



## Edgewood City School District

### Top Five News!

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From the Superintendent's Desk

**Mission:** To create a unifying force throughout the communities to ensure all students succeed as **lifelong learners and productive citizens**, through challenging and meaningful learning opportunities distinguished by a dedicated team, safe, safe well-maintained learning environment, and a climate of innovation.

**District Goals:**

1. Student Learning / Innovation
2. Facilities
3. Communication
4. Inspire a Community of Engagement

### **The EDGE..... Top 5 News:**

#### **1. Instruction**

Community partnerships can help strengthen, support and better align learning goals with the curriculum. These partnerships also motivate students to think about outcomes in new ways and allow educators to continuously adapt how they teach. **Kellie Beiser, High School FFA Teacher and students organized a community discussion with guest speaker, Jess Herr, National FFA Secretary, and students from two neighboring districts. The topic was about the importance of relationships – people are created for community and the importance of building a strong group of friends and business partners.** This made me think about the EDGEWOOD Community and its foundation and need of strong supporters. For those not familiar with the FFA Program, it is not just about agriculture. It's a science, a business, an art, and community of supporters. Thank you Mrs. Beiser for your leadership and dedication to your profession. *We see you!*

## 2. Innovation

Go Edgewood K-5 Teachers! You are definitely ahead of the game! Did you know that several of our staff have been piloting the AMPLIFY Reading Program? Apparently, it is Governor Mike Dewine approved. Read below:

The evidence is clear': Ohio Governor pushes for Science of Reading as only approach



Ohio could soon join the rush of states requiring schools to use the “Science of Reading” in all its classrooms by fall 2024 — going even further than many states by banning other literacy approaches that have lost credibility.

Currently, state law allows districts to teach reading however they want. Under his proposed bill, Gov. Mike DeWine would force them to pick only phonics-based Science of Reading materials from a list the Ohio Department of Education will create.

Thank you for taking a risk and trying something new. ***We see you!***

## 3. Operations

A BIG thank you to the cafeteria staff and administrators that have worked so hard on collecting the lunch charge debt. You’ve changed practice and have collected more than 50% of the debt. THANK YOU for your support! ***We see you!***

## 4. Community Engagement

Kudos to Emily Tilton and her colleagues for planning and implementing an “EXCEPTIONAL” Ice Cream Social for Military

Families. Edgewood School District is proud of our serving military families. What a great way to honor them. Thank you, Emily and Team. “We see you!”

Also, I had the pleasure of attending a community meeting at the Seven Mile Presbyterian Church. A huge thank you to Ann Jantzen for organizing this important community meeting. It became apparent that the importance of student success truly matters to our families. As a district, we can do a better job listening to the rich stories that have created the climate of today. We can use the lessons learned as a guiding path to improve communication, accountability, and engagement. Seven Mile is truly a unique village with extremely caring families. Thank you for hosting me.

*It truly takes a village to raise our children. Edgewood Community makes a difference. We see you!*