

## 9.21.16

### Dear Community Members:

Last week, Ohio released Report Cards for all districts across the state. This is the second year of what has been a turbulent transition from the previous achievement tests taken via paper and pencil, to the new assessments taken primarily online. These new tests are without question significantly more demanding, and you will see that reflected in the overall decline in passage rates and indicators earned throughout the state.

The Report Card also contains numerous other indicators such as “Prepared for Success”, “Gap Closing”, “Progress”, etc. Overall, there are areas where we did very well and others where we did not. There are some measures that the state reports that are worthy of consideration and other that do not. The biggest things are the takeaways that actually matter for students. On that note I have several thoughts.

1. The standards and rigor are going up, and we have to work to meet the challenge. We have many students who are going to need more time and support to meet the new learning goals set forth for kids. How we create that time and use our staff will present some serious management issues. In addition, we need to make absolutely sure that our instructional strategies will give our students the best chances for success.
2. Comparatively, we are in the ballpark, but we need to see more progress. When I look at the Performance Index of schools I have monitored for the last decade or so, we did well in some cases and not as well in others. There were some very odd score reports that made some comparisons a challenge, but we will now expect to see improvements.
3. There were a couple of anomalies that negatively impacted our results. Last year we administered the Biology end-of-course exam to 10<sup>th</sup> graders. However, those 10<sup>th</sup> graders who passed the Physical Science test given in their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year were not required to take the exam. Had all of those students, over half the class, taken the Bio test, we would have earned another indicator and almost assuredly earned the need score to raise our Performance Index to a B.

While we would be foolish to look at these results and ignore them as they can provide some feedback on how our students performed overall on these new assessments. However, they do not change my fundamental belief in our teachers and the overall work we are doing with students. Our people work extremely hard and do an amazing job with students of all ability levels.

Feel free to get in touch with me if you have concerns.

### TECH COMMITTEE MEETING

Our first Technology Committee Meeting for the year is set for next Wednesday September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Eastwood Bus Garage on the second floor. We are opening this committee up to any parent or resident in the district who has an interest in seeing tech used effectively in our district. The meetings typically last an hour.

### THANKS TO FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

I am not sure if I mentioned this previously, but we want to thank Faith UMC in Luckey for donating 32 new tables for the HS Cafeteria. This donation is valued at nearly \$2,000.

Thanks to the members of the church for thinking of us, especially Zac Brown!

### **UPCOMING FAMILY FUN EVENT IN PEMBERVILLE**

SonFire Church in Pemberville is sponsoring a Family Fun Event this weekend on Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 behind the businesses on Front Street. They will be showing that terrific family movie Max. There is a flyer attached.

### **PINK OUT FOR UPCOMING LAKE FOOTBALL GAME**

To continue the battle to defeat Breast Cancer, Eastwood and Lake Key Clubs will be sponsoring a "Pink-Out" for our upcoming game on October 14<sup>th</sup>. The groups will be selling t-shirts and sweatshirts for the game to help raise the funds. Attached is a form with choices.

Anyone doing online orders needs to be sure to click the START HERE box. This will let us know if their shirts will be picked up at the game or at your school. Go to: <http://www.jazztextiles.com/online-stores>

Click on Eastwood. Your code is EAGLES (in all caps).

**Anyone who orders will have the option of picking up their shirts either at the school the day before or picking them up at the game on Friday night.**

### **LUCKEY FALL FEST IS THIS WEEKEND**

The Luckey Fall Fest begins this weekend and runs Friday-Sunday. We have many Eastwood groups raising funds during the weekend. The Key Club will once again be doing Root Beer floats, the Theater Boosters will be selling Bologna Sandwiches, and the Luckey PTO will be hosting a garage sale. Here is a little more on the Garage Sale for the PTO.

### **Luckey PTO is having a Rummage Sale during the Luckey Fall Festival, September 23, 24, 25 at Luckey Elementary.**

· The PTO is requesting donations of gently used items for our rummage sale fundraiser. Items that may be donated are: kids clothing, adult clothing, baby clothes, baby items, toys, games, puzzles, books, household items, small kitchen appliances, christmas decorations, and small furniture.

· **Items may be dropped off at Luckey Elementary on Thursday, September 22 from 6:00-8:00pm.**

· If you have any questions about donating items please contact: Valerie Sponaugle at [thespons@roadrunner.com](mailto:thespons@roadrunner.com)

**That's it for this week. Best wishes to all!!**