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The 2016-17 school year is off to a great start at East Guernsey Local School District, and we are excited about what is still yet to come. Shown are Gracie Shiye and Madi Snyder.

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Superintendent's Message

It is hard to believe that we are already into our second nine weeks of school at East Guernsey Local Schools. There is certainly much to be proud of already, both in our district and in our students.

Recently, the Buckeye Trail varsity volleyball team hit a milestone as they reached their 800th overall win this season, spanning from 1977 to present. The team completed an undefeated regular season. Also recently, one of our elementary students, Sophia Kaurich, was a contest winner for the Open Arms Pregnancy Center Essay Contest with her essay titled "A Pirate Meets a Little Mermaid Girl." Sophia's essay will be presented at the "Help Me Grow" Fall Festival, where she will be signing books as a meet and greet author.

At the end of October, our elementary students once again celebrated Red Ribbon Week. In addition to a theme each day in conjunction with staying drug-free, students participated in many activities and programs made especially for them by a staff who truly cares about their well-being.

At East Guernsey, we continue to improve our schools to better meet the needs of our students and community. As a district, we are fortunate enough to be able to offer a very diverse selection of courses, extra-curricular programs and opportunities for students to try many different things prior to graduation. Our students, staff and administration are in full support to come prepared to learn each day.

Educating the children and young people of our community is truly a group effort of our school, parents and community. The strong community support is greatly appreciated and helps foster student success in many different areas. Here at East Guernsey, we are ready to begin our second nine weeks of school strong, and what better place to be than at East Guernsey!

— Adam M. Pittis, Superintendent



Our goal is to create an environment that promotes an attitude of continual growth and development within our school community. We hope you will be a part of this goal! Shown is Brooke Baird.



Join us in supporting our neighborhood, school and community environment. Supporting our students is not the main thing, it's the only thing. Shown is Blake Bates.

Varsity Volleyball Team Celebrates 800th Win and Undefeated Season

The Buckeye Trail Warriors varsity volleyball team achieved a momentous milestone as they clinched their 800th career victory against Indian Creek on Aug. 27, 2016. According to the OHSAA, Buckeye Trail is only the second program in the entire state and all divisions to achieve this accomplishment. The 2016 season was the 40th season of volleyball at Buckeye Trail. On average, the volleyball team has 20 wins a season. This season, the team finished the regular season 22-0, nailing their first undefeated season since 1993. The current varsity record for all 40 seasons (as of Oct. 18) is 818-166.

The varsity team finished the regular season ranked No. 5 in the Division III Coaches Poll, and recently won their program's 16th OVAC tournament championship.

That was not all for volleyball accomplishments, though. Coach Jeff Beros celebrated his 500th team win at the end of last season, and is well on his way to hitting another milestone. In addition, the junior varsity team also finished with an undefeated season of 17-0, winning each match in just two sets.



According to the OHSAA, Buckeye Trail is only the second program in the entire state and all divisions to achieve their 800th career victory. Way to go, Warriors!

Red Ribbon Week Concludes with a Safety Fair

On Oct. 21, Buckeye Trail Elementary School hosted a Safety Fair in conjunction with its Red Ribbon Week held Oct. 17 to Oct. 21. The fair involved six local organizations: Old Washington VFD, Quaker City VFD, Antrim VFD, United Ambulance, Guernsey County Sheriff's Office and the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Students had the opportunity to stop by each group stationed in the gym and see demonstrations, talk to law enforcement personnel and ask questions. Following the safety fair, students proceeded to the football field to form a Red Ribbon. After the picture was taken, everybody sat in the bleachers to watch a life flight helicopter from Air Evac land on the field. Each class then had the opportunity to pass through the chopper after it landed. The student body then proceeded to pass through each law enforcement vehicle on the way back to the building.

The annually held Red Ribbon Week features a theme each day in conjunction with staying drug free. Students also participated in a slogan contest as well as a door decorating contest.



Students at Buckeye Trail Elementary School form a Red Ribbon in honor of Red Ribbon Week, which promotes a drug-free lifestyle.



Students are all smiles after getting to walk through an ambulance during the Red Ribbon Week Safety Fair. Shown are students, from left in the front row, Kaylee Wells, Aaden Hannahs and Terrel Lee McKinney; and back row, Kloie Eagon, Holly Mitchell and Gunnar Hill.



There is certainly much to be proud of, both in our district and in our students. Go, Warriors! Shown is Jayden Smith.

Z-Passes are Required for Students Riding Buses

All students who ride the bus need to have a Z-Pass and are required to use/swipe it every time they board the bus. The Transportation Department tracks this data for the following purposes: daily ridership, determination of route efficiency, and in the event of an emergency, to know which students were present on the bus.

There is also a Z-Pass Plus program. With this program, parents can register a phone number to be contacted when their student boards or exits the bus. This technology capability can also be used by parents who have students on field trips or athletic trips to inform them when the bus is leaving the event. Parents can use this information to determine the time it takes for the bus to return to the school, therefore providing efficiency in parents picking up their child in a timely manner at the school after the event bus returns.

Thank you for your cooperation in using Z-Pass!

Events and News from Buckeye Trail Elementary School

Nov. 3: The school had an awards assembly to honor students for Principal's List, Honor Roll, Attendance and AR Goals. The students who were honored celebrated afterwards with cookies and punch in the Commons.

Dec. 14: Kindergarten trip to Walnut Creek

Dec. 14: The Ned Show is presenting with a message about bullying and social relationships.

The PTO held their Back to School Night at the Bears Den on Sep. 27. They made about \$1,000 to work toward an outdoor classroom project.

Student, Sophia Kaurich, was a contest winner for the Open Arms Pregnancy Center Essay Contest with her Essay Titled "A Pirate Meets a Little Mermaid Girl." Her essay will be presented at the "Help me Grow" Fall Festival. She will be signing books as a meet and greet author.

You're Invited

The Board of Education meets on the third Wednesday of each month, unless circumstances require a change in date. The public is invited to attend these meetings. Hope to see you there!

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We are true blue! Shown is Jacob Crews.

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This year, let's grow together as a community. Your support means the world to our young people! Shown are Nathan LePage, Mr. Waite and Blake King.

All School Calendar, 2016-17

Nov. 17Science Fair at BTHS from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Nov. 18Interim Reports
Nov. 24-28 Holiday Break
Dec. 21 Early Dismissal at 12:21 p.m. and Staff Development
Dec. 21 End of Second Nine Weeks
Dec. 22-30 Holiday Break
Jan. 13Staff Professional Growth (no school)
Jan. 16 Martin Luther King Day (no school)
Jan. 27Interim Reports
Feb. 16.....Staff Professional Growth (no school)
Feb. 16..... P/T Conferences (4 p.m. to 8 p.m.)
Feb. 17.....No School and P/T Conferences (8 a.m. to 11 a.m.)
Feb. 20Presidents Day (no school)
March 10End of Third Nine Weeks
March 10 Early Dismissal at 12:21 p.m. and Staff Development
April 13-17 Holiday Break
May 28..... Commencement (no school)
May 31.....Students' Last Day
June 1.....Staff Professional Growth