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Dear Tiger Family:

Here is this week's news...

A Special Celebration Honoring our 2025 OHIO Teacher of the Year!

Thanks to Mr. Dennis Suchetka and our friends at Community Focus, I am delighted to share with you the special celebration we hosted on Thursday, August 29, 2024 for our *2025 OHIO Teacher of the Year*, Ms. Danee Pinckney. You can view our celebration at this link: <u>https://mycommunityfocus.app/programs/25teacherofyear</u> I also want to take this opportunity to thank all the special guests who joined us. It was a wonderful community celebration!



Twinsburg Board of Education Welcomes New Support Staff Members

On Wednesday, September 4, 2024, the Twinsburg Board of Education formally welcomed new Support Staff members. Mr. Michael Sedlak, our Director of Human Resources, emceed the introductions. The new Support Staff members present for this introduction, and pictured below with our Board of Education members, along with Mr. Reggie Holland and Mr. Michael Sedlak, were George G. Dodge Intermediate School Media Assistant Mrs. Leah Nolan and Samuel Bissell Elementary School Lunchroom/Playground Assistant Mrs. Doris Moten. We wish all of our new staff members a very warm welcome and best wishes for much happiness and success!





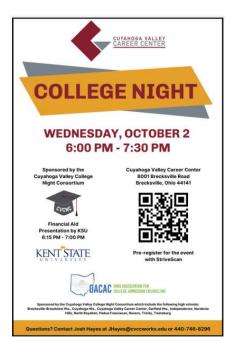
Ms. Danee Pinckney Featured on News 5

On Thursday, September 5th, reporter Catherine Ross from News 5 visited the Twinsburg High School classroom of our *2025 OHIO Teacher of the Year*, Ms. Danee Pinckney. Ms. Ross and the videographer from News 5 captured Ms. Pinckney doing what she loves the best – teaching her students in the "Exploration in Black Voices In Literature" elective class. After the bell, Ms. Pinckney was interviewed about her State award as well as about the reasons she entered the teaching profession. Following the interview with Ms. Pinckney, Twinsburg High School Principal Mrs. Emily Hunt was interviewed by Ms. Ross about the impact Ms. Pinckney is having upon our THS students, upon the staff, and upon the school district. This story aired on Friday, September 6th but you can watch the interview on the News 5 link: https://www.news5cleveland.com/news/local-news/twinsburg-high-school-english-teacher-named-ohios-teacher-of-the-year



Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) Hosts College Night

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) will host College Night on Wednesday, October 2, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Cuyahoga Valley College Night Consortium (CVCNC) and is in coordination with the Ohio Association for College Admissions Counseling. CVCC will be utilizing StriveScan, a college fair scanning app, that will send participants a QR code to use during the event for colleges to scan and send more information about their school—it's free, saves time, and saves paper! CVCC invites all those looking to connect with various colleges and universities, technical centers, and military academies to attend. A Financial Aid presentation by Kent State University will also be available to attendees from 6:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This free event will be held at CVCC, registration is not required. For more information, contact Josh Hayes at <u>JHayes@cvccworks.edu</u> or 440-746-8260.





Please Join Us for Our PTAs Tiger Tailgate

Our Twinsburg Council PTA is excited to bring back the *Tiger Tailgate* on Friday, September 13th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.! *Tiger Tailgate* will be held on Tiger Trail (the road that leads to Tiger Stadium). The event is open to everyone and will include food, fun, games, and activities! The *Tiger Tailgate* will also feature many TCSD school and community organizations. Please plan to join us!

Twinsburg Council PTAs Harvest Mum Buddies Are On Sale Now!

Our Twinsburg Council PTA is excited to bring back their Fall District-wide Harvest Mum Buddies by JOCO now through Monday, September 9, 2024. All students in Preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to take part in this fresh, fun and Fall-themed fundraiser just in time for Fall decorating!

Students in Preschool - grade 6 came home with packets including a parent letter, a catalog with order forms, and a fundraising envelope. Extra packets are in all Welcome Centers and can be found on our District website under Helpful Links: <u>http://www.twinsburg.k12.oh.us/pta.aspx</u>

If families would like to pay by credit card, there is an online purchase option through Twinsburg Council PTAs Giveback Store: <u>https://twinsburgcouncilpta.givebacks.com/store</u>

Twinsburg Council PTA is the support organization for all the PTA units at our schools. All money raised from the Harvest Mum Buddies sale will be put toward the Twinsburg PTA initiatives throughout the District. A few of these initiatives include the THS Senior Scholarships, Teacher Grants and appreciations, and student events and programming.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to: <u>tcsdcouncilpta@gmail.com</u> As always, thanks for supporting our PTAs and our students!



Twinsburg Council PTA's Fall Spiritwear Sale

We are down to the last week of our Twinsburg Council PTA's Fall Spiritwear Sale as the sale ends on Sunday, September 15th. Please plan to pick up your orders at George G. Dodge Intermediate School on Wednesday, October 9th from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

*Orders not picked up at Dodge will be available for pickup at RDP Sports starting October 10th, in the afternoon.

*Ship to home orders will ship sometime that week if you paid for shipping.

*Staff orders: The Twinsburg PTA Council will do their best to deliver to your school on October 10th or 11th.



Thanks for your continued support of our PTAs!



Wednesday, September 11th - Patriot Day

On September 11, 2001, ordinary Americans performed extraordinary acts of heroism. These patriots – people of undaunted courage, uncommon resolve, and unwavering perseverance – are forever ingrained in our national character. They are reminders that we are a great country because we are a good people. Wednesday, September 11th is Patriot Day and a National Day of Service and Remembrance. Patriot Day is a day in which we pay tribute to the heroes and victims who lost their lives on September 11th. And we recommit ourselves to the spirit of unity, patriotism, and service that carried our Nation through in the days that followed. In honor of these heroes, our District will commemorate Wednesday, September 11th, Patriot Day. We ask all of our students and staff members to wear **RED**, **WHITE**, and **BLUE** on September 11th as we come together as a school family to remember and unite.

As September 11th is also a Wednesday in the midst of WINNING WEDNESDAYS, our attendance incentive, we will unite as a community by wearing **RED**, **WHITE**, and **BLUE** on September 11th instead of our sports gear/team gear/Tiger spirit gear.





<u>Friday Marks the Halfway Point of the First Quarter!</u> They say that time flies and it certainly does as Friday, September 13th marks the halfway point of the first quarter of this school year! Interim grades will be issued on Friday.

Have a fantastic week! Kathi Powers, Superintendent

