



# ROAR!

**RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC RESULTS**

## CFCSD Dates To Remember:

- Apr 19 **All-City Art Walk**  
Downtown, 5:00pm - 8:00pm
- Apr 14 **CFHS Production of 'Annie'**  
CFHS Auditorium, 7:00pm
- Apr 15 **CFHS Production of 'Annie'**  
CFHS Auditorium, 2:00pm

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*Early April 2018*

## CFCSD

# Emergency Levy Spending Plan Update

Below is an update of the items being addressed by the CFCSD made possible by the passage of the most recent Emergency Levy.

\* As of March 21, 2018 Meeting

### Capital Improvements - FY18

- *Vehicles - Two buses*
  - Lease/purchased two buses that arrived March 14 and were placed in service March 19
  - Cost of the buses was approximately \$82,400 each for a total cost of \$164,800 which is under the budgeted amount of \$180,000
- *DeWitt Roof*
  - The final phase will be completed in June once the students have been released for the summer
  - The balance of the project cost is \$158,000; the total cost of the project is approximately \$420,000 as budgeted.
- *Sill Demo*
  - Gandee and Associates are being recommended to the Board at the March 21 regular meeting.
  - If approved, Gandee and Associates will serve as project manager for the engineering and site work associated with the project.

### Technology - FY18

- *Perimeter Security Cameras*
  - Contract with AtNet Plus was approved at the March 7 Board meeting
  - Cost was approximately \$55,700; budget for the project was \$65,000
  - Installation of 52 cameras across the District will take place during spring break
- *Radio Repeater*
  - Was purchased with the savings from this budgeted item which will increase our radio coverage across the District.

### Capital Improvements - FY19

- *Parking Lots*
  - Lincoln, Preston and Price will be replaced this summer
  - Payment will be made after July 1
  - Total budget for the parking lots is estimated at \$235,000

### Technology - FY19 and FY20

- *Network Upgrade and Network Core Upgrade being recommended at the March 21 Board meeting*
  - These purchases are being recommended early contingent upon the availability of E-rate funding which will result in a 60% cost savings for the project.
  - The total cost of the upgrades after the cost savings will be approximately \$390,000 which will be paid over a three-year period of time
  - The result will be a wireless access point in every classroom across the District as opposed to hallway access currently which will assist us in our quest to get to one-to-one technology usage.

### Curriculum - FY18

- *Science Textbooks 6-12*
  - 6-8 science teachers have reviewed relevant curricular science materials
  - 9-12 science teachers have reviewed available materials specific to each respective science field of study
  - Each group has made selections and recommendations for texts and materials; these selections will be reviewed by the *Department of College and Career Readiness*
  - The final step is to prepare a budget proposal to be adopted by the Board within the next month



## Light Up the Falls and Support School Safety

The CFCSD has initiated a fundraising opportunity for community members to let our students in the District know that they care and support school safety.

Beginning this month, yellow light bulbs will be distributed to all of the schools in the District and for a \$5 donation community members will receive a yellow light bulb that will empower them to let the students in CFCSD know that they care about school safety and support the effort to increase it. "We are asking that for the month of May, you use this bulb on your front porch light and keep it on all night to show students that you stand with them in their efforts to keep our schools safe," said Kevin Vargyas, Associate Principal at CFHS.

Proceeds from this fundraising campaign will directly benefit the school where the bulbs are picked up from.

Vargyas also said he hopes that this sale becomes an annual event to "Light Up The Falls" every May, as well as to show **Black Tiger Pride** throughout the year.

## CFCSD: Safety Meeting Questions Answered

During the School Safety Meeting held on Thursday, March 8, community members that were in attendance who had questions were asked to submit those in writing as they left the meeting. The answers have all been posted on all of the homepages of the individual schools the District's website, and also under the *Superintendent's Quick Links* on the left of the site.

# All City Art Walk: Students K-12 Show Their Art



Art club students creating stepping stones to be raffled off during the event.

Cuyahoga Falls City Schools, in partnership with Cuyahoga Falls city leadership, local businesses and the Cuyahoga Falls Library, proudly announce the *Fourth Annual Cuyahoga Falls All City Art Walk* to be held on Thursday, April 19th from 5:00pm - 8:00pm. As you stroll through town, choosing any of the ten locations as a starting point, you will find artworks on display by Cuyahoga Falls artists in kindergarten through 12th grade. Thanks to the generous support of our community leaders, businesses and organizations, this event is free.

Display locations include the *Pavilion on the Riverfront*, *City Hall*, *Cuyahoga Falls Library*, *Cuyahoga Valley Art Center*, *Hints of Happiness*, *Harps & Thistles Yarn Emporium*, *Metropolis Popcorn*, *Studio 2091*, *Urban Lace* and *Yum Yum Sweet Shop*. Pick up a map and collect stamps on your passport at any of these locations and begin your walking journey through our local world of art.

This year's theme – *Art Paves the Way* – will feature stepping stones created by art students at each of our schools that will be raffled off during the event. In addition to the incredible art displays, there will be make-and-take art activities, food, live music, artist demonstrations, fun photo opportunities, a debut of the City Hall mural, a scavenger hunt and more. For the latest updates, follow our website at [cfallsartwalk.weebly.com](http://cfallsartwalk.weebly.com) or our Facebook page at *Cuyahoga Falls All City Art Walk*.

We are grateful to our many generous sponsors. *Western Reserve Hospital*, *Pat Catan's*, *Lowes*, *CFHS Art Club*, *Richardson Elementary PTA* and *CFHS Cosmetology* are sponsoring make-n-take activities. Donors providing foods to share with the public include *Western Reserve Hospital*, *Crave*, *Kriegers*, *BJ's*, *Jimmy John's*, *Sheraton Suites*, *Acme* and *Giant Eagle Market District*. In addition, the Cuyahoga Falls High school FCCLA club will be practicing their culinary art skills by preparing and serving snack foods. Sponsors that have donated items for the raffle with proceeds benefiting next year's art walk include *BurgerFi*, *Cafe O'Play*, *Handles*, *On Tap*, *Pizzafire*, *Portage Crossing Cinemark*, *Riverfront YMCA*, *Smoothy King* and *Yum Yum Sweet Shop*.

The arts foster creativity, strengthen problem solving and critical thinking skills, improve academic performance and enable our students to express themselves in a way not taught by any other content area. The vision of this event is a shared commitment between our schools and our community that focuses on the well-being and creative growth of our city, our students and the arts.

## CFCSD: Equality Ohio Presents to CF BOE



At the April 4 BOE meeting The CFCSD continued its efforts to make sure that all of our students are treated equally in the *Black Tiger* community. Board member, Anthony Gomez invited Northeast Ohio Coordinator, Gwen Stembridge from *Equality Ohio* to speak on where Ohio is in terms of LGBTQ rights, and what comprehensive, non-discrimination policies really mean.

According to Gomez, "Our District does a wonderful job in making accommodations for LGBTQ students and staff, including a strong Gay/

# CFHS: Drug Free Clubs of America

This year, a branch of *Drug Free Clubs of America (DFCA)* was started at CFHS. *DFCA* is a drug prevention program that offers students an opportunity to voluntarily take a drug test in exchange for privileges and rewards at school and throughout the community. To date, nearly 300 student members have signed up. Throughout the year, these young people are randomly drug tested to arm them with the excuse of "I can't, I might get tested" to help avoid drug-related situations. This is a potentially life saving opportunity for our young people and a critical first step to creating a drug-free culture in our building, district, and ultimately our community.

To date, CFHS has received very generous donations from a number of businesses, organizations and community members. Every student that completed an application to become a member is accepted and is never turned away due to the inability to pay the \$15 membership fee.

There are four different sponsorship levels for businesses/organizations to offer support to our students; Platinum (\$3,000), Gold (\$2,000), Silver (\$1,000) and Bronze (\$500). Any sponsor will have their logo appear on any informational flyers that are distributed to parents and students. Individual students can be sponsored at \$52 per student. Sponsorships and donations cover testing, essay scholarships, rewards, prizes, and other costs associated with the program.

With prom right around the corner, a business or organization can donate \$500 annually to become the sole business sponsor of our After Prom party at the *Cuyahoga Falls YMCA*. Business sponsors name will be included in all event marketing and promotion.

Finally, individuals may purchase a sponsor t-shirt for \$50 to show our kids you "Have Their Back!". Only 30 shirts are available, so call or email Rachael Muster at 330-926-3808 or [cf\\_muster@cfall.org](mailto:cf_muster@cfall.org) to purchase.

## Bolich and Roberts Middle School: Member of the First Leadership Academy

Karen Gedeon, library media specialist, Bolich and Roberts middle schools, was selected to participate in the *Ohio Educational Library Media Association's (OELMA) Leadership Academy*. The Leadership Academy is a seven-month program that began on March 9-10, 2018, with an intensive day-and-a-half program at Deer Creek State Lodge and Conference Center that focused on assessing and reflecting upon personal leadership strengths and stretches within the context of the highly effective school library; developing a plan of action to implement a learned leadership skill that complements the *Future Ready Schools®* framework; and developing a plan of action to share it with a wider audience. The Leadership Academy was awarded a 2017 ABC-CLIO Leadership Grant and a Library Services Technology Act Grant (LSTA) through the State Library of Ohio. Ms. Gedeon is a member of the first Leadership Academy class.

Congratulations Ms. Gedeon!

Straight Alliance club at CFHS." Gomez continued, "However, I believe that those important enough to accommodate are important enough to protect and now is the time to make these important policy changes."

Equality Ohio advocates and educates and to achieve fair treatment and equal opportunity for all Ohioans regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

According to Equality Ohio, discrimination occurs when the civil rights of an individual are denied or interfered with because of their membership in a particular group or class.