

Superintendent's Eblast - December 2018

Dear Bulldog Community,

The month of December has been a rewarding time to see our Garfield Heights students demonstrating their fine, performing arts talents. The holiday concert season was a joyous occasion to see firsthand, the various choral concerts, band and other performances from students of all ages in our District. Congratulations to these students, their families and the advisors of these performing arts groups for another warming holiday concert season.

Parents in the District should take note of the OneView portal on the homepage of our website. OneView is a convenient, online method for all parents to not only register new students, but to verify and update returning student contact information. All parents need is a simple building code that was provided at the beginning of the school year. If you do not have that code, simply contact the main office of your son or daughter's building, and the secretary will supply it to you. Then, click the "Parents Tab" of the district home page and find the OneView link. You can update your student's information, confirm that you've read various school policies such as the student handbook or Internet Privacy policy. OneView moves away from having to fill out paper each and every year and is designed to make everyone's life easier. Please sign into OneView today and take advantage of the simplicity of this process.

The end of the semester comes this Friday and I encourage students to finish the 2nd quarter on a strong note. Keep studying, complete your final assignments and turn them in to your teachers. All the best to students taking final exams this week.

The Salad Bar at the Middle School has skyrocketed into use and popularity among our 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. Since opening on October 29, there has been more than 2,300 salads served. We're promoting healthy and fresh food options so that academics, focus and student learning can flourish. Nice job to all involved.

Speaking of fresh and healthy foods, the third Fresh Food Market of the school year took place last Wednesday night as well, and once again, the community benefitted from the abundance of fresh produce and other items donated by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. Remember, the Fresh Food Market takes place on the second Wednesday of every month. Well more than 8,000 lbs. of fresh produce has been distributed to families in our District.

Finally, the last day of school before winter break is this Friday, December 21st and will run through Friday, January 4th. School resumes for students on Monday, January 7th. At this time, I would like to thank the Board of Education for their vision, the staff of the Garfield Heights City Schools for their dedication to our students, our families for their important support...and the students of this District for their hard work and success. The holiday season is a time to express heartfelt gratitude and to share the joy of the season with others. I can think of no

better place to be...and no finer people with whom to experience the true joy it is to provide opportunities and education to our students...than in the Garfield Heights City Schools. Have a safe, happy and healthy holiday season.

GO BULLDOGS!

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