

STRONGSVILLE CITY SCHOOLS DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues., April 12 (5pm-7pm)	Community Walkthrough at Albion Middle School
Tues., April 19 (5pm-7pm)	Community Walkthrough at Center Middle School
Wed., April 20 (7pm-9pm)	Albion 8 th Grade Band – All-City Band Festival at Strongsville High School
Thu., April 21 (7pm-9pm)	Board of Education Meeting at Strongsville Administration Office
Sat., April 23 (12pm-3pm)	Community Walkthrough at Drake Elementary, Center Middle School, & Albion Middle School
Sat., April 30 (9am-12pm)	Strongsville City Schools Job Fair at Strongsville High School (Media Ctr.)

60 SECONDS WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

This week's episode features Muraski Elementary and the impactful "Kids Hope" Program. Click [here](#) to view this episode.

DISTRICT UPDATES

Kindergarten Registration and Full Day Kindergarten Updates

Kindergarten registration is in full gear for the 2016-17 school year, with 239 students already registered. We have added a sixth section of full day kindergarten due to parental interest. Every elementary building will have a full day kindergarten class, and Kinsner Elementary will have two sections. Letters were sent home this week to all families that registered for full day kindergarten detailing their assigned school.

If you have not registered your kindergarten student for the upcoming school year, please contact Sue Kochheiser (Registrar) at 440-572-7048.

Summer School Information

Elementary Grades 1-3

- June 6th – 24th / Monday-Friday / 9:00am-11:30am / Muraski Elementary School
- By invitation only
- Letters will be sent home in the next few weeks
- Summer School Coordinator - Mrs. J. Peters, Muraski Elementary Principal

Middle & High School Grades 7-12

- June 6th – 24th
- \$150 per course
- Course offered for credit:
 - Economics
 - Health
 - Physical Education
 - Personal Finance

Middle school and high school courses are offered on-line for credit recovery. Please work with your building Principal or counselor to determine if your student is in need of summer school. All courses are on-line with open lab hours in the mornings for teachers to meet with students and assist with questions. These lab hours are mandatory for middle school students and optional for high school students. Registration forms will be available on the district website (www.strongnet.org) next week. Our summer school coordinator is Mrs. Justina Peters, Muraski Elementary Principal.

Strongsville High School Art Club Donates Time & Talent to School of Rock

Strongsville's School of Rock recently unveiled a mural in their building, which was designed and painted by the Strongsville High School Art Club. It is a fantastic example of creativity and community partnership by the artists at SHS. Thank you to **Melissa Moon**, SHS Art Teacher & Art Club adviser, and to the creative students in the SHS Art Club for giving back to the Strongsville community.



Cantorum National Anthem Performance

Strongsville High School Cantorum performed the National Anthem prior to the Cavs/Hornets game on Sunday, April 3rd.

Strongsville High School Interact Club Book Drive

The SHS Interact Club is now collecting new and gently used children's books (birth to three years). There are drop off boxes in the main office, media center, and room 830 at Strongsville High School. The drive runs through April 18th, so please consider a donation. The SHS Interact Club is an international service group, working closely with Rotary and Rotaract. This book drive serves as the Club's district wide service project this year. The books will be donated to community centers throughout Rotary District 6630.

Lantern Awards

Strongsville High School's student newspaper, *The Lantern*, was recently recognized by the Ohio Scholastic Media Association (OSMA) with seven awards. *The Lantern*, with a staff of twenty five students, won third place for Overall Newsmagazine. Other *Lantern* staff earning recognition included: **Autumn Whitener** - Superior (the highest honor) for Artwork; **Fatima Sajjad** (Editor in Chief) & **Morgan Myers** (Photo Editor) - Honorable Mentions for Front Page Layout; **Lauren Gregory** (Junior Editor) - Honorable Mention for Column Writing (*two years in a row for her *Nerd's Corner* column); **Lindsey Blomquist** (Layout Editor) - Honorable Mention for Opinion Page Layout; **Sara Ludwig** (Senior Writer) - Honorable Mention for Commentary Writing. Congratulations to **Mary Erste**, Strongsville High School English and Journalism teacher and adviser for the student staff of *The Lantern*, and all of the talented students working on this student newspaper!

Center Middle School Orchestra

On Saturday, March 19th, fifty-five Center Middle School Orchestra students participated in the Greater Cleveland Solo and Ensemble Competition. Our students received the following ratings from the adjudicators:

- 19 Superior Solo Ratings
- 4 Excellent Solo Ratings
- 57 Superior Ensemble Ratings
- 21 Excellent Ensemble Ratings

Congratulations to Director **Tanya Rogers** and all of our talented orchestra students - well done!

Believe in Ohio - Center Middle School Winners

Believe in Ohio (BiO) is a student entrepreneurship program to develop Ohio's next generation of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) innovators. Strongsville has participated in BiO competitions over the past few years, with several high school students earning college scholarship money. Congratulations to the following Center Middle School students for placing in the recent Believe in Ohio Competition:

1st Place: Michael Fallon (Smart Shower Head)

This is a shower head equipped with smart technology that determines the amount of hot water remaining in your tank during the course of use of the shower

2nd Place: Jaime Melland (Cancer Bot)

This is pencil-tip sized device that is injected into cancer cells that will distribute medicine and fight the infected cells

3rd Place: Jack Matuszak & Dylan Hyun (Infinity Tri-Wheel)

This is an automobile that runs on electrical energy. The mechanical energy from the motion of the car will recharge its own battery, requiring no recharging.



Muraski Benches

New benches have been added to the atrium area at Muraski Elementary. Students are being encouraged to take a few minutes each day to read on the new benches. Thank you to Muraski Intervention Specialist **Wendy McClure** for writing the grant to PTA to purchase these benches for our students – and thank you to PTA for funding the project!



Upcoming Events

Rockin' at the Rec

Tonight (Friday, 4/8) is another Rockin' at the Rec event and it is "Bring a Friend" night. Every student in grades 6th – 8th may attend and bring a friend that is also in grades 6th – 8th from another city. If students are in soccer with people outside of Strongsville, or take dance class with students from other cities, invite them to attend with you! Tickets will be available for \$10 at the door. Please remember the dress code will apply to all students attending the dance and the theme is NEON (NO glow sticks). Dance hours are from 6:30pm-9:00pm. This will be the last dance for our current 8th graders.

Color Stampede Event

Strongsville Leadership Academy is holding "The Color Stampede" on Saturday, April 16 from 8:30am-10:30am at Pathway Church (21211 Drake Road). Participants can choose between a one mile run/walk or a 5K run. All funds raised will benefit Strongsville's Leadership Academy Scholarship.

Job Fair

Strongsville City Schools is holding a Job Fair at the end of the month to fill substitute positions including bus drivers, cafeteria workers, school monitors, special education aides, custodians, and teachers. The Job fair will be held on Saturday, April 30 from 9:00am–12:00pm in the Strongsville High School Media Center.

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ALUMNI UPDATES

We are proud of **Matthew Perciak** (SHS Class of 1989), Executive Officer in the United States Coast Guard Community Services Command (Chesapeake, Virginia). Matt earned a Management degree from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and his Masters of Business Administration from Old Dominion University. He has held many roles within the Coast Guard, including Comptroller and Chief of

Maritime Homeland Security/Defense. His current responsibilities include overseeing all aspects of a multi-channel 64 store retail chain (Coast Guard Exchange) consisting of 800+ employees located throughout the United States and providing corporate-level programming for a franchise-based \$20M morale, well-being, and recreation (MWR) program supporting the entire US Coast Guard.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Have a community event to share? Email dfoust@scsmustangs.org and we will try to include the event in a future edition of the Strongsville Schools Happenings!

Jump Rope Community Show

The Heartbeats Jump Rope Team and the Drake Jump Rope Club presents the Community Show on April 23, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Strongsville High School Gym. Admission is free!

Internet Safety Speaker

Nationally recognized Internet Safety Speaker Jesse Weinberger will be presenting at the North Royalton High School Performing Arts Center. This is an amazingly impactful FREE presentation for ADULTS ONLY (no children will be allowed). Babysitting will be available. Dinner is being served from 5:00pm - 5:45pm. The presentation will begin at 5:45 pm. Find more event details at this link: [Jesse Weinberger Internet Safety](#)

Center Ring Circus

The Center Ring Circus comes to the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in Berea on Wednesday, April 13. Showtimes are at 5:00pm & 7:00pm. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.center-ring-circus.com

World Champion TKD Academy – Grand Opening in Strongsville

World Champion Tae Kwon Do Academy (WCTA) is coming to Strongsville. Please join them on Saturday, April 9 at 10:00am for a Grand Opening Celebration. WCTA is located at 17910 Pearl Road.

Strongsville Library (April)

Please note the following upcoming April events at the Strongsville Library. Registration is required for most events. Please call 440.238.5530 for more information and to register. All events sponsored by our Friends of Strongsville Branch Library. Visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org for more library event information.

Year-Round Storytimes!

Cuyahoga County Public Library offers story time sessions year-round for children (birth to age five). Our current story time sessions are in full swing. Please call the library for more information about our story time sessions.

Native Plants: Rugged EasyCare Survivors

Tuesday, April 12th / 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Join us for this special presentation by the Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County. Native plants possess certain traits that make them uniquely adapted to our local conditions. These plants have evolved over a long period of time in response to the climate, soil, rainfall, drought, and frost conditions of our area. In addition, native plants can match cultivated plants in beauty while often surpassing non-natives in ruggedness and resistance to insects and disease.

Just 4 U Student Friends Meeting (Ages 10 – 18)

Saturday, April 16th / 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Join the Just 4 U Student Friends and volunteer at the library! We meet once a month on Saturday at 2 pm to help with special library projects or community projects. We have a lot of fun, so join us! Please stop by the library for an application form.

Teen Poetry Night (Grades 6 – 12)

Monday, April 18th / 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Join us for a coffeehouse poetry night. We will share poetry, write some impromptu poems, and enjoy beverages and refreshments. Win a door prize!

Strongsville: The Early Years

Tuesday, April 19th / 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Carol Williams, Strongsville Historical Society member, will share the highlights of Strongsville's first 100 years as part of Strongsville's bicentennial birthday celebration. Come hear about the beginnings of Strongsville including neighborhoods, people, and businesses. A short Strongsville Historical Society meeting will precede the presentation.

Whooo's Ready for School? Kindergarten Readiness – Writing (Ages 4 – 5, with a caregiver)

Friday, April 29th / 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Help your preschooler make the transition into their first year of school. Explore hands-on activity stations as we explore building writing skills. Registration begins on Friday, April 15th at 9:00am.