

Madeira City Schools

2016 - 2017 Quality Profile

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From a small log building on the southwest corner of Miami and Euclid Avenues in 1808 to our three state of the art facilities that house approximately 1,500 students today, Madeira City Schools has been known for excellence in education. We are proud of our district and welcome the chance to show you the outstanding educational programs in our buildings.

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WELCOME

On behalf of the students, staff and our Board of Education, welcome to the Madeira City School District!

The accomplishments of our students are the result of our highly qualified and talented faculty and staff, blended with the support and involvement of our parents and community. This unique combination makes Madeira a most desirable community in which to live and raise a family.

This Quality Profile (QP) provides a detailed look at what our parents and community members value most in our schools. It provides the 'rest of the story' about what makes Madeira such a great place for our students, the story that goes beyond scores and mandated testing. Highlighted areas are Academics, Arts, Student Leadership & Activities, Fiscal Stewardship, Parent & Community Involvement, Student Services, and Staff & District Recognitions.

The QP is supported by the Alliance for High Quality Education, an education consortium that works to improve educational opportunities for students, and represents member districts on matters of educational policy and funding.

We are proud to share highlights from what our Madeira family accomplished during the 2016-2017 school year. If you have any questions about the excellent education the Madeira City School District offers, please don't hesitate to call. We invite you see why we are, for 96 years and counting, #MadeiraStrong!



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ACADEMICS

With a purpose of providing the knowledge, care and passion necessary for every child to reach their individual potential, Madeira City Schools' academic program is anchored in excellence.

Madeira Elementary School

• The importance of reading was highlighted with Right to Read Week. Other activities and events included Books for Breakfast, Author's Tea, and Buddy Reading & Writing. Author Michelle Hoots and illustrator Chris Eliopoulos shared their creative processes with the students.

• The Young Authors program enabled every student to be the author and illustrator of his or her own book. Volunteers assembled the books, which were displayed on Young Author's Night.

• MES math teachers participated in a summer *Math in Practice* book study, which became a year long initiative. The conceptual math program promoted students becoming mathematical thinkers.

• The Garbage Museum was a student-led project on alternative energies and how to reuse materials.

BIOGRAPHY DAY



The Grade 3 Living History Museum featured students as presidents, actors and authors. The third graders shared biographies through tri-fold fact boards, speeches, and costumes.

• Second grade classes hosted a Math Family Night. Families traveled from room to room where math games and activities were available. Students' counting and graphing projects were also on display.

CHROMEBOOKS



All students in Grades 5-8 were issued a school-owned Chromebook to use throughout the year.

Madeira Middle School

• Twenty students in Grades 5-8 competed in the MMS Spelling Bee. Seventh grader Maddie Luther was the champion and qualified to compete in the televised WCPO Scripps Regional Spelling Bee, where she placed 15th. Twenty students also participated in the MMS Geography Bee.

• Four Madeira Mathletes were in the top 25% the Math Counts competition, out of 390 participants.

• MMS partnered with Great Oaks to implement a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program for all students in Grades 6 & 7, and as an elective in Grade 8.

• Middle School students earned high school credit for taking Algebra, foreign languages (French, Latin, or Spanish), Health, and Physical Education.

• Sixth-grader Simon Williams was selected to participate in the West Point STEM Workshop at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Madeira High School

• Our annual College Profile featuring in depth information about the accomplishments of our most recent graduating class can be found on our website under 'Welcome'.

• Sophomores Anne Shull, Grace Crehan, Emily Eppert, and Emma Fortman qualified for the State National History Day competition.

• Freshmen Zhuo-Nan Huang and Nicholas Landis-Ashbaugh competed in a regional chemistry competition sponsored by the American Chemical Society. They placed in the top 20% of all test-takers, earning the designation of Chemistry All-Stars.

• Senior Michelle Fischer competed in the first round of the National Chemistry Exam, and qualified for the second round.

• The Academic Team finished second in the Cincinnati Academic League and qualified for the State of Ohio regional tournament.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



The National Honor Society inducted 51 new members based on excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Character. Faculty member Jeff Corn was also honorably inducted. The chapter donated $3,460 raised at the Winter Homecoming dance to the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Registry. They also used proceeds from their Fourth Annual Father Daughter Dance to adopt 12 families over the holidays.

• Seniors Erin Parker, Molly Busak, and Emily Schilling were selected as Academic All-Stars through the Ohio lottery student recognition program. The program recognizes Grade K-12 students who have exhibited academic achievement, community involvement, citizenship and leadership in and out of the classroom.

• Maria Daniel and Samuel Schloss were accepted into the TAP MD Program, designed to help talented high school students "tap" into their potential to fulfill careers in medicine.

TOP SENIORS



Thirty-one members of the Class of 2017 graduated with a GPA of 4.0 or above. These Top Seniors were announced at the Academic Day of Signing.

• Fifty Madeira Latin Club students participated in the 67th Ohio Junior Classical League (OJCL) Convention. The group placed fourth out of 23 clubs, and was recognized as the largest OJCL Chapter in the state. Ten students scored Gold Medal/Summa Cum Laude on the National Latin Exam. The club also collected over 2,000 non-perishable goods, which were donated to InterParish Ministry in Newtown.

• World Language Week featured a panel discussion on personal international experiences, a global tasting-sharing session, language club door decorating, and a language trivia competition.

• After being named National Merit Semifinalists, Seniors Samuel Aaron, Mckenna Blackwelder, Brittany Ladd and Duncan Maier were all selected as National Merit Scholarship Finalists in the 62nd National Merit Scholarship program. Seven students were also named National Merit Commended Students.

ARTS

Driven by a passion to inspire creativity and enhance learning, Madeira City Schools is committed to providing strong visual and performing arts experiences throughout the school district.

Madeira Elementary School

• Students in Grades 1-4 took part in the Summer on Stage program as an introduction to Theatre Arts. *When I Grow Up* was performed by the attendees at the end of the camp.

• The PTO sponsored Got Art? Week introduced visual and performing arts through field trips to museums, hands-on workshops, and assemblies. On Meet the Artist Day, students learned about Dale Chihuly, Louise Nevelson and Georges Seurat, and created art in their styles.

• Students in the gifted program displayed their handmade Egyptian artifacts at the Cincinnati Art Museum's Evenings for Educators during a teaching presentation by Dr. Tracy Alley.

• Nineteen fourth grade students had their poems published in the Young American Poetry Digest.

• The PTO sponsored the extracurricular programs Culture Club, Young Rembrandts, and before-school Spanish Classes. They also held a family Harvest Festival in the fall, with family friendly games and activities.



Three performances of the musical *Disney's Cinderella Kids* were performed at MMS. Over 50 budding actors were involved in the new extra-curricular arts opportunity for middle school students.

Madeira Middle School

• Seven students were honored with Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, a recognition program for creative teens in Grades 7–12. The awards were based on originality, technical skills, and emergence of personal vision or voice.

• Approximately 70 works of art from MMS students were exhibited in the annual Festival in the Woods Art Show and the Madeira Art Fair.

• Madeira Middle School hosted May Fest, an open house to showcase student art, band and choral performances.

• In *Summer On Stage,* daily workshops helped students in Grades 5-9 become familiar with auditions, script analysis, character development and basic theatrical terminology. The musical *101 Dalmatians Kids* was performed at the end of the camp.

• Seven students were selected to paint rain barrels as part of the fifth annual Rain Barrel Art Project, designed to educate the community about water conservation and pollution caused by storm water runoff. The barrels were auctioned off at the zoo's Party for the Planet event, with proceeds benefitting conservation education in the Ohio River Valley.

• The seventh and eighth grade choirs competed at Kings Island's Music in the Park. They received a superior rating and placed second out of six choirs in their division.

• Five students were chosen as District 14 Honor Band members, and nine participated in the District 14 Honor Choir. Six students also received a Superior rating at OMEA District 14 Solo and Ensemble competition. Ben Adams and Annamarie Rau were selected to participate in the Jr. Cincinnati Youth Wind Ensemble.

Madeira High School

• The MHS Choir received a Superior rating at the district contest and qualified for the State Level of the Ohio Music Education Association Large Group Contest. Nine members also participated in the District 14 Honor Choir.

•Joseph Rau was selected as a member of the Ohio All-State Band, one of only eight trumpeters in the state. Joseph was also invited to participate in the District 14 Honor Band.

• Nine students participated in the District 14 Solo and Ensemble Competition where they received seven Superior and two Excellent ratings.

• The MHS Band & Orchestra presented the Fifth Annual Collaborative Concert with Indian Hill and Mariemont, conducted by Cincinnati Pops Conductor John Morris Russell. To prepare for the performance, student musicians learned the same pieces at their respective schools with coaching from Pops and Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra (CSO) conductors and musicians.

STATE MARCHING BAND FINALS



The Madeira Marching Mustangs qualified to compete in the State Marching Band Finals at Hilliard Bradley High School.

• Winter Guard performed in the Tri-State Winter Guard finals at Conner High School.

• Artwork by Rowan Connors, Maria Flores, and Brooke Connor was exhibited in the annual Emerging Artist Exhibition, sponsored by the Ohio Art Education Association.

OHIO MUSIC TOUR



Sheridan Moore and Kyle Kimbrough traveled to England, France, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Italy, and Germany with the Ohio Ambassadors of Music European Tour. They sang with students from across Ohio. MHS Choir teacher Kristin Anderson served as a chaperone.

• Scholastic Art Awards were presented to Brooke Conner, Maria Flores, Abbey Gray, Grace Knull, Elliott Magenheim, Sarah Parker, Danielle Russell, Rachel Schiller and Lexin Yuan. The awards are the nation's largest source of scholarships for young artists and writers.

• Retired architect and former Madeira mayor Forest Atkins collaborated with students and art teacher Jill Dulgeroff in a competition in conjunction with the City of Madeira. Twenty-two students created miniature versions of hanging sculpture designs that had the potential be made into a 10-12 foot completed piece to hang at City Hall. Judges awarded first place to Maura Hull, second to Kailey Brown, and third to Abbey Gray.

• The Madeira Theatre Arts' fall production of *The Curious Savage* was showcased at the Ohio State Thespian conference, and given the highest rating of Excellent. The spring musical, *Bye Bye Birdie*, broke both attendance and student involvement records. A free Senior Citizen Day was held before both plays, with breakfast before the spring musical. Joyce and John Taylor were recognized at Senior Citizen Day and rode as Honored Guests of the Board of Education in the 2017 Homecoming Parade.

• Sophomore Brooke Conner's design was selected as the MHS winner in the 12th annual district greeting card contest, "Peace." Morgan Starr's design was selected from MES and Lily Zoeckler's design was selected from MMS.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

We believe that extracurricular activities and community service are a vibrant and vital part of the total Madeira educational experience and play an important role in the development of our students.

Madeira Elementary School

• Guided by the CARE Committee, students collected gloves, mittens, hats, scarves, and hats for youth in need. Items were donated through Lighthouse Youth Services.

• Students participated in Design Lab, sponsored by the Architectural Foundation of Cincinnati.

• The local Madeira/Indian Hill Fire Department was recognized with a Hero's Lunch, provided by the Food Service Department.

• Students presented the WKID morning announcements. News 'features' include This Day in History, Tech Tips, Guess the Instrument, and Sports segments.

TALKING IN SPACE



First Grade student Sarah McAllister was chosen to communicate with NASA astronaut Kate Rubins on the International Space Station. She was selected based on a question she submitted to the Amateur Radio on the space station.

• MES students participated in Jump Rope for Heart, with all proceeds going to the American Heart Association.

• Thanks to a Lifetime of Giving grant, the after school Garden Club grew vegetables using compost made from leftover cafeteria food. The grant also provided the supplies and tools for Team up to Clean Up Day.

• Through a partnership with Cincinnati Nature Center, students wrote informational nature books, which were given to patrons at the center's Great Outdoor Weekend.

TEAM UP TO CLEAN UP



Fourth Grade Student Leaders were elected by their peers and served as positive role models for younger students. They led the bus lines each day and ran the recycling program. They also organized the first Team Up to Clean Up event, at which over sixty MES families celebrated Earth Day by helping neighbors rake leaves, spread mulch, trim branches, pick up trash and beautify local parks. The students also collected names of families who needed help in their yards, organized volunteers, collected tools, and advertised the day.

• Madeira Elementary was officially designated as a Kindness Certified School as the result of their participation in The Great Kindness Challenge. Students performed as many acts of kindness as possible, decorated the halls with posters about kindness, and completed classroom lessons about the importance of being kind.

• Second grade classes held a musical tribute to local Veterans with written and spoken reflections and a musical Armed Forces tribute. They also performed the tribute at Season's Retirement Community. After the programs, their patriotic artwork on display was sent to Cincinnati Veteran's Hospital to be included in welcome baskets for incoming patients.

Madeira Middle School

• At the fifth annual Empty Bowls Event, students provided salad, soup, and dessert in exchange for a donation to organizations that aid the fight against poverty, homelessness and hunger. Seventh-graders shared facts about the projects they undertook to raise money, and gave each guest a hand made ceramic 'empty bowl' they designed, glazed and fired. A $1,000 grant from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation funded the event.

• Nathan and Lexi Born won Best Delegate and Outstanding Position Paper in the Mock United Nations competition.

• Fifteen girls participated in Girls on the Run's Heart & Sole program for middle school girls. Heart & Sole created a positive, structured space for the girls to explore new ideas, cultivate empathy, strengthen connections and develop life skills.

• Fifth grade students participated in the Ohio Stock Market Competition and national Invest Write stock market writing competition.

• A dodgeball tournament raised $3,500 for the American Heart Association.

8TH GRADE TRIP



104 eighth grade students traveled to Washington D.C. for the inaugural Eighth Grade Trip.

• The National Junior Honor Society developed recognition programs, performed community service, served as student ambassadors, and helped with the Veterans Day program. They also packaged 156,000 meals for Hands Against Hunger, assisted Cincinnati Parks with honeysuckle removal, and supported troops by donating items to the Yellow Ribbon Support Center.

• Fifth and sixth grades each held a Morning of Service. Sixth-graders packed lunches for Bethany House, planned a book drive for Adopt a Book, and wrote letters to legislators about issues tied to modern day slavery. Fifth grade classes made dog toys for the SPCA animal shelter, baked cakes for Our Daily Bread homeless shelter, and decorated and planted flower pots for Hospice of Southwest Ohio.

• Eighth grade classes researched non-profit organizations, prepared presentations, and introduced fund raising ideas through Magnified Giving. Students voted on the top groups, who attended the regional awards. A $1,000 grant was awarded to Fernside and a $500 grant was awarded to Yellow Ribbon Support Center.

• The Robotics Club received a $1,000 grant for robotics implementation in the classroom and club environments. The after school activity provides an opportunity for students to assemble and program robots.

• Four seventh-graders qualified for the regional level of the Power of the Pen creative writing competition.

HOUSES OF LIGHT



• Houses of LIGHT (**L**eadership, **I**ntegrity, **G**enerosity, **H**onesty, **T**eamwork) promoted school unity. Each quarter, the houses competed for points by participating in team challenges centering around service learning and teamwork. Student Council members spent a day at Camp Kern working on team building and leadership skills to help them 'shine their light'.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

Madeira High School

• The Cincinnati Etiquette and Leadership Institute presented four unique learning seminars regarding professionalism, interviewing skills, and digital and dining etiquette to Junior students.

• Both TEAMS (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science) teams placed as state and national champions out of 584 teams in the Technology Student Association competition.

Every member of the senior class was invited to have lunch with Superintendent Kenji Matsudo throughout the year, courtesy of the Board of Education. Students shared their high school experiences, opinions, and future plans. Alumnus Jim Decatur '50, attended one of the lunches and asked of the students, "Cherish your high school, MHS is special."



SENIOR LUNCHES

• Over 400 students and teachers were bused to over 25 locations for the annual Day of Service, sponsored by the Madeira Schools Foundation. Students spent over 1,600 hours performing varied tasks to emphasize that kindness through service is more than a graduation requirement at Madeira.



SENIOR WALK THROUGH

Following graduation practice, the graduates-to-be held a Walk-Through at the elementary school. Grades K-4 lined the halls and cheered for the Class of 2017 as they made their way through the halls.

• Students gained work experience through volunteering at Matthew 25, Silver Springs Restaurant, and UC's Collaboration for Employment and Education Synergy.

• MHS Mock Trial competed at the Hamilton County Southwest District Competition at Hamilton County Courthouse. Freshman Livie Zack won the award for Most Outstanding Witness.

• Twenty-five students raised $1,800 through Magnified Giving. After students made presentations to a group of staff judges, $250 was awarded to Voice for the Innocent, $550 was awarded to Boys and Girls Club of Greater Cincinnati, and $1,000 was presented to Ronald McDonald House. Maddie Faris and Megan Wu received the Roger Grein Spirit of Philanthropy Award for their extraordinary work.

• For the sixth year, AP Environmental Science classes participated in a business partnership with the David J. Joseph Corporation. Students acted as consultants investigating federal regulations.

• Key Club's annual Rake n' Run helped senior citizens who needed assistance with yard work. They also sponsored Pictures with Santa, a hygiene drive, and made blankets for the Project Linus Project.

• French 4 and AP students participated in an Air Force medical team training simulation at UC Health, acting as French-speaking casualties in a simulated attack. Additionally, the French Club donated $275 to Beyond Borders.

• As part of the MSA Architects Design Partnership, 17 seniors worked in teams to design a modern day office lounge. After working with MSA designers, each firm presented their final designs to a panel of MSA executives, MHS staff, and parents. Zen Architecture, the team of Jeff Hill, Sarah Parker, Daniel Simmons, Lexin Yuan and Erin Buckley, was selected as having the most innovative and workable design. MSA Project Designer Hannah Westendorf Garrett, MHS '12, participated in the program as a senior at Madeira the first year it was held. She returned as a mentor to help with the partnership that led to her position at MSA Architects.

• Macy Shea and Nathan Brunner were selected to represent Madeira at the Student Global Leadership Summit, traveling to Greece and Italy. Students, educators, and world-renowned experts explored hunger, food waste, and urban gardening.

• MHS entrepreneurship classes created non-profit companies, then sold products to raise funds. $1,000 from sales of the group 'Heart 2 Heart' was donated to the American Heart Association, and $1,300 from sales of the group 'Breathe, Inc' was donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

• Personal Finance Students qualified to compete in the Ohio Personal Finance Challenge Finals. Madeira students comprised 8 of 10 top teams who qualified and swept the competition in the top eight places. John Baldan, Ryan Cross, Liam Powis, and Angelo Wei went on to the National Personal Finance Challenge.

• Students in Grades 9-12 participated in the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership, NKU's Multicultural Leadership Conference, Camp Enterprise, Mayerson Day of Service Learning, UC's Charge Against Cancer, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center - HS Science Symposium, NKU Chamber of Commerce Rotary Club Westpoint Leadership Academy, UC Lindner Honors - Plus College of Business Meeting, and OSU's Buckeye Student Leadership Academy.

Madeira High School Athletics

SWIMMING & DIVING



Junior Chet Dobson and Sophomore Emma Fortman qualified for the OHSAA Swimming and Diving Championships. Chet placed third in the 200 Free and fourth in the 500 Free. Emma placed sixth in the 50 Free.

WRESTLING



Sophomore Jackson Hugentobler qualified for the OHSAA Division III Wrestling Championships in the 126-pound weight class.

STATE QUALIFIERS

TRACK & FIELD



Sophia Davenport, Brooke Schomaeker, Marielle Thon, and Chloe Torggler's 4x100 relay team qualified for the Inaugural OHSAA 7/8 Grade Track & Field Championships, only the second event the OHSAA has introduced for middle school students. Ainsley Westbrook and Carly Scott also attended as alternates.

• 2016-2017 was the inaugural season as school sports for Girls Golf, Boys Lacrosse and Girls Lacrosse.

• Junior Mary Englert scored her 1,000th point as an Amazon basketball player and surpassed 500 career rebounds. Mary was only the fifth Amazon in school history to reach 1,000 points.

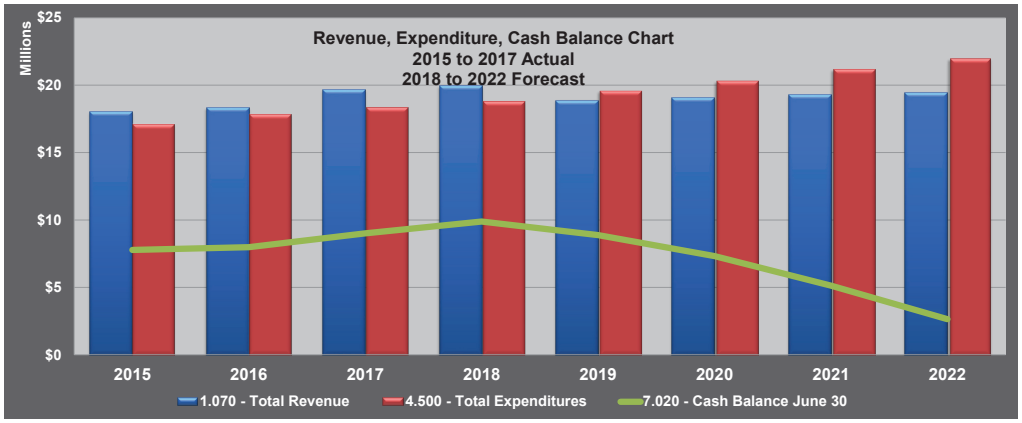
• The Madeira High School Athletic Hall of Fame inducted Kevin Cloran '08, Brad Darter '03, Kevin Gilligan '04, Allison Wagner '98 and Terry Jacobs, Contributor.

• Five athletes signed letters of intent to participate in college level sports: John McNally (Tennis, The Ohio State University), Molly Buzek (Basketball, St. Mary of the Woods College), Chip McFarland (Baseball, Ohio Christian University), Chris Landgrebe (Football, University of California) and Jack Cravaack (Football, Purdue University 2018-2019).

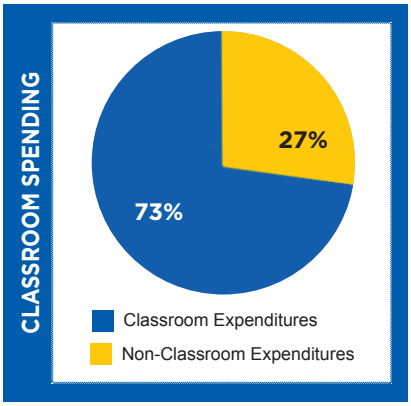
FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

With a commitment to pro actively manage district resources in a cost efficient manner, Madeira City Schools works to ensure that resources from federal, state, and local levels are aligned with district goals and forecasted for the future. Financial responsibility ensures that the majority of funding is spent on classroom instruction.

• The community approved an operating levy in November 2016 that the district forecasts will last for a minimum of three years with the intention of it lasting longer. The State of Ohio funding for 2018 and 2019 school years and beyond is forecasted to remain at the same level as the past 10 years. Any reduction in state funding has a direct impact on the life expectancy of new levies.



• Due to the passage of the 2016 Operating levy, revenue increased 3.7% over the past three years.
• Operating expenditures have been held to a 1.9% annual average increase over the past three years.
• Through participation in a health consortium and by managing staff costs, health care premiums were held to an annual average increase of 0% over the past three years.



• Classroom expenditures per pupil at Madeira were $7,758, compared to the state average of $5,942

• 73% of expenditures per pupil were spent in the classroom, compared to 67% state average and 66% to districts comparable to Madeira.

• Madeira ranked 12th out of 276 statewide comparable school districts in spending more dollars in the classroom

Other Fiscal Items of Interest

• A 25 year permanent improvement strategy provides short term and long term plans to maintain district facilities.

• The 2016 'Auditor of State Award' was awarded to the district's Treasurer's office.

• Madeira is a member of several consortiums that assist in receiving services and sharing costs with other districts:
- Hamilton County Educational Service Center provides educational services and programs.
- Greater Cincinnati Insurance Consortium, a 14-member school district consortium, helps manage health insurance costs.
- Hamilton Clermont Cooperative provides technology services and support.
- State Purchasing Cooperative provides state approved vendors contracts for materials and services.

• The district contracts for transportation, food service and custodial service to help reduce costs.

The Board of Education approved and submitted a resolution to local and state legislative representatives to advocate for additional financial assistance to our senior citizens by enhancing the Homestead Exemption and allowing the property tax rollback on all school levies.



PARENT & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Madeira City Schools recognizes the need for a total support system and values parent involvement, seeks community partners and celebrates opportunities to showcase excellence.

• Two MES PTO sponsored Changing Hands Consignment Sales provided an opportunity to sell gently used seasonal clothing and toys, while providing extra funds for students in Grades K-4.

• First and third grade classes visited the Historical Society's Miller House to learn the history of their community. Third-graders also met with the City Manager to learn about local government.

• The community supported Kroger Rewards Fund benefited all Madeira schools from shoppers who designated the Madeira Schools Foundation when they registered.

• Local senior citizens and community members were invited to hear what's going on in the district at two Superintendent's Community Coffees.

• The Madeira Schools Foundation's 32nd annual live auction, #MadeiraStrong, raised a net of $6,2256.99.

• PGA Professional golfer and Madeira parent Tom Cecil presented a golf program to second, third and fourth graders. Other community members helped the students practice their new skills.

NEW ATHLETIC CENTER



Through a collaborative community effort, a $1.3 million Athletic Center was built at MHS with virtually no cost to the district. Monetary, physical and manual donations from parents, alumni, staff, students and community members resulted in over 6,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor space in a bright and healthy environment, where student athletes and physical education classes can train year round. A grand opening was held prior to a home basketball game.

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY



Two Walk to School Days, sponsored by Madeira's School Health Advisory Council (SHAC), encouraged families to walk to promote exercise & health. Madeira police officers ensured safety by helping at crosswalks.

• MHS alumni and champions Ryan Korengel '14, Maggie Griffin '14, Andrew Benintendi '13 and Eli Maiman '04 returned to share their inspiring stories of perseverance and determination with third and fourth grade students at the school assembly 'Madeira Strong - Know Thy Impact.'

• Retired broadcast engineer and community member Jay Adrick shared the history of communications with third grade classes

• MMS' Veteran's Day program featured former US Senator and US Navy SEAL veteran Bob Kerrey as guest speaker. It began on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, as the color guard from Cub Scout Pack 20 presented flags from each of the five branches of the military. The program also featured the school's choir, band, fifth-grade student speakers, and seventh-grade student Steven Wu playing Taps. A reception sponsored by the PTO followed.

• Parents and community members were invited to a special preview of After Prom 2017, a culmination of the school's annual Circle Prom. All prom-goers enjoyed a safe and substance free evening, traveling in charter buses for dinner and dancing, then returning to After Prom until morning.

STUDENT SERVICES

Madeira City Schools is committed to ensuring the success of each student by providing a continuum of services personalized to meet each learner's needs.

• The district partnered with Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC) to provide Madeira families with children in Grades K-12 access to school based mental health services. CCHMC provided independently licensed therapists to offer support for students during their school day, in addition to those provided by school counselors and psychologists. Families were able to cover the cost of therapy visits through private insurance, Medicaid or private pay options.

• MES continued its positive behavior program Madeira Must, which reinforced expectations that students take care of themselves, others and their environment.

• As MMS continued the school-wide culture theme LIGHT, teacher conversations with students were LIGHT conversations, and LIGHT cards were sent home to let parents know the great things their children were doing.

MES BUDDY BENCH



The MES "Buddy Bench" helped eliminate loneliness and fostered friendships.

• MHS promoted empowerment and utilized first line intervention by counselors and administrators as the first step to resolving or solving a conflict. A district 'bully flow chart' determined if the conflict was an incident of bullying. A Safe School Line was again provided for students and parents to report issues anonymously. MHS also hosted programs and speakers on the pitfalls, dangers, and legalities of social media, providing additional supports for social-emotional and mental health wellness. The school culture of being Madeira Strong to promote positive behavior and recognition for students continued.

ONE-ON-ONE



Madeira High School students mentored Madeira Elementary School students as part of the One-on-One Program.

• Multi-tiered System of Supports strategy sessions developed plans for all students to experience success learning in the classroom.

• The high school introduced a Midday Mindfulness program to reduce stress and enhance student performance and well-being. The Midday Mindfulness program was offered during common time as an optional program for students to pause in their day and refocus and become aware of the present moment.

STAFF RECOGNITIONS

We take pride in the recognition our expert and caring staff receives. They are the assets that shape Madeira students' success.

• Joe Kimling was awarded the Jim Rolfes Professional Development Award by the Southwest Ohio Athletic Directors Association.

• Tracy Alley served on the Editorial Advisory Board for the journal *Teaching for High Potential* published by the National Association for Gifted Children, the Cincinnati Observatory Educator's Advisory Board, and as Regional Spelling Bee Head Judge by the Scripps Foundation for the sixth year.

• Fran Wilson was co-chair of the Notable Books for a Global Society Award, which selects children's books to promote an understanding of people and cultures of the world. She was also invited to serve on the 2017 Selection Panel for the Mathical Book Award for books that inspire children to discover math in the world around them.

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR



Dr. Tracy Alley was selected as Madeira's 'Educator of the Year.' Staff, parents and community members were asked to nominate classroom teachers, or any certified district personnel who exhibited a high commitment to student achievement. A teacher and coordinator of the district's Gifted Programs at both MES and MMS, Tracy represented the district at the Hamilton County Education Foundation's Celebrate Excellence award ceremony.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Sharon Draper, professional educator, accomplished writer, National Teacher of the Year, and high school English teacher of Superintendent Kenji Matsudo, spoke to the staff at the district's opening day in-service. She reminded Madeira staff members of the impact they each have on the lives of their students.

• Kindergarten teacher Jonelle Bell was honored as the Warm 98 and WLWT News 5 Teacher of the Week.

• Suzy Tucker presented at the Teachers Teaching with Technology International Conference, with assistance from Christy Barton.

• Steve Phelps was an editor of the Palette of Problems department In the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics journal *Mathematics Teaching in the Middle School*, as well as of the Tech Tips department in the journal *Mathematics Teacher.* He presented at the Teachers Teaching with Technology International Conference, the USACAS International Conference, and the GeoGebra Global Gathering in Linz, Austria.

• The MHS World Language Department held a community open house to celebrate the retirement of long time staff members Rick Schneider (Spanish and ESL) and Cindy Cadet (French).

DISTRICT RECOGNITIONS

We take pride in the recognition our district receives thanks to our expert and caring staff, highly qualified administrators, committed board of education members, and involved parents and community.

• *US News & World Report's* Best High Schools issue awarded the top 6,041 public high schools with gold, silver and bronze medals, indicating their level of college readiness. The publication ranked Madeira High School #5 in Ohio, up from #6 last year. MHS was ranked #163 in the nation (242 last year) and #70 in STEM High Schools (187 last year).

Madeira Middle School was recognized as a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education, joining previous recipients Madeira High School and Madeira Elementary School. The award honored elementary and secondary schools in the United States that made significant progress in closing achievement gaps, or whose students achieved at the highest levels in their state.



• *Cincy Magazine* ranked Madeira High School #2 in its Best Schools issue. Also, for the second year in a row, *Cincy Magazine* named Madeira #1 of the 15 Top Communities in its "Rating the Burbs" article. The strong city school district was cited as one of the reasons.



The Madeira School Board presented the I Make a Difference Award to five dedicated and involved individuals who truly made a difference: Rick Kolkmeyer, for his efforts to bring lacrosse to the district; Mary Jo Pfaffinger, for her tireless commitment as the district's data specialist; Hollis Bass, for her involvement with Madeira health and wellness events; Dave Raheem, for exuding a passion for life for the children who ride his bus; and Bob Hill, for going out of his way for students he transports on his bus.

• The Madeira Schools Foundation's Distinguished Awards were presented to Jay Adrick (Friend of the Foundation), Larry Sheakley '68 (Distinguished Alumni/Citizen) and John Taylor (Distinguished Staff). The Foundation also awarded eight scholarships to members of the graduating class, and the Ruth Slagle Crawford Scholarship to alumnus Elaine Marie Waters.

• Madeira's optional, tuition based preschool was named a Five Star Program through Ohio's quality rating and improvement system, Step Up To Quality (SUTQ). SUTQ is a five-star quality rating and improvement system administered by the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services that recognizes and promotes learning and development programs that meet quality standards.

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