



We are off to a fantastic start to the school year.

The State Report Card has recently been released and the Cuyahoga Heights School District was 1 of 31 districts throughout the state that received an "A" rating from the Department of Education. On the performance indicator Cuyahoga Heights scored 104.778, which was an increase for the 4th straight year and ranked 34th out of 608 public schools in the State. Even as the State Report Card offers just a snapshot of Ohio's school district data - for instance, we continue to excel in music, the arts and athletics as well - we are extremely proud of what our students and teachers are able to accomplish together.

As part of our literacy initiative, the Elementary has kicked off "One Book, One School" with yours truly appearing as a Triceratops and assisting in the book reveal. It's a wonderful thing to see so many students excited about reading. And I'm pretty excited too - I and several other staff members have also been asked to be a "mystery reader" which one of our favorite ways to interact with our youngest learners. If you are the parent of an Elementary student be sure to ask your students about the book. Our sincere appreciation to the Cuyahoga Heights PTO for providing the books for this event!

Cuyahoga Heights Schools continues to emphasize social and emotional learning in our schools through the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program. At the Elementary School, several great students were treated to lunch with the Superintendent because of their character and leadership in our classrooms. At the Middle School and High School they held their first "Tribe Time" last week, as we work together with our students leading the way to create a positive school climate in which students learn and grow.

Homecoming took place last weekend, with the student body electing seniors Victoria Kattler and Kyle Calvey as Queen and King- congratulations to them both!

A special "thank you" goes out the fantastic Cuyahoga Heights Marching Band and Mr. Sokol as they made a surprise appearance at the Alumni gathering at Klima Gardens last weekend. I spoke with many of the attendees and they agreed that our band students' performance was one of the highlights of the get-together. The annual Alumni reunion is held the third Saturday of September each year. For more information on the alumni association go to the Alumni tab on the school website.

Parent-Teacher Conferences were held last week at the Middle and High schools, providing critical opportunities for communication and relationship-building between our classrooms and the homes of our students. Parents, if you have not yet had a chance to visit with your student's teachers please reach out to them by phone or email to get an update on your child's progress.

School facilities continue to be a focus in our District. We added air conditioning to several classrooms at the Middle School, and thankfully the

weather has cooperated for the most part at the start of this school year. In alignment with our community-driven "Building on Excellence and Success Together (**BEST**) Strategic Plan", the District is also completing a **facility analysis conducted by GPD Architects**. They will be working with the Board of Education to develop the District's "needs and wants" as determined by a community, student and staff survey. If you would like to be a part of this project as it develops, please consider becoming a part of the BEST Committee. Their group will work along with the Board of Education to develop the plan for facility improvement. To join, please contact the group's organizer, Jim Zwisler at jzwisler@neo.rr.com.

Thanks for all you do to ensure the Cuyahoga Heights School District is empowering students to reach new heights.

My best,

Tom

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NOTE: *If you know of a parent who does not receive "Tom Talks" please have them call their child's school for assistance signing up. Parents may also refer to their Final Forms account and update their contact information. All of our contact information for families are drawn from Final Forms.*

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