

Strongsville Schools Happenings

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Important Dates to Remember

Our next early release day will occur next Friday, January 15th. Click [here](#) for details on release times for our early release day. There will be no school on January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Raising Cyber-Conscious Kids

The Strongsville City Schools guidance department will be hosting a seminar on raising cyber-conscious kids on January 21st from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Strongsville High School Little Theater. The guest speaker will be Caroline Wathey from Internet Crimes Against Children. Click [here](#) to view the flyer.

Board of Education Walkthrough

After 107 years of service to the Strongsville Community, the Board of Education building at 13200 Pearl Road is slated to be demolished this coming summer. We would like to invite the community to visit the building one final time on Saturday, January 30, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. At this community walkthrough, visitors can take pictures and share memories with friends and former classmates.

Curriculum Update

For the 2016-17 school year, the district will once again be offering half-day kindergarten and a tuition-based full-day kindergarten program. You can also click [here](#) to read FAQs on our Full Day Kindergarten program. If you will have a kindergarten student enrolling next year or know someone who will, we invite you to attend our [kindergarten informational meeting](#), which will be held on Thursday, January 28th at Muraski Elementary School at 7:00 p.m. At this meeting, you will learn about our half-day and full-day kindergarten programs, as well as have the opportunity to pay your deposit (\$300) to hold a spot in our full-day program.

Listed below are the kindergarten registration dates. Registration will be held at our new Administrative Offices; 18199 Cook Avenue from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on the assigned days below. If you are not sure which building your child would attend, click [here](#), enter your street name, and the search results will share your assigned building based on your address.

- Chapman - March 14th
- Kinsner - March 15th
- Muraski - March 16th
- Surrarrer - March 17th
- Whitney - March 18th

Construction Update

Our construction and renovation projects continue to move forward on time and under budget. With the savings that we have realized throughout this project, we have been able to add features to the middle school, as well as expand the renovations to be completed at Strongsville High School. At the new Strongsville Middle School, the building is almost completely enclosed as the final windows and doors are being installed and interior finishes are ongoing. At Strongsville High School, we have completed renovations in the AP/Guidance office, auditorium, little theater, and the 100/300 wing. Renovation work has now moved into the music and athletic areas of the building.

Student Registration and Student Forms To Go Digital

The district has begun to work with InfoSnap, a leading company in online registration. As an additional benefit, InfoSnap is owned by PowerSchool, making it a single sign-on solution for our families. Starting with our March 2016 kindergarten registration, InfoSnap will be used for online registration of new students. For current students, all beginning of the year forms and other school forms will be pre-populated with the basic biographical information and completed electronically. This means no more paper shuffling; parents simply login to PowerSchool, click on the InfoSnap link, edit the information online, and submit. We are excited to add this solution to the district to improve the completion and accuracy of these necessary annual forms.

Strongsville Library Update

Just 4 U Student Friends Teen Group participated in a recent students rebuild challenge to help Syrian refugees. The group of 10 teens made 82 pinwheels as part of the challenge. For every pinwheel they made, the Bezos Family Foundation donates \$2 up to \$400,000 to the International Rescue Committee's Healing Classrooms program. The program helps Syrian children from conflict areas recover from crisis and grow into happy, healthy adults.

Alumni Update

Congratulations to Strongsville alumnus **James Taliak, Jr.!** Jim earned his Bachelor of Science from The Ohio State University and his Masters in Business Administration from Case Western Reserve University. Jim has had experience in asset management as one of six members on his investment team to manage over \$800 million in client assets. He served as the Vice President of LESCO Inc. Currently, Jim is the Vice President of Global and Business Development and Senior Leadership Team member for VWR Biotechnology. In 1962, Strongsville High School (the current Center Middle School) had a stadium financed by the Strongsville Jaycees, as the first big community venture. The then Board of Education unanimously voted to name the athletic field and stadium after Jim's grandfather, Dr. Martin Taliak, a noted physician and long-time Strongsville resident who passed away August 1962. Congratulations Jim and thank you and your family for your support of our city and district.

Upcoming Community Events

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

Southwest General Hospital Safe Sitter Class

For boys and girls 11-14 years old to learn CPR, choking rescue, first aid and home safety. Classes will be held January 18, February 15, and March 25. Call (440) 816-8036 to register. View the event flyer [here](#).

Please note the following January 2016 events at the Strongsville Branch Library. Registration is required for most events. Please call (440) 238-5530 to register or for more information. All events sponsored by the Friends of Strongsville Branch Library. Customers may also visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org to register and to see more library event information.

Year-Round Storytimes!

Cuyahoga County Public Library offers story time sessions year-round for children Birth to Age 5. Our current story time sessions are back in full swing in January. Please call the library for more information about our Winter story time sessions.

Join the Just 4 U Student Friends and volunteer at the library! We meet once a month on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. 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. Just 4 U Student Friends Meeting. Ages 10 – 18. Saturday, January 9th from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Whooo's Ready for School? Kindergarten Readiness – Off to Work.

Ages 4 – 5 with a Caregiver. Friday, January 15th from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Help your preschooler make the transition into their first year of school. Explore hands-on activity stations as we explore having a job and choosing a career. Registration begins on Friday, December 18th at 9:00 a.m.

Weird Science: Magnetism.

Teens in grades 5 – 12. Monday, January 18th from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Learn about mysterious magnetism by doing some hands-on experiments! Registration required.

Knee Problems: Good Morning, Strongsville Speaker Series.

Wednesday, January 20th at 10:00 a.m. please join us for our bi-monthly Good Morning, Strongsville Speaker Series. Each month we bring a special speaker of interest to seniors and residents of Strongsville. Our January speaker will be Dr. Mark Lembach from Southwest General speaking about knees and knee problems. Refreshments served.

Wednesday Evening Book Discussion.

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. New Members Welcome! Our next discussion will be on Wednesday, January 20th. This month we will be discussing *The Art Forger* by Barbara Shapiro. Copies of the book will be available to pick-up at the circulation desk. Registration for this program is not needed. Just read the book and join us for an evening of great discussion!

Income Tax Talk. Thursday, January 21st from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us as tax expert, Kenn Oerkfitz, shares information on tax law changes and valuable information you need to know to file your 2015 Income Taxes.

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