

Dear Community Members:

Friday morning is here and thus far it has been a very good opening week to the school year! The teachers and students are getting down to business and the buildings are humming along. It is nice to have a little reprieve from the hot days here at the end of the week.

I have a couple of quick hits for you today.

EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA PRODUCTION

This year there will be two, one-act drama plays for our fall production. The first is titled ***The Oz Diaries*** and the second is ***Step on a Crack***. The performances will be held on October 22, 24 and 25 . There will be an informational meeting for parents and students on Tuesday August 25th at 7:00 PM and auditions will take place on August 26th from 3:00-7:00 PM. Both of those will be held in the HS Auditorium. These productions are open to any student in grades 7-12

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

The Community Food Pantry has been chosen to participate in the Simply Give Program at Meijer in Bowling Green. Our dates to participate go through September 12. You can purchase a \$10 card from Meijer, located by the check-out lines. All of this money is collected by Meijer and then given to our food pantry in the form of food-only gift cards. Meijer participates by adding dollars to our account, depending on what we collect. **Our Double Match Days are Thursday, September 3 through Saturday, September 5...Labor Day weekend.** When you give your \$10 donation, Meijer will double match it with a deposit into our account of \$20...so your \$10 just became a \$30 donation. Save your receipts, your donations are tax deductible.

EASTWOOD STUDENT RAISING MONEY TO BATTLE DIABETES

For the last three years, Luckey 1st grade Vincent Slack has been participating in a t-shirt contest to help raise funds to battle juvenile diabetes. The t-shirts feature artwork created by Vincent and can be purchased as part of the fundraiser. All proceeds go directly to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Northwest Ohio. Last year Vincent was able to raise \$1,200 and won an award for having the most creative design!

The t-shirts can be purchased through the link provided below, and there is a variety of colors (of course I prefer the red!) and sizes available. Juvenile Diabetes is becoming more prevalent in our community, so your dollars will support a range of students.

<https://www.booster.com/godzillavstype1>

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

Every day our students are being asked to overcome obstacles and barriers. These challenges come in the form of new reading and math concepts, conflicts with peers, anxiety, medical challenges like we see with Vincent, amongst many others. A friend of mine used to have the salutation, “Be nice to people, because you have no idea the hill they had to climb today.”

So many times our students close up or shut down because the challenges appear so vast that they will never be able to overcome them. As parents, we struggle with how to support them as they wrestle with difficulty in the classroom, the athletic field, or in relationships. Unfortunately, we often times see a lack of success as a failure of some sort and an indication of some permanent deficiency. **NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH!**

On Monday we spent a great deal of time with our staff discussing how we work with students to help them overcome challenging curriculum and the demands of being a student. I am going to share a couple of video links with you that you may want to watch when you have a minute. They deal with grit – the ability to persevere and attain goals, and “growth mindset” – the idea that failure is never final, but a lack of success may mean that you are not ready “yet”.

Over the course of the year you will hear these words and phrases. If you follow the @els_eagles Twitter feed, you will see quotes and ideas almost daily on these ideas. You can encourage your son or daughter when they face adversity by telling them that maybe they do not have it...yet. However, with perseverance and determination they can make it. They may need to be creative, but it can be done. Kids also need to know that through the most difficult tasks, their brains are growing and making new connections. **FAILURE IS NEVER FINAL.**

Enjoy these videos and help us grow kids who do not flinch or quit in the face of tough times or difficult work.

Grit - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H14bBuluwB8>

Growth Mindset - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hiiEeMN7vbQ>

Have a great weekend!!!