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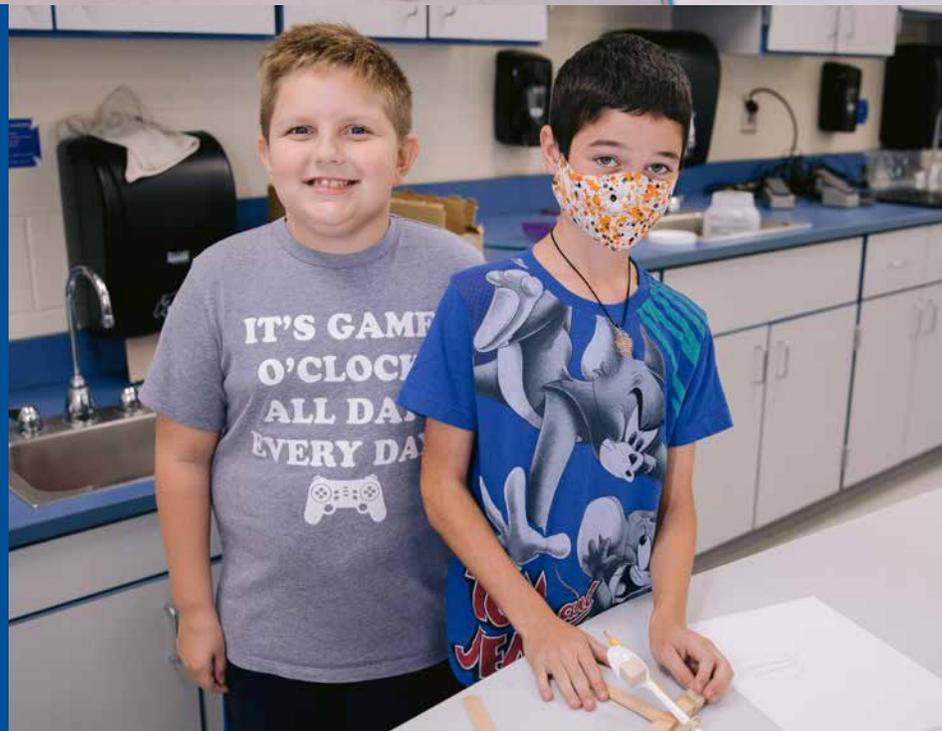
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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Warrior Country,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. It is hard to believe the 2021-22 school year is nearing its completion. This year has been one of returning to some sense of normalcy after nearly two years of ups and downs. We have been focusing on narrowing the learning gaps due to the pandemic and we've been seeing the benefits of this. We've also been increasing engagement between the district and the community and starting the strategic planning process for the district. With so many unknowns due to COVID-19, I am grateful to say students, parents and staff have shown great adaptability and perseverance.



Thank you for your continued support of our students and the district.

Through this newsletter, I am excited to share a taste of what has been going on inside our school walls. As always, it is truly a blessing to serve as Superintendent of East Guernsey Local School District, and I consider myself very fortunate to be able to meet the individual needs of each student through providing a vibrant environment, specialized programs, rigorous academics and amazing staff. I look forward to working with our students, parents and community to continue to build a district that will thrive and excel well into the future. Go Warriors!

Chase A. Rosser

Superintendent, East Guernsey Local School District

PBIS AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROMOTES A SAFER LEARNING CLIMATE

At the end of January, Buckeye Trail Elementary officially kicked-off an updated Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) system. Staff held an assembly to discuss PBIS with students and so far it has been going very well.

PBIS is an evidence-based, data-driven framework proven to reduce disciplinary incidents, increase a school's sense of safety, and support improved academic outcomes. The premise of PBIS is that continual teaching, combined with acknowledgement or feedback of positive student behavior, will reduce unnecessary discipline and promote a climate of greater productivity, safety and learning.

PBIS is a schoolwide integration of:

- A systems approach for building capacity
- A continuum of behavior supports
- Prevention focused efforts
- Instructionally focused behaviors
- Empirically sound practices
- Data information analyzed and utilized on a frequent basis

The BTES PBIS team strives to create a social culture within the school that encourages positive behaviors and interactions by rewarding desired behaviors to encourage academic and disciplinary success. The program is based on creating positive relationships with all students. Elementary Principal Tre Stratton says, "We believe that by developing a relationship with our students we promote the idea of not wanting to disappoint by poor behavior, poor academic performance or lack of responsibility."

Overall, BTES believes that:

- All students can learn and are always learning.
- School is responsible for preparing students for life.
- School expectations must be explicit and taught to all students.



THANK YOU TO OUR TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT!

The East Guernsey Local School District Board of Education is very proud and appreciative of their Transportation Department staff. This hard working group of individuals travel 1,209 miles and transport 500 students on a daily basis. The 2021-22 school year has presented challenges ranging from COVID-19, high water, winter weather and spring storms. These dedicated individuals have worked together to overcome it all. We salute and THANK these dedicated WARRIORS!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION AND SCREENING!

Have a child who will be entering Kindergarten this fall? Don't miss Buckeye Trail Elementary's Kindergarten registration and screening.

When: Thursday, April 7, 12:30 pm–7:30 pm
Friday, April 8, 8:00 am–3:30 pm

Where: Administration and Preschool Building

How: Complete the paperwork online at www.eguernsey.k12.oh.us. On the website, under the Parents & Students, click on OneView Portal. If you are unable, please call (740) 489-5190 ext. 1329 to schedule an appointment.

What to Bring:

- Certified Birth Certificate
- Immunization Record
- Proof of Residence (Utility bill)
- Custody/Divorce Decree Paperwork



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Your Child Deserves the Best Education!

HIGH SCHOOL SKI CLUB PROVIDES CAMARADERIE, EXERCISE AND OUTDOOR FUN

With a purpose of exposing students to an outdoor wintertime sport and training them in something they can use the rest of their lives, the Ski (and Snowboard) Club at Buckeye Trail High School began in the 2014-15 school year. Since then, more than 50 students have safely learned to ski and snowboard.

Being outside and breathing fresh air can contribute to both reducing stress and gaining happiness by learning to ski or snowboard. The club offers a way to make friends and enjoy the company of others. And though it may be challenging at first, learning something new and getting a full-body exercise is good for the heart and can be really fun!

Here's how it works: BTHS's Ski Club partners with Snow Trails and is open to all BTHS students, staff and their families including younger siblings. Snow Trails, a family-owned winter sport resort located in Mansfield, Ohio, offers high school groups a great discount. Students can buy a pass for about \$280 that allows them to ski or board once a week for the entire ski season. The pass includes a lift ticket, lessons and equipment rental.

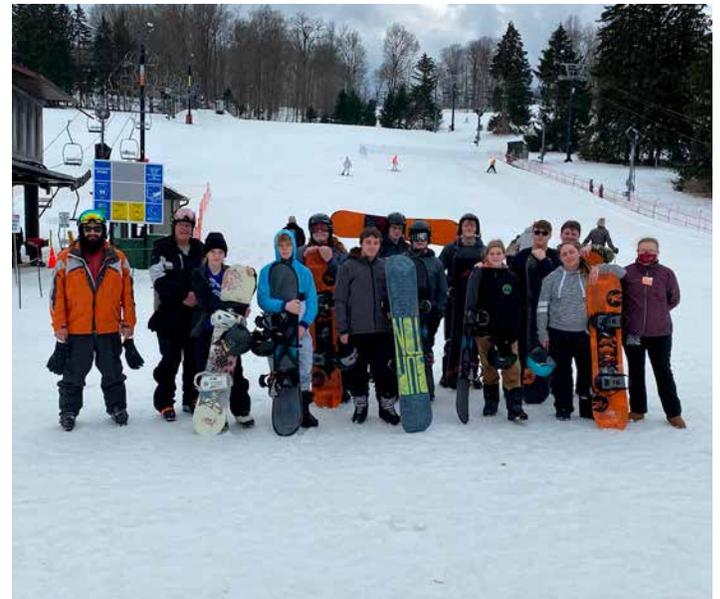
Starting in January, the Ski Club travels to Snow Trail together on Thursdays when weather permits. The group generally gets six school trips in during the season. Transportation is provided on a school bus or van. Assistant High School Principal Bill Hartmeyer says, "It usually takes about two or three trips for most of the kids to become comfortable. Then the fun really begins!"

Principal Hartmeyer further explains, "Sometimes, people, in general, overestimate the dangers of skiing and snowboarding. However, with proper instruction and a little bit of patience, people can learn to participate safely. The essential skill is learning to control speed and be able to stop. This is accomplished by learning how to turn." These basics must be mastered in order to further their skills. He says, "I always tell

the kids that they must learn to go slow so that they can go fast when they want."

This season, numbers for the ski club were on the lower end. With all members being seniors, the club hopes some younger students will join next year. In fact, at the end of February, Ski Club took 15 new skiers and boarders to Snow Trails for a one-time group trip. This effort to recruit new members seems to have paid off as most of the students had a great time and are anxious to join the group for next year's season.

If you are interested in joining Ski Club next year, make sure to reach out to Principal Hartmeyer!



THANK YOU TO DEPUTY SIMMERMANN!

This year, the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) declared Feb. 15 as National School Resource Officer Appreciation Day. School resource officers (SROs) do more than just wear a uniform and monitor the halls. SROs are essential, full-time law enforcement officers trained in school-based policing and crisis response. SROs ensure that schools and their communities are as safe and secure as possible and help navigate crises when they arise. The NASRO believes SROs serve as important bridges between youth, law enforcement and community.



With this in mind, East Guernsey Local School District would like to thank Deputy Simmermann for all that he does for our students! Our community is a safer place because of you.



YOU'RE INVITED!

The Board of Education at East Guernsey Local School meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month unless circumstances require a change in date. Meetings are held at 6 p.m. in the CPC Lab in the High School.

SCHOOL BOARD

- Mr. Dennis Doutt..... Board Member
- Mr. Brandon Lippert..... Board Member
- Mr. Dustin Paden..... Board Member
- Mr. Denny Patterson Board Member
- Dr. Darcy Wakefield Dower..... Board Member

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ALL SCHOOL CALENDAR, 2021-22

- April 14.....Interim Reports Sent Home
- April 15-18..... Holiday Break (no school)
- May 15.....Commencement
- May 25.....End of 4th 9 Weeks
- May 25..... Students Last Day
- May 26..... Teacher Last Work Day
- May 30..... Memorial Day

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ANNUAL MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE PROVIDES FUN!

On Feb. 12, Buckeye Trail Middle School had its annual Sweethearts Dance. The dance was well attended by the student body and a good time was had by all. Middle School Principal Bryan Conlon says "I would like to thank the BTMS Student Council and the East Guernsey PTO for all of their help and hard work putting this event on for the students of Buckeye Trail Middle School."

