

## Superintendent's Message: March 2016

Dear Bulldog Supporters-

As the month of February comes to a close, the district continues to inform people about the facts of Issue 22. This **Thursday, February 25, 2016, from 6 until 7 p.m. at Garfield Heights High School, volunteers will be making phone calls on behalf of the levy.** The GHCS would also like to thank the City of Garfield Heights for allowing me and District Treasurer Allen Sluka to present at a Council Meeting earlier this week. You can always learn more about the levy by visiting the campaign online at [www.citizensforgarfieldheights.com](http://www.citizensforgarfieldheights.com).

The buildings at the Garfield Heights City Schools continue to strive toward more and more academic achievement and co-curricular success. This month is Black History month, and such recognition about the contributions made to American society by our African American brothers and sisters is being studied, shared and celebrated, just like a ceremony that took place had done, last Friday night at our very own Center for Performing Arts building. Beyond this, many activities are taking place at the buildings as well, including:

At William Foster, a recent literacy initiative promoted parent and community involvement on how to improve literacy skills, and provide parents with tips for reading at home. Thank you to all who attended this event, including representatives from the County Library Garfield Heights Branch.

At Maple Leaf, a night filled with learning about Technology took place. Parents and students broke out into groups and took turns learning about STAR reading and testing and selecting appropriate books, ConnectED, Xtra Math, my Math, Progress Book and our Google Drive. In all, a great night for learning took place for all who participated.

Many events are taking place, or have taken place, at Elmwood Elementary School this month as well. One such example was Family Movie Night for individual students who have achieved academic milestones to enjoy a special time with their family, watching a movie to celebrate their accomplishments while enjoy some popcorn. The building has promoted throughout the year a special togetherness amongst families to improve academic skills and also incentivizing students as well.

The Middle School always has a great deal taking place, and continues to be on the cutting edge of teaching methods. Recently, teachers were improving their collaboration and evaluation skills by promoting two-teacher collaboration. Also recently, Garfield Heights Middle School was honored by being named the FOX-8 News "Cool School" for the last week of January 2016. Congratulations.

The High School recently finished parent teacher conferences, and the building participated in more than 300 one-on-one individual conferences for parents to come in and learn about their student's respective academic progress. Don't forget to keep an

eye out for the Garfield Heights High School Academic Challenge Team's appearance scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 2016 at 7 p.m. on Channel 5 WEWS. The Academic Challenge team is doing a great job this year. Congratulations also goes out to Coach Sonny Johnson who recently won his 200<sup>th</sup> game as a coach in our district and who is currently leading our Bulldogs to another very successful basketball season. It's tournament time, and the boys are looking to continue being fine representatives of the district.

Thank you for your continued support of the Garfield Heights City Schools, and as always...

**GO BULLDOGS!**

Sincerely,

Terry Olszewski