

***Message from the Superintendent******February 2017*****Happy New Year!**

Is it me or does it seem like 2016 flew by rather quickly? The school years seem to go by faster and faster each year. By the time you read this newsletter, we will be just a few months away from graduation. Not only are the years quickly passing, but our students/your children are growing up faster.

2016 was a busy year and had a few challenges, but as usual we forged through those challenges and ended the year on a positive note. So, as you enter the year of 2017, remember that you may have a few challenges that cross your path, but I encourage you to stay focused and stay positive. Those challenges are only temporary. You can conquer and overcome anything that comes your way. Keep pressing through and let 2017 be your year!

Winter Weather & School Closing

The winter season is upon us; therefore, we may have days when school has to be closed. Deciding whether or not to close school is a difficult decision that I have to make when the weather is inclement. Not everyone will always agree with the decision, but please know that there are several factors taken into consideration such as outside temperatures, buses, parking lots, driving conditions, road conditions, etc. I am also in consultation with several people on these days including the bus supervisor, maintenance supervisor, and other area superintendents.

The safety of our students is very important. Likewise, the education of our students is very important. Hence, many factors are taken into consideration when calling off school. However, as the parent(s), you make the ultimate decision on whether or not to send your child(ren) to school. Please make sure that they are dressed appropriately for the weather.

Alerts/Notifications

Generally, school closings are displayed on the local news stations. In addition, I will make an all call over the phone. If your number has changed, please contact the school offices so that it can be updated. The all call phone numbers are generated from the numbers that we have in PowerSchool. If you are not receiving the all calls, please call the school to make sure that we have the correct number.

Jerome M. Davis
Superintendent

Dear VES Families,

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New!

We have had a great first half of the 2016-2017 school year. Our students have been working hard on what would be considered “traditional” coursework: reading, math, science and social studies. However, they have been learning about those subjects through the use of technology. In the spring of 2016, the PTO donated a new laptop cart along with a cart purchased by the district. If you add those to our existing computer lab, we now have approximately 90 computers for the teachers to use for their lessons. Teachers have also added technology to their individual classrooms through grants from the Endowment fund and other funding sources such as Go Fund Me.

Now, you might be asking, “Why the big push in technology?” Well, if you were to ask the students, they would say it is cool. If you were to ask a teacher they might say it was cool as well, but they might add that it is an essential component to the students becoming 21st Century learners. And let’s face it, technology is becoming more common in our society every year. Students will need to be college and career ready, and technology will get them there. But with all of the students being required to take an online test starting in the Third Grade, we need to get them prepared for those experiences.

One thing that does remain the same is, “Too much of a good thing is not good.” As a parent, please limit the amount of time your child is on devices to an hour a day during the school week. They should not be using technology an hour before going to bed. This gives their brain time to slow down due to being overstimulated. Reading to your child before bedtime is a good way for them to unwind and it also shows them that you value reading. If you are having difficulty getting them to do their homework or chores around the house, maybe you could use the time on the devices as a reward for completing those tasks.

In closing, I want to remind you that we are always looking for parents to be involved with their child’s education. If you would like to volunteer, please talk with your child’s teacher to find out ways you can help. There are opportunities in the classroom and, at the end of the year, we need chaperones and volunteers to help out with several field day events, picnics, and field trips.

I want to thank you again for having the honor of being part of your child’s education.

Sincerely,
Mr. Davies
Principal, Vincent Elementary School



VINCENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

4th GRADERS have been busy learning how to play the recorder. They are doing a program called Recorder Karate where they earn their belts by successfully playing each song that is assigned to that color level until they reach their Black Belt! Here are some pictures of them working hard:



3RD GRADE had a successful Winter Concert with a variety of musical presentations – singing, playing the glockenspiels, and using Boom Whackers (plastic music tubes). There was also some drama as some of the students dressed in costumes for the song, *I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas*.



I am excited about the other concerts for the other grade levels this year. Special things are planned for all!

Dwayne Hoff, Music Teacher, Vincent Elementary School

VINCENT ELEMENTARY SECTION III



This year, I had the privilege of teaching *Social Studies* to my students and to Mr. Guerrieri's students. Between the two classes, there were a few students (Natalia Woskobunik, Nathan Christensen, Kiley Hagerman, Abigail Anderson, Leah Sprague, Nathaniel Lanzo, and Joshua Puskas) that were given a project to complete which honestly touched the other students and myself more than I could imagine.

The goal of this project was to encourage students to discover how people make a difference in our community. Each of these students had to research the volunteer work of others and share what they learned.

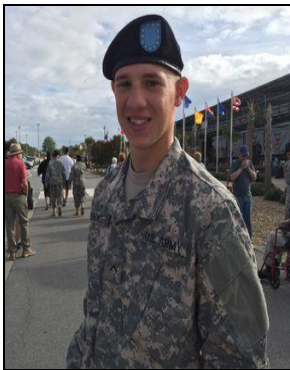
The students were responsible for researching various charities in our community, discovering the impact the charity made, designing a poster to encourage volunteering, creating a presentation with all of the information obtained and presenting the project to our class.

Nathaniel and Joshua both chose "*Canines for Disabled Kids*," Abigail chose "*Community Care*," Kiley chose "*Toys for Tots*," Leah chose "*Mary Lee-Tucker Program*," Nathan chose "*Goodwill Industries*," and Natalie chose "*Locks of Love*." These children did a wonderful job researching their chosen charity. Each of them showed us that we all can give a little more of our time to help others!

Mrs. Naro

Vincent Students Help Spread Cheer

This winter, our 2nd graders and many other students in our school were able to give the gift of kindness to some brave men and women who are serving overseas. PFC Jacob Corcino, a 2015 graduate of Clearview High School and son of Eric and Dawn Corcino, is currently in Kuwait with his Army crew of 23. When his mother and cousin, Noah Nickoloff, a 2nd grader in Mrs. Alberti's class, asked that we send them some holiday cheer, the students and staff at Vincent responded in a big way! Hundreds of handmade cards and gifts were sent, along with festive treats and current reading material. The soldiers received all of the gifts before Christmas and were elated to know that the students were thinking of them. It also was another great way for our students at Vincent to show and understand patriotism. Students will again be sending a cheerful care package this spring, since the soldiers are stationed in Kuwait until June. The students are very proud of the hard work and sacrifice of these men and women.



"SHARING IS CARING"

VINCENT ELEMENTARY SECTION IV

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Thursday, February 9, 2017

3:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Vincent Elementary School

Open to Clearview District residents only.

Your child *must* be 5 years old by
August 1, 2017
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. 2016 –Feb. 2017)


**VINCENT
ELEMENTARY
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CALENDAR
2017**
FEBRUARY

- 6 NO SCHOOL – Teacher In Service
- 9 Parent/Teacher Conferences (3:30 PM-7:30 PM)
Kindergarten Registration (3:30 PM-7:30 PM) Clearview Residents only
- 16 4th Grade Music Concert
- 20 NO SCHOOL ~ President's Day

MARCH

- 1-31 Open Enrollment period. Current open enrolled students must reapply every school year. See details below
- 16 First Grade Music Concert

APRIL

- 3-7 NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK
- 14 NO SCHOOL - Good Friday
- 17 NO SCHOOL

Strategies for Raising Children in a World of Technology

“We refuse to turn off our computers, turn off our phone, log off Facebook, and just sit in silence, because in those moments we might actually have to face up to who we really are.” —Jefferson Bethke

What we are doing is unprecedented—no study yet knows exactly what this *iChildhood* will look like when our children are full grown people. There are no proven answers to the questions we are asking. That's what makes this so difficult. Well, that, and the fact that even the questions are changing at an alarming rate. But this is a conversation we should be having. Not because we will all choose to parent the same, but because there is wisdom in numbers. And the more intentionality we apply to our parenting, the better.

1. Technology is not discouraged in our home.
2. Moderation is encouraged and modeled.
3. Technology is changing the way we relate to one another, but face-to-face conversation is still important in the present.

To read more search “9 Important Strategies for Raising Children in a World of Technology” by Joshua Becker

From the Desk of Laura Manning



Welcome 2017!!

It is so hard to believe we are already half way through this school year. I am thrilled to be in my second year at DMS getting to know the kids and families better.

We had a busy first semester for our staff and students. While everyone worked hard on new learning and adjusting to some new policies, we found time to help our students explore the world around them. Our seventh grade students visited Lorain County Community College to see *The Giver* live on stage at the Stocker Arts Center. This was a great opportunity to see the story after having read the Novel in the Flex classes. Our fifth grade students had the chance to go to the Christmas Story House again this year, making this the second annual trip. It was a nice way to begin the Holiday season and to enjoy a little Cleveland History. Sixth grade students were treated to a JVS career fair when high school aged JVS students from all over the county came to show off their skills and programs. Students had time to visit with and observe what nearly twenty of the career tech programs at the JVS look like, and talk to students involved with the programs. Finally, our eighth grade class had some visitors from area manufacturing careers come as guest speakers to talk about the importance of manufacturing in area communities and the global economy. Our eighth grade students also had the wonderful opportunity to talk with Holocaust survivors and visit the Holocaust museum in Beachwood after reading *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* in their Reading and Language Arts classes. All of our students really benefitted from these opportunities to explore the world outside our classrooms.

We also have some exciting changes in our building as part of our work with the Common View Collaborative and the Lorain County Health Department. We completed construction on two outdoor learning environments when we finished up the pergolas located in our courtyard, and as soon as the weather breaks this spring, we will be able to complete our green house, also to be located in the courtyard.

We will have five new “hydration stations” installed this quarter as part of a healthier living model and the Water First for Thirst campaign. Students will be given a refillable water bottle to have in class to promote healthy habits and keep them hydrated.

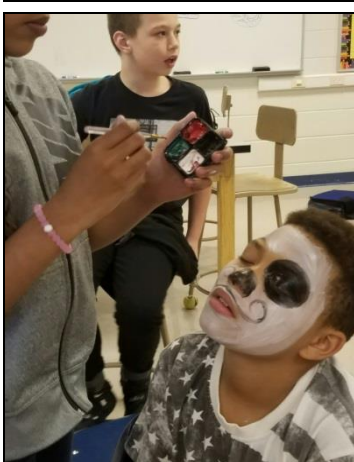
Everyday our teachers are working to help our students find success and grow as learners. This spring we are working hard with the students across all grade levels to improve their computer skills as well as prepare them for spring state testing. We never want the technology to get in the way of all of our students doing their best in all of their subjects.

As always, Thank you for your continued support and partnership in helping us prepare your children for their future. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

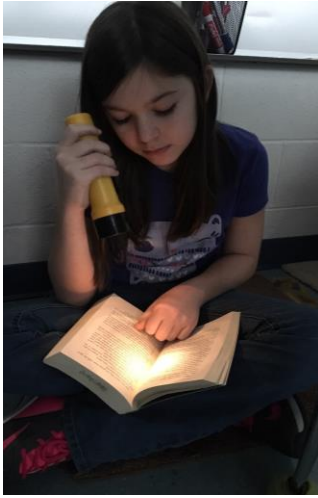
Yours in Education,
Laura D. Manning
Principal
Durling Middle School

DURLING MIDDLE SCHOOL SECTION II

"Days of the Dead"...In October, DMS art students learned about the Mexican holiday, los Dias de los Muertos. They created large scale artwork based on the tradition and displayed it throughout the hallways. They also had an opportunity to paint their face as a sugar skull.



The *Day of the Dead* is a time of celebration and remembrance of loved ones who have passed away, much like Memorial Day in the United States. Celebrating the day of the dead is a true celebration of life.



FLASHLIGHT FRIDAYS 6th grade readers enjoy their AR books while cozied up with friends and flashlights. I also have a fireplace crackling on the smart board.



**DURLING MIDDLE
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2017**

FEBRUARY

6 NO SCHOOL ~ Teacher In Service
16 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:15 PM-7:15 PM
20 NO SCHOOL ~ President's Day

MARCH

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APRIL

3-7 NO SCHOOL ~ Spring Break
14 NO SCHOOL ~ Good Friday
17 NO SCHOOL

MAY

1 NO SCHOOL ~ Teacher In Service
9 DMS Band Concert
15 DMS Spring Choir Concert
24 Last Day of School

Veggie U and Nordson paid a visit to the classroom of Ryan Krase, intervention specialist at Durling Middle School, on Monday, January 9, 2017. They came to the classroom to see what the students had done and to discuss funding for the program in the classroom next year. Nordson had funded the garden fees entirely for the last two academic years, and from the sound of it, will continue to do so! Both Veggie U and Nordson were so impressed with Mr. Krase's classroom garden that they discussed writing about it in their respective newsletters. In an email to Mr. Krase, Susan Fain (Special Needs Program Coordinator for VeggieU) stated, "We were impressed by your knowledge and understanding of what it takes to raise healthy plants and what it takes to be a healthy kid! We hope you enjoy eating the 'vegetables' of your labor." Excellent job, Mr. Krase and his awesome students!



DURLING MIDDLE SCHOOL SECTION IV

5th Grade Christmas Story Field Trip**Gonna Shoot Your Eye Out Kid!**

'Twas the week before Christmas

And all through the halls,

The whisper of Christmas House beckons 'n calls,

The students have brought in their forms and have paid,

In hopes of trading school for a day.

We math, we read, we examine the play,

To go on a field trip to get away!

As we get there 'n stare at the Story house,

Not a student was stirring; quiet as a mouse.

We enter the house in disbelief,

As we see the landlines in relief.

The BB gun..... is in Ralphies care,

With other memorabilia for us to share.

We delight in the house, the museum, and shop

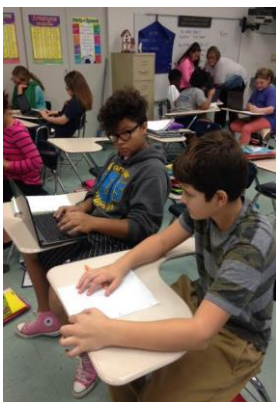
To save a piece of fudge.....in our mouths....no drop!

As we leave Christmas Story House for another year,

We had a day of fun with Christmas cheer!

Some will go again, many will not, but for all will be a trip not ever forgot!

Thank you chaperones, Cici's pizza, and especially all of the DMS 5th grade students for an awesome, memorable day! Mr. Bray, Mr. Krase, Mr. Lovell, Mr. Majoras, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Streator, Mrs. Suppa



This school year, I decided to try a new approach to help students with their argumentative writing. At least once a month throughout the year, I had the students do in-class debates over a variety of topics. These topics ranged from school-related issues such as gender- segregated lunches, no cell phone policies, to real world issues such as the death penalty, society's image of beauty, etc. The students worked in groups and with each new debate, they would take on a different role. The role assignments included speaker, researcher, recorder, note taker, and at times, a moderator. I was pleasantly surprised and proud of how the students took so much joy in this activity.

"When are we doing debates again?" They were eager to let their opinions be heard and during debates, students were very respectful of other's opinions, and were able to hold an actual debate amongst them. In doing this activity, students were able to take an argument and find research that supports the argument to better improve their stand on an issue. It also helped the students practice with supporting an argument through research and text, which is a required skill for sixth grade English Language Arts. Jenny McMahon, 6th Grade Language Arts

Hello from the High School!

We hope that this newsletter finds you as excited as we are for the second half of the year. As your principals, we would like to start by saying: THANK YOU for all of your support! 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 strive to provide appropriate classes for all of our students so that we can best reach individual needs. Our students have many wonderful opportunities through academics and extracurricular activities. Together we can keep our excellent and successful traditions thriving here at Clearview!

We held our first annual "Halloween Walk" on October 29th with great success. We had over 200 children and families come and enjoy a haunted classroom, trick or treating stations, cider and cookies. Then, to continue our community outreach, we held our first annual "Christmas Walk" on December 17th. Children enjoyed a night of face painting, ornament making, cookie decorating, gift making, movies, popcorn and a visit from a very special person. Be on the lookout for information regarding our "Easter Walk".

If you have a phone number change, please contact the main office at 440-233-6313. 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.

CLASS OF 2017 SENIOR PARENTS

It is especially important for you to stay in touch with us from now until May 24th!

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 stuff like: Jostens, mandatory class meetings, OGTs, order forms, grades, fees, ACT, prom, senior pictures, exams, steak fry, recognition assembly, tickets and then... THE PALACE!

Noeleen Rothacker
Principal

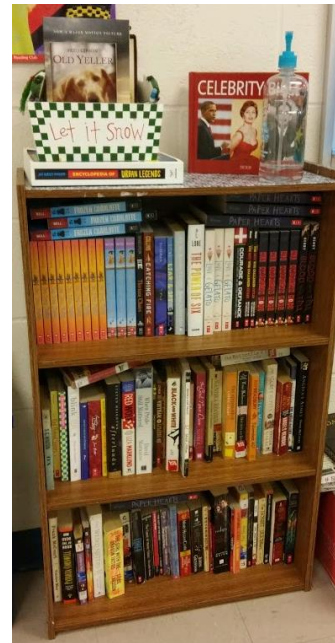
Michael Newman
Assistant Principal



CLEARVIEW HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

This year, the freshmen had some great new books to read during their silent reading time slots in my classroom. I received a Foundation Grant which leaves the funding local, and within the walls of our high school. This grant awarded me a significant amount of funds to spend on reading materials, earn points for free books and replace some extremely dated books in my lending library. It was a win-win for my students and I am thrilled that I was chosen. My lending library is now up to date, including differing topics that students actually have heard about, and want to read! I am now in need of a bookshelf, which you can tell by the attached picture.

Happy Reading!
Mrs. Sloboda



FEBRUARY

- 6 NO SCHOOL – Teacher In Service
- 9 Conferences (3:00 – 7:00 pm)
- 10 & 11 Winter One Acts
- 15 Red Cross Blood Drive
- 20 NO SCHOOL – President’s Day
- “Pennies for Pasta” Fundraiser (ends 3/3)
- 25 Solo and Ensemble Contest

MARCH

- 3 “Pennies for Pasta” Fundraiser ends
- 22 & 23 Talent Show Rehearsal
- 25 Clearview’s Got Talent
- 31 Europe Trip (return 4/9)
- Senior/Faculty Challenge

APRIL

- 3 – 7 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
- 9 Europe Trip Returns
- 12 Easter Walk @ CHS
- 14 NO SCHOOL – Good Friday
- 17 NO SCHOOL
- 18-21 Senior Class Trip
- 20 LifeShare Blood Drive
- 21 & 22 Spring Play
- 25 Mandatory Senior Class Meeting (7:30 am)
- 27 CHS Band Concert
- 28-30 SHFT Trip to Hocking Hills

MAY

- 2 Honors Banquet (6:00 PM)
- 5 Senior/Faculty Exchange
- 6 Prom (LaCentre, Westlake)
- 11 CHS Spring Choir Concert
- 12 Seniors Last Day ☺
- 15-16 Senior Exams
- 17 Recognition Assembly Practice (9 AM)
- Senior Steak Fry
- Recognition Assembly (7:00 PM)
- 22-24 Exams (Grades 9-11)
- 24 Last Day of School
- Class of 2017 Graduation



CLEARVIEW HIGH SCHOOL SECTION III

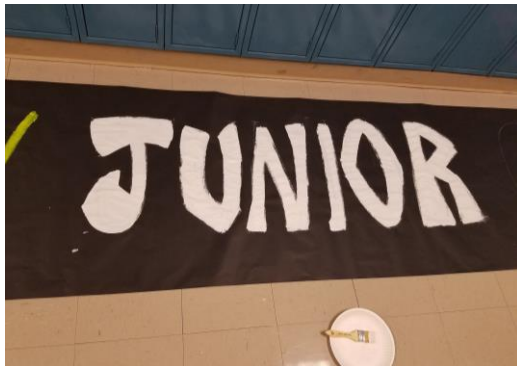
SPANISH CLUB

Spanish club has been hard at work this year spreading cultural awareness. From the Day of the Dead to facts about Hispanic Heritage Month, they have been busy.



JUNIOR CLASS

Junior Class has brought on the Spirit! Keeping it classy in Spirit Competitions and coming up with great themes and ideas for each challenge. They are planning a wonderful prom to be held at LaCentre this year with "After Prom" at Swings 'N Things. Winter Wonderland is the theme and it will be amazing!



Hallway Decorating



Junior Class Homecoming Pep Rally

You can view pictures from CHS, Homecoming, and Spanish Club using the link below:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B-ejg1LhkVgeNlpBY0N3TIVMM0U?usp=sharing>

"We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today."

Stacia Tauscher

From the Curriculum Director, Vicky Timko

Communication is Critical

There is plenty of research out there that states how parent involvement is very important to the success of the student.

- Parent involvement at home and at school has a measurable impact on student performance in school.
- Parent involvement is related to improved student behavior in school and better attitudes about schoolwork generally.
- Improved communication between teachers and parents increases student engagement as measured by homework completion rates, on-task behavior, and class participation.

“I always have to remind people that the biggest ingredient in school performance is the teacher. That’s the biggest ingredient within a school. ***But the single biggest ingredient is the parent.***” – PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA AT FOX SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN MISSOURI, APRIL 29, 2009.

Please contact your child’s Teacher(s), the Principal, or Assistant Principal whenever you have a question or concern. Email addresses for staff members can be found on the school webpage or by calling the specific buildings.

Power School is the online reporting tool that parents can use to access their child’s grades. Each student is given a 6 digit identification number when they enter the school district and that number stays the same as long as they attend this district- Vincent, Durling or Clearview High School. That number can be used to log into the students’ Power School account to see grades, check on any missing assignments, and to see if fees are owed as well. Power School also has an APP for smart phones.

You can access Clearview’s Power School system by clicking on the link located on the district webpage.

This is the URL: <https://ps-cv.metasolutions.net/public/>



OPEN ENROLLMENT LOTTERY - March 1-31, 2017

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). Open enrollment candidates are selected by a lottery system. Below is a detailed description of how the lottery system works:

1. Fill out 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. Students that are current students or have 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 applications with no precedence.
 - a. The 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 the Clearview registrar and/or Administration (middle-end of May). Students not selected will not receive any 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.