



# Mt. Healthy Newsletter

April, 2023

## Honoring Paraprofessionals



We want to express our deep appreciation for our paraprofessional's hard work, dedication, and the positive impact they have on our students' lives. Each paraprofessional plays a crucial role in ensuring the success of our students, and we are grateful for all that they do, not just on Paraprofessional Day but every single day.

There are many paraprofessionals in the school district that do a tremendous job and we wanted to give shoutout to the incredible paraprofessionals in the Mt. Healthy City School District who work tirelessly to support our students every day.

We would like to recognize the Early Learning Center's Terresa Dailey and Michelle Haake for their dedicated service of 24 and 22 years respectively. We are also proud of our four para educators at the ELC currently pursuing their Early Childhood Degree: Amy Holmes, Maggie Hoskins, Jen Gilbert, and Jen Means.

At the high school, we are grateful for paraprofessionals like Anna Schell, who has been with the district for many years and even dresses up as the Fighting Owl for events. We also appreciate Gail Doughetry's unwavering commitment to our students.

At the Junior High, we're lucky to have two Mt. Healthy alumni, Mr. Butler and Mr. Jett, who have made a positive impact on the lives of our students. Mr. Butler has worked and coached in our district for the past 12 years, while Mr. Jett is in his 5th year with us. Thank you to all our paraprofessionals for the essential role you play in ensuring our students' success. Your hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated!

# #WORTHY



## Students Shine at Xavier University Honor Band After Three-Year Hiatus

Mt. Healthy City Schools students participated in the Xavier University Honor Band this weekend! They performed brilliantly and made us proud by representing our school and community with excellence.

After a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic, we are glad that our students were able to participate in this prestigious event once again. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our band directors, Mark Quintero and Jason McElroy, for connecting our students with this incredible opportunity.

Congratulations to our talented musicians, Ian Moore, Darinel Vasquez-Jacobo, Malachi Williams Mingo, Avery Harper, Al-Ayanna Crawford, Tiyaana Graves, Landon Needham, Reuben Miree, and Jensen Wakefield for their hard work and dedication to their craft! Your commitment to excellence is truly inspiring.

## Fine Arts & Taste of South

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.



## Math Pentathlon Team Gears Up for Regional Tournament

The Math Pentathlon Clubs at Mt. Healthy South and North Elementary Schools are composed of highly dedicated and enthusiastic students who love to challenge themselves in the field of mathematics. This year, the teams are participating in their second year of competition, and they are eager to showcase their skills and knowledge.

As the tournament date draws near, the team members are putting in hours of practice to ensure they are ready for the competition. The interactive math games they will be playing are designed to test their problem-solving, logical reasoning, and critical thinking abilities.

The students' hard work and determination paid off, as they have qualified for the regional tournament in Indianapolis, IN on April 15th. With a total of 21 students participating, the team is well-prepared to face other skilled competitors from the region.

We are immensely proud of our Math Pentathlon Team and know that they will represent our school district with pride and honor. We wish them all the best as they take on this exciting challenge and hope they come back with a trophy and memories to cherish for a lifetime. Go Mt. Healthy Pentathlon Team!



# #WORTHY

For current and enrolling students and parents!

# Virtual School Open House!

Date: April 27th Time: 4-7pm  
Where: 7717 Harrison Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45231

Join us for updates about the upcoming school year!

HOSTED BY YOUR FAVORITE VIRTUAL TEACHERS!

For more info contact [srichter@mthcs.org](mailto:srichter@mthcs.org)

Join virtually!



## Virtual School Open House

We are excited to invite you to our Virtual School Open House, which will take place on April 27th from 4pm to 7pm. This event is hosted by our virtual school teachers, who are eager to share updates about the upcoming school year.

Whether you are a current student or parent/guardian of a student considering enrolling in our virtual school program, we encourage you to attend this informative event. Our teachers will be available to answer any questions you may have about our virtual school curriculum, resources, and learning environment.

To register for the Virtual School Open House, please contact [srichter@mthcs.org](mailto:srichter@mthcs.org). We will provide you with the necessary information to join the event virtually.

We believe that virtual learning can provide an exceptional education experience for our students. By participating in our Virtual School Open House, you will have the opportunity to learn more about the benefits of our program and how it can meet the unique needs of your child.

We look forward to seeing you at our Virtual School Open House on April 27th!

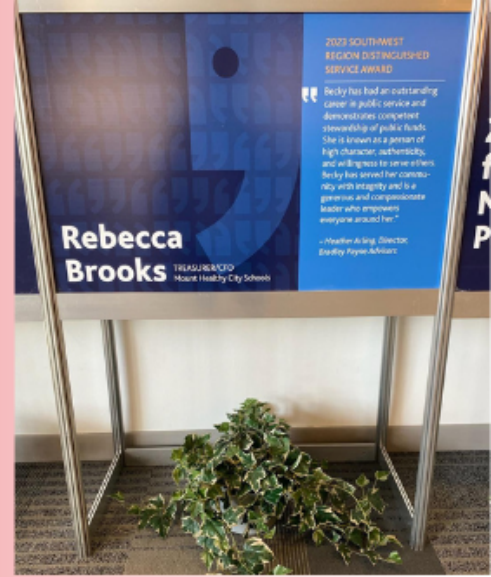
## Students Attend UCIT Expo & Gain Valuable Experience in Technology



Exciting news from the Mt. Healthy City School District! Our high school students in the Early IT Program recently traveled to the University of Cincinnati for the UCIT Expo, and it was an incredible experience!

They had the opportunity to listen to various speakers, meet with students from other high schools, and interact with graduating BS and MS students from UC at each project booth. They even got to talk with UC professors, which was a fantastic learning opportunity for them.

We want to give a big thank you to Mt. Healthy's Early IT Teacher Matthew White, who traveled with the students and teaches technology classes for the district. Your dedication to our students and the program is much appreciated! We are thrilled that our students were able to attend this event and gain such valuable knowledge and experience.



**TREASURER  
BECKY BROOKS**



## **Treasurer Becky Brooks Named Outstanding Treasurer/CFO of the Year by OASBO**

Becky Brooks, our district treasurer, has been named the Outstanding Treasurer/CFO of the Year by the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO). This prestigious award recognizes Becky's successful management of the district's budget, as well as her personal accomplishments and selfless service to our school system, profession, and community. We are proud to have Becky as part of our team and congratulate her on this well-deserved recognition!

Becky has been an integral member of the Mt. Healthy School District for 35 years, and her dedication to managing our district's budget has been exceptional. Under her leadership, we have been able to allocate resources effectively, ensuring that our students receive the best possible education.

Not only is Becky skilled in financial management, but she is also committed to serving our school system, profession, and community. She has demonstrated selfless service time and time again, always going above and beyond to support our district and those around her.

# Telling Your Truth: A Class That Teaches Students to Express Themselves and Share Their Stories



At Mt. Healthy High School, there is a class offered that is quite unique compared to the usual lineup of math, science, and history courses. It is called "Telling Your Truth" and it is taught by Mrs. Kathryn Maude Haeger, a passionate artist who has been teaching for 25 years. Mrs. Haeger has won many awards and is recognized as an accomplished artist in her field. She shares her knowledge and love for quilting with her students, and they are eager to learn.

The class is held in a classroom with quilting equipment, and students are encouraged to create their own quilts and other fiber art. Andree Ma'Kout-tsine, an 11th grader, is particularly excited about the class. "I love getting to be hands-on in this class," she says. "It's so interesting, and I get to be creative." Andree is already making plans to continue making quilts for fun in the future. She is eager to learn more about the techniques and skills required to create beautiful pieces of art.

Maya Hayes is another student who has recently joined the class. She is a 10th grader, and this is her first semester in the class. Her favorite part about the class is that she gets to choose her own materials. "It's so much fun to experiment with different fabrics and colors," she says. "And I'm really proud of the quilt I made for the exhibit." Maya decided to take the class after seeing her twin sister's quilts from last year's class. She was impressed by her sister's creations and wanted to try it out for herself. Now, she is hooked.

The students in "Telling Your Truth" are not only learning about fiber art, but also about themselves. They are encouraged to use their own experiences and stories as inspiration for their creations. Mrs. Haeger wants her students to understand that quilts are not just blankets, but also a way to express themselves and tell their own stories.

As the semester goes on, the students continue to create beautiful pieces of art. Andree and Maya are just two of many students who are inspired by Mrs. Haeger's passion for fiber art. They are grateful for the opportunity to learn from such a passionate and influential professional.

The quilts and other fiber art created by the students in "Telling Your Truth" were recently displayed in the Spring Arts, Education & Wellness Fair exhibit. It was a proud moment for Mrs. Kathryn Maude Haeger to see her students' hard work and creativity on display for the community to see.

The class has not only taught the students about quilting, but it has also taught them about themselves. They have learned to express themselves through their creations and to embrace their own stories... that is the true beauty of "Telling Your Truth."

# Increasing Security Measures



## #WORTHY

Building and district staff, along with the Mt. Healthy Police Department held a meeting to collaboratively work on adding to the safety plan. Procedures within the building that the security team currently follows and ways the police can provide support were included in the meeting. In response to this incident, we have taken additional measures to increase safety and security on our campus.

- We have installed cameras that will continuously monitor the interior and exterior of the building
- Staff will check exterior doors every 30 minutes to ensure they are secured.
- Police will provide support at arrival and dismissal at both entries to the campus
- Police will complete periodic checks of the campus as part of their normal patrol.
- Any unusual activity will be investigated by the administration.

We appreciate the cooperation and understanding of our parents, students, and community members during this time of heightened security. We are committed to maintaining a safe and secure learning environment for all of our students and staff, and will continue to work closely with the Mt. Healthy Police Department to ensure the safety and security of our campus.

**Thank You, Mt. Healthy City School District  
Community, for Making Giving Day a Huge Success!**

A heartfelt thank you, Mt. Healthy City School District community! We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible support you showed during our Giving Day campaign. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise over \$8,000 in donations! This is an incredible achievement and we are grateful for each and every one of you who contributed to making it happen.

Your donations will go a long way in providing the best education and resources for our students. We could not have achieved this without your help and we are proud to be part of such a supportive community.

Once again, thank you for your generosity and support. Let's continue to work together and make a positive impact on the lives of our students.

# Math Pentathlon - Regional Results



Congratulations to our awesome fourth, fifth, and sixth grade Math Pentathlon Club members from Mt. Healthy South and Mt. Healthy North Elementary Schools who competed in the full day Mathematics Pentathlon Regional Tournament in Indianapolis, Indiana this past Saturday!

Their dedication and hard work learning and practicing the five challenging games in their respective divisions throughout this school year resulted in tremendous success! All of our students were recognized for their achievements at the competition, and one student, Edmond Onadeji, was even a medalist! Our team received so many compliments from the tournament organizers and game monitors for their excellent show of sportsmanship, too.

We are so very proud of all these fine students!



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# MINI CHEER CAMP

## About This Camp

Interested in learning about cheerleading with the Mt. Healthy High Cheerleaders? Participants will learn cheers, chants, jumps and a dance! We will have a day filled with learning and games! Bring your little league cheerleaders out for a weekend of cheer fun!



**Mt. Healthy South Elementary**  
1743 Adams RD, Cincinnati, OH 45231



**Register here**  
<http://Mthfightingowls.org>

## Admission

\$20/ Mt. Healthy Resident

\$30/ Non-Resident

Cost includes: T-shirt, Bow, and Lunch!

## Date & Time

Saturday June 10th-Sunday June 11th  
12:00pm-4:00pm

Check-ins begin at 11:30am June 10th

**Ages 5-12 are welcome!**

Black shorts, water bottle, & Gym shoes required!



# Unlocking Potential - Gifted Student Strategies

Over the course of the last several months, secondary teachers Kellie Brown, Anna Bryant, Scott Heflin, Jessica Holland, Nick Khoury, Jon Moore, Samantha Pickens, Miranda Pikaart, Jennifer Schafer, and Mindy Stanley have been involved in a book study for *Unlocking Potential: Identifying and Serving Gifted Students from Low-Income Households*. Most recently, the group met to discuss the chapter about teaching psychosocial skills and modeling habits of achievement. Here, participants are pictured during involvement in an "Affinity Map" activity that then drove the discussion for this particular meeting. During each meeting different discussion approaches have been incorporated, and several participants have gone on to implement the various approaches in their instruction!



## Golf-A-Rama

We are excited to announce that the annual Golf-A-Rama event is just around the corner! Join us on Sunday, June 11th, 2023, at Fairfield Golf Course for a day of golfing, fun, and philanthropy.

Sponsored by Mt. Healthy City Schools for over 59 years, the Golf-A-Rama is a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for student scholarships and athletics at our schools. The outing is particularly special as we honor Bert Barnes and Dave Bechtel, who were long-time inspirations to our school district due to their contributions.

We invite you to participate in this event by either playing in the Golf-A-Rama or becoming a sponsor. Your support will make a significant impact on our students' lives and their academic and athletic pursuits.

To learn more about becoming a sponsor, please contact LaVonda Corner at lcorner@mthcs.org.

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope to see you at the Golf-A-Rama!



### 59<sup>th</sup> Barnes-Bechtel Golf-A-Rama Sunday June, 11, 2023

**Tee-off at 1:00 PM  
Please arrive by 12:30 pm**

**4-Person Best Ball Scramble - Shotgun Start**

**Food, Drink and Prizes immediately following golf**

**Cost: \$100 per person (includes greens fees, carts, food and drinks)  
The fee also includes a donation to our scholarship fund.**

**Other donations welcome**

Fairfield City Golf Course - South Trace  
2200 John Gray Road  
Fairfield, OH 45014

**Please return this form with your check or cash by Friday, June 2, 2023.  
Please make checks payable to Mt. Healthy City Schools and send to:  
Mt. Healthy City Schools c/o LaVonda Corner at 7615 Harrison Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45231  
Call 728-4443 to pay by Credit Card**

**Name in your Foursome**

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# ATTENDANCE



At the end of March, we reviewed our attendance data and found that 816 students (28.16%) had a 95% or better attendance rate for the year! To achieve this level, a student must miss no more than one day per month on average! Is your student's attendance at 95% or better? Our 2nd Graders had the highest attendance rate, with 40.1% at the 95% or better level. Congratulation 2nd Graders! Research shows students who fall below 90% attendance are at higher risk of academic deficits and eventually dropping out of school. How can parents help? Make sure your child is in school every possible day, and only absent for excusable reasons. Let's finish the school year strong and be in school "Everyday in May!"

# Chick Adventures: Mt. Healthy Students Care for Feathery Friends



We have some exciting news to share! Teacher Julie Wakefield's classroom has welcomed some new friends - 6 adorable chicks from Tikkun Farm!

Over the next few weeks, students will be providing basic care for the chicks and socializing them. They will also be introducing the chicks to the outdoors during grade level recess with the help of our "Chicken Tenders".

The class will be documenting the chicks' growth and changes through weekly observations, written notes, drawings, and pictures. We can't wait to see how much they grow and develop over the next few months!

Thank you, Tikkun Farm, for giving us the opportunity to foster these cute little creatures. Stay tuned for more updates on our feathered friends!

# Spring Arts Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended the Spring Ed/Arts Fair at Mt. Healthy City Schools! We had an incredible turnout and the event was a huge success. We loved seeing so many members of our community come together to celebrate education and the arts.



# ELC's Multicultural Celebration: A Vibrant Tribute to China & Mexico



On Thursday, April 20th, the ELC hosted a multicultural celebration representing China and Mexico. Artifacts from both countries were displayed for families to view. Students and families had the opportunity to create ornamental fans and paint rocks to represent China, and they also made a traditional Mexican beverage called Aguas Frescas.

A special thanks goes to Keilah Garay, our EL teacher, and Daniela Gutierrez, the family and community liaison, for teaching eight of our students the Mexican Baile Folklorico. The students performed twice for the school community, culminating in all families dancing together at the end.

The event was made even more special with traditional steak and chicken tacos, chips and salsa, dumplings, and fried rice for families to enjoy. A huge thank you to Marisol Pineda, one of our students' mothers, who assisted Ms. Gutierrez with the event.

## Alumni Shares Cycling Expertise and Passion for Charity with South's Bicycle Club

We had a special guest, Ben Adams, a 2005 Mt. Healthy graduate, come speak to the South Bicycle Club. Ben shared his passion for cycling and his commitment to support the National Multiple Sclerosis Society through his Bike MS ride. Last summer, he completed the 50 mile ride and he is currently training for the 75 mile ride this summer. He brought his road bike and mountain bike, as well as some of his equipment, to show the students. Ben even led the club through a demonstration of how to change the inner tube on their bikes. Our students were able to get a close up look at his bikes and ask questions. Thank you, Ben, for sharing your knowledge and experience with us!





## P&G Partners with Mt. Healthy Early Learning Center for Snack & Learn Event

P&G came over to our Early Learning Center to do a Snack & Learn event! They packed snack bags for every single kid and then read a story to each of our kindergarten classrooms. Our little ones had a blast and learned so much from our community partners at P&G. Thank you, P&G, for making our

## 5th Grade Band Sign Up



<https://bit.ly/mthband23>



## North Elementary's 2nd Graders Hatch 33 Chicks: A Lesson in Science and Care



We are thrilled to announce that the 2nd grade classes at North Elementary have successfully hatched 33 chickens!

For 21 days, our amazing students diligently flipped the eggs 3 times a day and carefully monitored the temperature and humidity in the incubator. And their hard work paid off as they were able to witness the miracle of life and watch these cute little chicks hatch before their eyes.

Not only did they learn about the science behind incubation, but they also had a blast playing with their new feathered friends. We are so proud of our North Elementary students and the wonderful teachers who made this experience possible.



VACCINES	FALL 2023 Immunizations for School Attendance
<b>DTaP/DT Tdap/Td</b> Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis	<b>K-12</b> Four or more doses of DTaP or DT, or any combination. If all four doses were given <i>before the fourth birthday</i> , a fifth dose is <i>required</i> . If the fourth dose was administered at least six months after the third dose, and on or after the fourth birthday, a fifth dose is not required.*  <b>Grade 7-12</b> One dose of Tdap vaccine must be administered on or after the tenth birthday. **
<b>POLIO</b>	<b>K-12</b> Three or more doses of IPV. The <i>FINAL</i> dose must be administered on or after the fourth birthday, regardless of the number of previous doses.***
<b>MMR</b> Measles, Mumps, Rubella	<b>K-12</b> Two doses of MMR. The first dose must be administered on or after the first birthday. The second dose must be administered at least 28 days after the first dose.
<b>HEP B</b> Hepatitis B	<b>K-12</b> Three doses of hepatitis B. The second dose must be administered at least 28 days after the first dose. The third dose must be given at least 16 weeks after the first dose and at least eight weeks after the second dose. The last dose in the series (third or fourth dose) must not be administered before age 24 weeks.
<b>VARICELLA</b> (Chickenpox)	<b>K-12</b> Two doses of varicella vaccine must be administered prior to entry. The first dose must be administered on or after the first birthday. The second dose should be administered at least three months after the first dose; however, if the second dose is administered at least 28 days after the first dose, it is considered valid.
<b>MCV4</b> Meningococcal	<b>Grade 7</b> One dose of meningococcal (serogroup A, C, W, and Y) vaccine must be administered on or after the tenth birthday.  <b>Grade 12</b> Two doses of MCV4. Second dose on or after age 16 years. If the first dose was given on or after the 16th birthday, only one dose is required. ****

**NOTES:**

- Vaccine should be administered according to the most recent version of the *Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for ages 18 years or younger* or the *Catch-up immunization schedule for persons aged four months-18 years who start late or who are more than one month behind*, as published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Schedules are available for print or download through [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedule/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedule/index.html).
- Vaccine doses administered less than or equal to four days before the minimum interval or age are valid (grace period). Doses administered greater than or equal to five days earlier than the minimum interval or age are not valid doses and should be repeated when age appropriate. If MMR and varicella are **not** given on the same day, the doses **must** be separated by at least 28 days with no grace period.
- For additional information, please refer to the [Ohio Revised Code 3313.67](#) and [3313.671](#) for school attendance and the [ODH Director's Journal Entry](#) on required vaccines for child care and school. These documents list required and recommended immunizations and indicate exemptions to immunizations.
- Please contact the Ohio Department of Health Immunization Program at 800-282-0546 or 614-466-4643 with questions or concerns.**

\* Recommended DTaP or DT minimum intervals for kindergarten students are four weeks between the first and second doses, and the second and third doses; and six months between the third and fourth doses and the fourth and fifth doses. If a fifth dose is administered prior to the fourth birthday, a sixth dose is recommended but not required.

\*\* Tdap can be given regardless of the interval since the last tetanus or diphtheria-toxoid containing vaccine. Children age seven years or older with an incomplete history of DTaP should be given Tdap as the first dose in the catch-up series. If the series began at age seven to nine years, the fourth dose must be a Tdap given at age 11-12 years. If the third dose of Tdap is given at age 10 years, no additional dose is needed at age 11-12 years.

\*\*\* The final polio dose in the IPV series must be administered at age four years or older with at least six months between the final and previous dose. Only trivalent OPV (tOPV) counts toward the U.S. vaccination requirements. Doses of OPV administered before April 1, 2016, should be counted (unless specifically noted as administered during a campaign). Doses of OPV administered on or after April 1, 2016, should not be counted. If any combination of IPV and OPV was received, four doses of either vaccine are required.

\*\*\*\* Recommended MCV4 minimum interval of at least eight weeks between the first and second doses. If the first dose of MCV4 was administered on or after the sixteenth birthday, a second dose is not required. If a pupil is in twelfth grade and is 15-years-old or younger, only one dose is required. Currently, there are no school entry requirements for meningococcal B vaccine.

Last updated 12/15/2022

**All students entering 7th grade are required to have one (1) dose of Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) booster and one (1) dose of MCV4 (Meningococcal) vaccine BEFORE the start of 7th grade.**

**This is also a requirement for new students in grades 8 through 11**

**All students entering 12th grade are required to have two (2) doses of the MCV4 (Meningococcal) vaccine BEFORE the start of 12th grade. This second dose must be administered on or after the 16th birthday. (If the first dose was given on or after the 16th birthday, a second dose is not required).**