with their annual

#### **"Bring-A-Veteran-To-Lunch Day"**

which connects Wilcox Primary School students with veterans who have fought for our freedom. Festivities include a flag-raising by the local VFW, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and a sing-along with the American tradition, "God Bless America". The veterans assembled in the "canteen" before joining their student for lunch in our "mess hall". During lunch, the veterans were recognized by their armed service branch. Each hallway was decorated with artwork and writing samples to honor our veterans.



- Over the last six years Wilcox Primary School staff, students, and families have donated over 1,500 books to Project Night Night, an organization that prepares packages that contain a book, blanket, and stuffed animal for homeless children.
- Wilcox Primary School staff worked with the Twinsburg Heinen's grocery store to bring a healthy eating and wellness program to kindergarten and first-grade students. Students learned about the importance of filling their plate with a "rainbow" of healthy fruit and vegetables.
- The Twinsburg Historical Society invited Wilcox Primary School first graders for a walking field trip to see their artifacts and learn about the unique history of our community.

- To strengthen our home and school connection, Samuel Bissell Elementary School's Reading and Math Interventionists held two "Make-it, Take-it" events for parents during the 2017-2018 school year. Parents in attendance had the opportunity to make various resources that they could use at home to further develop their child's reading and/or math skills.
- Because of the recruiting efforts of our "Pint Size Heroes," the Samuel Bissell Elementary School Blood Drive was a HUGE success. Donors rolled up their sleeves on October 13, 2017 and donated 36 pints of blood to help patients in need. Of course, none of this would have been possible without the leadership of the Samuel Bissell Elementary School PTA, the American Red Cross, and our students and families.
- Through Samuel Bissell Elementary School's "Change for Change" campaign, Samuel Bissell Elementary School students and staff donated \$891 to The Emergency Assistance Center in Northfield to benefit the PAWS on Child Hunger program.



**Twinsburg City School District** partnered with the **Christ Community Chapel in Hudson** to feed and support our families during the holiday season.

The church donated

### **60 Thanksgiving boxes**

to Wilcox Primary and Samuel Bissell Elementary Schools. Each box contained enough food to feed a family of eight which included a turkey, side dishes, desserts and paper goods.



# Parent and Community Involvement *(continued)*

- Samuel Bissell Elementary School fathers and father-figures enjoyed a beautiful morning walking to school with their children. During September, approximately 300 fathers and father-figures walked their children to school as part of the Fame Father's Walk through the Summit County Initiative. The idea behind the event is to highlight the importance of fathers, uncles, grandfathers, etc. in their child's education. Before the event ended, fathers and father-figures were given a treat bag provided by the Samuel Bissell Elementary School PTA and staff.
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School continued its partnership with Heinen's grocery store during the 2017-2018 school year. Students attended assemblies, where they learned about the importance of portion size servings, were introduced to Superfoods, such as kale, and were encouraged to eat fruits and vegetables with every meal. Students also learned about the origins of different fruits and vegetables.

## Samuel Bissell Elementary School's Career Day

was a massive success during the 2017-2018 school year with more than 60 members of the community speaking on various careers. There was representation from the Twinsburg Fire, Police, EMS, and Maintenance and Recreation Departments, to name a few.



- During the 2017-2018 school year, COSI on Wheels, once again, stopped by Samuel Bissell Elementary School. Students were treated to an informative and interactive assembly where they had the opportunity to learn about the human body. Some of the activities involved learning about what it takes to keep our body engines in tip-top shape. Students explored the functions of the digestive, nervous, and circulatory systems, in addition to learning about nutrients and how exercise keeps our bodies healthy.
- The Samuel Bissell Elementary School PTA helped fund many initiatives, programs and events during the 2017-2018 school year. Each student was given \$7.00 to spend at each of our two Book Fairs. Our PTA also provided funding for the third-grade field trip to the Cleveland Aquarium, the second-grade field trip to Hale Farm and Village, and lunch for our Annual Third Grade Picnic.
- George G. Dodge Intermediate School participated in the Summit County Fame Father's Walk. The program promotes the importance of significant male role models in the lives of students. Over 600 fathers, father figures, grandfathers, brothers and uncles participated in the walk with our Tigers.
- George G. Dodge Intermediate School hosted its third annual Father/Daughter Dance. The event was organized in collaboration with the George G. Dodge Intermediate School PTA and had over 500 participants.
- George G. Dodge Intermediate School held its third annual Mother/Son Event. Moms (grandmothers, sisters, aunts, etc.) were invited to the Dude Ranch to partake in Western-themed activities such as designing their own bandanas and various games like "milking" a cow.

**George G. Dodge Intermediate School**  
students and staff have

**raised over \$2,000**

**to support our PAWS on Child Hunger Program.**

- Various George G. Dodge Intermediate School parent volunteers popped popcorn throughout the year to help raise money to support PAWS on Child Hunger.
- The solar eclipse was a great learning opportunity for George G. Dodge Intermediate School students. The George G. Dodge Intermediate School community, along with PTA, joined to "Chalk the Walk." Parents and families gathered at George G. Dodge Intermediate School to decorate the sidewalks surrounding the school to provide a safe viewing option for students to deter them from looking up during the solar eclipse.

# Parent and Community Involvement *(continued)*

- RB Chamberlin Middle School students and staff hosted a Veteran's Day Assembly this past November. The program included musical and vocal tributes by the RBC Singers, RBC Orchestra, and the RBC Band.
- Twinsburg Police Department partnered with Math 7 teachers Michelle Tucker and Julie Thompson for lessons in Accident Analytics and Speed Investigation.

## The RB Chamberlin Middle School Holiday Helping Hands program

is a student-led campaign to raise money and buy gifts for less fortunate families during the holidays. Our RBC students

**donated over  
\$1,000.00  
to the**

## **Holiday Helping Hands Program.**

Students also participated in fundraisers for hurricane relief in Texas and Florida.

- Community partners included University Hospitals, Beech Brook, Cleveland Clinic, Community Health Center, Alliance for Healthy Youth, and the ADM Board. These partnerships afforded our students opportunities such as getting certified in CPR and participation in the research-based *Too Good for Drugs* program.
- The RBC & Dodge guidance staff hosted a parent and child education opportunity called "Guiding Good Choices" to help parents and students learn how to live an addiction-free life.
- National Honor Society students, with Mr. Ryan Merriman as the advisor, continued to give back to our community by caroling at the Grand Village Retirement Community, while the Twinsburg High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Mr. Ryan Bonitz, delivered their smooth jazz sounds to the residents there as well. Foreign Language Club collected over 10,000 non-perishable items from Twinsburg High School students and staff members which were donated to the Saints Cosmas and Damian Food Pantry.

- Twinsburg High School Student Council continued to partner with the American Red Cross and conducted two successful blood drives for the national agency.
- Mrs. Megan Holzheimer was named 2018 Twinsburg Rotary Teacher of the Year in May. She was honored and presented with a Proclamation at the May Twinsburg Chamber of Commerce meeting.

## Twinsburg High School Foreign Language Club

collected over

**10,000**

non-perishable items from THS students and staff members while also dedicating countless hours to the collection of those food items.



- In the area of community service, the Class of 2018 performed 26,269 hours of community service with one senior giving over 1,108 hours to her community.
- Twinsburg High School students and staff contributed to various causes throughout the 2017-2018 school year such as *Wishes Can Happen* for our Homecoming initiative and collecting funds for our District's *Colors For Courtney* campaign that promoted awareness and assistance for those who have leukemia and lymphoma.
- The Twinsburg High School Drama Club treated our local senior citizens to two free matinees during special performances in the fall and spring. The cast and crew then shared refreshments with the guests after the performances.
- Football athletes under the direction of head coach, Mike Bell, volunteered and assisted the staff at the Twinsburg Historical Society with the cleaning tasks and reorganization of the local museum's artifacts.

# Parent and Community Involvement *(continued)*

The **Twinsburg School District**  
in partnership with **Beech Brook** hosted

## 4 Parent Forums

during the 2017-2018 school year at Twinsburg High School related to teen alcohol and drug use concerns. Local speakers were invited to serve as knowledgeable resources for the parents and guests.



- The Twinsburg City School District hosted several informational programs for the community.
  - Educational Options Meeting - A program for parents of students grades 5-11 to help them sort out and understand the options available to their child(ren): Credit Flex, Honors & AP Courses, CVCC, Dual Credit, and College Credit Plus.
  - Senior Citizen Bus Tour – Our guests were treated to a variety of programs at each school building, including lunch which was hosted by some of our second graders.
  - Make It-Take It – Reading based and math centered activities for parents to use at home to support learning.
  - Chromebook 101 – A program about chromebooks, the G Suite for Educators, and how it all pertains to students' education.

- Each building hosts evening parent programs directed at the particular topics of interest as requested by their building staff and parents/care providers. Twinsburg City School District annually provides programs for the following topics:
  - Foundations – A phonological/phonemic awareness, phonics, and spelling program for grades K-3.
  - Kindergarten Kick Off – A parent program designed to answer questions regarding registration and medical requirements; an overview of the kindergarten program and information on how to help their child prepare for it.
- The Twinsburg City School District is encouraged by our growing partnership with the Twinsburg Public Library (TPL). As part of the Summer Reading Camp, our students had the opportunity to visit the library once a week for literacy activities. The library is also an integral part of the Guided Reading program used in grades K-6. TPL has created a collection of leveled books aligned to the Guided Reading program. This collaboration supports continued growth in balanced literacy.
- “A Conversation About School Safety” was hosted by the Twinsburg City School District and local law enforcement agencies.





# Student Services

*A variety of services provide options to ensure all students receive individualized instruction, enrichment and support.*



## HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to regular education services, Twinsburg City School District offers identification of and services to gifted students, special needs students, 504 students, and students for whom English is their second language.



**1.5%**  
of students are  
identified as English  
Language Learners



**15%**  
of students are  
identified as Gifted

- The English Language Learners program helps students overcome cultural and language challenges.
- Gifted services adjust the pace of instruction to the student's capabilities to provide an appropriate level of challenge. Gifted students are serviced in team-taught classes or cluster grouping at George G. Dodge Intermediate School. Students also have the opportunity to begin the path of math acceleration at George G. Dodge Intermediate School.
- Twinsburg City School District's Pupil Services is dedicated to providing additional services, support, programs, and specialized placements, including a center-based preschool program with peer models.



**11%**  
of Students with  
Disabilities (SWD)



**6%**  
of students with  
504 Plans

- Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) Partnership Funds were awarded to Twinsburg City School District to offset costs that directly support career technology education. A portion of the funds was used to implement *Project Lead the Way* (PLTW). The PLTW Introduction to Engineering Design course was offered at RB Chamberlin Middle School to expand STEM program and projects. Funds were also used to develop Makerspace areas in school buildings.

- Third Grade Reading Guarantee: Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee is a program to identify students behind in reading from kindergarten through third grade. Schools will provide help and support to make sure students are on track for reading success by the end of third grade.
- Reading Intervention tutoring programs: A Summer Reading Camp for grades K-4 was held at George G. Dodge Intermediate School. Students who participated in the Reading Camp were able to strengthen their reading skills.
- Twinsburg City School District implements a district-wide Crisis Intervention training and recertification.
- The Officer Phil Safety Program is brought to students at Wilcox Primary School each year by the Twinsburg Police Department. During this funny, interactive assembly students are reminded about being safe and responsible at school, home, and in the community.
- As part of the school's Response to Intervention (RtI), each teacher at Wilcox Primary School meets with Principal Lynn Villa; Assistant Principal, Scott Astey; and School Psychologist, Vicki Robbins for quarterly "watch" meetings where data trends and individual students progress are discussed. Students are monitored to ensure they are making appropriate progress on grade level expectations and interventions are implemented when they are not.
- The Twinsburg City School District continued its partnership with Beech Brook counseling services during the 2017-2018 school year. Students identified as needing extra mental health, emotional or social skills support meet with a Beech Brook social worker. Wrap-around services and family support continue over the summer months.
- Solutions Behavioral Consultants worked with staff on applied behavioral analysis (ABA) professional development and completing functional behavior assessments of training staff about ways to support students' behavioral needs in the school environment.

# Student Services *(continued)*

These experts help build capacity among District staff through a model including observation and coaching.

- Three reading specialists provided intervention to over 180 Wilcox Primary School students during the 2017-2018 school year. Early intervention helps students build a strong foundation on their way to passing the Third Grade Reading Guarantee.
- Fifty (50) kindergarten and first-grade students participate in Summer Reading Camp sponsored by the District each year to reinforce decoding, fluency, and comprehension skills right before school begins in August.
- Student Enrichment: Samuel Bissell Elementary School's use of the Scholastic Guided Reading Program allows for enrichment opportunities as students are evaluated and challenged at their reading levels.
- Second and third-grade teachers work closely with the District's gifted coordinator to develop activities which extend the learning of students who have displayed mastery in various academic areas and are

In the area of math,  
an extension is provided at our elementary  
and intermediate schools through the  
use of math enrichment activities  
offered by the

## Go Math! Series.

The math program provides students with  
challenging Higher Order Thinking (HOT)  
questions beyond the curriculum.



- During the 2017-2018 school year, Samuel Bissell Elementary School's second-grade students were involved with the Invention League program, which required students to identify a problem and then develop an invention to solve it. The project also included writing and speaking/presentation

components, as students had to write about their inventions and present them to their classmates.

- At Samuel Bissell Elementary School, students needing extra support preparing for the third-grade English/Language Arts Ohio State Test (OST) and second-grade students who were on a Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plan (RIMP) were part of the A+ program, which afforded students the resources and practice needed to improve their reading skills. Students in the A+ program met weekly with an instructional assistant, who organized activities designed to provide practice to improve comprehension and fluency. The A+ program also covers the area of math, in which students met weekly to address deficits.
- Third-grade special education and Tier 3, Response to Intervention (RtI), students participated in Tiger Camp, which is a center-based intervention that meets on a daily basis. The purpose of the program is to rotate through different centers focusing on areas of need, such as the acquisition of vocabulary, the understanding of fiction and non-fiction text, reading and comprehension skills and fluency.
- Students who continue to need extra support, based on the results of the Spring Ohio State Tests, were invited to participate in Samuel Bissell Elementary School's two-week long "Roar into Reading" Summer Session, which offered students more focused instruction in the

To strengthen the love of reading, several  
**future third-grade students, and  
incoming second-grade students**  
participated in our summer reading club called

## Camp Read-a-Lot.

Students received 10 books to take home  
over the summer to read.



# Fiscal Stewardship

*Financial responsibility ensures that the majority of funding is spent on classroom instruction.*



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Wilcox Primary School teachers were awarded over \$3,500 in grants from the Wilcox Primary School PTA to support innovative projects in the classroom.
- Wilcox Primary School kindergarten teachers were awarded a grant from Target that helped them host a Junior Science Fair and science exploration in their classrooms with a culminating field trip to the Great Lakes Science Center in Cleveland.
- Fuel Up to Play 60 Grants were received for food service equipment and supplies of over \$25,000 in the past four years. During the 2017-2018 school year, the District received a \$3,400 grant from Fuel Up to Play 60 for George G. Dodge Intermediate School and RB Chamberlin Middle School to fund physical education equipment and food service equipment.
- The Twinsburg City School District received a \$20,000 grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the District's participation in the National Clean Diesel Rebate Program - 2017 School Bus Replacement and Retrofit Funding Opportunity. This grant allowed the District to replace an aging bus that was part of our ten-year replacement cycle with a new bus partially funded through this grant.
- The Twinsburg City School District participates in the Ohio Schools Council Cooperative Purchasing Program for property and liability insurance, fuel purchases, bus and vehicle purchases, utilities and other major purchases of supplies and permanent improvement projects. Participation has saved the Twinsburg City School District over \$200,000 each year.
- The Twinsburg City School District also participates in numerous purchasing consortiums, such as the AEPA, US Communities, NJPA and GSA to ensure lowest available pricing on various supply and permanent improvement projects.
- Further implementation of an Online Work Order System that allows us to better track maintenance/repairs on buildings and equipment continued during the 2017-2018 school year.
- The District implemented a new purchasing program, OSC EBuy Marketplace, an online procurement system of numerous consortiums and vendors to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of our district purchases of supplies.
- The District implemented a new bus routing software, Transfinder, in the Transportation Department.
- The 2017-2018 school year saw the implementation of the Multimedia Project involving four major corporate sponsors.
- In the six years the Twinsburg City School District has participated in Zero Waste Recycling, we have reduced our trash by more than 600,000 pounds, which is equivalent to approximately 50 full garbage trucks.



## Maintaining School Facilities

### Significant Permanent Improvements for 2017-2018 School Year:

- Roofing project at Wilcox, RB Chamberlin Middle School and Twinsburg High School (approximately \$75,000)
- Paving project at RB Chamberlin Middle School (approximately \$137,000)
- Updated computer labs (Wilcox and Project Lead the Way Lab at Twinsburg High School) (approximately \$53,000)
- Implemented first two years of Chromebook Initiative, including 1:1 devices for Twinsburg High School students (approximately \$350,000)
- Purchased three buses as part of our ten-year bus replacement cycle
- Makerspace Project for all five buildings
- Various smaller summer projects based on the Facilities Strategic Plan



# Fiscal Stewardship *(continued)*

## Facilities Strategic Plan

During the 2017-2018 school year, the District continued to update and utilize the comprehensive immediate-high priority, mid-range and long-range components of the Facilities Strategic Plan. Several components of the Facilities Strategic Plan were reinforced and confirmed through our Focus Group effort in Fall 2017 and Winter/Spring 2018 during which key stakeholders were asked to share their vision for our District. The Facilities Strategic Plan serves as a guide to ensure that the District efficiently and effectively spends its permanent improvement dollars toward its long term objectives. Utilizing results from the Facilities Assessment to help guide Permanent Improvement Expenditures, all major projects this year were identified as high priorities in our Facilities Assessment.

The groundwork for the Facilities Strategic Plan began during the 2014-2015 school year with input gathered from key stakeholder groups. During the 2015-2016 school year, the Board approved Lesko Associates, along with Karpinski Engineering, to review the results of the Facilities Assessment Focus Groups and evaluate key components of our facilities such as our current HVAC systems, mechanical systems, lighting systems, roofs, paving and other parts of our facilities. The Facilities Strategic Plan was presented to the Board of Education on June 29, 2016 and continues to guide the District as we work to ensure that our buildings and grounds support our students.

### 2017-2018 District Goals:



#### 1. STUDENT GROWTH

The Twinsburg City School District will be student centered by developing the “whole child” through the implementation of a focused curriculum, community partnerships and high quality professional development.



#### 2. FINANCIAL

The Twinsburg City School District will be student centered and support student learning and safety by continuing to maintain fiscal integrity, transparency and accountability of the District’s financial resources by implementation of the benchmarks identified on the Financial Strategic Planning Flow Chart.



#### 3. COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The Twinsburg City School District will be student centered through active communication and engagement with our community to provide opportunities to support student growth and development.



#### 4. FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

The Twinsburg City School District will be student centered in our efforts to address and balance our facilities’ immediate and long-term needs utilizing the current facilities assessment to support student growth and development.







## Twinsburg City School District

*...where the schools and communities are one.*

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