The Importance of Valuing Diversity

During the September 21 professional development day, Denise Ward, an Educational/Diversity Consultant from the State Support Team - Region 8 who is contracted through the Summit County Educational Service Center, met with the entire staff of the CFCS, including teachers, administrators, bus drivers, custodians, administrative assistants as well as other support staff. On that day she asked the staff to consider their own definitions of diversity and she shared the important reasons why diversity includes accepting, respecting, and valuing the uniqueness and differences of every person in our schools, including students and staff.

Currently, Denise is meeting with the individual schools throughout the District so that she is able to talk to smaller groups of staff members. This is typically taking place at after-school staff meetings. At the building level, Denise is reviewing the definition of diversity and she is allowing teachers to share with each other the great strategies that they are already using to help encourage, value, and promote diversity. She is also providing suggestions to help teachers stretch their thinking so their classrooms are inclusive of all types of students. Since these meetings are not just for teachers, other staff members are encouraged to consider how they can make students feel safe, comfortable and respected in their space as well. Denise will meet with the whole staff again on our February 1 professional development day.

Namaste! Black Tiger Culture Fair

On Saturday, January 19, at Lincoln school from 11:00am to 2:00pm, the community is invited to experience a sample of the various cultures that make up the students of the CFCS. Through a collaboration between the Department of English Learners (EL) and the Nutrition and Food Service Program, CFCS will be hosting the first ever free Black Tiger Pride Culture Fair.

Teachers and their students, clubs, groups, etc. are invited to take part in the preparation and execution of this wonderful teaching and learning experience for our whole community. The preparation for this event will take many different forms based on the teachers and their students’ interests, backgrounds, subject areas, and grade-levels. A variety of different booths will display the research efforts of our students and may include information that pertains to a particular culture’s history, geography, and government, creating art projects, learning to play a new game or sport, listening to and performing a song or dance, or learning to write or speak some phrases in a different language. Besides learning about different cultures, the goal of this project is to produce something to display or create something to teach that represents students’ learning.

A huge component of culture is food! With Chef Bill Bailey’s assistance, we hope to include staff and students in the food preparation process by collecting recipes, asking for donations from local restaurants or grocery stores, and observing and helping in the kitchen.

We look forward to sharing with and introducing the community to just some of their neighbors. Hope to see you there!

Scholar Athletes Excel in the Classroom Too

At the most recent Fall Sports Awards ceremony, Fall’s athletes showed that they not only elevate their game, but their academics as well! Below is a list of the various fall sports overall team GPAs and individuals that earned Suburban League honors:

- Girls Soccer GPA: 3.60
- Boys Soccer GPA: 3.27
- Girls Tennis GPA: 3.83
- Girls Cross Country GPA: 3.73
- Boys Cross Country GPA: 3.64
- Girls Golf GPA: 3.56
- Boys Golf GPA: 2.86
- Volleyball GPA: 3.54
- Football GPA: 3.50
- Girls Track GPA: 3.50
- Boys Track GPA: 3.50
- Cheerleading GPA: 3.53
- Soccer GPA: 3.64
- Basketball GPA: 3.50
- Volleyball GPA: 3.50

Honorable Mention: Jordan Akins, Anthony Nichols, Talya Long, Meredith Gallagher, Robert Graves, Eric Rosiak, Daizhaun Brazil

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Applications Accepted for Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council

Mayor Walters is accepting applications for the 2019 Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council. He is seeking eight energetic, engaged students who reside in the City of Cuyahoga Falls and are in grades 9 through 12. Applications may be obtained from the Mayor’s office at City Hall, by calling 330-971-8200 or by visiting www.cityofcf.com/activity/mayors-youth-advisory-council. The deadline for applications is December 21, 2018.

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