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Mt. Healthy Welcomes Treasurer Kimberly Hughes



As the Board of Education of Mt. Healthy City Schools began their search for a new treasurer, they knew they had big shoes to fill. Rebecca Brooks had been an integral part of the district for 35 years and had done a fantastic job of keeping the finances in order. However, they were confident that they would find someone who could continue the good work and take the district to new heights.

After several rounds of interviews, they found their candidate in Kimberly Hughes. Ms. Hughes had grown up in Mt. Healthy and had attended Rex Ralph Elementary, South Jr. High, and Mt. Healthy High School. She had spent the last 22 years of her career in public education, working her way up from a school secretary to the Assistant Treasurer at Central Office for Cincinnati Public Schools. Her varied professional experience had prepared her well for the role of Treasurer in Mt. Healthy City Schools.

Kimberly is thrilled to be coming back to her hometown and working for the district that had given her so much. She was enthusiastic about the opportunity to shape the lives of the current students for their success tomorrow. She knew that there were many challenges facing the district, including students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged students, and gifted students. However, she is committed to using tax dollars responsibly and allocating funds to student-driven initiatives and resources.

The Board of Education is equally excited to have Kimberly on board. Board Member Julie Turner was impressed with Kimberly's enthusiasm and experience with Cincinnati Public Schools. She was confident that Kimberly would continue the good work of Rebecca Brooks and bring some fresh ideas to the district. Board Member Kimberly Bouldin-Bryant was also excited to welcome Kimberly to the Mt. Healthy family and looked forward to working with her.

Rebecca Brooks is grateful for the opportunity to serve the district for so many years but is excited to retire and spend more time with her family. She is confident that Kimberly would do an excellent job of taking over as Treasurer.

Kimberly is committed to working with all stakeholders in the district and taking everyone's perspective into consideration. She will continue to ensure that the district remains fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars and allocate funds to the necessary academic resources. She is determined to make a difference in the lives of the students of Mt. Healthy City Schools, just like her favorite Mt. Healthy teacher, Ms. Teri Phillips, had made a difference in her life.

Kimberly's journey has come full circle, and she is ready to make an impact in the community. Her passion, enthusiasm, and experience would be invaluable as she takes on the role of Treasurer. The future of Mt. Healthy City Schools is in good hands. Ms. Hughes will begin her role on April 10th, 2023.

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Chess Club Shines at Queen City Classic Tournament



Check out the amazing performance by South Elementary's Chess Club at the Queen City Classic Chess Tournament held at Paycor Stadium on Saturday, March 11! The team won a total of 7 games and did a fantastic job representing Mt. Healthy City Schools. We're so proud of our chess players! Congratulations and keep up the good work!



ECHO Poetry Slam Finalists

It's always a great feeling when young students showcase their talents and skills in front of others. That's precisely what happened at the ECHO Poetry Slam event held at UC recently. The event featured several schools, including Mt. Healthy, Walnut Hills, Clark Montessori, Cristo Rey, Winton Woods, and the School for the Performing Arts. The competition was fierce, but two students from Mt. Healthy, Adriana Burkhardt-Gross (9th grade) and Cameron Goehring (12 grade), managed to make it to the final round. Adriana and Cameron showed exceptional talent and skill, impressing both the judges and the audience with their poetry. Their performances stood out among the others, earning them a spot in the final round of the competition. It's a remarkable achievement. The final round of the ECHO Poetry Slam will take place in April, and the location is yet to be announced. It's an exciting time for Adriana and Cameron, who will have the opportunity to showcase their talents once again in front of a larger audience. The fact that they made it this far is already a significant accomplishment, and they should be proud of themselves.

Let's congratulate Adriana Burkhardt-Gross and Cameron Goehring for making it to the final round of the ECHO Poetry Slam. We wish them the best of luck in the final round, and we look forward to supporting them and seeing their performances in April.

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A STAR BOWLER WITH A PASSION FOR SPORTS & THE ENVIRONMENT



Today, we were able to catch up with Mt. Healthy senior Jade Stevenson as she competed in the OHSAA Districts for bowling and learn about her story. Read below to learn about one of the many exemplary young students at Mt. Healthy City Schools. For Jade Stevenson, bowling has been a part of her life for as long as she can remember. With a family history of bowling that goes back to her great grandparents, it's no wonder that Jade found herself drawn to the sport. Over the years, she has honed her skills and become an accomplished bowler, with numerous achievements and records to her name.

Jade has been bowling for 12 years, and in that time, she has accomplished a lot. One of her proudest achievements is making it to districts two years in a row. She is also the 4th place player in the Southwest Ohio Conference (SWOC) and earned 1st place in the ECC/SWOC Conference Tournament. Her hard work and dedication have paid off, and she is a role model for other young athletes. Despite her success, Jade remains humble and focused on her team. She recognizes that her teammates have played a crucial role in her success, saying, "Teammates always keep people's spirits up, lift each other up when they are down." She also speaks highly of her coach, acknowledging that she has been a big help and has the best intentions.

Beyond bowling, Jade is also involved in other sports and activities. She is a member of the marching band and is playing volleyball. This season, she will be the manager for the boys' volleyball team. Her passion for sports is evident in everything she does, and she credits her love of competition to her family, who always pushed each other to be better. Jade's favorite memory of her time at Mt. Healthy High School is making it to districts the last two years. She says she will miss the sports, memories, friends, and academics the most. But, she also recognizes that her time at Mt. Healthy has given her a strong foundation for the future.

In addition to her love of sports, Jade is also passionate about the environment. She will be going to college to study environmental engineering, and she hopes to make a difference in the world. It's clear that Jade has a bright future ahead of her, and her dedication to her passions will serve her well in all her future endeavors.

When it comes to pregame rituals, Jade keeps things simple. She takes deep breaths before each throw and shares a handshake with her teammates before the first throw. Her highest game was a 270, and she has set two records at Mt. Healthy for the high series in two games and the high series in three games, where she bowled a 627. These achievements are a testament to her hard work and dedication to the sport.

Jade was selected to the All-Star game in April, an honor that speaks to her skills and accomplishments as a bowler. For Jade, it's not just about the accolades. It's about the love of the game, the support of her teammates, and the joy of competition. She says, "I will always love Mt. Healthy and love the environment that it gives off." With that kind of passion and dedication, it's clear that Jade Stevenson has a bright future ahead of her.

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Kroger Donation & Who Dey Visit

The Cincinnati Bengals beloved mascot, "Who Dey", visited in a Kroger delivery truck to donate Campbell's snacks to students and Hubbard's Cupboards. Hubbard's Cupboards is a local organization that provides free meals and snacks to families in need, and the donation from Who Dey and Campbell's will help make a positive impact in the lives of many families in our community.

Winter Senior Night

We wanted to take a moment to extend our heartfelt congratulations to each and every one of you. This is a momentous occasion in your journey, and one that should be celebrated and cherished.

You have all worked incredibly hard to get to this point, and your dedication and perseverance are truly admirable. Your resilience and determination have carried you through, and you should be incredibly proud of yourselves.

As you look back on your time at Mt. Healthy City Schools, we hope you will remember the friendships you have made, the lessons you have learned, and the memories you have created. These experiences have helped shape you into the remarkable individuals you are today, and we have no doubt that you will go on to achieve great things in your future endeavors.



Teacher Professional Development

We are thrilled to share some positive news about the teachers at Mt. Healthy City Schools who recently participated in professional development. The school district provided a variety of professional development options to the teachers, and they eagerly took advantage of the opportunity to learn and grow in their profession. Click below for the full story!

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Football Players Recruited

Exciting news! Huge congratulations to the student athletes from Mt. Healthy City School who will be going on visits to Ohio State for football in the spring! Your talent, hard work, and dedication have earned you this incredible opportunity and we couldn't be more thrilled for you.

Keep up the amazing work, and know that the entire community is cheering you on every step of the way!

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Virtual School Enrollment

Are you the parent or guardian of a student at Mt. Healthy City School District who is interested in taking courses online? If so, you're in luck! The Mt. Healthy Virtual School offers online classes to students who want to take their education to the next level.

As an online school, we offer the flexibility and convenience of being able to take classes from anywhere with an internet connection. Whether you're a student who wants to take an extra course to get ahead, or you're looking for a more personalized learning experience, the Mt. Healthy Virtual School can help you achieve your academic goals.



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Cheerleaders Visit

Ronald McDonald House

Check out our amazing Mt. Healthy Owls Varsity Cheerleading Squad!

They had the incredible opportunity to perform for the children and families at the Ronald McDonald House. Not only did they bring smiles to everyone's faces, but they also learned about the inspiring history of the Ronald McDonald Charity. We're so proud of our squad for giving back to the community in such a meaningful way.



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Memorable Trip for High Road Students

Last week, the students of High Road School at Mt. Healthy City School District were excited to take a trip to the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden before spring break started. The students had been looking forward to this trip!

They were grateful for the opportunity to visit the Cincinnati Zoo and experience the wonders of the natural world up close. We want to take a moment to thank the incredible staff of High Road School who accompanied our students on their trip to the Cincinnati Zoo last week. Your hard work and dedication to our students' education is truly appreciated.

We also want to extend a huge thank you to the staff at the Cincinnati Zoo for their warm welcome and hospitality. Our students had an unforgettable experience learning about the animals and their habitats, and we are so grateful for the opportunity.

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Alumni Win Two Grammy Awards with Tennessee State University's Aristocrat of Bands

Congratulations to two Mount Healthy High School graduates, Jierre Franklin (C/O '18) and Ravon Key ('20), and their bandmates for winning two Grammy Awards in February as part of Tennessee State University's Aristocrat of Bands, under the direction of Dr. Reginald McDonald.

The Aristocrat of Bands took home the award for Best Gospel Roots Category and also won for their collaboration with another artist. Jierre and Ravon were both active in band and athletics during their time at Mount Healthy. We're proud of their achievements and wish them all the best in their future endeavors!

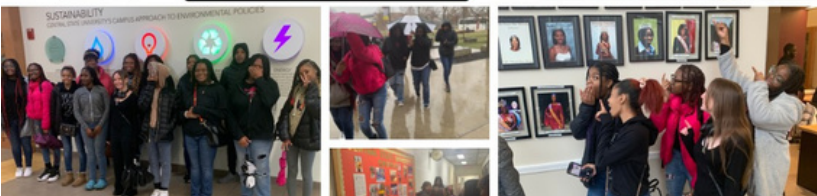
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Choir Students Learn and Perform at Central State University

The Mt. Healthy City School District recently received a grant from the Ohio Arts Council to fund a bus for our students to visit Central State University. Our talented choir students had the opportunity to tour the campus and learn about its rich history. Thanks to the hard work of our choir director, Everett Moore, and the coordination of a master class with Dr. Carlos Brown and the Central State choir, our students had an unforgettable experience. We're also grateful for the support of the parent band association, Gear-Up partners, and the Ohio Arts Council for making this trip possible

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NEW ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM TO IMPROVE SECURITY & SAFETY

Mt. Healthy City School District has made it a priority to improve security and access control in each building. We wanted to make anyone visiting the district aware of the new implementation used to enhance the goals described above.

The SWIPE Machine will go into effect on March 20th at district buildings as the new access control system for visitors. When an individual arrives at a district building and is granted access to any area beyond the lobby they must adhere to the SWIPE machine protocol. The visitor must present identification and the machine will then print a stick-on visitor badge using the photo from their identification.

The SWIPE system does much more than printing a photo badge for visitors that includes visitor history. In addition, the SWIPE Kiosk connects to the National Sex Offender Registry and will immediately identify individuals on the registry.

If you have any questions please contact your building administrator or the Safety and Security Supervisor Herb Dorsey at hdorsey@mthcs.org. Contact Information for your building administrator can be found on the Parent Resources page of our website linked: [Parent Resources](#)

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MT. HEALTHY LEADS THE WAY IN ELA EDUCATION: A LOOK INSIDE THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH IMSE

We've got some exciting news to share with you! Mt. Healthy City School District recently had a visit from the Institute for Multi-Sensory Education and their film crew, who came to document Mt. Healthy teachers and students using their methodology before spring break.

The videos and photos captured will be used for training and marketing purposes, showcasing the great work being done by the district in ELA using IMSE's Orton-Gillingham methodology.

Over the past 5 years, all K-6 ELA teachers at Mt. Healthy have been trained using the Orton-Gillingham approach from IMSE. Our very own Ms. Jennifer Harry (ELA Instructional Coach) is a Level 5 Master Instructor, making Mt. Healthy an "accredited partner" of IMSE.

This is a big deal since, when MTHCS began, there were only 8 school districts in the country with this IMSE partnership, and Mt. Healthy was the only district in Ohio, Indiana, & Kentucky. Last year, local districts followed our lead and became accredited partners by having a Level 4 Instructor.

IMSE contacted Ms. Harry in the fall and asked if the school district would be willing to have a film crew come to document IMSE teachers and students using their approach. They filmed at the ELC (Teachers Ms. Ruth Alexander and Ms. Brittany Barrett) and second grade at South Elementary (Teacher Ms. Kayce Brown), as well as Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, Jana Wolfe.

Congratulations to the teachers that put in the work ensuring only the best for Mt. Healthy students and for leading the way.



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Students Help Shape the School Menu

Last Friday, our Food Service Department had an exciting Taste Test event in the Jr/Sr High School cafeteria. Students had the opportunity to sample two delicious options - baked plantains and bean and cheese burrito during their lunch.

The Food Service Department collected 98 feedback forms from students to understand their thoughts on the taste and overall experience. The goal is to find healthy options to add to the school menu, and student feedback is crucial in making it happen. A fantastic food vendor representative, Jody, came in to help and bring the samples as well as supplies. On April 4th, there will be another Taste Test event for blenderless smoothies.

Thank you to everyone involved in shaping the school's menu and making it a healthier and tastier place for everyone!

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Annual Chalk Drawing Contest

We are excited to announce our Annual Chalk Drawing Contest at Mt. Healthy High School! On Friday, May 5th, during school hours, students will have the opportunity to spend the day outside drawing large scale chalk drawings in the parking spaces of the front lot.

To participate, high school students may join in teams of 2-4, and there is a \$10 admission fee per student. We will choose a theme in our upcoming meetings, so students should be brainstorming ideas for their drawings.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive prize money, so put your creative skills to the test and start planning your masterpiece!

To learn more about the contest, we will be holding information sessions on Thursday, March 30th, Friday, March 31st, and Tuesday, April 4th in Mrs. Glenn's room #324 after school. To sign up, scan the QR code provided in the flyer or come see Mrs. Glenn in room 324.

We can't wait to see your incredible chalk art!

See video promotion here: [Click Here](#)

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Information Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, March 28th
- Thursday, March 30th
- Tuesday, April 4th

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Powering The Future: Environmental Class

Our students recently completed a culminating mastery project where they built wind turbines as part of their alternative energy unit. They started by learning about different alternative energy sources and brainstorming ways to reduce their carbon footprint. Then, they put their knowledge to the test by designing and building their own wind turbines using only non-electronic materials like plates, sticks, wood, and spoons.

The turbines needed to rotate and lift a minimum of 25g of weight, and as they tested their turbines, students collected data on time to lift weight, distance weight lifted, and mass of weight lifted. They used this data to calculate the power of their turbines and compete with other groups for the most powerful machine.

We're so proud of our students for rising to the challenge and developing important skills like problem-solving, critical thinking, and independent work. Way to go!

A big shoutout to our amazing teacher, Emily Darwish, who led this project and guided our students throughout the semester. Emily's dedication and passion for teaching Environmental Science have inspired our students to think critically about environmental issues and find creative solutions. Thank you, Emily, for all that you do for our students!

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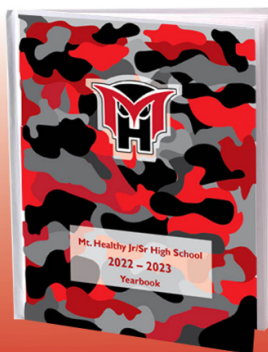
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ELC Students Raise Chicks with Tikkun Farms

Spring has officially sprung at the Early Learning Center! The ELC staff has partnered with Tikkun Farms to raise 11 adorable baby chicks. These fluffy little friends will be returning to Tikkun Farms when they're six weeks old, but until then, students get to watch them grow and develop every day.

Each classroom at ELC has signed up to visit the chicks on a daily basis, and we're already seeing some major growth in these little ones. Our students even had the opportunity to participate in a naming contest for the chicks - so be sure to check out our video to see what they came up with!

We want to give a huge shoutout to Daniela Gutierrez for organizing this engaging activity for our students and making sure that the chicks are well taken care of every day. We can't wait to see what the rest of the spring season has in store for our little chickadees!



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Mt. Healthy Fraternal Order of Eagles #2193 Continues to Support Mt. Healthy Band Boosters with Generous Donation

We are grateful to announce that the Mt. Healthy Fraternal Order of Eagles #2193 has made a generous donation to the Mt. Healthy Band Boosters! We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to The Eagles for their unwavering support to our band over the years. Thank you for making a difference in our community!



Exploring Poetry and Illustration with Loren Long

Loren Long was excited to have the opportunity to speak with the 6th grade students from South Elementary. As a well-known illustrator, he often shared his creative process with aspiring artists, but this time was particularly special because the students were going to be exploring poetry by Amanda Gorman.

Celine Quinn, their English teacher, had received a grant from the Ohio Council of the Teachers of English Language Arts to introduce her students to the works of Amanda Gorman. The students were fascinated by Long's work and asked him many questions about his creative process.

Thank you to the Ohio Council of the Teachers of English Language Arts, Loren Long, and Celine Quinn for creating amazing academic opportunities for our students!



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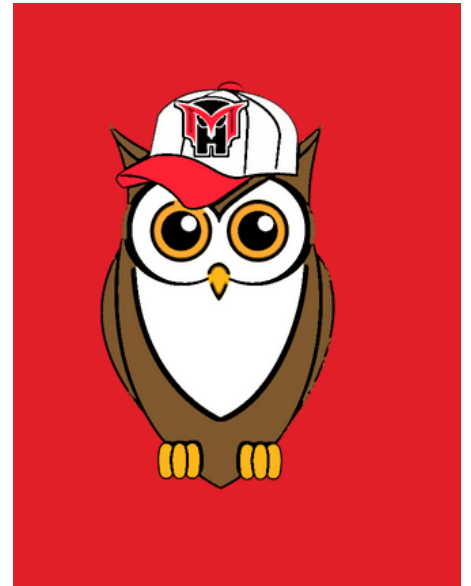
High School Student Council Receives Grant & Clothing for Owl's Closet

The high school student council has received a grant from Magnified Giving, and clothing from the Care Closet to support the Owl's Closet initiative. This program provides clothing to Mt. Healthy students who may need assistance in acquiring proper attire for school.

The Owl's Closet is an incredible resource for our community, and we are grateful to the high school student council for spearheading this effort. With the grant from Magnified Giving, and the donation of clothing from the Care Closet, we can ensure that all of our students have access to clean, appropriate clothing.

If you have any questions about the Owl's Closet initiative, please do not hesitate to reach out to Derrick Sanders (dsanders@mthcs.org), who can provide you with more information about the program and how it benefits our students.

Thank you for your continued support of Mt. Healthy School District and for helping to provide opportunities and resources to our students.



Educator Rising Students Co-Celebrate Valentine's Day with North Elementary Class

Mrs. Brooks, took the high school Educator Rising students to Ms. Wakefield's class at North to co-celebrate Valentine's Day!

It was an amazing opportunity for the students to observe and participate in a different teaching environment, while spreading love and joy on this special occasion.

Thank you, Mrs. Brooks, for your dedication to your students and for providing them with unique learning experiences. We're proud to have you as a member of our district!



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Fine Arts & Taste of South Event

The Fine Arts & Taste of South Event was held on March 22nd and featured a fantastic lineup of food, music, and art. Our talented students' artwork was on display, and families had the chance to spend time with staff members.

Plus, they enjoyed some amazing South Sonic Music while they were there! Of course, they voted for their favorite staff member's dish - the event was sponsored by the South Elementary PTO.

Thanks to all who came out to support Fine Arts at South Elementary!

Mt. Healthy Junior High School Dance

Mt. Healthy Junior High School dance was a huge success! Our sincerest thanks go out to everyone who made it happen, especially Ms. Stanley for her vision and commitment to making the dance happen!

The lights on the table and the elegant decorations gave the dance a beautiful flare. We'd also like to thank staff for taking care of tickets and setting up the event.

Staff also provided snacks and drinks throughout the night, as well as a photo booth available for student with staff taking pictures to capture the memories.

Finally, a big shout-out to DJ Nella D, who kept the dance floor packed with great music and took requests all night long. The students loved every moment of the event, and we can't wait for the next one!

We're proud of our students and staff for coming together to create such a memorable event.

