

Mt. Healthy City Schools

Owl News

"Your Success
is
Our Goal"
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Mt. Healthy City Schools - Year Three of Strategic Plan



The 2017-2018 school year begins Mt. Healthy City Schools' third year of a five year strategic plan, Education Destination. This is the second year of implementation.

Objective 1's (Instructional Practices) new curriculums, in our elementary and secondary classrooms, are already showing academic growth in many of our students. We have also increased students' access to technology by providing more computers to all of our buildings. A focus on Pre-K-2 success continues with the program striving to achieve the 5 Star rating designation through Step Up To Quality. The goal is to help our students be prepared to start Kindergarten when they turn five. Student achievement in Kindergarten and beyond is dependent on Preschool opportunities for Mt. Healthy students. Therefore access to Preschool and its impact on future educational success is currently being assessed. Parents of children ages 3 or 4 are encouraged to sign up to be on our Pre-school waiting list.

Objective 2, which includes Positive Behavior and Intervention Supports (PBIS) program, was designed to support each building with behavior and help with the Social and Emotional learning for our students. North and South Elementaries' moto for the schools is: "I am safe, I am kind, I am responsible." The Jr/Sr High School is using character building skills to better equip students with the tools for success. These new programs assist us in creating a safe learning environment for all of our students.

Lastly, there are many exciting activities that the Reducing Barrier to Success committee, also known as Objective 3, is implementing and continuing such as our outstanding food bank and afternoon dinner program for high school students. We have five subcommittees that always need volunteers to get our work accomplished. The subcommittees are: 1-Basic Needs, 2-Parent Engagement, 3-Career Exploration and the Arts, 4-Tutoring and Mentorship and 5-Communication and Business Engagement. Please join us at the next meeting and participate in an area that is of interest to you.



For more pictures and good news about Mt. Healthy City Schools, please visit our newly designed web site at www.mthcs.org. Each school has a site with lots of pictures and information about events and activities.

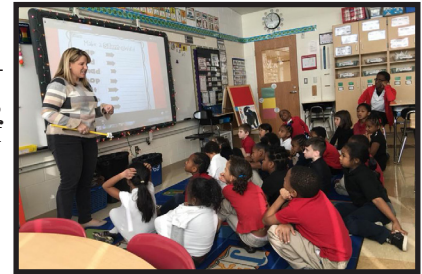
On Saturday, December 2, Mt. Healthy High School Band, North Elementary Student Council and English Language program along with other schools participated in Springfield Township's Winterfest celebration. The festivities included an Art show featuring student art projects, a tree with student-made ornaments, multiple performances of school groups including our Mt. Healthy High School Concert Band, raffling of student-decorated trees from each district as well as Madcap Theater performance, a petting zoo, crafts, and of course Santa.

Showing Owl Pride

Teachers at North Elementary have effectively implemented the district's literacy goal by engaging students in reading centers in primary grades. In addition they use computers and other digital forms to help prepare students for the increased technology in their daily lives, including how they will take the Ohio Standardized Tests.



In addition to classroom activities, North held a 3rd Grade Family Reading Night to encourage families to be reading every night, explain how the students will be tested, and showed examples of how parents can be involved in the school.



Students from North collected over 1,000 items for Soc-tober. Student Council sponsored the event to collect new socks for the Cincinnati Homeless Coalition. Their hardwork paid off with the amount of student body participation and the number of items collected

Students from both South and North Elementary Schools sang the National Anthem at Mt. Healthy Homecoming Game in October. They were accompanied by the High School Marching Band.



Seniors Honored as Student Leaders

Every month several students are honored at the Board of Education meeting for their excellence in the classroom and their leadership characteristics. This semester we wish to congratulate: (pictured below)

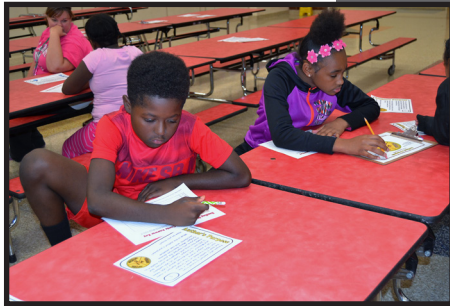
Mariah Baumer, Gabrielle Barnett, Maria Boehl, Alessandra Boler, Camiyia Borden, Crysteannah Carpenter, Ta'Mya Carter, Lakala Evans, Zaria Ferguson, Jierre Franklin, Brandon Hernandez, Brittany Gibbons, Carlos Hall, Jada Hamner, Shawn Harris, Gilbert Hernandez, Savannah Homa, Nyla Huston, Cortez Huckleby, Satyia Hudgins, Jabriah Hyman, Keilah Israel, Gelanni Jones, Natya Kaiser, Morgan Leflore, Diwash Magar, Juvonte Montgomery, Elijah Poston, Ariel Powell, Mikaysha Powell, Chanel Roberson, Taria Roberson, Diana Sanchez Gavarette, Derrick Sanders, Evony Shearer, Sandy Trinh, Amber Wade, and Raven White.



Gelanni Jones and Cali McQueen were featured on WLWT-TV Athletes of the Week for their excellence in the classroom and on the field. Both are outstanding soccer players carrying high GPAs while being student leaders. Both participate in other extracurricular activities.



South Elementary has been making important connections in the early part of the school-year. In September, they celebrated National Fathers Walk Your Child to School Day with an outstanding response from parents. Over 150 Dads walked with their children into school and listened to several speakers on the importance of being active in their children's lives.



Additionally, South hosted a Family Fun Literacy Night with fun games and activities that focused on reading, writing, vocabulary, and comprehension strategies. Parents worked with their students to complete the games and puzzles. They



also enjoyed a s'mores treat. Ms. Macon, South Elementary principal, explained, "Making the literacy connection from school to home creates a strong program for our South Owls," which is why she strongly encourages parent involvement and reading at home.



Sixth grade students diligently working to improve reading and writing.



The students and staff at South celebrated Veteran's Day with a program that honored local Veterans in our school community.

MTH High School Student Gaining College Credit

College Credit Plus classes (CCP) offer high school students a boost prior to attending college. Ohio Higher Ed says, "The purpose of this program is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wide variety of options to college-ready students." Mt. Healthy City Schools has over 100 students attending CCP classes, 14 of them attend more than two classes, and five students attend full-time. Students attend Cincinnati State University, University of Cincinnati-Blue Ash, and University of Cincinnati-main campus. In addition to these students, 80 other students are taking classes on Mt. Healthy's campus in U.S. History, Psychology, and Biology. For most of these students the CCP classes are an alternative to the Advanced Placement classes. The 43 students in the CCP Biology class earning college credit will be able to take CCP Anatomy to continue on a medical training track pursuing a career in the medical field. The CCP classes open the doors for many Mt. Healthy students allowing them enter college a semester or more ahead and seek double majors in their fields of study.

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Teachers and staff from the entire district donated over 300 books for the Book Drive supporting Mt. Healthy Sharing Tree. The books collected will be given to district children this Holiday Season as part of Sharing Tree's Holiday donations to needy families. While the Book Drive is officially over, books are always welcome to the Sharing Tree. Donations may be delivered to Mt. Healthy School Board Office.

Upcoming Activities and Events at Mt. Healthy City Schools

- 12/21-1/8 Winter Break—No School
- 1/8 Students return to school
- 1/17 HS College Credit Plus Info Mtg
6 p.m.-8p.m. at Jr/Sr High School
- 1/17 South Skating Party
- 1/18 Jr/Sr HS Parent Summit
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
- 1/18 Sr. High Solo & Ensemble Recital
7 p.m.-9 p.m.
- 1/19 North Movie Night
- 1/24 North Skating Party

