

Tuesday - May 22, 2018

Spring has finally arrived to Northeast Ohio!!!! Along with spring are many exciting events at Cuyahoga Heights Schools.

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Matt Muccio to the district as our new Treasurer. Mr. Muccio comes to us from Coventry Schools where he was the district's Treasurer for the past three years. Prior to Coventry, he served as Assistant Treasurer at Maple Heights Schools. Mr. Muccio received his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Cleveland State University and his Master's degree in Business Administration from Ashland University and is a graduate of Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School. Welcome Mr. Muccio!

CHS would also like to welcome our new Athletic Director, Mr. Ryan Kelber. Mr. Kelber previously served as Athletic Director of Brooklyn High School. Mr. Kelber has degrees from both Baldwin-Wallace and Ohio University and is a graduate of Padua High School. Welcome Mr. Kelber!

On Wednesday, May 23rd, our second and third grade students will host a STEM day with our neighbors to the south, Independence. Thanks to Mrs. Currey for coordinating the day's activities, which will include rocket launches and races with cars designed and manufactured with the school's 3-D printer. Engineers from Case Western Reserve and Johns Hopkins will be on hand to assist with the demonstrations. I would also like to congratulate our 5th graders on their upcoming promotion on May 31st, and I wish them luck as they travel across the parking lot to the middle school.

Speaking of the Middle School, students have been working on creative projects since state testing ended, such as book studies, "think tanks," STEM projects, Future City and Marsville. The 8th grade will also participate in their promotion to high school on May 25th and will then travel to Washington, D.C. and Gettysburg from May 29-31.

The Class of 2018 is staying busy as they prepare for Commencement this Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Many of the seniors recently participated in their senior project, a week-long shadowing experience in a career area they hope to pursue. Seniors presented their experiences to peers and staff this Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday, the class will have a graduation practice before taking their final group photo and then heading to their Senior Luncheon at Dave and Busters. Prior to the Friday practice, seniors will participate in their "Senior Parade" through all three buildings, beginning in PreK and ending in Senior Hall. Finally, Baccalaureate is on Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at the Valley View Community Church.

Many athletes continue their run to state competition. This Wednesday and Friday our track student-athletes will travel to Massillon Perry High School to participate in the OHSAA Regional Tournament, while the baseball team takes on Ottawa Hills High School on Thursday at 3:00 pm at the Lorain Pipeyard in Regional Semi-Final action. Go Redskins!

In addition, congratulations to two of our outstanding coaches on reaching milestones this season. Track Coach John Shafer earned his 200th meet victory and Baseball Coach Marc Lowther reached his 300th coaching victory last week in the District Semi-Finals. Coach Lowther will also be inducted into the Ohio Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame at the conclusion of this season. Congratulations again to both of these coaches on reaching these career milestones!

Also worth noting, the Cuyahoga Heights Schools' license plate will be available from the license bureau beginning June 3rd. Special thanks to Representative Anielski as she sponsored the bill making the license plate project possible. Proceeds from the license plate are returned to Cuyahoga Heights Schools to be used for students with social/emotional issues.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to send a special thank you out to Mrs. Jane Pitman. Mrs. Pitman has announced her retirement after 23 years at Cuyahoga Heights Schools. She has led our outstanding orchestra over that time and she will be dearly missed. Best wishes to Mrs. Pitman and she will be "Forever a Redskin."