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## Superintendent's Message

The Strasburg-Franklin Local School District has placed a **renewal levy** of 6.3 mills on the ballot for the upcoming Tuesday, November 8, 2016, election. This renewal levy **DOES NOT** increase taxes for the Strasburg community members and is a renewal of the levy that was first passed in 2007. The renewal collection rate of 6.3 mills, raises \$600,000, which makes up over 20% of the Strasburg-Franklin Local School District's daily operating budget. A renewal of this levy will allow the district to continue to collect the same level of tax dollars that was originally passed in 2007, maintaining the current level of day-to-day operations. These funds are used to pay for operational expenses incurred by the district. Some of these expenses include curriculum, transportation, and utility expenses.



Mrs. Cindy Brown

Passage of this levy will allow the district to function at its current level with **NO ADDITIONAL COST** to taxpayers.

The district needs the community to support the renewal of this levy with no new taxes. We don't anticipate any new levies in the future. We only need to maintain and renew current levies and funding sources. We appreciate your continued support of our students and programs.

This is our community, our plan and our chance to support the schools. On behalf of the entire board and staff at Strasburg, I sincerely thank you for the opportunity to serve all of you and our wonderful students. **Go Tigers!**

Respectfully,  
Mrs. Cindy Brown

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### VISION STATEMENT:

The Strasburg-Franklin Local School District will foster  
**Personal Responsibility In Developing Excellence**



## STRATEGIC PLANNING



The Strasburg-Franklin Local School District is embarking on an important journey. A committee of community members and educators has begun a Strategic Planning Process for our school district. We are currently in the beginning stages of creating a strategic plan that will chart our course into the future. The process is being led by Mr. Michael Gallina, Vice President of Aultcare's Outreach Services.

### Purpose of the School Strategic Plan

- Determine the list of the improvements needed in our school district.
- Plan out the role of teachers and all others responsible for improving the educational methods within the schools.
- Provide the improvements we need to achieve with the teachers, building, technology and Students.
- Outline the strategic plan for the improvements.
- Set goals and create strategies to meet them.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Strasburg-Franklin Local School District will strive to create life-long learners who find value in academic excellence and are able to adapt to our rapidly changing global society.





## STAY CONNECTED

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#### Nondiscrimination Policy

The Strasburg-Franklin Local Schools' Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs, activities, or employment.



## Strasburg Welcomes New Staff



**Angela Bailey**

Part-Time  
Special Ed Secretary



**Dan Bolen**

Band/Music



**Kelly Burge**

High School Science



**Michael Burge**

Middle School Science and  
High School  
Environmental Science



**Kevin Pollock**

K-12 Physical Education



**Samantha Raber**

Middle School Language Arts/  
Reading



**Garrett Rauckhorst**

High School Science



**Lana Williams**

Head Cook



**Chad West**

Kindergarten Teacher





## Counseling and Guidance Office

### Update

- On October 12, 2016, Kent Tuscarawas held a joint CCP/Financial Aid Night for interested parents.
- **Coffee with Counselor** will be held **December 7, 2016**, in the high school library from 7-8 a.m. Please bring any questions or concerns!
- Each elementary classroom was visited and discussions were held about friendships, apologizing, leadership and using kind words. In October and November, we will be focusing on truth versus opinion and bullying.



**Lindsey Tidrick**

School Counselor

### ASVAB Test

The sophomores took the ASVAB test on September 16, 2016, to help prepare them for their career pathways. The test contains eight parts, and their scores are reviewed with them and then linked to careers and incomes. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this test.

### FAFSA

Attention SENIOR PARENTS: The **NEW FAFSA** will be available on October 1, 2016. It is a new format from previous years so please review it carefully. Your 2015 tax returns will be used to answer all income questions.

## Foreign Exchange Students



(l to r): Mikolaj Walczak, Saul Aguilar, Pablo Arayo.





**Walker Riley**



**Aleese Bitikofer**

## August Students of the Month

**Walker Riley** and **Aleese Bitikofer** have been selected as Strasburg's Students of the Month for August. Every month, a student is selected from the middle school and high school to receive this honor.

Walker is a freshman at Strasburg and the son of Britt and Hanh Riley. He was nominated by his English teacher, Ms. Rachel Ripley. Walker plays basketball and track and is a member of the Social Justice team at Strasburg. His hobbies are spending time with friends, listening to music, and playing the guitar.

Aleese is an eighth-grader at Strasburg and the daughter of Eric and Dorrisa Bitikofer. She was nominated by her Computer Applications teacher, Dr. Ellen Christy. Aleese is a member of the volleyball, cheerleading, track, and softball teams. Her hobbies are spending time with friends and listening to music.

Walker and Aleese were recognized at the board meeting on September 21 at 6:30 p.m.

## From the Principal

Greetings Strasburg Tiger Families,

The 2016-2017 school year has gotten off to a great start! From day one, we have been encouraging all students and staff to be the Best Version of Themselves, each and every day. If we can adhere to that simple philosophy not only as individuals, but as a building, district, and community, then the capacity for what could be accomplished is unlimited.

I would like to take this opportunity to share some of the exciting things happening right now at Strasburg High School and Middle School. First off, I would like to congratulate **Walker Riley** and **Aleese Bitikofer** for being recognized as our August Students of the Month. This is a tremendous honor and we are very proud of both of them. If you have not had the opportunity to watch one of our various athletic teams compete this fall, I would encourage you to do so. All teams have represented Strasburg in a first-class manner and take pride in wearing the black and orange. Also how about that band? What an excellent job Mr. Dan Bolen, Mrs. Beth Linerode, and members of the band have done in creating an exciting atmosphere under the lights on Friday nights.

We currently have 315 students enrolled in the high school and middle school. I am confident in saying that all 315 kids are being provided a quality education here at Strasburg. Our teaching staff is committed to helping each student grow and develop the skills necessary to be successful not only in the classroom, but outside of the classroom as well. We are excited to say that we have 30 students enrolled in the College Credit Plus program through Kent State, Aultman, and Stark State. This is a unique opportunity for our students to earn college credit while still in high school. Another service we will be providing this year is ACT Test Prep online for free to students. For more information, please contact Mrs. Lindsey Tidrick. Our middle school students recently completed their first round of MAP testing. The Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test creates a personalized assessment experience by adapting to each student's learning level, precisely measuring student progress and growth for each individual. Our middle school teachers will use this testing information to uncover what every student needs to move forward academically, inform instruction, measure student's growth over time, create and reinforce evidence-informed instruction practices, and evaluate programs and identify developmental needs.

In closing, I firmly believe in the African Proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child." We have great kids here at Strasburg and on behalf of myself, the staff, and administration, I want to personally thank all families and members of the community for your continued support of the Strasburg-Franklin Local School District. **Go Tigers!**

Sincerely,

Adam Hall  
Middle School/High School Principal

## Motivational Speaker Scheduled October 27th for MS/HS

Bob Mortimer will speak to the Middle School and High School students on Thursday, October 27, 2016. Bob is a motivational speaker with an incredible motivational message. At the age of 21, Bob walked into a downed power line after a late night car crash. The electrocution resulted in the amputation of three limbs. Bob brings the message of hope and courage.

Bob and his family have cycled across America twice. His family's journey was about inspiring hope and moving forward. Bob truly believes that hope must be inspired and courage needs stirred. Bob will speak to the kids about being labeled as handicapped, but not seeing himself that way. He will deliver an important message about overcoming obstacles. Bob will also touch upon the pain of comments students make to one another.

Quote from Bob, "Life's journey has huge mountains and long roads. We all face them. Life's threatening diseases, heart-breaking relationships, devastating tragedy. Huge mountains and long roads that challenge our body, mind and spirit. We wanted our journey to make a difference. We can't bring the cure for the disease. We can't mend the broken heart. We can't reverse the tragedy. But we can inspire hope and courage."





# Middle/High School News



*Social Justice Team Members: Walker Riley, Isaac Snyder, Andrew Cregan, Mollie Harper, Bradyn Nussbaum, and Cece McCracken.*

## Social Justice Team was All-In

The Strasburg Local Social Justice Team attended their first day of the All-In Student Academy. The team of six students, along with teacher coordinators Casey Rife and Mary Sue Fierbaugh, took their first step in the journey toward ensuring that ALL students in our school are valued and can achieve at high levels.

The team participated in large and small group activities, and took part in self-analysis and reflection of their part in working towards Equity and Social Justice. The students will plan a school activity to promote social justice here at Strasburg Local.



**ALL IN: Ensuring ALL  
Students Are  
Supported**

## Survey Says...

**How would you like to have a fitness center and fitness classes?  
Or, perhaps an indoor walking track located here in Strasburg?**

The Strasburg Tiger Foundation is exploring collaboration with the Tuscarawas County YMCA to bring all of this to Strasburg and have posted a short survey to determine the level of interest in such a facility.

***Your opinion is needed!***

Go to the Strasburg Schools website  
at [www.strasburg.k12.oh.us](http://www.strasburg.k12.oh.us)  
and follow the link to take the survey now!



**Courtney Stewart**



**Olivia Ladrach**

## New Title I Staff

Strasburg has hired a new Title I Staff this year with Federal Title I Funds. Our Title I teacher is **Courtney Stewart**. She is working hard to fill the shoes of our long-standing title teacher Mrs. Bennett. We also hired two Title I tutors who have been helping our students who need that extra one-to-one review and support. **Olivia Ladrach** comes to us from Dover and our former first grade teacher, **Theresa Schroeder** (not pictured), returns to help Strasburg students three days per week.

Please welcome our new elementary Title I staff when you see them.





## Important PTG Dates

### October

28 Fall Festival

### November

4 Talent show

11 Veterans Program

22 The Grand Event

### December

8-9 Santa's workshop

### February

5 Family Fun Night

24-March 10 Zap-a-Snack Fundraiser

### March

17 Shamrock Shake-up

### May

15 Muffins with Mom

25 Donuts with Dad

*PTG meetings are the second Thursday of every month in the elementary school library.*

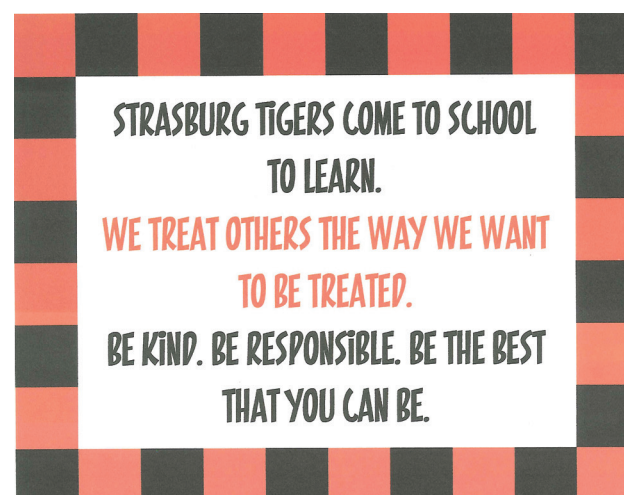


## BUGS

On September 21, 50 students attended an after-school program about BUGS, sponsored by the McKinley Museum. This was the first in a series of six after-school programs the Museum will sponsor. This program was made possible through the efforts of two of our moms, **Cathy Wiggs** and **Veronica Spidell**. Additionally, the school also sponsored a week-long back-to-school technology blitz that was attended by over 70 students. We are excited to offer these opportunities to our students.







## That's Our Motto!

Shown above is the motto of Strasburg Elementary School. This motto hangs in every classroom, and is shared over the morning announcements every single day. Most students can recite it by heart. It helps to set a focus for our days. Similar to a child's excitement on Christmas morning, the excitement for our staff comes when children have that "A-ha!" moment, when they understand a concept and learn.

As you know, Tuesday, November 8, is Election Day. It is a very important day for the future of Strasburg Franklin Schools. You will have the opportunity to vote on a renewal levy -- one of our primary sources of revenue. The district is NOT asking for additional tax dollars. We are asking to maintain the tax rate at its current level. We ask that you go out and vote, and help us in maintaining these critical funds.



## Birthday Lunches

Our first birthday lunch was held September 8, and over 100 friends and family from the community attended. These lunches will be held once per month, and students who celebrate a birthday that month may invite two friends or family members in to have lunch with them, or may invite a friend from school. The entire cafeteria sings Happy Birthday. Additionally, students' birthdays are announced in the morning, and birthday students wear a cape that identifies their special day so that everybody who passes them recognizes their birthday. Finally, they receive a small treat as a gift. We are glad we have the opportunity to help our students celebrate their special day!



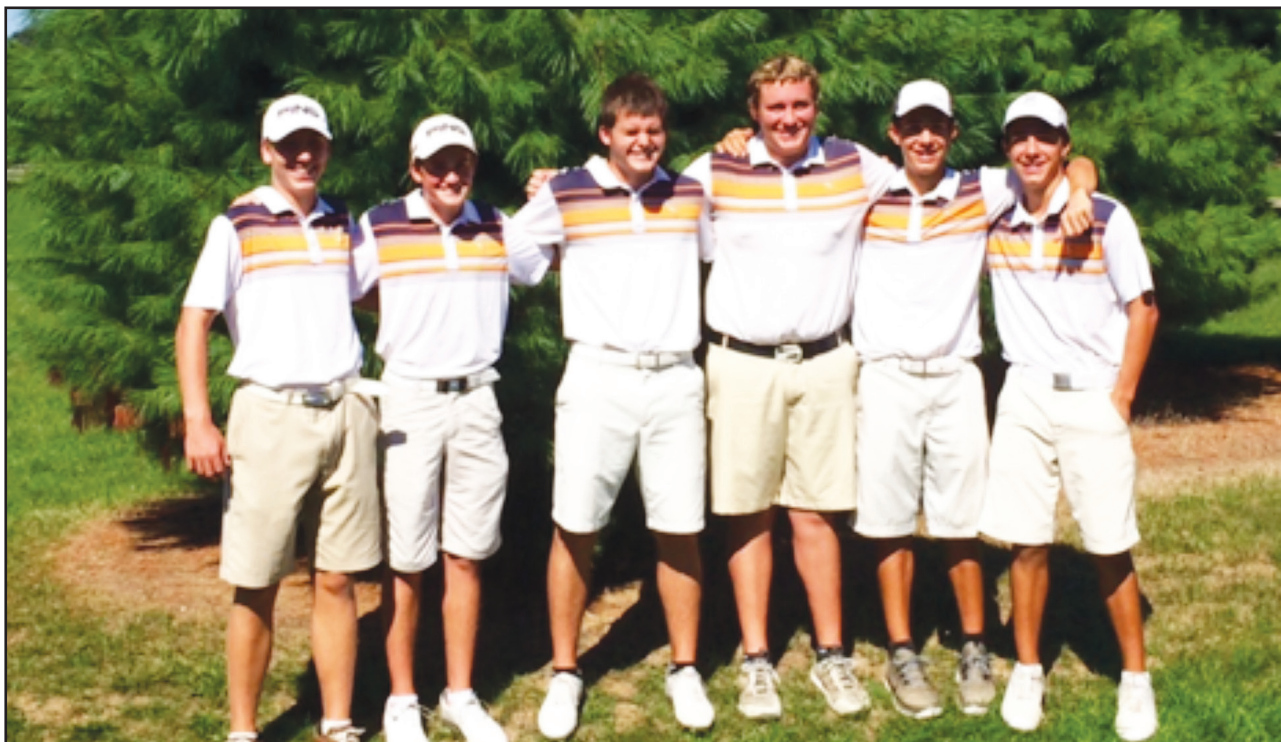
**Mrs. Wallace's Kindergarten Class**





## Strasburg Sweeps IVC Golf Championships and Heads to State

**Congratulations to both the Tiger Boys' and Girls' Golf Teams on capturing IVC Golf Championships.** Both teams completed their regular seasons with league tournaments on Thursday September 22nd and were able to bring home league titles. This is the second time both teams have won league titles in the same season duplicating the feat accomplished in 2009.



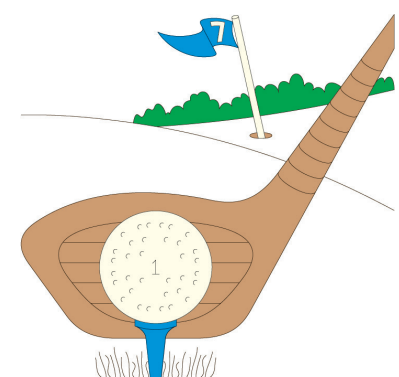
Boys' Team (l to r): *Calvin Willis, Dylan Tucker, Gino Schupbach, Jarrett McCracken, Mike Neidenthal, Mitch Neidenthal.*



Girls' Team (l to r): *Beka Sugalski, Alanna Shetler, Brynn Shetler, Brooke Spinell, Emalee Nave, Coach Troy McClellan.*

# FOR E!

The Boys team earned their first league title since 2009. After starting the season with a runner up finish at the IVC Pre-Season Golf Tournament, the Tigers went through the head to head portion of the season undefeated. The boys then completed the title run with a convincing win in the IVC Post-Season tournament at Wilkshire Golf Course. The boys played their tournament trail with the Sectional Tournament on September 27th at Willandale Golf Course, followed by the District Tournament, also at Willandale, on October 4th. The Boys State Golf Tournament will be played Friday, October 14th and Saturday, October 15th at NorthStar Golf Course in Sunbury Ohio. **Go Tigers!!!**



The Girls team followed up a previous five-year league title run from 2009-2013 with a consistent effort throughout the season. The girls finished as the top IVC team in the Pre-Season Tournament, followed by a 3-1 record in head-to-head contests, and finally a runner up finish in the Post-Season Tournament to earn the 2016 IVC Girls Golf Championship. The girls played their tournament trail with the Sectional Tournament on September 28th at River Greens Golf Course, followed by the District Tournament, also at River Greens, on October 5th. The Girls State Golf Tournament will be played at the Gray Course at the Ohio State University on Friday, October 14th and Saturday, October 15h. **Go Tigers!!!**