



OWL NEWS

Spring 2019

Dr. Cosby's Wise Words:

When I became superintendent 4 years ago, I knew this was the place for me because it felt like home. I am from a small town in Virginia where we had a church on every corner, and young people hung out at the park in the summer. My four siblings and I grew up in a household where my parents began their family at the young ages of 18 years, and money was always tight. My family would be considered at risk in today's world, but we were fortunate. Both of my parents valued education even though neither of them went to college. The theme in our home was that "you have to get a scholarship and go to college". Well it turned out that we did just that! Three of my siblings went on to become lawyers and the other has a career in technology. So how did this happen? Our parents encouraged us to love school, and we also had the opportunity to attend a Head Start program. It prepared us for kindergarten where we had valuable experiences that made us want to learn and go to school. The research says children learn a lot in the first five years of life. They learn academic and social skills such as how to work with others and cultivate friendships. These skills are hard to develop if you are not exposed to early education and other children.

In Mt. Healthy, we have a lot of day care programs that take care of our children. Our Mt. Healthy City School Preschool is a 5-Star program. This means we are giving our students the academic and social skills they need to be successful in kindergarten. The dilemma facing us is that we have more children in need of our 5-Star Preschool program than we have space to accommodate. We have considered many options, including building a new preschool at the old Rex Ralph site and our current situation, which is the process of purchasing the church across from Central Office to provide us much needed space. School board members represent you and look to your guidance on how to move forward on issues of importance to the district. If you think having more space for preschool is necessary let them know. I encourage you to get involved in your school district by coming to events sponsored by the schools. Come to our board meetings. And remember that you can have your voice heard by voting; not just for the President or the Governor but also for local elections. We will have an election for school board in November. Get registered and make your voice heard in all elections. This is important, and it is your right.

Have a great summer with your children, and help them get prepared for the upcoming year by taking them to activities including the library to keep their skills and interest high for school.

Thank you for your continued support,
Dr. Cosby,
Superintendent Mt. Healthy City Schools

Mt. Healthy City Schools Hosted an Art, Wellness, and Education Fair

Mt. Healthy City Schools hosted the yearly Art and Education Fair at the Jr/Sr High School on Saturday, April 13. This year wellness was included with the fair to provide access to many types of activities and organizations that focus on healthy living for our families. In addition to the choir concerts, band concerts, and the student art and educational exhibitions, there were health education and screenings, giveaways for everyone in attendance, and raffles. A total of 17 community organizations and agencies were present at the fair including: UC Blue Ash's Dental Hygiene Program, Mt. Healthy Alliance, Children's Hospital Medical Center, Children's Home, Nova Care, Wing Eye Care, The HealthCare Connection, Champions Childcare, Talbert House, the Narcan Distribution Collaborative, Ohio Equity Institute, UC's Nursing Program, Buckeye Health Plan, Cancer Justice Network, and Keep Cincinnati Beautiful. Furthermore, Mt. Healthy City School District had several departments providing information and assistance.



Art displays from this year's Jr/Sr High School art students covered the cafeteria with drawings, painting pieces, ceramics, 3D art designs, and much more. In addition, several Departments displayed and work from their Sr High Choirs crooned and work from their Sr High Choirs crooned Moore, playing piano and directing them. School Bands performed gracefully as



Jr/Sr High School students' projects educational activities this school year. The Jr/ beautifully with Choir Director, Mr. Everett They sang several selections. The Jr/Sr High Jason McElroy, Band Director, conducted.

Mt. Healthy City Schools Teaching STEM/STEAM in Each of the Buildings

Students in each of the Mt. Healthy elementary buildings have been using Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) curriculums to further the academic successes in the classrooms. Mrs. Robin McGinnis is leading the charge using STEM/STEAM activities by showing the elementary teachers how to incorporate “STEM Challenges” into their everyday activities and current curriculums. Additionally, Veronica Dean has included noteworthy amounts of Engineering and Technology lessons into the junior high Science classes in addition to leading the M2SE Club at the Jr/Sr High School. Several grants were received through Greater Cincinnati STEM Collaborative for 3D Printing and a Bicycle Club. These afterschool clubs were offered for students in grades 3-6. Two South Elementary third grade teachers, Kacie Lucas and Brittany Hashemi, held the 3D printing club from January through March for grades 3-5, and Joe Ohrdandsky and Charlie Vample led the Bicycle Club at North Elementary for sixth grade students. Additionally, students in the ACHIEVE program have also increased opportunities with STEM curriculum through specific projects. The district’s strategic plan, Education Destination, emphasizes a goal to increase knowledge and engage students through Project Based Learning and STEM learning, which has been implemented throughout this school year.



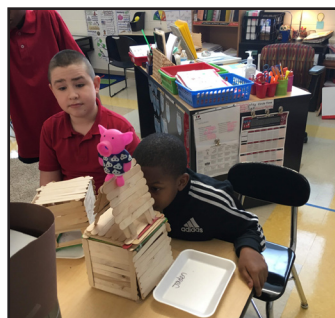
STEM Challenges are the projects in which Mrs. McGinnis and other teachers are executing in the classroom that follow the appropriate grade-level curriculum and the Ohio Teaching Standards. Not only are the challenges meeting the standards and the district’s Education Destination plan, they set the parameters and criteria for learning, they follow rubrics and set expectations for student engagement, and they provide authentic learning for students.

Examples of challenges include:

a. Index Card Structural Design was implemented in grades 2 through 12. Students created structures using only index cards, which were multi-leveled and depended on a balanced design. Students used an engineering design process with questioning the procedures, trial and error, and an answer and evaluation of their structures. It was determined that a triangular structures had the most success.



b. Most recently 3rd graders have been creating robots or scribble bots. While this challenge is quite technical, the teachers have been addressing it in small steps while also teaching the vocabulary and helping the students understand they have to tell the robot very specifically to do each job. Students are learning, through coding, robots only do what they are told, through the specific language. Eventually, students will work with the dot and dash robots, which Mrs. McGinnis has acquired about 20 for student learning and coding.



c. Preschoolers in Mt. Healthy are also working with STEM by using the dash and dot robots to learn new words and read. They used the robots in connections with Chicka Chicka Boom Boom book and built a foam block structure to support the letters of the climbing tree. They also used The Three Little Pigs story and built houses. They decorated a fan as the Big Bad Wolf and experimented to see which ones stayed standing in the fan’s wind. They have built sink and float sail boats using cork, toothpicks, rubber bands, and paper, which is teaching the students about wind and air to power a structure.

d. Students in the ACHIEVE program recently completed a Marshmallow Challenge where they designed and built a spaghetti structure that could hold the weight of marshmallows. They have also built bridges using toothpicks and hot glue. These challenges help them by using the mathematics lessons they have learned like distance, volume, length, capacity, as well as physics lessons.



Mrs. McGinnis explains, “These challenges allow our students to be very engaged in learning, even our most reluctant learners are engaged.” As she describes the challenges, “There is no prescribed end product, no one right answer. How students choose to go about it is up to them. They have to experience the trial and error as this how we learn and grow.”

The future for this program is bright as students are driving the learning process, and many teachers seeing the advantages to teaching Project Based Learning and hands-on approach to education. The Teaching and Learning Coordinators are working closely with the junior high and high school teachers to develop an updated curriculum that includes more of the Project Based Learning methodologies as well as 3D printing and the 5E Model of Teaching (Engage, Explain, Explore, Evaluate, and Elaborate).



Jr/Sr High School

Mt. Healthy High School Student Chosen as a Straight "A" Student Finalist

Charlie Gibbons, a Mt. Healthy High School senior, has been chosen as a 2019 Anthony Munoz Foundation Straight "A" Student finalist. He was nominated by Mrs. Amanda Havlin for his high-performing academic achievements and strong performance in Honors and Accelerated Programs courses over the last four



years. In addition, he maintains high honors while participating in multiple sports. He has earned a varsity letter in soccer as well as performing community service in the areas where he lives and holding a part-time job. Charlie's strong ambition to succeed in life is visible through his ability to overcome adversity and his great attitude in his approach to life. "Charlie is an outstanding role model for the students at Mt. Healthy High School and his younger siblings. He has a constant smile on his face and a positive attitude," stated Mrs. Havlin in her recommendation of Charlie.

Charlie will enter the U.S. Navy this Summer after graduation to pursue nursing.

Mt. Healthy High School Junior Student of the Month at Diamond Oaks

Monica Reliford-Brown was awarded the student of the month at the Diamond Oaks luncheon in February. She is a junior in the construction program and her teacher said she has been doing so well he already has an employer interested in hiring her this summer!



Mt. Healthy Jr/Sr High School Robotics Team Win Multiple Awards



Mt. Healthy Jr/Sr High School students participated in the annual Robotics Competition with M²SE, The "Where in the Neighborhood is Mr. Dunn?" Competition tests students' creativity, design skills, research skills, persistence, and determination. Students

were tasked with researching the use of robots in amusement parks, then designing, developing, and building a working amusement park using a robot to complete jobs. In addition, the teams had to adhere to all safety regulations that parks have to follow. They were provided with information for research, a Lego EV3 kit (robot), and professional contacts for civil, robotics, architectural, construction, environmental educators and professionals to assist them.

The three high school teams, led by Veronica Dean, consisted of junior high and high school students. The high school team, "Blank", includes Gilbert Hernandez, Don'Yeaz Lackey, Nigel McKinney, Logan Person, Te'yion Roberson, Tommy Roth, and Lee Young. Another high school team, "Microchips", consists of Kennedy Jones, Jada Kirk, Kylie Pound, David Phillips, Jaden Rucker, Dashuana Thomas, and Avrie Woods. The third high school team, "Bot Shots" is comprised of Megan Gray, Emma Korman, King Rickey Fields Crawford, Kenneth Jones, Anna Phillips, Shantashia Devant, and D'myko Tye.

Oral Presentation

- 1st place "Blank"
- 3rd place "Bot Shots"

Display

- 2nd place "Blank"

Robot Functions

- 2nd place "Microchips"
- 3rd place "Bot Shots"

Floor Design

- 2nd place "Blank"
- 3rd place "Microchips"

Creativity

- 1st place "Blank"
- 3rd place "Bot Shots"

A.P. Cheney Award

- 3rd place "Bot Shots"





Jr/Sr High School

Mt. Healthy High School Science Students Take Learning Out of the Classroom

Six Mt. Healthy High School students attended a live surgery event at Christ Hospital earlier this month. They watched a live triple bypass surgery and the students were given the opportunity to speak to the surgeon. Following, they met with a panel of nurses for a Q&A session. After lunch, they toured the Christ College of Nursing campus.



Evan Edwards and Jasmine Dumas attended the Children's Hospital Biomedical Symposium meeting with researchers who worked with heart defects and research zebra fish and chick embryos. They also toured an operating room and met with OR nurses. Following their tour, they had roundtable discussions with various medical professionals during lunch.



Mt. Healthy High School Art Students Visit Art Academy

In March, 27 high school students from the Exploring Art classes and Advanced Art visited the Art Academy to learn more about printmaking, craftsmanship, and witness students pursuing careers in Art.



Junior High March Students of the Month

Mt. Healthy Junior High Students were honored as Students of the Month for March with a pizza lunch. The following students have excellent attendance, exhibit Mt. Healthy Pride, which supports our PBIS and Behavior initiatives, and he/she shows growth or progress in class, meaning the student is academically focused:

8th graders: Olivia Noffsinger, William Henschen, Desiree Allen, Devon Jackson, Kaylee Overstreet, Travis Jackson, and Selena Heuer

7th graders: Avrie Woods, Stephen Lambert, Jaycee Alvarez, and Cameron Wright



Parent Resource Meeting Held in April Discussed College Financial Aid

Upward Bound partnered with Mt. Healthy Jr/Sr High School to host a Parent Resource Night all about financial aid on Thursday, April 4 at the Jr/Sr High School Media Center. Representatives from Cincinnati State, Miami Hamilton and Xavier University shared information about college admissions, financial aid, scholarships, and more. With more than 30 parents and students in attendance, they heard from each presenter followed by the opportunity for one-on-one question & answer sessions.

Upward Bound is a college prep program administered by Cincinnati State Technical and Community College that exclusively serves Mt. Healthy students and families. In addition to college and cultural field trips, students have access to weekly academic resources, personal development workshops and college/career guidance. All resources and opportunities are FREE for students and their families. Stay tuned for more Parent Resource Nights to come!





North Elementary

Mt. Healthy North Students Win Multiple Awards in Robotics Competition

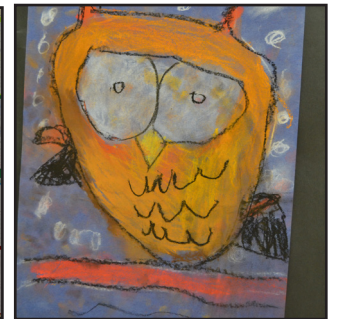
Mt. Healthy students from North Elementary participated in the annual Robotics Competition along with the junior high and high school students from the Jr/Sr High School. The “Where in the Neighborhood is Mr. Dunn?” Competition tests students’ creativity, design skills, research skills, persistence, and determination. Students were tasked with researching the use of robots in amusement parks, then designing, developing, and building a working amusement park using a robot to complete jobs. The students from North Elementary competed at a junior high level and won several awards including 1st place in Display and 1st in Creativity. Additionally, they took 3rd place in Oral Presentation.

The North Elementary team, “McNerds 2.0”, led by Robin McGinnis includes Tami Cox, Daniel Gray, Ivy Monday, Andrew Day, Nick Cruse, Hyleah Phillips, Hadassah Phillips, Sarai Waller, and Shabbae Jones.



North Elementary Art and Education Fair

On April 17, North Elementary held their Art and Education Fair with fantastic displays of student art over the year as well as classroom projects. Families went on a scavenger hunt looking for students’ classroom work and art projects. Also available activities included a picture booth, chalk drawing outside, bookmark making, ribbon weaving into a dream catcher, and face painting!



North 4th Graders Experience the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra

Fourth graders at North Elementary had the opportunity to listen to a quartet from Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. Orchestra members played multiple songs for the students. Additionally, they answered questions about their instruments and explained different musical terms.



North Choir Sweetly Sings for Spring Concert



North students from grades 3 through 6 showcased their vocal skills and musical talents in the Spring Concert held in late March. Music Teachers, Brian Wietmarschen and Katie Personke, presented 3rd and 4th graders who sang “Feelin’ Good” followed by a xylophone piece based on nursery rhymes called “Humpty Dump.” Mr. Maxsam and Mr. Pardi also joined in for “Humpty Dump” with Mr. Maxsam on the piano and Mr. Pardi on the drums. The 5th and 6th graders played “Happy” on the crash cans followed by a recorder song called “Dixie Cat” with solos by Sara Brown and Trinity Austin. Then, the North Choir Club performed “Remember Me” from Coco with a solo by Savannah Tillman, a spiritual called “Keep Your Lamps”, and “Man in the Mirror” by Michael Jackson. Finally, all grades (3-6) combined to play “YMCA” on the crash cans and “Raining Tacos” with guest tacos, Mrs. House and Mr. Pardi, dancing.



South Elementary

Mt. Healthy South Hosts Taste of South, Art Exhibition, and Talent Show

On April 2, Mt. Healthy South played host to its annual Taste of South event where staff and families created delicious treats for others to sample. Over 17 families participated in making a dish as well as several staff members who made a dish. There was a lot of great food, including two kinds of chili, bourbon chicken, pie, strawberry dessert, brownies, meatballs, as well as other appetizers and desserts.



The Art Show presented student art throughout the school year. There were Day of the Dead paintings, geometric shape designs, masks, yarn-making designs, paper weaving, animal paintings and so many more artistic designs.



South also held its annual Talent Show displaying the exceptional talent of the student body. One student performed stand-up comedy, another sang, and others danced.



Students Honored for Outstanding Attendance at PTO Meeting

Over 140 South Elementary students were honored at the February PTO meeting for their outstanding attendance for first semester. The students were recognized individually and given certificates for their accomplishment. For the list of students honored, please visit South's webpage under announcements.



South Hosts Donuts with Dads Breakfast

On April 12, students invited their dads, grandfathers or father figures to attend Donuts with Dads Breakfast. Dads were able to purchase books at the event and then read with their children during the event. This was a fantastic opportunity for both dads and children. In addition, it supports the district's literacy goal of our strategic plan Education Destination.





Owl Athletics and Fine Arts

Owl Bites

From Winter Sports:

17 student-athletes had All-Academic Honors maintaining a 3.5 gpa

All League Honors

1st Team

Girls Basketball: Noel Weathers

Boys' Basketball: Brandon Lanier and Aushadon Mathis

2nd Team

Boys Basketball: Kollin Tolbert and Chris Simmons

Wrestling: Kevin White

Honorable Mention

Girls Basketball: Ebony Johnson

Boys Basketball: Justin Abrams

Wrestling: Jodiyah Howard

Girls Bowling: Maya Floyd

Boys Bowling: Maurice Smith

Sportsmanship

Girls Basketball: Ama'ria Jackson

Boys Basketball: Collin Walls

Wrestling: Shawn Bell

Girls Bowling: Alani Walker

Boys Bowling: Maurice Smith

Alex Howard (football) will be participating in the Senior All-Star game; Senior **Ebony Johnson** played in the girls basketball All-Star game in March; **Abraham Garcia** (JR), **Cortez Huckleby** (JR), and **Kevin White** (JR) advanced to the District Wrestling Tournament.

Spring Sports

Boys Baseball had a tough season while they are in the process of rebuilding the program; Varsity Girls softball went 7-13 on season; Boys track won the Taylor Invitational, Finneytown Invitational, Edgewood Cougar Classic and the Owls Classic; Girls and Boys Track won the North College Hill Inviational; Boys Tennis worked hard on the season, but struggled this year.



Choir and Band Excerpts

Choir Notes: Senior Chantel Roberson will pursue vocal music next year in college when she attends Central State University next year. Additionally, Stephen Lambert, 7th grader, performs in the Cincinnati Boys Choir and has traveled with the group throughout the country. Recently he performed in the last concert of the year at the Aronoff Center, and he was chosen to sing "Let There Be Peace" as a solo.

In band world, The Jazz Band performed on Thursday, May 2 in the Annual Jazz Coffeehouse. They played wonderfully and featured several students as solos. Both Choir and Band have their end of year awards and concerts on May 13 and May 14 respectively.





Extra Bites and Calendar Dates

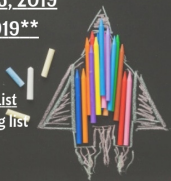
Kindergarten and Preschool Registration

Families of Kindergarten and Preschool children are invited to begin registering on the following dates:

Kindergarten - March 25, 2019

Preschool - April 1, 2019**

**Preschool registration is by Wait List ONLY. You may sign up on the waiting list through the Enrollment tab at www.mthcs.org



Mt. Healthy Preschool has earned a 5 Star Rating through Step Up to Quality from the Ohio Department of Education.

Mt. Healthy Graduate Drafted to the NFL

David Montgomery, 2015 Mt. Healthy High School graduate, was drafted to the Chicago Bears in the third round of the NFL draft in April. He was a standout football player for the Mt. Healthy Owls and the Iowa State Cyclones. David is the first player drafted from Mt. Healthy City Schools and the second Owl playing in the NFL.





MT. HEALTHY CITY SCHOOLS

56TH BARNES-BECHTEL

GOLF-A-RAMA

2 person Scramble - Shotgun Start
Food, Drink, and Prizes immediately follow golf.
\$65/person (includes greens fees, carts, food, and drinks. Fee includes a donation to our scholarship fund
Other donations are welcomed.
Contact LaVonda Corner at (513)728-4443

JUNE 6, 2019 • THURSDAY • 8AM

FAIRFIELD CITY GOLF COURSE
2200 JOHN GRAY ROAD
FAIRFIELD, OH 45014

Upcoming Events and Activities

- 5/16 Elementary Band Concert 7 pm
- 5/17 **Senior 2nd Semester Exams 8 am-noon**
- 5/20 South 4th-6th Field Day
- 5/21 North Field Day
- 5/21 South K-3rd Field Day
- 5/22 North Field Day
- 5/24-29 HS 2nd Semester Exams
- 5/24 JH Family Field Day
- 5/28 South 6th grade Recognition 9:30 am
- 5/28 North 6th grade Recognition 10:30 am
- 5/28 8th grade Promotion 9 am
- 5/29 South Kindergarten Recognition 9:30 am
- 5/29 North Kindergarten Recognition 10 am
- 5/29 Last Day of School for all students
- 5/30 **Graduation practice (for seniors only)/Senior picnic**
- 5/31 **Class of 2019 Graduation 7 pm (Miami University)**
- 6/6 Golf Out Fundraiser

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Dates in red denotes senior events

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