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Dear Tiger Family:

Happy Labor Day Weekend! I hope you are enjoying time with your family as our nation pauses to celebrate and to thank America's workers for all they have done to advance our country.

Here are is this week's news:

Congratulations to Ms. Danee Pinkney, 2025 OHIO Teacher of the Year!

On Thursday, August 30, 2024, dignitaries from State and local government along with other local entities, gathered at Twinsburg High School as Ms. Danee Pinckney, an English teacher at THS, was recognized as the *2025 OHIO Teacher of the Year!*

Ms. Pinckney embodies the essence of an exceptional educator, whose commitment to our students extends far beyond the classroom. With a deep-rooted passion for English and a dedication to cultural competence, she not only imparts extensive knowledge but also fosters an environment where students thrive. Ms. Pinckney's innovative approach, exemplified by her creation of the "Exploration in Black Voices in Literature" elective, underscores her belief in education as a tool for empowerment and understanding. She embodies not just academic prowess but also a broader perspective on the world. Ms. Pinckney's tireless efforts to embrace diversity and promote empathy make her a true beacon of inspiration to our school community! You can view photos from the *2025 OHIO Teacher of the Year Assembly* [by clicking here](#). On behalf of our entire Tiger family, congratulations, Ms. Pinckney!



September is Attendance Awareness Month

September is *Attendance Awareness Month*, a nationwide recognition of the connections between regular school attendance and academic achievement. A student who misses just two (2) or three (3) days of school per month can be chronically absent. *Attendance Awareness Month* highlights the importance of family, school, and community partners in promoting the importance of good school attendance. When students are not chronically absent, they are far more likely ready to read at grade level, succeed academically, graduate on time, and be ready for the workforce.

Unwavering Commitment - Unlimited Possibilities



In an effort to promote good attendance, the Twinsburg City School District is celebrating with WINNING WEDNESDAYS! Every Wednesday during the month of September, staff and students will be encouraged to wear their favorite team gear/sports gear/Tiger spirit gear. Each school will announce WINNING classes/students who had perfect attendance and who were on time for school, the prior week. Please encourage your student(s) to participate by wearing their favorite team gear/sports gear/Tiger spirit gear each Wednesday in September and encourage them to WIN with perfect and timely attendance at school!

COVID Concerns On the Rise

The Twinsburg City School District is beginning to see an increase in COVID cases, so I want to take this opportunity to update you regarding the CDC Guidelines, which align to the guidelines supported by the Summit County Public Health Department as well as the Ohio Department of Health. Attached is a user-friendly graphic from the CDC that our District Nurse Kati Foster thought might be helpful. Additionally, here are a few reminders:

- COVID is considered a *respiratory virus* - stay home with symptoms and fever.
- Students and staff can return when afebrile (fever free) for 24 hours and symptoms improve.
- Individuals who test positive for COVID are encouraged to wear a mask upon returning to school, up to day 10 after testing positive.

Please Join Us for Our PTAs Tiger Tailgate!

Our Twinsburg Council PTA is excited to bring back the *Tiger Tailgate* on Friday, September 6th 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, and bring a can or two of non-perishable food to donate to The Emergency Assistance Center for our "Fill the Bus" Food Drive. See the attached flyer for details.

THE TWINSBURG PTA INVITES YOU TO:

TIGER TAILGATE
FRIDAY, SEPT. 6TH 5-7:00PM

The Twinsburg PTAs are excited to bring back the Tiger Tailgate on Friday, September 6th from 5-7pm, before our Twinsburg Tigers take on Copley at Tiger Stadium at 7pm.

Our event is open to everyone and will include food, fun, games and activities! The tailgate will take place outside of Tiger Stadium, along Tiger Trail, and will be host to many Twinsburg school and community organizations and businesses!

STAY UP TO DATE BY VISITING OUR FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE

DON'T FORGET! The Emergency Assistance center will be collecting non-perishable food items for the fill the bus campaign. Look for the School Bus at the Tailgate or send donations to school with your child anytime between Aug. 26th-Sept. 6th

Blue Ribbon Committee, ChiroMax, Cub Scout Pack 67, Holt Orthodontics, Interact Club, JEDI, Kent State Geauga Campus, Kendalce, Mathnasium, Optimal Spine & Wellness, Premier Fitness & Performance, RAC, RDP Sports, TEAC, Twinsburg Athletic Boosters, Twinsburg Orchestra Boosters, Twinsburg PTAs, Twinsburg Public Library and the Bookmobile, Twinsburg Schools Foundation, Twinsburg Vocal & Music Boosters, University Hospitals and USA Ninja Challenge

Come out for a Tigeriffic good time!

The Emergency Assistance Center, RDP, Twinsburg Council PTA



Speaking of "Fill the Bus"!

Just a reminder that this year marks the tenth (10th) anniversary of "Fill the Bus"! "Fill the Bus" is a non-perishable food drive in partnership with the Nardon City School District with donations given to The Emergency Assistance Center (TEAC). This year's "Fill the Bus" drive will continue through Friday, September 6th.

Please consider donating unexpired, non-perishable food items. Donations can be placed in the designated bins near the main office of each school and the Twinsburg Board of Education Office. Donations can also be dropped off at the Welcome Center of each of our schools. The Twinsburg Public Library and the Twinsburg Goddard School are also participating in this effort. Thanks, in advance, for helping our neighbors in need.



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 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: <http://www.twinsburg.k12.oh.us/pta.aspx>

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

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: tcsdcouncilpta@gmail.com As always, thanks for supporting our PTAs and our students!



In Honor of Labor Day, Let's Recognize Some Outstanding TCSD Staff Members!

Our Tiger staff makes a huge difference for our students, every day, as exemplified by George G. Dodge Intermediate School janitor Mrs. Stacey Keyes! Recently, Dodge parent Mrs. Eboni Ubinas sent a note of appreciation about Mrs. Keyes that said, *"I just want to give a quick feedback that at the Dodge Open House last Tuesday, the school was wonderfully spotless. It smelled clean and was very welcoming. I ran into Miss Stacey who at the time was cleaning Mrs. Henretty's room and she was beyond pleasant. She welcomed my daughter to the school, explained some questions she's heard parents ask frequently. She was diligent in her work and just all around delightful. I just wanted to thank you for hiring people that care about the kids on all levels!"* Thank you, Mrs. Keyes, for going above and beyond and taking such good care of our Tigers! Your efforts are noticed and appreciated! And, thanks, Mrs. Ubinas, for your very thoughtful note. We appreciate you, too!

Most folks may be unaware of all that our maintenance staff members do to maintain our schools. Just this past week, the power at Samuel Bissell Elementary School failed on Sunday evening. Head Custodian Chuck Nash stayed overnight on fire watch while Maintenance Supervisor John Sommers communicated with Ohio Edison. Fortunately, the power was restored before school on Monday. Then, just as our crew thought the crisis was over, the air conditioning in the 300-wing at Wilcox Primary School failed, as the temperatures climbed into the 90's on Monday. Once again, our maintenance staff gathered and worked with the vendor to repair the rooftop compressor. A great big "Tiger Thank You" to John Sommers, David Benton, Branden Jameson, Ryan Preisendorfer, Chuck Nash, Paul Zeller, and Mike Shaltunuk along with Matt Strickland for all they do to keep our staff and students warm, safe, dry, and cool!

With special thanks to all of our staff members, for all they do, to support our Tigers!

Best wishes to you and yours for a great Labor Day!
Kathi Powers, Superintendent

