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Dear Community Members:

That blur you just saw was the month of May! It is hard to believe that the year is over and preparations for the 2015-16 school year are well under way. I have several items for you this week.

GRADUATION

On Sunday May 31st, 147 students participated in Graduation at Eastwood High School. We are extremely proud of the Class of 2015! There were 23 students who graduated with a cumulative GPA of over a 4.0. That is a tremendous accomplishment. They also excelled athletically with a strong group headed to the State Track meet and the school's first Regional basketball appearance in 50 years amongst many other accomplishments. Our Musicals and Fall Plays will deeply miss a cadre of outstanding performers, and our overall music programs had great years in terms of students who qualified for state and regional honors band and choirs. I hate to single out anything because I will inevitably forget something. Whether they were at Eastwood or Penta, we had students perform at a high level all around. This was a great class, and they will be missed!

TRACK UPDATE

The Boy's Track Team won their 3rd consecutive Regional Championship by nearly doubling the score of the second place teams. They send three relay teams along with three individuals to Columbus this weekend for the State Meet. Mr. Hill provided the following information in his HS Athletics Community Update regarding the performance of our athletes:

Regional Summary:

Jessica Lang competed in the Pole Vault and did not clear an opening height. This was Jessica's first Regional competition and given that she is a freshman, the experience will be helpful to her in the coming years.

Katelyn Meyer ran in the 100 meter hurdles and finished 5th just missing qualifying for the state meet. In the process however she broke the school record with a 15.75. Kate also cleared 5'0" in the high jump and placed 8th. Solid performance for a freshman!

Devin Snowden finished 2nd in the 110 meter hurdles and has qualified for the state meet. He also qualified in the Long Jump finishing 2nd.

Hannah Sponaugle competed in the 1600 meter run final and placed 6th. She also finished 11th in the 3200 meter run.

The Boys team of Grant Geiser, Devin Snowden, Brennan Seifert and Jared Smith won the 4 x 100 relay in a great race.

Tim Hoodlebrink won the 800 meter run and Noah Smith finished 2nd in a very tight finish and both young men are headed to Columbus next weekend.

The Boys 4 x 400 meter relay team of Tim Hoodlebrink, Noah Smith, Issac Emahiser and Devin Snowden finished 2nd and qualified for Columbus next weekend.

The Boys 4 x 800 meter relay team of Noah Smith, Tim Hoodlebrink, Sam Church and Logan Baugher won their final on Thursday and will be heading to Columbus.

All in all you can see that our Boys and Girls Track athletes competed at a high level and were very successful!

EASTWOOD 10TH GRADERS NAIL THE OHIO GRADUATION TEST!

We recently received scores from this year's sophomores on the Ohio Graduation Tests, and they performed very well. While we look closely at overall passage rates, we also like to see how we fared against "similar districts" to calibrate our performance. I am going to give you our passage rates along with the "similar district" numbers for you to consider.

	Writing	Reading	Math	Soc Stud	Science
Eastwood	100%	95%	98%	95%	91%
Similar Districts	90%	90%	89%	87%	82%
Difference	10%	5%	9%	8%	9%

Once again, all of our passage rates were in the 90%+ range, and our students outperformed similar districts by an average of 8.2%.

A huge congratulations to our students and teachers for all of their hard work! Well Done!

These tests are not the new computer tests that students took this year through PARCC and the Ohio Department of Education. We will not have those results until February of 2016...

ATHLETIC CAMP FORMS

After this email, I am going to send out another with attachments for the myriad of summer sports camps we will be hosting in the coming weeks. There will be one new one and that is for golf. Coach Gardner will again host a FREE golf camp for both boys and girls the week of June 22-25. It will be for students entering grades 6-9, and it will be held at Tanglewood Golf Course in the afternoons from 1:00-3:00.

Please look for a second email with the camp forms. If I forget anything, please stop by any of the offices for forms. You can also email me directly, and I will get you the form you need.

COTA FUNDRAISER FOR 7TH GRADER LORIM GRIMES!!

Julie's Dance Studio, located in the Woodland Mall in Bowling Green will be having a COTA fundraiser in honor of Lorin Grimes.

On Saturday, June 6th, their dance recital performance "My Favorite Things" will be a COTA campaign in honor of Lorin Grimes. The performance will be in the Performing Arts Center of Bowling Green Schools (between the H.S. and M.S. just off of Poe Rd.) Doors will open at 7:00pm with the dancers taking the stage at 7:30pm.

There will be no set admission at the door, but there will be a free-will offering with all proceeds going to Lorin's fund. Lorin and her family are planning to attend as guests of honor as well.

Lorin is a 7th grader (now 8th) at Eastwood Middle School that needs our help. She was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis at the age of 15 months. Cystic Fibrosis is a progressive disease that affects mainly the lungs and digestive system. After years of damage from the effects of Cystic Fibrosis, she is in need of a double-lung transplant. Donations to the **Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA)**, a national 501(c)3 organization, can help her receive that precious miracle.

All gifts to COTA in honor of Lorin Grimes are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law, and all proceeds are used for transplant-related expenses before, during and after the transplant.

LUCAS LINER IS STILL MAKING THE NEWS!

Many of you will remember Eastwood graduate Lucas Liner who did extremely well over the years in the Wood County Spelling Bee qualifying for the National Scripps Spelling Bee several years ago. Recently there was a rather humorous photo collage on MSN as they were reporting on the 2015 Spelling Bee. Well Lucas made the list! Thanks to those who shared the link, and we wish him well as he continues to pursue his dreams.

<http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/photos-the-many-faces-of-spelling-bees-past/ss-BBkh1Te#image=13>

Have a great rest of the week!