



A message from our Superintendent

Welcome back to school!

The classrooms of our schools came to life as the doors opened to our students on August 26th for the 2013-14 school year. The end of summer has brought many changes to Painesville City Local Schools. Not only are we welcoming the Class of 2026 into kindergarten, but many new administrators, faculty, and staff have joined the Painesville City Schools family.

Our district staff worked hard to prepare our facilities for opening day. I appreciate their efforts to make our schools safe, clean, and ready for learning. In addition, our teachers have worked over the summer months to learn and prepare for students. There is a feeling of excitement for learning when you walk into the buildings. **We are ready for you!**

Districtwide, we have set goals to improve Painesville City Schools on our journey to excellence. Our map will guide us through the attainment of goals and strategies to improve teaching and learning. In our classrooms, halls, and offices you will find posted our guiding goals:

GOAL 1: Improve achievement of all students, regardless of their starting point.

GOAL 2: Increase graduation rate.

Each goal will be achieved with strategies and action steps on the road to success. However, **we can't do it alone**....a theme you will find woven throughout our journey to success. Our schools need YOU to accompany us on the journey.

In the coming weeks and months, I will be leading the charge for partners in success. If you're ready, I need your help to make Painesville City Schools the best place to learn. The first steps have been taken. **Join us....**

Your partner in education,

*Mr. John T. Shepard
Superintendent*



**Mr. John T. Shepard,
Superintendent of Schools**

The district welcomes Mr. John Shepard as the new Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Shepard's educational career spans 27 years and includes teaching and administrative experience at the high school, district and university levels. Most recently, Mr. Shepard was employed by Northridge Schools as their Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent. Prior to that, he was a county School Improvement Coordinator; working with schools on curriculum and instruction, staff development, data analysis, continuous improvement and strategic planning. Mr. Shepard is bilingual in English and Spanish.

In addition, Mr. Shepard was named a Martha Holden Jennings Scholar in 1998 and has participated as a Fulbright Administrator Exchange to Uruguay and Argentina.

Mr. Shepard now resides in Painesville City and looks forward to being a part of our schools and community.



Meet and Greet



New To Our District



**Dr. Josh Englehart,
Assistant Superintendent of Schools**

The district welcomes Dr. Joshua Englehart as our new Assistant Superintendent. He brings three years of administrative experience to the position capping his fourteen years in education.

Dr. Englehart was previously employed as a teacher and principal, and most recently worked for the Lake County ESC consulting with local districts on School Improvement. In this capacity, he has worked with the Painesville City Schools' staff on our Continuous Improvement plan and is familiar with the culture and needs of the staff and students.

Dr. Englehart holds a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction, Educational Specialist Degree in School Administration, and a Doctorate in Urban Education Learning and Development. He resides in Painesville City with his wife and family. He has three children attending Maple Elementary School.



**Ms. Alison Rossman,
Board Member**

The district welcomes Mrs. Alison Rossman as the newest member of the Painesville City Schools Board of Education. In June, Painesville City residents sent letters of interest for the open seat created by the resignation of longtime member Mr. Gerald Kalb. The remaining Board of Education members interviewed the applicants and selected Mrs. Rossman to fill the vacancy.

Mrs. Rossman is well know within the district and community. She has been an active member and officer of Lathrop and Maple PTAs and booster organizations and Heritage Middle School PTSA. Through this involvement she has worked with staff, students and administration for many years.

Mrs. Rossman will fill Mr. Kalb's seat and serve through December, 2013. She will be eligible to run in the November 2013 election to fill a four year term, commencing January 2014. Mrs. Rossman is married and has a son at Heritage Middle School. She is employed by Lake Health.

Welcome To Our Schools



**Mrs. Cynthia Urbic,
Principal, Elm Street Elementary School**

Mrs. Cynthia Urbic greeted staff and students on opening day as the new principal at Elm Street Elementary School. Mrs. Urbic taught 2nd, 4th and 6th grades from 1995 to 2007. She was most recently the Literacy Coach and Interim Assistant Principal at Euclid City Schools.

Mrs. Urbic holds a Bachelors in Education and a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction and Educational Administration.



**Mr. Zachary Cousins,
Principal, Maple Elementary School**

Mr. Zachary Cousins has taken the helm as Principal at Maple Elementary School. Mr. Cousins has experience working with severe behavior and handicapped students in elementary schools and is a Reading Specialist. Most recently he was the Assistant Principal at Mayfield Intermediate School in Virginia. He and his family are happy to return to Northeast Ohio.

Mr. Cousins holds a Bachelors in Early Childhood Education and a Masters in Literacy and Educational Leadership.

Elm Street Elementary School



Left to Right:
Meighan Binnig, Gr. 5
Sara Kellogg, Gr. 5
Tara Belisle, Gr. 4

Chestnut Elementary School



Left to Right:
Kimberly Bennett, Gr. 5
Maureen Goerndt, Gr. K
Marie Miller, Gr. 3

Heritage Middle School

Left to Right:
Sarah Stoltz, Lang. Arts/Science
Natalie Sisler, Math/Soc. Studies
Matthew Klodor, Lang. Arts/Soc. Std.
Christine Vilcheck, Math/Science
Thomas Henderson, Int. Spec.
Lori Ferron, Math/Science
Lea Jamerson, Lang. Arts /Math
Chris Vandall, Music
David Colson, Lang. Arts /TESOL



Harvey High School

Left to Right:
Michael Wright, Math
Valerie Trombley, Health/PE
Kristen Kozak, Math
Holly Beris, Language Arts
Stephanie Timko, Visual Arts
Nakia Miller, Consumer Tech



**PAINESVILLE CITY LOCAL SCHOOLS
2013-14 DISTRICT CALENDAR
KEY DATES**

- Sept 26 – Harvey Parent/Teacher Conference
- Oct 2 – Heritage Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct 18 – NEOEA Day - No School
- Oct 29 – Chestnut/Elm Parent/Teacher Conf.
- Oct 30 – Maple Parent/Teacher Conf.
- Nov 5 – Election Day – No School
- Nov 6 – Chestnut/Elm Parent/Teacher Conf.
- Nov 7 – Maple Parent/Teacher Conf.
- Nov 27 – 29 – Thanksgiving Break – No School
- Dec 4 – Heritage Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Dec 5 – Harvey Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Dec 22 –Jan 3 – Winter Break – No School
- Jan 20 – Martin Luther King -Day No School
- Jan 21 –No School
- Jan 22 – Chestnut/Elm Parent/Teacher Conf.
- Jan 23 – Maple Parent/Teacher Conf.
- Jan 29 – Chestnut/Elm Parent/Teacher Conf.
- Jan 30 – Maple Parent/Teacher Conf.
- Feb 17 – Presidents’ Day – No School
- Feb 19 – Heritage Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Feb 26 – Harvey Parent/Teacher Conferences
- March 31 – April 4 - Spring Break – No School
- April 9 – Heritage Parent/Teacher Conferences
- April 18 – No School
- April 24 – Harvey Parent/Teacher Conferences
- May 21 – Harvey Senior Recognition Program
- May 23 – No School
- May 26 – Memorial Day – No School
- June 3 – Harvey Commencement
- June 6 – Last day for students



**Director of Student Services Receives
“Administrator of the Year Award”**

Mrs. Chris Young, Director of Student Services in Painesville City Schools, was honored as the recipient of this year’s John Weiss Administrator of the Year award. The award is given annually to recognize individuals who demonstrate the characteristics of John J. Weiss, a former Riverside teacher and administrator and Director of The Lake Academy who was highly respected and exemplified excellence in educational leadership. The award has been presented by the Lake County Educational Service Center since 2011.

Chris Young was nominated for the award by Dave Bull, a fellow administrator and the Director of Continuous Improvement in Painesville City Schools. His recommendation was based on the dedication and commitment that she demonstrates for her students on a daily basis.

*Harvey High School Drama Department
Presents A Comedy by Craig Sodaro*

“EVERY BABY-SITTER’S NIGHTMARE”



- November 8 at 7:30 p.m.**
- November 9 at 7:30 p.m.**
- November 10 at 2:30 p.m.**



*Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students.
Admission is free to Painesville seniors.*

Here's What's NEW

District Implements "Late-Arrival Tuesday" in All Schools



To allow for planning time and collaboration for teachers, the district has adjusted the Tuesday school start time, delaying the start of the school day by 30 minutes in all schools. The implementation of the "late-arrival Tuesday" for students attending Chestnut, Elm, Maple, Heritage, and Harvey replaces the early-release on Tuesdays that has been in place for the previous two years in all buildings.

On Tuesdays, students are reporting to their buildings 30 minutes later than the regular start time. Students who ride a bus are picked up 30 minutes later than the regular time each Tuesday. Release times remain the same. Students are released to ride the bus or walk home at the normal times.

Changes in Pay to Participate Fees

The Painesville City Local School Board of Education has changed the pay-to-participate fee structure for Harvey High School and Heritage Middle School athletes. The athletic fee is for participation ONLY and does not guarantee such things as playing time, starting position, letters, etc. Payments must be made in full prior to the first athletic contest. The following new athletic assessment structure will be in effect for the 2013-14 school year:



Harvey High School - \$40.00 per season
Heritage Middle School - \$25.00 per season

The pay-to-participate fee is once per season, providing the student meets the requirements to participate in fall, winter, or spring sports squads. Contact Athletic Director, Seth Hartmann, with questions at 440-392-5150.

Parent Math Academy

Painesville City Schools invites elementary school parents to attend a Parent Mathematics Academy series to help parents understand how children learn mathematics. The workshops will cover instructional math practices, procedures and methods and is open to parents of 3rd, 4th and 5th graders in all elementary schools.

The new K-8 instructional practices move away from rote memorization of math facts and delve deeper into an understanding of math principles. This results in elementary students expanding their critical mathematic thinking and reasoning, enabling them to understand the underlying principles behind the "2+2 = 4" or "3x3 = 9" math facts.

Each Math Academy session is taught on two separate evenings to accommodate parent schedules. Light meals and child care are available.

The Math Academy series schedule is as follows:

- Mathematic Practices Sept. 11 & 26 – both at Maple Elementary
- Geometry Session – October 1 & 16
- Explore fractions, decimals and percents – October 22 & 30
- Algebra - November 12 & 19

For more information or registration, contact Debra Byrnes at 392-5085

Bridging The Achievement Gap

Summer Learning Loss Prevention Programs

This summer, the Lake County Y was a pilot site for a Summer Learning Loss Prevention Program. The program was a collaborative effort between the YMCA and Painesville City Local Schools and focused on improving writing and reading skills for underperforming students in 1st and 2nd grade at Maple Elementary School. The program was held four days a week for six weeks. In addition to being in the classroom for part of the day, students enjoyed enrichment activities like art, music, sports, games and nutrition lessons that all tied into literacy and the weekly theme. The program was such a success that we hope to expand it to other schools next year.

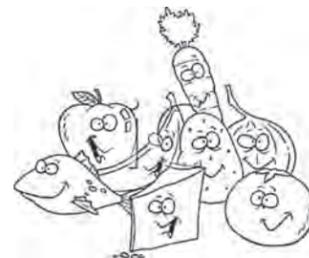
Students Receive Breakfast and Lunch at No Charge

Painesville City Local Schools' Nutrition Services Department has implemented a new School Lunch and School Breakfast Program called the Community Eligibility Option (CEO) for the 2013-2014 school year. CEO is an innovative national program designed to reduce administrative paperwork and costs to districts that are eligible, while making it easier for children in low-income communities to receive free meals in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

What does this mean for you and your children?

Great news for our students! Throughout the 2013-14 school year, ALL K-12 enrolled students of Painesville City Schools are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch everyday at school at **no charge to the family or the district**. Furthermore, district children will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit an application.

Only one breakfast meal and one lunch meal per student per day is permitted. Students must take the minimum amount of items to be considered a meal, or pay a la carte pricing.



For more information on CEO or the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs, please visit the Nutrition Services page on the district's website at www.pcls.net.

Harvey Gets Boost to Aid Spanish Speaking Students

\$47,000 grant for Sin Bordes

Harvey High School received a \$47,602.22 service-learning grant from the State Farm Youth Advisory Board for a new and unique service-learning project at Harvey High School. The project, Sin Bordes, was created and written by Harvey English Language Learners (ELL) teacher, Erica Houston, whose goals were to involve students in a program to help Spanish speaking students stay in school, prepare them for post-secondary educational opportunities and increase Harvey's retention and graduation rates.

Inspired by "The Learning Café" of Springfield City Schools, Sin Bordes is an extended school day program that will offer classes and assistance to Spanish-speaking high schoolers and families. The program is designed to bring students, school, and community together and support learning not only for our students, but also for families.

Detailed Description of Class Offerings

- OGT and Beyond – Prep for OGT, ACT, SAT and other standardized testing
- Senior Workshop - Scholarship writing, searching for internships/ scholarships, applying for colleges, college admission
- After Hours - (Peer Tutoring) after school homework help
- English for Parents - (taught by students) conversational and general academic English to help school-to-home communication
- Technology for Parents - (taught by students) basic computer skills, accessing Infinite Campus and teacher/class web pages
- Basic Spanish for Teachers - (taught by students) conversational and general academic Spanish to improve school-to-home communication
- Money Smart - Business etiquette, handling finances, prep for job interviews, designing and running a business, etc.
- "Entre Culturas" Book Club - Focus on literature that explores the nuances and benefits of living in two cultures

Extras

- The Closet - (run by Money Smart) gently used or worn business attire for students for college or job interviews (donated by staff and community)
- The Snack Bar - Student run snack bar with healthy drinks and snacks

The Sin Bordes program is scheduled for two 12 week sessions held at Harvey High School on Monday-Thursday from 2:30-5:30 p.m. The Fall session will run from September to December and the Spring session will run from January to April each year.

Partners in Education

Future Business Leaders of America– FBLA Continues Winning Streak

Once again, Painesville City Local Schools received national recognition at the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) National Leadership Conference held in California this past June.

Harvey High School's Joey Orosz, Brandon Garcia and Kyle Hutchison competed in the E-Business Team event and brought home a seventh place award. The E-Business Team was mentored by Erik Sliman, Renae Kulis and Laura Clark of Avery Dennison and was part of a comprehensive competitive events program sponsored by FBLA. Special thanks to Pat Brown of Avery Dennison and Harvey High School's Nell Rapport and Sherri Koncilja who chaperoned the trip.

Avery Dennison is committed to providing leadership and training opportunities for Harvey students. The Avery Dennison Foundation underwrites the costs of the Harvey FBLA competitions and recruits Avery Dennison employees to mentor and work with students to prepare for their events and competitions.

Students Intern at Avery Dennison

Five Harvey High School students experienced a real-world work environment during paid summer internships with Harvey High School business partner and Fortune 500 Co. Avery Dennison. The program, now in its second year, allows students to build their business skills while working on projects in various departments at Avery Dennison's Mentor offices – the global headquarters of the company's Materials Group business.

Congratulations to this year's Avery Dennison summer interns, who were chosen after being interviewed by a panel of Avery Dennison employees:

- Sophomore Joey Orosz working in Information Technology
- Senior Chel-Cee Lengyel working with the Facilities Department
- Senior Amber Krakauskas working in Customer Service
- Senior Kathy Grutkowski working with Marketing Communications and Customer Service
- Junior Tyler Derby working in the Supply Chain organization

The internship continues Avery Dennison's and Harvey High School's Partnership for Success, which links Harvey High students with mentorship opportunities with Avery Dennison employees.

Thank you Avery Dennison for your continued support of our students and Harvey High School.

Educational Foundation Announces First Semester Grant Recipients

The Educational Foundation has announced its Fall grant funding for 2013. Congratulations to Carol Peterson, Chris Hashier and Wendy Camper for approval of their Lake MetroParks Science Outreach program grant request.

The grant money will be used to provide opportunities for 4th and 5th graders to experience hand-on activities presented by the Lake MetroParks staff. The 5th grade presentations will include lessons on the Earth's movement, day/night, seasons and the solar system. Fourth graders will learn lessons focused on the different types of earth plate boundaries, movements and currents and volcanic activities. Both grades will access the StarLab for hands-on projects.

ECity Entrepreneurs Mean Business

Congratulations to Harvey sophomore, Vanessa Galvan, on an impressive 1st place win at the ECity-Wide Cleveland competition in May. Vanessa presented her business, Piñata Time, and was awarded \$1,000 as the Ernst & Young, Young Entrepreneur of the Year. She will move on to compete in New York City in October at the NFTE (Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship) National Challenge. Harvey Senior Maria Moreno was awarded \$250 for her 3rd place finish at the competition.

Many thanks to Vanessa's mentor, Mrs. Gladys Benitez-Reilly, owner of Viva Spanish, and Maria's mentor, Mrs. Donna Price of First Federal of Lakewood. Both ladies supported the students and guided them in their entrepreneurial ventures.

Harvey High School and the ECity competitors also thank all the mentors for their support and the ECity advisors, Harvey Business teacher Nell Rapport and Tim Kehres of Big Brothers Big Sisters, for their guidance and support of all the ECity competitors each year.

Study Scholarship to Japan Available for HHS Student

Harvey students interested in studying abroad can apply for a new fully-paid merit-based scholarship available for high school students to spend a year studying in Japan. The Yoshi Hattori Memorial Scholarship is available through the AFS and is an opportunity for a student in our schools to study abroad at little or no cost to themselves or their family. The deadline to apply is September 25, 2013 with the student departing in March of 2014. Contact the Guidance Office at Harvey High School for assistance.



Students Plant Seedlings for Lubrizol Garden

Earlier this spring, Maple Elementary School collaborated with Lubrizol staff to plant starter plants for a vegetable garden that will be harvested for the food banks in our community. The Lubrizol team came into the school and gave a comprehensive lesson to the students on plants and their benefits to the environment and the ecosystem. The lesson included planting seeds and how to grow seedlings for a vegetable garden.

On May 23rd those seedlings were transplanted into a garden built, tended and harvested by Lubrizol volunteers. In August, tomatoes and peppers were harvested and entered in the Lake County Fair with a number of entries winning ribbons in the categories. All of the plants continue to thrive, thanks to the summer rain, sun and cool evening temperatures. The harvested vegetables will be distributed and donated to area food banks in the summer and fall.



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