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Superintendent's Message

Dear Strasburg Families and Community,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and in good health. It is hard to believe that we are almost at the halfway point of the 2021-2022 school year. We are having a fantastic year here at Strasburg and I am excited to highlight some of the great things happening in our district.

In an effort to increase student engagement, we have added many different clubs and activities this year. At the elementary level, we have started a Chess Club led by Mr. Jesse Moses, a Girls with Pearls program led by Ms. Kasey Robinson, and returning this year will be our Creative Arts Showcase nights, led by Mrs. Hope Haney and Miss Lacey Kinsey. We are excited to announce that our Power of the Pen program at the middle school level has returned this year as well, under the direction of Mrs. Sam Raber. At the high school level, the addition of our Speech and Debate program, which is led by Mr. Kevin McDougal, has been well received. The Speech and Debate team is already experiencing great success at regional tournaments.

Athletically, we have many talented students at Strasburg. Our fall sports season was highlighted by our volleyball team having one of the most successful seasons in school history, and making it all the way to the district finals. Our cross country teams also had successful seasons, culminating in senior Ella Pumphry's qualification for the regional meet in Pickerington, Ohio after running a great race at the district meet. We would also like to recognize our football team, golf teams, and all of the middle school teams for their efforts this fall. Finally, how about those Marching Tigers! Under the direction of Miss Kinsey,

our band program continues to grow, and continues to deliver knockout performances each time they perform. Good luck to all programs, coaches, and athletes this winter.



Mr. Adam Hall

Academically, we are continuing to look at what we do in classrooms to improve our instructional practices, which will lead to better student outcomes. We are currently working with School Improvement Specialist, Carri Meek. Carri is the founder and CEO of Instructional Growth Seminars & Support. She is providing professional development and coaching opportunities to our administrative team and teaching staff as we work toward long-term improvements. Over the next year and a half, our focus will be our Language Arts/Literacy programs. We will be evaluating all curriculum programs and making changes/adjustments to better meet the needs of all students.

Finally, we are excited to announce that we are exploring the possibility of expanding our academic/ athletic facilities on our current campus. We are currently in the planning phase for a multi-purpose facility connected to the current school, and a new athletic complex on the land that was recently purchased by the school, on the other side of Tiger Drive. This athletic complex would include new baseball and softball fields, and a new football

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VISION STATEMENT:

The Strasburg-Franklin Local School District will foster

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stadium. Both projects are only in the planning phase and we look for this to be a multi-year/multi-phase project for our district.

As you can see, this is an exciting time to be a Strasburg Tiger. We are very proud of our school district and looking forward to the future. We hope you have a wonderful holiday season. Please don't ever hesitate to call, email, or stop in if you have any questions and/or concerns. Please also make sure to follow us on social media as that is our primary means of communicating all the great things happening at Strasburg.

Mr. Adam Hall Superintendent Strasburg-Franklin Local Schools



Every Student. Every Day. No Matter What.

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News From the Treasurer

The Strasburg-Franklin Local School District will be placing a renewal levy on the ballot for the May 3, 2022 primary election. The renewal levy WILL NOT increase taxes for the Strasburg community members and is a renewal of the levy that was first passed in 2007. These monies go to the general fund to help cover the operating costs of the district.

- Strasburg Franklin LSD will be on the May 3, 2022 ballot for a renewal levy that represents a zero tax increase
- The emergency levy was originally passed in 2007 with a voted rate of 7.7 mills
- This emergency levy has been renewed by voters every five years since 2007
- The renewal levy generates approximately \$600,000 per year and helps fund day-to-day operations of our schools
- The levy has a current recommended rate of 4.8 mills for collection year 2022
- The renewal levy represents approximately 8 percent of the district's yearly operating budget
- Operating levies like this help fund the day to day operating of staff, utilities, textbooks, transportation
- Passage of this renewal levy would provide a stable funding source for our day-to-day operations
- It will also help the district effectively plan for the future and buffer against costs that are outside of our
- Failure of this renewal levy would place the district closer to a funding cliff in the future; passage of the renewal levy would help the district to avoid that scenario, which would make it difficult to plan and make decisions for the future



State Representative Brett Hillyer visits the Strasburg-Franklin Local School District

On Wednesday, November 3, the students and staff at Strasburg-Franklin Local Schools hosted State Representative Brett Hillyer, from Ohio's 98th House District. While visiting, Representative Hillyer was able to talk with students and staff, as well as visit classrooms.

Superintendent Adam Hall stated, "We appreciated the opportunity to host Representative Hillyer yesterday. It is important to develop connections/ relationships with our legislators, as they are the ones making decisions at the Statehouse that will ultimately impact our school district and the students that we have the opportunity to serve."



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Middle/High School



Principal's Message



Mr. Kevin McDougal

It has been an extraordinary year for Strasburg Middle School and High School. The students and staff have been working hard to make this year productive and fun.

Students have already demonstrated immense success athletically, artistically, and academically this school year. In addition to cheering on our football teams, cheerleaders, and golfers, our community rallied around a historic run to the district finals for the volleyball team. Tigers excelled in fields and parks around northeast Ohio with one of the strongest cross country seasons in years. It was capped off with a regional meet qualification by our own Ella Pumphry. The marching band also represented us well as they traveled across the area wowing audiences with their renditions of ABBA's

"Dancing Queen" and Ava Max's "Kings & Queens." Time and time again, Strasburg students push themselves to the highest levels of excellence.

Community engagement continues to be a top priority for our school. While our students are incredibly blessed to be surrounded by community members who support them, our students also seek out opportunities to give back. The Leadership Studies class volunteered at the Total Living Center in downtown Canton and helped provide meals to individuals in need. Athletes and band members worked together to participate in Trunk-or-Treat this year, which was a fun-filled evening for the community. National Honor Society members are also embracing the spirit of the holidays and collecting donations of gifts for children in Tuscarawas County through T4C's Share-A-Christmas. The Foreign Language Club is also hosting a school supplies drive for a school in the Dominican Republic. We are promoting servant leadership every day at Strasburg Middle School and High School. Our students continue to impress us with their selflessness and service.

The administration and staff have developed and improved multiple supports for students.

The counseling program has developed socialemotional learning lessons at the middle school. Hope Squad student leaders lead monthly mental health and social awareness activities in classes across the high school. Staff have received ongoing professional development on how to best serve students who have experienced trauma and students who are learning English as a second language. Mr. Nussbaum and Mrs. Tidrick hosted a FAFSA night for families of twelfth grade students on November 17th and will host another on January 6th. These nights include information on maximizing financial aid awards and earning scholarships for college. Beyond academics, we are committed to supporting students and living by our motto: Every student. Every day. No matter what.

We are always here for you. Never hesitate to reach out by email, phone, or stopping by. It is a privilege to provide this community's students with a high-quality, individualized education.

Thank you, Kevin McDougal Middle School and High School Principal

Speech and Debate

In November, Strasburg High School began competing in regional speech and debate competitions. Speech and debate tournaments in Northeast Ohio often include 15-40 schools and hundreds of competitors. Strasburg's first-ever team has demonstrated consistent growth with students earning top ranks in many rounds.

Coached by Mr. Kevin McDougal, the team practices throughout the week and then heads to competitions on Saturdays. Speech and debate has been proven to help improve student test scores, confidence, and analytical thinking. The Ohio Speech and Debate Association (OSDA) includes 13 competitive events. The team currently consists of speech competitors including Clauida Airhart and Jada Knerr in the event of Duo Interpretation, Aleca Lautenschleger in Informative Speaking, Max Metz in Original Oratory, Carter Pratt in United States Extemporaneous Speaking, Eli Johnson in International Extemporaneous Speaking, and Ada Richards in Declamation. The team's Public Forum debaters include Zach Doerschuk, Derek Rissler, Montez Hernandez, and Lucas Blankenship. The season continues through to the OSDA state tournament March 4-5, 2022.



Elementary School



Fall Festival

Strasburg Elementary students enjoyed the seventh annual Fall Festival, sponsored by the Parent Teacher Group. While the rain prevented this year's hayride, students still picked pumpkins from the hallway patch, decorated them, played games, and enjoyed Apple Cider and Donuts. We are thankful to the PTG for providing these opportunities.







K-3 Dance





Elementary School



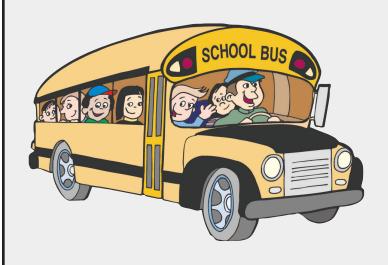
PBIS Dance Party!











Substitute Bus Drivers Needed

Have you ever thought about working as a substitute bus driver? Now is the time to pursue this path! We are ready to train dependable and safe drivers as substitute bus drivers. Please contact Strasburg-Franklin Schools Transportation Department at 330-878-5571, ext. 4 or complete an online application on our school website www.strasburg.k12.oh.us. Help us transport the "most precious cargo" and make a difference in a child's life.

Also seeking Substitute Custodians, Cafeteria Workers, Aides and Secretaries.

Elementary School





Positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS) is an approach schools use to promote school safety and good behavior. With PBIS, schools teach kids about behavior expectations and strategies. The focus of PBIS is prevention, not punishment. Strasburg Elementary consistently examines data to see if the current PBIS system is working. Tweaks to this year's system are included in the brochure below.

Strasburg Elementary PBIS Team

- Mrs. Sheila Doerschuk, Principal
- Mr. Kevin McDougal, Principal
- · Mr. Frank Kruger, Teacher
- Mr. Shawn Miller, Teacher
- Mr. Chad West, Teacher
- Ms. Kasey Robinson, Family Liaison



We value our Strasburg Families. We believe that a partnership between home and school helps our students be successful.

Please Support Strasburg PBIS by:

- Reviewing behavior expectations with your child
- Enforcing Tiger Pledge Expectations at home
- Sharing ideas or asking questions of PBIS team members

Teaching Students the expectations of the **Tiger Pledge**

Throughout the school year, students will be taught how to behave according to the **Tiger Pledge**.

Signs will be posted throughout the building to serve as a continuous reminder of behavior expectations.

Teachers will follow with structured lessons focusing on the behavior matrix and helping students understand what appropriate behavior looks and sounds like at Strasburg Elementary School.

Behavior data will be collected and where data shows an area needs corrected, the PBIS team will intervene.

Strasburg-Franklin Elementary School

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Mrs. Sheila Doerschuk, Principal

Strasburg-Franklin Elementary School





Positive Behavior
Intervention Supports

Strasburg Tigers
Pledge To Be
Respectful
Responsible
Safe
Prepared



What is PBIS ?

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a proactive approach used to promote positive behaviors, improve school safety, and meet the needs of all students. This school-wide approach to discipline focuses on building a safe and positive environment in which all students can learn.

Strasburg PBIS has four core expectations that can be used at school, at home, and in the community. We refer to these as "The Tiger Pledge."

Tigers pledge to be Respectful, Responsible, Safe, and Prepared.

Students are expected to honor these core expectations in various school and school-related settings, including classrooms, hallways, library, cafeteria, bathrooms, buses, and all other school grounds.



Recognition of Positive Behavior

Acknowledging and reinforcing positive behavior is one of the best ways to change inappropriate behavior and encourage appropriate behavior. Strasburg Elementary School recognizes Positive Behavior in the following ways:

- PAWsome Coins to earn prizes
 (one weekly signature on the DRC, completing all assignments, and good behavior can earn a total of three PAWsome Coins for the week)
- Daily Birthday and I.C.U. Shout-Outs
 (I.C.U. shout-outs earn bonus
 PAWsome coins. Each I.C.U. shout-out must be tied to the week's Positive Action Curriculum—see "Kasey's Korner" on the DRC)
- PAWsitive Postcards mailed home
- PAWsitive Action Caring Tiger Days, Assemblies, etc.
- Potato Head Parties for whole-class positive behavior

Changing Inappropriate Behavior

Even with clear expectations and positive reinforcement, sometimes children will misbehave. The goal of discipline is to change behavior. Strasburg Elementary will use the following consequences to address inappropriate behavior.

- 1. Verbal warning
- 2. Sidebar conversation with staff member and a tally mark
- 3. Second tally mark and official warning
- 4. Third tally mark results in loss of behavior coin for the week, and sent to Mrs. Doerschuk; Mrs. Doerschuk will contact parents. In grades 3-5, students will also lose their coin upon receiving their sixth tally mark in a week. *

Students who have missing assignments (class work or homework) will be assigned to the STAR Room during recess. The STAR Room will be available Monday through Friday for students who owe work.

When a student repeatedly makes poor choices and/or continually disrupts the learning environment, a school team, including parents/guardians, will meet to build a behavior intervention plan for that student.

* Major offenses will still result in a direct trip to the principal's office.



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Fall Sports

The Strasburg Fall Sports teams completed successful seasons in the sports of Golf, Volleyball, Cross Country, and Football. Tiger athletes were honored for their accomplishments at end of season banquets. Below is a list of honors and individual awards.

Boys Golf

The Boys Golf team competed in the District Golf tournament and narrowly missed advancing. They showed great improvement throughout the year.

IVC AWARDS

2nd Team - Trenton Bitikofer, Jason Grywalksy Honorable Mention - Andrew Harvey

EAST DISTRICT AWARDS

Honorable Mention - Trenton Bitikofer, Andrew Harvey, Jason Grywalsky

Lowest Average - Trenton Bitikofer Most Improved - Jason Grywalsky Coaches Award - Andrew Harvey

Cross Country

The Strasburg Girls Cross Country team was able to compete in the IVC and East District Meet. The girls finished sixth at the IVC Meet and fifth at the East District Meet. Ella Pumphry once again qualified for the Regional Cross Country Meet. Carter Pratt, Logan Schneider, Hunter McKenzie, and AJ Munholand competed on the boy's side to make up the largest group of boys to compete in the sport.

IVC AWARDS

Honorable Mention - Ella Pumphry Honorable Mention - Josie Lautenschleger

Volleyball

The Volleyball team had a very successful season that ended with the longest postseason run in almost 20 years with a District Runner Up finish and a record of 17-8. The Tigers won 3 tournament matches including a Sectional Championship.

IVC AWARDS

1st Team - Paige Garren, Emma Gilkerson 2nd Team - Maddy Edwards Honorable Mention - Danielle Wright

DISTRICT V AWARDS

1st Team - Paige Garren, Emma Gilkerson 2nd Team - Maddy Edwards

Honorable Mention - Zoey Minard

District 5 All Star Game Participants - Paige Garren, Emma Gilkerson

North/South Game Participant - Paige Garren

Football

competitiveness with limited numbers and enjoyed a successful season.

IVC AWARDS

1st Team - Lucas Lindsay, Matt Cox 2nd Team - Jacob Ross, Kaden Smith, Jacob Ross Honorable Mention - Drake Reifenschneider

SPECIAL AWARDS

Best Offensive Back - Matt Cox Best Defensive Back - Derek Rissler Best Offensive Lineman - Kaden Smith Best Defensive Lineman - Alex Burkett Most Improved - Luke Tucker Tiger Tough - Jordan Mitchell

DISTRICT 11

1st Team - Kaden Smith, Parker Edwards, Matt Cox, Jacob Ross

2nd Team - Derek Rissler, Drake Reifenschneider, Luke Tucker

Special Mention - Alex Burkett





The Football team once again showed great Emma Gilkerson signs Letter of Intent

Congratulations to Emma Gilkerson on signing her letter of intent with Cleveland State University. Emma, a three-sport standout athlete, will play softball for the Vikings.

Emma is pictured with her father Joe, sisters AJ and Ella, and her mother Missy.

Good Luck Emma!!!





District News



School Bus Safety Tips to Help Keep Your | Remaining Dates **Children Safe through the Winter Months**

- Whenever possible wait with your children at the bus stop or arrange to have someone wait with them.
- Allow extra time to get to your bus stop location.
- Plan to arrive 5 to 10 minutes early to your bus stop location.
- Make sure your children are dressed appropriately for the cold winter weather as unexpected mechanical problems with school buses can occur during winter months.
- Wear bright colored clothing or wear a coat with reflective safety strips for added visibility.
- Never push or shove anyone when you are getting on or off of the bus.
- Students must always sit in their assigned seat on the bus.
- Always use the handrail when boarding or exiting the bus to prevent slipping.

REMEMBER: MASKS ARE REQUIRED WHEN RIDING ON ANY SCHOOL BUS OR VAN.



How will the school district communicate a delay or cancellation due to weather?

- 1. As soon as a decision is made, it will be communicated to parents via email, phone calls and/or texts through our One Call Now System
- 2. The information is also posted on the following:
 - Strasburg Schools District website www.strasburg.k12.oh.us
 - Strasburg Schools Facebook Strasburg-Franklin Local Schools
 - Strasburg Schools Twitter @WeAreStrasburg
- 3. Local television, newspaper and radio outlets will be contacted so that it is included in their coverage.

When will the decision be made?

The decision to cancel or delay school will be made as early as possible, but the time will vary due to the weather conditions. It may be the night before in some cases or in the early morning before classes start, if conditions are changing. Our goal will be to make the decision to cancel or delay school by 5:30 a.m.

What factors are taken into consideration when making the decision to delay or cancel school?

Student safety is our ultimate priority when making any decision due to the weather. The school district also understands that changes in school schedules create a tremendous burden for our families.



Our goal is to safely transport our children to and from school so that learning can take place. We try to weigh many factors in the decision - including road conditions for buses and cars, visibility due to falling precipitation, and the safety of children walking or waiting at bus stops.

2021-2022 Strasburg-Franklin School District Calendar

December

20-31 Christmas Break

January

End of 2nd Nine Weeks 17 MLK Holiday - No School

February

President's Day - No School 21 24 Parent-Teacher Conferences

March

Parent-Teacher Conference 18 End of 3rd Nine Weeks 28-31 Spring Break - No School

<u>April</u>

Teacher Exchange Day - No School

15 No School 18 No School 29 2 Hr. Delay K-12

<u>May</u>

Graduation 22

27 Last Day for Students 30 Memorial Day - No School

31 Teacher Day

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Student Days - 177 (K-11) Seniors (172) Teacher Days - 184



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