CFCSD:
Master Facilities Plan
On Tuesday, the CFCSD hosted an informational talk to around 100 attendees from the community. The purpose of the meeting was to provide details about the master facilities plan, and bond/levy issue that will be on the ballot on November 5.

The evening was kicked off with a brief introduction by District Superintendent and CEO, Dr. Todd Nichols, and community member Evan Perrow. Comments by Silver Lake’s Mayor Hovey and Cuyahoga Falls’ Mayor Walters preceded the informational portion of the evening. Nichols and Perrow took the floor and turns getting into details of the plan including cost to community members, data that supports the impact new facilities has on the students’ academics, population trends, and reduction in behavioral issues. Images of projects similar to what the CFCSD is proposing from North Olmsted and North Ridgeville were also shown to provide attendees with ideas of how our schools might look and function.

Throughout the night, attendees were given index cards and invited to submit questions about the plan. At the end of the presentation, Nichols and Perrow had time to address some of the audience questions or comments and will continue to reply via email or on the Districts’ social media.

Anyone that had or has questions that were not addressed during the evening, or is in need of more clarification, is invited to reach out to the District via the District’s Facebook page at Cuyahoga Falls City Schools, email at cf_nichols@cfalls.org, or using the Falls News-Press Levy Line by mailing your questions to Falls News-Press, 1050 West Main Street, Kent, OH 44240, or via email to fallsnews-press@recordpub.com. No questions for the Levy Line will be accepted for consideration after 5:00pm on October 14. The District will continue answering the questions.

For more info on the master facilities plan, go to the drop down tab at cfalls.org.

Cuyahoga Falls High School:
Two Students Receive National Recognition!

This year, two of our Black Tiger Family have recently received national recognition for their academic abilities!

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) — which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.6 million entrants each year — and by meeting published program entry and participation requirements.

Of the almost 1.6 million entrants, approximately 50,000 of those students with the highest PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index scores qualify for recognition in the National Merit Scholarship Program. In September, these high scorers are notified through their schools that they have qualified as either a Commended Student or Semifinalist.

Natalie Huryn
Commended Student

In late September, about 34,000 of the almost 1.6 million entrant high scorers on the PSAT/NMSQT receive Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise. This year, senior Natalie Huryn has been recognized as one of these outstanding students!

The following are just some of Natalie’s activities and accomplishments: Member of NHS, NAHS, Tri-M, and the Art Club. She is also a member of the CFHS A Cappella Choir, involved in musical theater (performed in Beauty and the Beast and Mamma Mia). Outside of school, Natalie is a 12-year piano student with art being her biggest hobby. Last year she was featured in the Ohio Governor’s Youth Art Exhibition, as well as receiving two Gold Keys and three Honorable Mentions from the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition. She is an AP Scholar with Distinction and a high honor roll student. As far as her future plans go, she plans on pursuing photo-journalism as a career.

Congratulations Natalie!

Meredith Gallagher
National Merit Semifinalist

In early September, only about 16,000 of the 50,000 high scorers, are notified that they have qualified as Semifinalists. To ensure that academically talented young people from all parts of the United States are included in this talent pool, Semifinalists are designated on a state-representational basis. They are the highest scoring entrants in each state. To be considered for a National Merit Scholarship, Semifinalists must advance to Finalist standing in the competition by meeting high academic standards.

Following is a list of some of senior student Meredith Gallagher’s honors and activities: NHS; Tri-M Music Honors Society; Cross Country 9-12 (4 Letters); plays violin for the Akron Symphony; Track 10-12 (3 Letters); organized March for our Lives; spent a semester of her freshman year in Spain; and Top Tiger.

Meredith scored an amazing 35 on her ACT and plans to apply for early admissions to Brown and Yale! Last year she worked as a ski instructor and volunteered with a migrant organization in Hartville.

In February, some 15,000 Semifinalists are notified that they have advanced to Finalist standing. High school principals are notified and provided with a certificate to present to each Finalist.

Congratulations and good luck Meredith!

We are proud of both of our outstanding Black Tigers!
Show Your Black Tiger Pride!

As a part of the CFCSD’s goal to embrace all newly enrolled students to the District, Black Tiger Pride signs are free and available to kindergarten parents and students who register at the central office. A limited number of these signs are also available at the main office of each of the schools throughout the District.

Silver Lake Elementary: Alumni Night

On Friday, October 11, (Alumni Night), Silver Lake will be host to a Silver Lake Alumni tailgate party before the Black Tiger Football game at Cuyahoga Falls High School.

The tailgate party begins at 5:00pm on the recess side of the field. The event will include concessions and the building will also be open for tours. At 5:30pm, we encourage Silver Lake Black Tiger Alumni of all ages to gather on our new kickball field (courtesy of Home & School League and Silver Lake Police Department) to pick teams and have some fun!

Contact Principal Geiger if you have any questions at 330-926-3811 or cf_freitag-geiger@cfalls.org.

Richardson: Pinwheels for Peace

September 21st is the International Day of Peace where people all over the world promote world peace in their communities. This year students at Richardson Elementary are promoting peace in Cuyahoga Falls through an art installation project, Pinwheels for Peace, facilitated by Amber Hamilton, visual arts teacher. This project encourages students to spread messages of kindness and peace through text and images. The students focused on the principle of design and unity, through analyzing and discussing of artworks by multiple age appropriate artists.

Richardson’s PTO graciously funded a Peace Pole that states, “May Peace Prevail On Earth,” in eight languages, most of which are spoken by the Richardson community. This pole reinforces Richardson’s dedication to building positive relationships with families while maintaining an inclusive environment.

Last Friday, all 400 students placed their pinwheels outside for “whirled” peace!