



# CLEARVIEW NEWS

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Mr. Jerome M. Davis, Superintendent

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## From the Superintendent

It amazes me how time seems to fly faster and faster each year. I can't believe we are already into the second month of 2015. Before we know it, the end of the school year will be here. Our seniors will be graduating, parents will be planning graduations parties, and our once upon time babies will be in the next grade and a year older in their education. Treasure the memories because they will be adults at the blink of an eye.

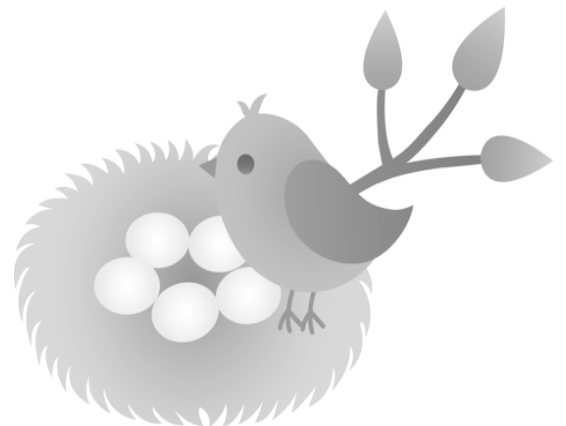
As we look into the future of Clearview Local Schools, let us remember that the students are our #1 priority. With that being said, it is important to let you know that we are looking to have a **RENEWAL LEVY** on the ballot in May. A renewal levy **DOES NOT** seek any new money! It simply keeps the current levy on the books and collects the same amount of money as when the original levy was voted. This will, again, be a 1 mill levy. We are asking for your support in voting **YES** to this levy in May. Again, it does not seek any new monies. This levy will help fund Permanent Improvement (aka P.I.) needs such as buses. As a matter of fact, during the next month or so, you will see one of the results of what P.I. money was able to purchase by way of a brand new bus picking up some of our students. This new bus will take the place of a bus that is from 1997. Feel free to stop by and take a look at it. Other items that P.I. money can be used for include: buses, textbooks, building maintenance, and educational technology. Did you know that Durling now has wireless access? By the way, this was paid for with

funds from our Permanent Improvement levy. In this age of technology, wireless is nothing but a benefit for us and our students. Not to mention the fact that a lot of our state mandated assessments are moving to computerized testing. The goal is to have CHS and Vincent wireless sometime during this upcoming school year.

As we continue to be a school of distinction and a proponent of academic excellence, we want to be sure that we can afford our students with the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century learner. We want them to have access to the necessary and more current textbooks for their classes. It is also important that we keep up with technology as this is technologically advancing world. Safe, secure buses and buildings are just as important in the world of education. Our students are here to learn and they deserve to feel comfortable, safe, and secure in the place where they learn the most.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of The Clearview Local Schools.

Jerome M. Davis  
Superintendent



# Open Enrollment Lottery

## March 2<sup>nd</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup> (Month of March)

Through the month of March individuals may stop by any of the school buildings or the Board of Education office to pick up open enrollment application (s). Once filled out, the application will need to be turned into the respective building. There will be no need to wait in a line as all open enrollment candidates are selected by the lottery system. Below is a detailed description of how the lottery system is to work.

### Lottery System

1. Fill out Open Enrollment application.
2. Return application to building of attendance or the Board of Education.
3. Applications will be sorted into grade levels.
4. Students that are current students or have siblings will be placed in separate piles as they are given precedence.
  - a. Number of students drawn from this pool will be based on the number of available seats per grade level.
5. On a given date, administration will then draw students from the pool of applications with no precedence (Current student and/or siblings).
  - a. Number of students drawn will be based on the number of available seats per grade level.
6. Students selected by open enrollment will be contacted by Central Office and/or Administration.
7. In the case that more spots are available than the number of applications, the open enrollment lottery process will reopen through the date of September 15<sup>th</sup>. This time period is often open due to the late registration of kindergarten students.

## Benefits of Being A High School Athlete

There are many benefits to being involved in athletics in high school. The personal traits one develops as a high school athlete are: teamwork, perseverance, responsibility, physical endurance, commitment, time management, and personal and emotional health. When a student decides to join an athletic team, a commitment is made to attend all practices and to give 100% effort. The student athlete learns to work well and in conjunction with others. Teammates rely upon and support one another to reach a common goal. A student athlete shows loyalty to teammates by being dependable and responsible, showing up for all practices and putting forth his/her best physical and mental effort.

The wellness benefits for the student athlete are that emotional and physical health are developed and maintained. Practices occur on a regular basis where drills are practiced and physical energy is used at its optimum for maximum performance for games. The athlete develops physical stamina to be able to be physically prepared for competition. Emotional health is developed through athletics in many ways. One example of how emotional health is increased is the amount of endorphins that are released during physical activity. When these endorphins are released, a natural high occurs and the athlete feels good which increases emotional wellness. These endorphins also help fight off depression and will reduce stress. When adrenaline is released due to physical activity, the flight or fight response kicks in, and when the student athlete's fight response kicks in, his/her performance is elevated.

Another benefit of being a student athlete is that one is forced to maximize his/her use of time. Time management skills are put to the test because the student athlete not only is a full-time student, but now has an additional time commitment. Because of this additional commitment, in order to be both academically and athletically successful, self-discipline must be used to control one's use of time. Research has shown that when a person has more responsibilities, s/he is forced to take control of how his/her time is used and that person winds up accomplishing more and maintaining a high performance level in both academics and athletics.

Finally, in addition to the already great benefits listed above, when college admission counselors and college coaches see a high school student who has performed well both academically and athletically, they see a well-rounded student athlete who will be a welcome student in higher education.

*Written by:*

*Jean M. Keelan, M.S., N.C.C.*

### #Classof2015

At a pep rally, seniors get "special" opportunities to use confetti to celebrate being a SENIOR! Time flies! Ask one of our seniors... or just close your eyes and think back to when your son took his first step or when your daughter waved to you as she headed off to her first day of kindergarten!

Senior parents, it is especially important for you to stay in touch with us from here until May 28<sup>th</sup>! Check the website, follow us on twitter @ClearviewHS, hound your child for information, call us, email me, do whatever it takes ☺ We will use the All Call system A LOT to let you know about: Jostens, mandatory class meetings, OGTs, order forms, grades, fees, ACT, prom, senior pictures, exams, steak fry, recognition assembly, tickets and then... THE PALACE!



# Clearview High School

Miss Jessica Tafe, Principal

Mrs. Noeleen Rothacker, Asst. Principal

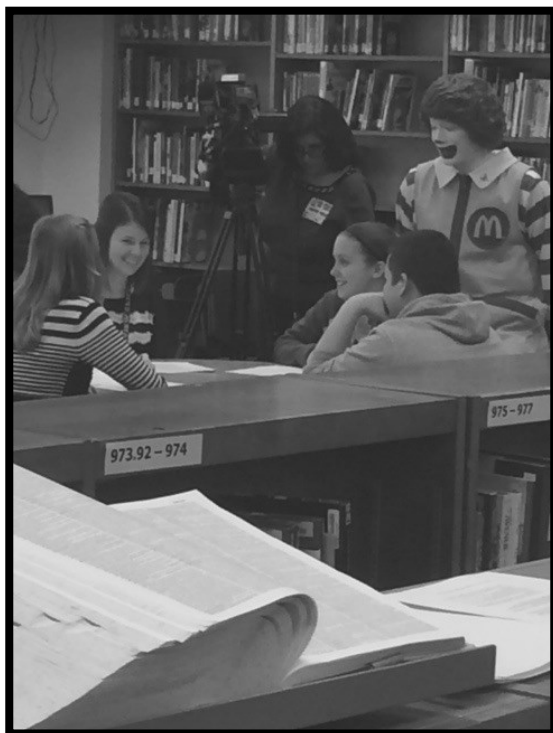


Thank you for allowing us to serve as your Principal and Assistant Principal. Your support is very important to the success of your children and our students! We are continually looking to expand our parent–school relationship and increase family involvement here at CHS. We held our first parent and community forum on November 20, 2014 here in the library. The topic was the opiate and marijuana epidemic of Lorain County. We are all critical parts of our young people’s lives. Together we need to bring our efforts together to educate young adults so that they have the tools to beat the pressures of social media, drugs, alcohol and other things that can hold young people back from reaching their full potential. We are planning our next parent and community forum for early February.

If you have a phone number change, please contact the main office at 233-6313. We really want to be able to reach you to share important information. You can have 24/365 access to your son or daughter’s grades with Power School. If you do not have access, please contact us so we can set you up. All students need a minimum of 21 credits to graduate, including 4 years of Math and English and 3 years of Science and Social Studies. In addition to grades, the state requires the class of 2017 (current sophomores) to pass all five parts of the Ohio Graduation Tests. The state has changed graduation requirements for the class of 2018 and beyond. New assessments include Physical Science, English, Algebra, American History and American Government. Our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will be the first class to take these tests. We will start in early March with these assessments. Information will be posted on the website; check there often.

We are a 2015 Fox 8 Cool School!

This was a fun opportunity for our school to be in the spotlight. We took this opportunity to showcase some of our student leadership groups. From that sense of community to that sense of belonging, the Presidents’ Club gives the student body a voice. “I feel Presidents’ Club is important because the students’ suggestions get to actually be heard and we can help improve Clearview,” senior Lyric Aquino said.



## DMS Travels to Rock Hall

The students in Mr. Krase and Mrs. Morgan's classes got to travel to the Cleveland Rock Hall of Fame this January. They got to see and write about the different artists that are honored there. They also participated in a musical scavenger hunt. They wrote about interesting characters and the music they made. This field trip was planned using money from the Clearview Educational Foundation grant and is aligned with Common Core standards and personal growth for students.

### **Camp Invention Is Coming Back To Clearview!**

Through generous grants from The Lorain Community Foundation and The Nord Foundation, Clearview Local Schools is excited to be able to offer a week of **Camp Invention** again this year! Camp will be held at the Durling Campus shortly after the close of the school year! Camp will be open to students entering grades 1 through 6 in the Fall. Specific dates will be announced this spring.

**Camp Invention** features collaborative learning opportunities led by local teachers in a safe environment. Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math concepts are explored via hands-on creative problem solving activities where children are inspired to be curious about their world and are prepared for the future. 21st Century Skills are a focus as well! Working in teams, children are presented with real-world challenges that promote the direct application of critical-thinking and communication skills demanded by colleges, careers and citizenship in the 21st Century.

Each day, children participate in five continuous modules that place them in settings like a strange planet, a faraway island or deep under sea. Children use their creativity, imagination and inventive thinking skills to solve problems within each environment, building on what they learned the previous day. Using upcycled materials brought from home, they could be challenged to rebuild a rocket ship, cross a river of hot lava, rescue sea creatures or assume another mission. Through hands-on fun, children get excited about science while working together as a team. Though activities will vary depending on the program selected, each one is designed to educate, entertain and inspire. Watch for a flyer to come home with your child and information to be posted on our Clearview Website.

### **DMS is In a Collaborative Venture with United Way and Lorain County General Health District**

**Common View (Vision for Improved Education  
and Wellness)**

United Way of Greater Lorain County has partnered with the Lorain County General Health District to launch a new education and wellness community collaborative that will support middle school students from the Clearview and Midview school districts. The Common Vision for Improved Education and Wellness (Common VIEW) is a collaborative of nine partners working together in the Clearview and Midview school districts to improve health knowledge, develop communication and life skills, and create school environments in which risky behaviors are avoided. The goal of the collaborative is to ensure safer schools and positive social environments that improve both educational and social outcomes for students in the districts. Plans include coordinating school menus and concessions to include fresh and local produce, providing family fit nights in school facilities, creating an outdoor classroom and garden space, and integrating health and wellness messaging into existing curriculum and presentations. "Clearview is excited to be a part of the Common VIEW collaborative, as it gives us the opportunity to focus on the whole child," said Clearview Superintendent Jerome Davis. "The ideas discussed by the team have brought much excitement and enthusiasm to our school. The collaboration that is taking place has definitely made some of us think outside of the box." More information on the Common VIEW Community Collaborative and United Way of Greater Lorain County can be found at [www.uwloraincounty.org](http://www.uwloraincounty.org) or by calling 440-277-6530.

## **Durling Middle School's Recycle Program**

Celebrate being kind to the Earth. Once again, Mrs. Ashofteh's 7th grade students researched recycle facts and information that would help promote the recycle program already in effect at DMS. They learned, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, approximately 33 percent of the municipal solid waste stream (MSW) is made up of paper and paperboard products. Paper makes up the largest portion of the municipal waste stream and is also one of the most recovered materials. Recycling produces numerous direct and indirect benefits:

- Conserves resources
- Prevents emissions of many greenhouse gases and water pollutants
- Saves energy
- Supplies valuable raw materials to industry
- Creates jobs
- Stimulates the growth of greener technologies

Reduces the need for new landfills and incinerators

With this new found knowledge the students are hoping to educate their peers at Durling Middle School by creating public notices to be read on the announcements until the end of the year.

Durling Middle School is currently equipped with an Abitibi bin for recycling paper, cardboard, newspapers, magazines, and home/office paper. Community members are encouraged to recycle their paper at the school's green and yellow Abitibi bin located in the front circle of DMS. Durling Middle School is recycling cans. Drop your clean, bagged cans off at the office.



## What's Happening at Vincent Elementary?

### SECOND GRADERS ARE GETTING TECH SAAVY!

During time in the computer lab, second grade students have been learning to write, send, and receive emails. Each student has been given a Google email account allowing students to not only practice the communication tool of email, but they have also been creating power point presentations using internet research. Second graders have also been using iPads in the classroom to incorporate Accelerated Reader, as well as apps designed to enhance lessons taught in the classroom. Soon we will be receiving two Samsung Galaxy Tab 4 tablets through a Clearview Education Foundation grant written by the second grade teachers. Now students will be comfortable using both iOS and Android operating systems. Finally, an additional grant was written and awarded to second grade students to use the brain break website called GoNoodle Plus. This is an interactive website that not only allows students to get their wiggles out or relax before a test, but it also incorporates the 2nd grade Common Core State Standards in English- Language Arts and Math.

### COSI on Wheels

COSI- The Center for Science and Industry, located in Columbus Ohio, is an amazing hands-on museum for adults and children of all ages to visit and explore while discovering what science is all about. Because of the distance and location of the museum, planning a field trip for a large group of students didn't seem feasible. But, after applying for a grant through the Clearview Endowment Foundation and with help from the Vincent PTO, we have been granted the opportunity to have COSI come to us!! Through a program called COSI on Wheels, students in 3rd and 4th grade at Vincent Elementary will become science experts during the "Astounding Astronomy" program that will be visiting on April 13, 2015. Students will explore the sun, planets, and Solar System through a variety of exciting and engaging hands-on activities. The interactive assembly and program runs all day, allowing students to rotate in small groups to discover a plethora of space concepts while building teamwork skills. Our COSI on Wheels "field trip" should be an awesome experience for all students participating and everyone is looking forward to it!

### Mrs. Urbasky's Class

It has been an exciting year so far in Mrs. Urbasky's Third grade classroom. We started off great with a small grant from Donor's Choose for new classroom books. We were then awarded a grant from the Nordson Company for \$500 VeggieU kits for 6 classrooms! We will be learning all about the growth of plants and the many benefits of healthy eating. The students are very excited about the *worm farm* portion of the project! Next, we received one more grant from Donor's Choose for a beautiful classroom rug. This meant so much to us because we spend a significant part of our day learning together on the floor. The kids and I are thrilled to have had such success in the grant-writing area this year. Students stay very involved with the process by writing thank you letters and sending pictures to the donors. Lastly, our class would like to send an extra-special thank you to the Sopko Family for their personal donation to our classroom rug project. It makes a tremendous impact when the students are able to see that their work and involvement within the community helps them to achieve their own goals and ambitions. We are definitely learning that giving back and paying it forward has benefits for us all.



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

## DONATIONS AND GIFTS

Most of the gifts given to the Clearview Educational Foundation are outright cash donations. However, some folks might like to consider a "planned gift".

Basically, a planned gift is any gift to the foundation that is arranged or provided for during the donor's lifetime, but not actually received by the foundation until a future time, usually after a donor's death. A planned gift is often made through a will, but can also be done in other ways; for example through a life insurance policy or a trust or property. Planned gifts may be in the form of cash, real estate, stocks or other resources. Your planned gift not only helps the Clearview Foundation to help kids, but it also benefits you, the donor, by:

- \* Making you a true partner in the future of Clearview Schools
- \* Providing an ongoing memorial for yourself or a loved one
- \* Reducing taxes, including income taxes, estate and gift taxes
- \* Enable you to make a major gift to the foundation without a comparable financial sacrifice during your lifetime
- \* Making it possible for you to give a larger gift than you might make through annual or periodic donations

### CLEARVIEW EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

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Superintendent

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## COUNT ME IN

Yes, I want to continue the tradition of excellence in the Clearview Schools by contributing to the Clearview Schools Educational Foundation.

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4700 Broadway  
Lorain OH 44052

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

## FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Clearview Educational Foundation has seven different scholarship funds.

**1. General Scholarship Fund**

**2. Dusty Futrall Scholarship Fund**

- created in memory of Dusty Futrall, Clearview class of 1989  
"To be awarded annually to a female student/athlete"

**3. Cheryl Thomas Scholarship Fund**

- created in memory of Cheryl Thomas, Clearview class of 1986  
"To be given to Clearview student entering legal profession"

**4. Dante Mercurio Memorial Scholarship**

- created in memory of Dante Mercurio who was a resident and strong booster of the Clearview Schools and community  
"To be awarded annually to a Clearview student who meets the criteria"

**5. Julie Hancock Memorial Scholarship**

- created in memory of Julie Hancock, Clearview class of 1982  
"To be awarded annually to a student who meets the criteria based on academics and participation in either art or athletics"

**6 Shalimar Fanning Memorial Scholarship**

- created in memory of Shalimar Fanning, Clearview class of 1973



### THE SURVEY SAYS...

A recent survey by financial planners discovered that only 25% of those surveyed have prepared wills. Of those that prepared wills, more than half had not updated the will in the last five years. Why is this tidbit of information in the newsletter? Because we want you to know that it is important to think of your loved ones and their future. If you are fortunate enough to have provided for any dependents, please consider naming the Clearview Foundation in your will. What better way to show your consideration for children in the future than to contribute to the Foundation?

Please consider contacting your financial planner, or call the Superintendent directly at 440-233-5412 to discuss the many ways you can help.

### *Come Join Alumni Association*

The Clearview Alumni Association meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month (except during the summer months) at 6:00 p.m. at the high school. We welcome new faces and new ideas, suggestions and helpers. Contact Sandy Rohner and Laverne Chohany Mackin. Call the school for more information 233-5412.



### REUNIONS

If your class is planning a reunion and we can be of help with names and addresses, please contact us. Also, if you have had a reunion, notify us with the latest information.

CHS Alumni Newsletter  
4700 Broadway  
Lorain OH 44052

## **REVERSE RAFFLE AND** **SILENT AUCTION**

Tickets are now available for the Reverse Raffle/Silent Auction for the Clearview Educational Foundation. This is our major fund-raiser of the year and is scheduled for March 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

We are changing things up a bit this year with the addition of a reverse raffle. Your ticket purchase will entitle you to dinner and one entry on the main raffle board, with a top prize of \$1000.00. There will also be side boards with an additional \$2000.00 in prize money.

To purchase tickets please see Superintendent, Jerome Davis, one of the building principals, Kim Meade at the Board office, or contact Mike Post at 440-233-6689.

Ticket prices are \$30.00 each. Checks can be made payable to the Clearview Educational Foundation. If you wish to pay by credit card, contact Kim Meade at the Board Office. 440-233-5412 ext 1310.

Your participation in our efforts to build the Foundation's balance to enhance the educational opportunities for children and the Clearview School District is greatly appreciated.

**Thank you for your continued  
Support!!!**





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# SPRING BREAK

April 3rd - 10th

