

Message from the Superintendent**February 2018**

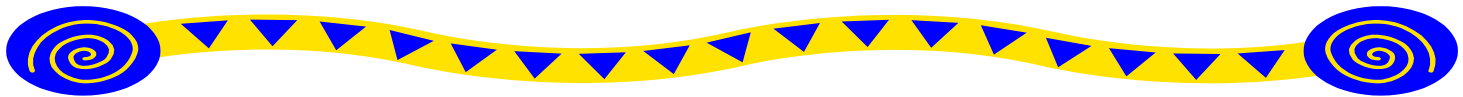
Can you believe that it is already February 2018? Time certainly has flown by quickly. Soon we will be gearing up for Spring Break, but until then make sure that your children are dressing appropriately for the weather. Here in Ohio we never know what the weather is going to be like.

We have had our fair share of snow/cold days this year. Calamity days are not taken lightly by any superintendent. We try to make the most appropriate call in a timely manner. However, it does not always work out that way. Nevertheless, the goal is to notify you as soon as possible. With that being said, if you do not or did not receive the all calls, please notify your child's school to inform them of your new or correct phone number.

At any rate, are you ready for some warm weather? I certainly am. Bring it on!!

Thank you for your continued support of the Clearview Local Schools.

Jerome M. Davis
Superintendent



Clearview Educational Foundation Annual Steak Fry
Saturday, March 10, 2018
VFW Hall ~~ 4562 Oberlin Ave~~ Lorain

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 10th from 6-9pm as busy! The Clearview Educational Foundation will have its annual STEAK FRY. Come out and join the Clearview administration, faculty, staff, alumni, and the Clearview Educational Foundation trustees at our largest fundraiser of the year.

The money raised and deposited helps provide the Clearview staff with grants to do those special things for the students of the Clearview Local Schools that normal funding may not be able to cover. A fun filled evening is guaranteed!

For ticket information or to donate to the silent auction contact Jerome Davis in the board office at 440.233.5412. Tickets are \$25. Come and enjoy raffles, prizes, and a silent auction.

From the Desk of Mr. Davies,

Well, once again we find ourselves half way through another school year here at Vincent Elementary School. Where does the time go?

The second part of the year is going to go just as fast as the first! We have some exciting events taking place here. In January, we have the Magical Theater Company set to perform "Larger Than Life: American Tall Tales." They will perform a rousing collection of some of the greatest American tall tales and legends such as Paul Bunyan, Pecos Bill, Johnny Appleseed, Annie Oakley, Wiley & the Hairy Man, among others. We also have COSI on Wheels making a stop. This event involves interactive science activities for our 3rd and 4th grade students.

As part of our SAIL program, the "Bowling Reward" is coming up in February. Students earn points daily to earn this reward. Some teachers track points using Class DOJO, while other teachers might have a checklist that they share with you. If students meet the monthly point requirement for January, they will go with their class to Rebman's Recreation Center to bowl. This is a fun day for our students and a great reward for their efforts in positive behaviors!

State Testing for 3rd and 4th Grade students will begin after Spring Break. Students will be tested in English, Language Arts and Math. The Third Grade English Language Arts test determines whether a 3rd Grade student moves to 4th Grade in the fall. If students do not meet the state requirements, they will be retained in 3rd Grade. Attendance is crucial during testing. Please make every effort to have your children in school during this time (and maybe plan your family vacations sometime after).

As I stated before, the second part of the year gets busy here at Vincent. If you are interested in helping out, please contact your child's teacher to see if there are volunteer opportunities in the classroom or in the building. Spring will be here before you know it.

Thank you for the opportunity to be part of your child's education.

Educationally,

Mr. Davies
Vincent Elementary School Principal

P.S. Lost & Found: We have several items in our lost & found. Please check for any lost items belonging to you next time you're at school. Unclaimed items will be donated to a charitable organization.



VINCENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL II

Mrs. Stambol's Fourth Grade ELA Class I often tie current events and newspaper reading into my ELA lessons. When I read about the new mural that would be finished in nearby Amherst to celebrate Veteran's Day, I thought my fourth grade ELA students would be interested in learning about the people it memorialized. I was particularly interested in the article because I had a cousin who would be portrayed on the wall. Last year, I began using a computer learning system called Google classroom which allowed me to send to The Morning Journal Article to each student for them to read, a google doc for them to type their informative essay on and a rubric to explain what is expected in an informative essay. Each student chose a different soldier from Lorain County that was portrayed in the mural and completed research on them before they began writing their essay. They found out what branch of the military they were in and where they served the country. Students were able to see that these brave soldiers crossed many familiar paths; such as local schools and sports teams. They also came to realize that they left behind families and young children like themselves. At the Vincent Elementary Veteran's breakfast, students read their essays to the Veterans that attended.



The Second Grade Team enjoyed an afternoon of creating balloon floats that were inspired by the popular book "Balloons Over Broadway" written by Melissa Sweet. The students read this book and completed many hands-on activities to learn the history of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The second graders also studied the life of Tony Sarg, the creator the of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. They culminated this book study with a mini parade that included not only the second graders and their personalized balloon floats, but also members of the Clearview High School marching band. These high school students led the parade while the entire school lined the hallways to watch and enjoy the music and floats. This turned out to be a very popular event and will definitely be something the second graders will remember for years to come.



VINCENT ELEMENTARY SECTION III

Vincent Elementary students were entertained by the *Magical Theater Company* performance of *Larger Than Life: American Tall Tales*. The performers acted, sang and interacted with the students while performing Tall Tales like Johnny Appleseed, Pecos Bill and Paul Bunyan to name a few. The students laughed and enjoyed learning about tall tales and how those stories were passed down through the generations.



***COSI ON WHEELS*....**

3rd and 4th graders from Vincent Elementary were given the opportunity to attend a COSI on Wheels in-house field trip on Thursday, January 25, 2018. This means students in those grades got to engage in an all day, hands-on event, allowing them to explore the "Incredible Human Machine" program. The students were able to use interactive science experiments to actively engage in their learning by participating in team building activities and stations. Students got to explore through the digestive system learning what foods are best for their bodies. They also exercised to help monitor their heart rate and pulse. Other stations allowed students to work with the nervous and circulatory systems.

COSI on Wheels is a traveling team of science experts from Columbus. Because of the distance, it is difficult for our students to travel there to enjoy this awesome experience. Having COSI come to our school meant students got to build a better understanding for science in a stimulating environment all while having fun! It was an amazing day, watching students interact with each other, doing activities and expanding their knowledge of the human body. Without even realizing it, students were learning more than they could have gained from a textbook, which is what makes this experience so worthwhile for everyone!

Our students look forward to this program every year and we are excited to see what next year's COSI on Wheels has to offer!

-Jamie Dodson, 3rd grade teacher



VINCENT ELEMENTARY SECTION IV

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Thursday, February 8, 2018

3:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Vincent Elementary School

Open to Clearview District residents only.

Your child *must* be 5 years old by
August 1, 2018
to be eligible

Please bring the following:

- *Child's Birth certificate
- *Child's social security card
- *Custody papers (if divorced or separated)
- *Immunization Record
- *Three (3) proofs of residence (we will only accept lease/purchase agreement, property insurance bill, pay stub, government assistance documents, property tax document, utility or cable bill).
- * All documents must be within a 60 day period (Dec. 2017 –Feb. 2018)


**VINCENT
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
CALENDAR
2018**
FEBRUARY

- 8 Parent/Teacher Conferences (3:30 PM-7:30 PM)
Kindergarten Pre-Registration, Clearview residents only
(3:30 PM - 7:00 PM)
16, 19 NO SCHOOL

MARCH

- 1-30 Open Enrollment period. Current open enrolled students
must reapply every school year. See details below
29 NO SCHOOL
30 NO SCHOOL – Good Friday

APRIL

- 2-6 NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK

www.clearviewschools.org

OPEN ENROLLMENT LOTTERY - March 1-30, 2018

Individuals may pick up a form at the building of interest, the Board of Education Office or print from the Clearview Local Schools website (www.clearviewschools.org). Current open enrolled students must reapply each year. New open enrollment candidates are selected by a lottery system. Below is a detailed description of how the lottery system works:

1. Complete the Open Enrollment application
2. Return the application to the building of attendance or the Board of Education Office.
3. Applications will be sorted into grade levels.
4. Current open enrolled students and siblings will be placed into separate piles as they are given precedence. Siblings consist of those having the same residential/custodial parent(s).
5. On a given date (in April), the administration will then draw students from the pool of new applications with no precedence.
 - a. The number of students drawn will be based on the number of available seats per grade level.
6. New students selected by open enrollment will be contacted by the Clearview registrar and/or Administration (middle to end of May). New students not selected will not receive any notification. Current open enrolled students who will continue 2018-2019 school year will not receive new notification.
7. Parents of prospective students will have up to 10 days to accept the enrollment or the seat may be offered to other open enrolled applicants.
8. In the event that more spots are available than the number of applicants, the open enrollment process will reopen through September 15th. This time period is often open due to the late registration of kindergarten students.

From the Desk of Laura Manning



Can you believe it is already the third quarter? This year is flying by, at least for all of us at DMS!

First semester was a busy time as we welcomed new fifth grade students to the building and settled in with some new staff members and teachers.

Thank you to our Common VIEW partners that gave us the opportunity to participate as a whole school in One School One Book. Everyone in our building, all adults, and students, had the chance to read their own copy of FISH IN A TREE, a great book about celebrating our differences and finding our place in the world. Thank you also to our Clearview Community and local businesses: Buckeye Bank, Subway, Off Broadway Flowers and the Fire Station for hosting our hidden clues and our advertised book! We can't wait to choose our book for next year's One School One Book!

We enjoyed some student and staff fun before Christmas with celebration days including Grinch Day (a Monday of course) and Ugly Sweater Day! Our 8th graders challenged the staff to basketball as part of a student Passion Project, an interest based research project that 8th grade students use to raise their awareness of the world around them as well as their own impact. It was an exciting game and our staff emerged VICTORIOUS, despite being winded!

As we move into second semester we are looking forward to more reading celebrations and demonstrations of our learning as students complete solar system projects, more passion projects, take field trips to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and Discovery learning at Camp Mohican.

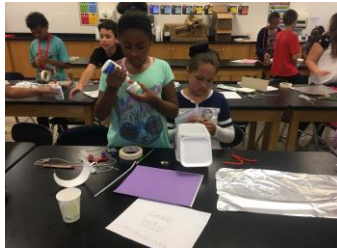
Testing will begin and end in April, so please help by sending your student to school on time and well rested. We will be working, in the next few months, on not only our content area Ohio Learning Standards but also test taking skills and strategies.



DURLING MIDDLE SCHOOL SECTION II

5th Grade Club Invention

This year the 5th graders had the opportunity to participate in Club Invention after school with Mrs. Streater. This STEM based club challenged our students to research problems facing wildlife as well as brainstorm and design solutions. In the SOS: Endangered Earth module, the Club Invention teams were challenged to save the homes of animals across the country! From roving black bears to birds threatened by oil spills, Club Invention participants brainstormed new, clever ideas for building safe animal spaces. Children used their imaginations to create safe, "bear-proof" inventions to help with the problem of roving black bears and protect the habitats of Indiana Bats which can be found right here in Ohio. Lastly, children sketched and then built new animal habitats.



6th Grade Student Debates



This fall in Mrs. McMahon's Language Arts Class students studied the art of debate. Students worked in teams with their classmates to create arguments that they presented in debate format with their teams. Students began by debating "local" topics such as "No cell phones in schools," "Gender specific lunches" and "Dress code." They then moved on to broader more "global" topics such as global warming. The students were not only learning about current events, they worked on cooperative learning skills, and presentation skills. Win or Lose the debate, all of the students did a GREAT JOB!!



DURLING PRIDE





DURLING MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018

- February 3, Daddy Daughter Dance for girls grades K-6 and their fathers
- February 16 and 19, No School
- February 21-28, Book Fair
- February 22, Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:15-7:15 PM
- February 24, 7/8th grade Semi Formal Snowflake Soiree
- February 28, NHS Tapping Ceremony
- Date To Be Determined, Parent Meeting for 7th grade trip for fall of 2018
- March 29-April 6, Spring Break
- Date to Be Determined, Book Exchange Family Night
- May 3, DMS Band Concert
- May 7-9, 8th grade trip to Philadelphia
- May 14, DMS Choir Concert
- May 14-18, Buy One Get One Book Fair
- May 22, 5th grade trip to Put-N-Bay
- May 29-31, 6th grade Mohican Trip
- June 1, Last day of 2017-2018 school year



A message from
Cheryl Gillies
Food Service Director:

Healthy schools meals are essential. Statistics prove that children who eat healthy meals and include physical activity in their daily lives tend to excel.

It is our responsibility to provide healthy and appetizing meals to the students so we can assist them in their succession.

The meals that we provide are in accordance with the National School Lunch Program rules and regulations. We provide meals that contain whole wheat products, variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, protein and protein enriched foods, and dairy. Our menus are designed to accommodate the student's preferences and age appropriate foods.

Our goal is to provide the students with healthy and appetizing meals and the education of healthy eating habits that they need to build a strong nutritional foundation for the future.



CLEARVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

Fall Festival

The high school tweaked the activities for the Fall festival to really focus on kids aged 3-10, with new games and activities, and the turnout was very impressive. We would like to thank everyone who helped make the event so much fun for all who attended; from those who manned the games to the baked goods. Thanks everyone!

Homecoming

Homecoming king and queen this past year were Evan Berrios and Alyzabeth Lighty. Alumni as far as California returned for the weekend. The cheerleaders did a fantastic job with the dance this year, the theme being "Fear Fest." The overall opinion from many who attended is that this was the best dance in recent memory.

Halloween Walk

The Halloween Walk continues to grow in popularity with every passing fall. Over the past three years, more groups and organizations have asked to volunteer and donate time and supplies to what they see as a great way to connect parents with the district in a fun and engaging night.

Gridiron Memories

In respect to the fantastic football season this past year, we would like to mention how supportive our fan base was throughout the season as well, especially at the playoff game against Clear Fork. Despite the long travel distance, our side of the stadium was full almost to capacity and definitely made an impression on our hosts. Despite a lopsided loss, the players and fans who made the trip conducted themselves in a highly positive light which really reflected well on our entire district. Thanks to all who helped make this a season to remember!

Thanksgiving

The Thanksgiving Student Council Drive provided 38 families with a full turkey dinner over the holiday. It takes months of preparation for this special day to happen and involves dozens of staff and students who volunteer hundreds of man hours. Thank you to all who continue to make this cherished Clearview tradition possible.

Winter Sports

In case you haven't noticed, our Winter sports teams are having fantastic seasons! Both the girls and boys basketball programs look like they could go deep into the tournament. The wrestling team just won the conference for only the second time in school history, and our bowlers have a chance to sweep conference championships. Adam Nichols recently set a school record bowling a 278! We still have about a month of games left so come in from the cold and catch the hot action!

Noeleen Rothacker
Principal

Michael Newman
Assistant Principal



From Vicky Timko, Curriculum Director

January 2018

Happy New Year Clearview Clippers! This school year has been full of exciting news regarding teaching and learning. For this article, I will focus on what's new at Vincent Elementary School. The teachers began using a Wilson Language program called "Foundations" with all students in grades K-2. This program provides research-based materials and strategies essential to a comprehensive reading, spelling, and handwriting program. Students in grades K-2 receive a systematic program in critical foundational skills, emphasizing:

- * Phonemic awareness
- * Phonics/ word study
- * High frequency word study
- * Reading fluency
- * Vocabulary
- * Comprehension strategies
- * Handwriting
- * Spelling

This instruction aligns with the state's rigorous college and career-ready standards. Although the "Foundations" program includes comprehension strategies, it must be combined with a core/literature-based language arts program for an integrated and comprehensive approach to reading and writing. For this, I have provided each classroom with ample materials and resources, and for the teachers at Vincent, the opportunity to develop and refine their skills in teaching English Language Arts. I have partnered with Scholastic to provide training and coaching throughout this school year. Effective teachers create strength-based, high-quality literacy instruction that helps all students learn with purpose, proficiency, power, and joy.

Every day, comprehensive literacy teachers organize their instruction around a Gradual Release of Responsibility and whole group, small group, and independent practice as they work to:

- * Strengthen Oral Language Skills
- * Share Interactive Read-Alouds
- * Practice Guided Reading
- * Promote Independent Reading
- * Promote Independent Writing
- * Optimize Learning Supports as follows -
 - a. by maximizing learning supports, fully integrating them into instruction and school management.
 - b. by providing physical, social, emotional, and academic assistance that enables students to succeed at school.
 - c. by providing responsive, personalized instruction that meets the needs of all learners.
 - d. by promoting strong leadership that works to build a full continuum of essential school-community learning supports.
- * Engage Families and the Community
- * Integrate Reading and Writing
- * Encourage Purposeful Reading and Writing
- * Build Foundational Language Skills & Conventions

For more information regarding these programs please visit:

<https://www.wilsonlanguage.com/parents/>

<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/>

My goal is to establish a Comprehensive Literacy Framework for the entire district over the next two school years.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Vicky Timko

Curriculum Director

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Clearview Athletic Booster Club

A new year is upon us and our student athletes are looking forward to new challenges in their respective sports. Our facilities, equipment, and uniforms continue to be upgraded on a continual basis in order to help our student athletes remain competitive and have great experiences at the same time. These upgrades are, in large part, due to the amazing support of the Clearview Athletic Booster Club. This organization has had a tremendous impact on our athletic programs and our district over the years. Here is a list of items that the Clearview Athletic Booster Club has had a hand in providing:

Softball Field	Gym Floor
Baseball Field Uniforms for all	Uniforms for all programs
Football Practice Field	Yard Signs & Car Decals
Softball Scoreboard	Weight room equipment
Baseball Scoreboard	Scholarships
Football Scoreboard	Annual gifts to all teams
Wireless Remote for Basketball Scoreboard	Gym Bleachers
HUDL (online web service for film – exchange, recruiting, coaching, etc.)	

These items have been provided through qualified donations, fund-raising efforts, and volunteer services. Fun community activities provided by our booster club include Night at the Races, inside concessions and bus trips. These fun activities are all handled by generous volunteers and directly benefit our student athletes.

We are always looking to improve membership numbers and help this organization grow in order to take on bigger and better projects. Parents, family, and friends are encouraged to get involved and help. With more members we can share in the fun and projects to give our kids the finest facilities, equipment, and uniforms. We teach our kids to give back to the community and be helpful citizens throughout their lives. This is a great opportunity for all of us to find time in our busy schedules to get involved and show our kids the importance of making a difference in our community.

The Clearview Athletic Boosters meet once a month to discuss upcoming events, projects, and athletic needs. Please contact the following individuals if you would like to get involved.

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Clearview Athletic Booster Club President
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Mike Collier
Clearview Schools Athletic Director
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The Clearview Athletic Booster Club hopes to grow and celebrate our Clearview Family in the coming year.
We look forward to seeing you.

Go Clippers!

