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AUGUST 11!

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

East Guernsey is working hard this summer to get buildings ready, bring on new staff and iron out new policies to ensure a safe environment. While we are working, it is our hope that you are enjoying time with family and friends and engaging in a little schoolwork like reading and writing.

I am so proud of everything that East Guernsey accomplished during our last school year. We realize that it wasn't a typical year, and we understand the amount of flexibility that everyone tackled the year with. We are excited to bring back a level of normalcy to the 2021-22 school year.

We look forward to seeing you in August (if not before). I wish you all a wonderful summer and I hope you enjoy some time with family and friends. Please take good care of yourself.

It has been my pleasure to serve as Superintendent of East Guernsey Local Schools for six years. In August, Mr. Chase Rosser will take over as Superintendent of East Guernsey. Mr. Rosser has been the Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment for five years.

I wish nothing but the best for Buckeye Trail! I will always consider myself a Warrior! Thank you to so many of you for your never-ending support of our school!

Have an amazing summer.

Adam M. Pittis,
Superintendent of East Guernsey Local School District



THE HOUSE PROGRAM

After several years of exploring, BTHS rolled out a House Program this year. This program divided students into multi grade-level groups called Houses. All students were randomly placed in one of four houses: the House of Cardinals, the House of Raiders, the House of Eagles and the House of Quakers. Students will remain in their House for their whole career at BTHS. House names were chosen to commemorate the districts that consolidated to form East Guernsey Schools. Competitions between the Houses were then organized for the students.

House competitions began in the second semester. Meetings consisted of fun activities that provide students with an occasional "Brain Break." The bell schedule was adjusted, and activities were organized for students for about 40 minutes. Competitive activities gave students the opportunity to earn points for their House. A running tally was kept.

In May, students competed in the first "Warrior Games." This was an all-day event that took place at the Athletic Complex. Students competed in many events. There was a quiz bowl, chalk art, kickball, dodgeball, wiffle ball, touch football, cornhole, water games, a mini-track meet and other activities. The cafeteria provided a cookout lunch for the students. In addition, food trucks came in to give students and staff extra treats. At the end of the day the "Warrior Cup" was awarded to the House of Raiders. It was a great day.

The hope is that this program will continue to grow. Students did have fun, however, they also developed new relationships with their House members as they banded together for competition.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you have a child who needs to be registered for the 2021-22 school year, please call Lori Paden at (740) 489-5100, ext. 1329.

At the beginning of the year, the schedule for kindergartners will differ from that of other elementary students. They will have an appointment for kindergarten screening, and then they will come to school for a small group orientation day. All registered kindergartners will get a letter in the mail at the end of July which will give more information about kindergarten screening appointments and orientation days.

The first official day of kindergarten will be on August 17.

HIGH SCHOOL EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Next school year some exciting new learning opportunities will be added at Buckeye Trail High School. The Vocational Agriculture program has been expanded to include two program pathways. The VoAg pathways include Agribusiness and Production Systems and Natural Resource Management. BTHS is excited to offer Parks and Recreation as part of the Natural Resource Management pathway.

Buckeye Trail High School will continue to collaborate with Belmont College to provide industry recognized credentials to our students. Students can obtain credentials in State Tested Nurse Aide and American Welding Society from Belmont College. Enrollment in College Credit Plus is not required for credentialing opportunities through Belmont College.

The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program is continuing to grow with more opportunities for students. Currently, students begin the STEM pathway in middle school with Automation and Design in sixth grade, Robotics in seventh grade and Flight and Space in eighth grade. In high school, students can take Introduction to Engineering, Principles of Engineering and Robotics. Beginning in the fall of 2021, students will be able to take Civil Engineering.

BTHS is excited to announce that they will be expanding the performing arts opportunities next school year. Over the last several years BTHS has had successful drama productions, but it was all extracurricular. Students will be able to sharpen their thespian skills during the school day in a Theatre course next school year.

The College Credit Plus opportunities continue to expand both on campus and online. This upcoming school year BTHS will be offering two new courses on campus, giving students unique learning opportunities. The two new courses are Introduction to Sports and Fundamentals of Coaching.

MINECRAFT AS A LEARNING TOOL

Minecraft isn't just one of the best selling video games of all time, it's also a great learning tool. Minecraft helps students learn problem solving, expand creativity and increase computer skills. Minecraft for Education is a specific flavor of Minecraft specifically designed for schools. It includes many pre-built worlds and lessons spanning all subject areas. This version also allows the teacher or host to set specific rules and regulations in game. Today's students are growing up with modern touch devices (smartphones and tablets) which are great, but basic computer skills like mouse and keyboard control are being lost. Playing Minecraft on a computer at a young age not only helps build these skills but also helps with fine motor skills.

It's also fun! East Guernsey tried Minecraft for Education for the first time in the district during Camp Warrior this summer. Students started with basic lessons that taught them how to use the keyboard and mouse together. Then they had two projects to complete based on the theme each week. The first project was to create a safari journal book cover. The second project was to create their own dinosaur. Each student created a dinosaur in a museum and were told to be as creative as possible. Creativity flowed and the kids loved it! The project also tied in perfectly with their field trip to the Carnegie Museum. For more information visit www.education.minecraft.net.



COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

Approximately seventy-five freshmen and sophomores volunteered their day to serve many residents of Guernsey County on May 26. These students visited seven different sites performing services ranging from gardening, stall cleaning, landscaping to playing bingo and spending quality time with our elderly population.

East Guernsey would like to thank the following entities for stepping up and offering students the opportunity to help others. Thanks to Guernsey County Fair Board, Country View Assisted Living, G.C. Senior Citizens Center, Cooper Horse Crusades, Salt Fork State Park, E.G. Bus Drivers and Great Guernsey Trail.

Community service opportunities will be expanded for the 2021-22 school year. Please call Mr. Poland at (740) 489-5005 to discuss potential fall and spring service opportunities.



YOU'RE INVITED!

The Board of Education at East Guernsey Local Schools meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month unless circumstances require a change in date. Meetings are held at 6pm at the Central Office. All meetings are open to the public. We hope to see you there.

SCHOOL BOARD

- Mr. Kyle Cochran Member
- Mr. Dennis Doutt..... Member
- Mrs. Karen Horvath..... Member
- Mr. Denny Patterson Member
- Mr. John Scurlock..... Member

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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021-2022

- Aug 16.....Professional Development (no school)
- Aug 17.....Students First Day
- Sept 6.....Labor Day (no school)
- Sept 15.....Professional Development (no school)
- Sept 16-17.....Fair Days (no school)
- Sept 24.....Interim Reports Sent Home
- Oct 8.....End of 1st 9 Weeks
- Oct 14.....Professional Development (no school)
- Oct 14.....Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00pm-8:00pm (no school)
- Oct 15.....Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00am-11:00am (no school)
- Nov 11.....Veterans Day (no school)
- Nov 19.....Interim Reports Sent Home
- Nov 24-26.....Holiday Break (no school)
- Dec 22.....End of 2nd 9 Weeks
- Dec 23-31.....Holiday Break (no school)
- Jan 3.....School Resumes
- Jan 17.....Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school)
- Feb 4.....Interim Reports Sent Home
- Feb 21.....Professional Development (no school)
- Feb 21.....Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00pm-8:00pm (no school)
- Feb 22.....Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00am-11:00am (no school)
- March 11.....End of 3rd 9 Weeks
- April 14.....Interim Reports Sent Home
- April 15-18.....Holiday Break (no school)
- May 18.....End of 4th 9 Weeks
- May 15.....Commencement
- May 18.....Students Last Day
- May 19.....Teacher Last Work Day
- May 30.....Memorial Day