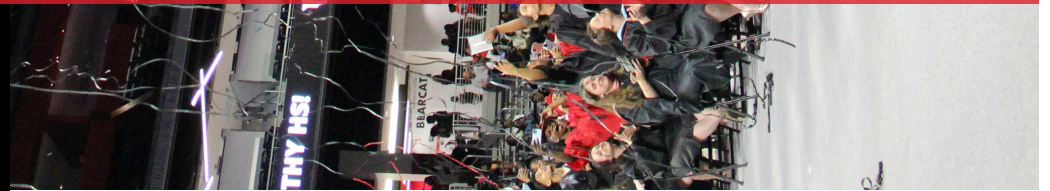


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Welcome to the Traversa Ride 360 App!

The Traversa Ride 360 mobile app brings you enhanced convenience and peace of mind when it comes to your child's transportation. Simply create an account and you'll be directly linked to their transportation details.

KEY FEATURES

- Real-Time Tracking: Stay informed about last-minute changes to your child's bus schedule and track the bus and your child's location in real-time.
- Transportation Request Status: Check the approval status of transportation requests at your convenience.
- No More Paper Passes: Embrace digital convenience as everything is now managed through Traversa Ride 360.

The app also provides secure access to student routing information, current bus location, and bus paths.

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HOMEGROWN HEROES: KIM SMITH

Coming Home to Make a Difference



Kim Smith's journey in education is a unique one, rooted in her deep connection to the Mt. Healthy School District. Although she never attended classes in Mt. Healthy herself, her path led her to become an integral part of the district's community, leaving a lasting impact on students and staff alike.

After graduating from Diamond Oaks in 1984, Kim began her career at Great Oaks in 1989, working in various positions ranging from receptionist to campus secretary. It was during her time at Diamond Oaks, where Mt. Healthy students also attended, that she felt a special connection with them. Sharing her own Mt. Healthy background with the students created an immediate sense of excitement and kinship.

However, it was when Kim had the opportunity to work at the Mt. Healthy School District that she truly felt like she had come back home. After 33 years at Great Oaks, the chance to return to her roots in the district where she had always belonged was a calling she couldn't ignore. Since joining the Mt. Healthy School District two years ago, Kim has embraced her role with a renewed sense of purpose and dedication. Every day, Kim walks into work with a clear mission: to make a difference for the staff, students, and parents of the Mt. Healthy School District. Her passion and commitment to her work are evident in the way she approaches her responsibilities, always striving to create a positive impact in the lives of those she serves.

Reflecting on her 35 years in education, Kim marvels at the countless students she has influenced and the swift passage of time. From the moment she walked across the stage in her red graduation gown at Miami University's Millett Hall in 1984, she never could have predicted the profound effect her career would have on the lives of others. For Kim, the satisfaction comes from knowing that every day brings an opportunity to shape and improve the educational experience for the Mt. Healthy community. Her dedication and commitment serve as an inspiration to both her colleagues and the students she interacts with, as she continues to leave an indelible mark on the district she proudly calls home.

Kim Smith's story is a testament to the power of coming back to one's roots, finding purpose, and making a difference in the lives of others. Her journey, from being a Diamond Oaks graduate to becoming an invaluable member of the Mt. Healthy School District, exemplifies the spirit of Homegrown Heroes, and the unwavering commitment to excellence that defines the district's community.





DRESS CODE



THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR A STUDENT'S ATTIRE RESIDES WITH THE STUDENT AND PARENTS OR GUARDIANS. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEING THAT STUDENT ATTIRE DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF ANY STUDENT AND THAT STUDENT ATTIRE DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE TO A HOSTILE OR INTIMIDATING ATMOSPHERE FOR ANY STUDENT. ALL STUDENTS AT MT. HEALTHY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW THE APPROVED DRESS CODE. OUR DRESS CODE PHILOSOPHY FOR MT. HEALTHY CITY SCHOOL STUDENTS:

- ENCOURAGES STUDENTS' SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELL-BEING;
- REDUCES THE POSSIBILITY OF DISRUPTION OR INTERFERENCE WITH THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS;
- PROVIDES PROTECTION FOR ALL STUDENTS AGAINST INFLAMMATORY SITUATIONS. THEREFORE STUDENTS CANNOT WEAR CLOTHES OR ACCESSORIES WITH:
 - VIOLENT, SEXUAL, OR RACIST LANGUAGE OR IMAGES.
 - IMAGES OR LANGUAGE DEPICTING DRUGS OR ALCOHOL (OR ANY ILLEGAL FOR MINORS ITEM OR ACTIVITY) OR THE USE OF THE SAME.
 - HATE SPEECH, PROFANITY, SEXUALIZATION, PORNOGRAPHY, OR GANG-RELATED AFFILIATIONS/LOGOS/IMAGES.
 - IMAGES OR LANGUAGE THAT CREATE A HOSTILE OR INTIMIDATING ENVIRONMENT BASED ON ANY PROTECTED CLASS.

APPROPRIATE DRESS MEANS THAT CLOTHING IS CLEAN, APPROPRIATELY SIZED, SAFE, AND DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS AS OUTLINED BELOW:

POLO, COLLARED, OR NON-COLLARED SHIRT WITH SLEEVES



PANTS, SHORTS, AND SKIRTS MUST BE WORN AT THE APPROPRIATE WAIST LEVEL. SKIRTS AND SHORTS MUST REACH MID-THIGH.



SHOES MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES, HAVE A HEEL STRAP OR CLOSED HEEL, AND A HEEL HEIGHT OF NOT MORE THAN 2 INCHES.



ADDITIONAL EXPECTATIONS

- OUTER GARMENTS: HOODIES/COATS MAY BE WORN DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. HOODS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE WORN ON THE HEAD WHILE IN THE SCHOOL BUILDING.
- SLIPPERS, SLIDES, AND FLIP-FLOPS ARE NOT PERMITTED
- PAJAMA/FLANNEL PANTS ARE NOT PERMITTED
- UNDERGARMENTS SHOULD NOT BE VISIBLE AT ANY TIME
- HATS, HEAD COVERINGS, HOODS AND SUNGLASSES ARE NOT PERMITTED. HEAD COVERINGS FOR RELIGIOUS REASONS MAY BE WORN.
- HOLES/TEARS IN PANTS WHERE THE SKIN IS EXPOSED MUST BE BELOW MID-THIGH
- LEGGINGS, JEGGINGS, AND OTHER COMPRESSION-STYLE GARMENTS MAY BE WORN SO LONG AS A NONTRANSPARENT TOP GARMENT COVERS TO MID-THIGH.





CHEERLEADERS SOAR TO VICTORY AT UCA CAMP 2023!

We're happy to share the outstanding achievements of our Mt. Healthy Owls cheerleading squad at the UCA Camp 2023! The performance was impressive as our talented cheerleaders made their mark and brought home a plethora of accolades!

4th Place Sideline Game Day Routine: Our Owls demonstrated their skills, earning a well-deserved 4th place in the sideline game day routine! The hard work put into their performance was evident, and they truly shined on the stage!

2 Blue Superior Ribbons: Not just one, but TWO Blue Superior ribbons were awarded to our squad in both the Game Day and Camp Routine categories!

Pin-it Forward Recipients: Our cheerleaders aren't just exceptional athletes; they're also amazing individuals with big hearts! Forward recipients in our squad this year: Grace Young and Jamya Cooper!

Spirit Sticks: The Owls' vibrant spirit and infectious enthusiasm were on full display, earning them two Spirit Sticks! The energy and positivity they brought to the UCA Camp truly set them apart, and we couldn't be prouder of their team camaraderie!

Three All-Americans: Three of our incredible cheerleaders have been honored as All-Americans! Congratulations to Grace Young, Teajah Little, and Brianna Anderson for this outstanding achievement!

The Mt. Healthy Owls cheerleading squad has set the bar high with their performance at UCA Camp 2023! We want to extend our gratitude to our dedicated coaches, families, and supporters for their encouragement and belief in the team.



GUIDING THE WHEELS OF SAFETY AND CARE AT MT. HEALTHY CITY SCHOOLS



Heather Bakkar, the Transportation Director at Mt. Healthy City School District, possesses a profound dedication to the safety and well-being of students under her care. With over 19 years of experience in the field of transportation, Heather's journey began at the young age of 23, following in the footsteps of her mother, who retired as a driver from the same district. Heather's connection to Mt. Healthy City Schools runs deep. As an alumna of the district herself, she grew up in Mt. Healthy, attended school there, and currently resides in the community. Building upon her family legacy and driven by a desire to serve her community, Heather found her calling in the transportation department.

In her role as the Transportation Director, Heather ensures the safe transportation of students, but she also goes beyond that. Her responsibilities encompass motivating and counseling her staff, monitoring their progress, and addressing their needs. She recognizes that drivers face a unique challenge — they have a mobile class of students, each with different needs and ages, seated behind them in the rearview mirror. Heather's focus is on preparing and supporting her drivers to handle this significant responsibility with care and compassion.

Safety and efficiency are paramount in the transportation services provided by Mt. Healthy City Schools. Heather instills two mottos in her team that serve as their moral compass: "Safety is an attitude, it's not what we do, it is who we are," and "We do the right thing because it's the right thing to do." These mottos reinforce the unwavering commitment to ensuring the well-being of every student in their care. Under Heather's leadership, the transportation department continuously strives to enhance services within the district. Monthly trainings on various safety and logistical topics are conducted, ensuring ongoing skill development and proficiency. Heather emphasizes that safety is not merely a task but an attitude, a core value that defines their actions.

Effective communication is vital for maintaining a strong relationship with parents, students, and staff members. Heather maintains an open-door policy, and designated staff members are available to address communications and responsibilities promptly. Drivers are encouraged to communicate with parents during stops, pick-ups, and drop-offs, forging personal connections within the community. Living and working in the same community, transportation staff often frequent the same stores as the students and attend their events, creating a sense of familiarity and trust.

Heather believes in celebrating the achievements of students. Drivers play a pivotal role by recognizing students who demonstrate good behavior, commendable actions, and accomplishments. They arrange transportation for students to attend graduation ceremonies and highlight birthdays. A group called "Bus Lot Babies" takes pride in engaging with students beyond transportation, showing their unwavering support. Throughout her tenure, Heather has witnessed numerous acts of kindness and generosity from her transportation staff. These include training drivers in other districts, volunteering to drive for different locations, and providing assistance to families in need, whether through donations or support during difficult times.

To be a successful Transportation Director, Heather emphasizes the importance of patience, grace, organization, and multitasking. Her leadership embodies these qualities, ensuring that the transportation department operates smoothly while maintaining a strong focus on student safety and well-being. Heather continues to inspire her team to go above and beyond their duties, delivering students safely and fostering a caring environment within Mt. Healthy City Schools.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL FUN WITH FUTURE FIRST GRADERS!

We're happy to share moments from the Ice Cream Social organized by amazing Kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Hoyle and Miss Sabrina! These adorable kiddos recently graduated from Kindergarten at the ELC in May, and they're now all set to take on their new adventure as First Graders at North and South Elementary!

The Mt. Healthy Dairy Bar served as the perfect place for a little reunion, as the kids and teachers enjoyed ice cream treats together. A big thank you to Mrs. Hoyle and Miss Sabrina for organizing this get-together. Your dedication and love for our students shine through, making their learning journey truly special.

As we continue to enjoy the summer break stay safe, cherish the moments, and get ready for an amazing new school year ahead!



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EXCITING NEWS FOR MTHCS FAMILIES! JOIN US FOR AN END OF SUMMER BASH ON AUGUST 11TH!



END OF SUMMER BASH!!

SPONSORED BY: MT. HEALTHY CITY SCHOOLS

Join us on
Friday, August 11th
5:30pm-7:30pm
Location: JH/HS Campus

Marching Band
performance at
7:00!

Grab a yummy treat such as shaved ice,
popcorn, and hotdogs! Come jump in the
bounce house or play cornhole!

Gather information from our
Wellness Center, Gear Up,
Upward Bound plus MORE!

We hope you've been having a fantastic summer! We're excited to announce our first district-wide event, the End of Summer Bash, happening on Friday, August 11th, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the Mt. Healthy Jr/Sr High School (8101 Hamilton Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45231).

Our 2023 Leadership Academy Committee is dedicated to providing valuable resources to our students and parents at no cost.

Here's what you can expect at the End of Summer Bash:

Explore Vendors, Organizations, and Businesses: Discover a wealth of resources that will empower and enrich your family's life. From educational support to community services, there's something for everyone.

Fun-filled Activities for Kids: We haven't forgotten about the little ones! Let your kids bounce away on bouncy houses, test their aim in cornhole games, enjoy popcorn, cotton candy, shaved ice, and grilled hotdogs!

High School Marching Band Performance: At 7:00 PM, our talented high school Marching Band will take the stage, treating us to a memorable musical performance.

See the flyer that highlights details and important information about the event!

Mark your calendars, and don't miss this opportunity to come together, enjoy the end of summer, and make unforgettable memories as a Mt. Healthy family. We can't wait to see you on August 11th!

HOMEGROWN HEROES: DIANA RIEMENSCHNEIDER

In the tight-knit community of Mt. Healthy, there are remarkable individuals who epitomize the spirit of dedication and service. Today, we shine a spotlight on Diana Riemenschneider, a true homegrown hero who has left an indelible mark on the district. From her early years as a coach and teacher to her current role as assistant principal at the junior high, her journey is a testament to her commitment to the students, staff, and families of Mt. Healthy.

Mrs. Riemenschneider's journey within the Mt. Healthy School District began in 1999 when she stepped into the role of a 7th-grade math teacher at North Middle School. In addition to teaching, she quickly found her niche as the head coach, leading the varsity volleyball team to two league championships and earning two Coach of the Year honors. Her coaching prowess extended to middle school basketball, where she honed her ability to motivate and guide young athletes. Over the years, Diana embraced various roles within the district, including teaching 6th grade at Duvall Elementary and South Elementary, and 8th-grade math at the middle school where she was nominated for Teacher of the Year. Her commitment and dedication to the students led her to take on responsibilities as team leader and the assistant athletic director. Fueling her desire to make a greater impact, she pursued a master's degree in educational leadership, which paved the way for her administrative roles, including Dean of Students and Assistant Principal at the high school.

Diana's decision to pursue a career in education stemmed from a passion for teaching and mentoring. During her high school years, she served as a peer tutor, imparting knowledge and leadership skills to sixth-grade students. This experience ignited her love for teaching and shaped her approach to supporting students at Mt. Healthy. Her diverse roles as a coach, teacher, administrator, and athletic director have provided her with a unique perspective and a deep understanding of the needs of students in and out of the classroom. As a longtime member of the Mt. Healthy community, Diana finds immense reward in witnessing the growth and success of her students. The loyalty and investment shown by the students, families, and staff in the district have created a community where support and encouragement thrive.

Recently, she made the decision to transition from the role of athletic director to assistant principal at the junior high. This change was driven by her desire to spend more time with her family, which includes her two high school twin boys and a daughter attending college. By returning to her roots in education and working closely with students on a daily basis, she can now support her children's athletic endeavors while maintaining a fulfilling professional career. Mrs. Riemenschneider understands the importance of building strong connections with students and staff. By taking the time to get to know individuals on a personal level, she fosters relationships that go beyond the administrative duties she carries. Her commitment to maintaining a positive and inclusive environment ensures that every student feels supported and empowered to achieve their full potential.

Throughout her educational journey, she has encountered challenges, particularly in managing a demanding workload. However, she has learned to focus on what she can control and find balance within her sphere of influence. By prioritizing her tasks and leading with a positive mindset, she overcomes obstacles and inspires those around her to do the same.

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UPDATE ENROLLMENT FORMS FOR ALL STUDENTS



IMPORTANT: UPDATE ENROLLMENT FORMS FOR ALL STUDENTS

We hope this message finds you well. As we gear up for the upcoming academic year, we are excited to welcome both new and returning students to Mt. Healthy City Schools. To ensure a smooth enrollment process and maintain up-to-date records, we require that all parents/guardians complete the necessary enrollment forms for their children.

If you have already received an email from us containing a link to update your child's enrollment forms or you are enrolling for the first time, please proceed to complete the forms using that link. If you have not received the email, we urge you to reach out to our enrollment department for further assistance or access the enrollment forms directly through this link:

<https://www.mthcs.org/o/mhcs/page/enrollment>

Enrollment forms must be updated to ensure your child's transition into the new academic year. We understand the importance of accurate and up-to-date information and appreciate your cooperation in this process.

As an incentive for early completion of the enrollment forms, we are excited to announce that all students who have completed their forms by August 1st will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a \$100 gift card! This is our way of showing appreciation for your proactive engagement in the enrollment process.

If you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our enrollment department at 513-729-0077. The enrollment team is available Monday through Friday from 8am-4pm. Thank you for your cooperation, and we look forward to another successful academic year together at Mt. Healthy City Schools!

WELCOME CENTER



Welcome back to another exciting academic year filled with learning, growth, and cherished memories. We invite you to explore our "Welcome Center" on our website, your one-stop destination for all things related to enrollment and important resources for the upcoming school year.

On the "Welcome Center" page, you'll find essential enrollment information, including easy-to-access forms like the CEP Lunch and Breakfast Program, Fee Waiver, and Household Income Survey. Ensuring your child's smooth enrollment process is just a click away!

Additionally, we've compiled comprehensive Supply Lists by Building, so you can start preparing your little ones with the necessary tools for success.

Our commitment to the well-being of our students and their families extends beyond the classroom. That's why the "Welcome Center" also provides details about the Services Offered, including our exceptional Healthy Start and Healthy Families initiative. Ensuring that your children are well-nourished and supported throughout the year is a priority for us.

Last but not least, you'll find a wealth of resources that include the School Menu and the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar. Stay informed about what's cooking in the cafeteria and important dates for the school year!

Visit the "Welcome Center" today at <https://www.mthcs.org/page/back-to-school-hub> and let us help you kickstart this academic year on a positive note! If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to our dedicated team. We're here to support you every step of the way.

NEW BASKETBALL COACH JEROME NELSON

Mt. Healthy City Schools is pleased to announce the appointment of Coach Jerome D. Nelson as the new varsity basketball coach. Coach Nelson, a Cincinnati native, brings a wealth of experience and a passion for coaching basketball to his new role.

Coach Jerome Nelson's basketball journey began at Princeton City Schools, where he attended high school. After graduating in 2005, he continued his education and basketball career at Post Grad - Harmony Prep School in 2006, earning an athletic scholarship to Iowa Central Community College. Following two successful years at Iowa Central CC, Coach Nelson achieved his goal of receiving an athletic scholarship to Minnesota State University-Moorhead, a NCAA Division II school.

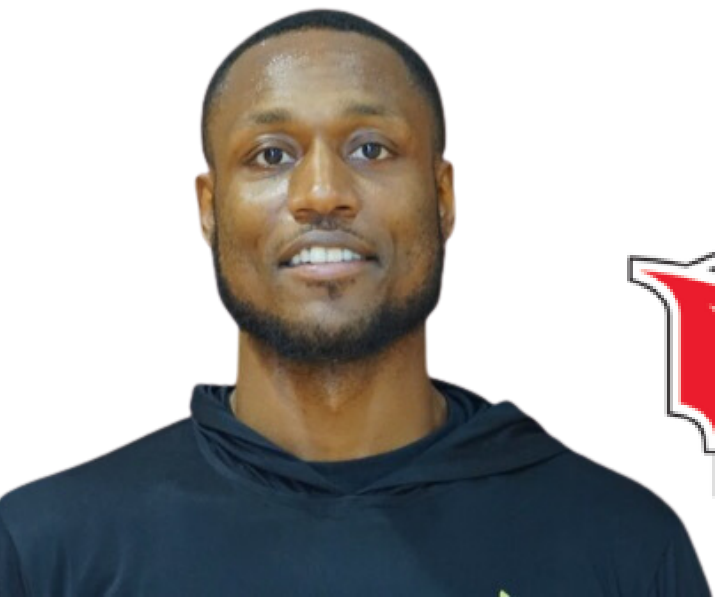
During his time at Minnesota State University-Moorhead, Coach Nelson demonstrated exceptional skills and leadership on the court. He achieved the highest single-season 3pt Field Goal Percentage (47%), and his outstanding performance earned him the nomination as Team Captain. Additionally, he received the Team Coaches Award and the Team Most Improved Player Award in 2009.

Returning to his hometown of Cincinnati, Coach Nelson dedicated the past 10 years to coaching basketball and sharing his knowledge, experiences, and expertise with players at various levels. He has coached and trained athletes in middle school, high school, and college, while also serving as an AAU Basketball Program Director, sports performance coach, and scout/evaluator. Coach Nelson's commitment to community service was recognized when he received The Urban League Young Professionals of Greater Southwestern Ohio Honors Award in 2018.

Throughout his coaching career, Coach Nelson has successfully connected numerous student-athletes to college opportunities. He has served as an assistant coach at Princeton High School, Aiken High School, and Miami University-Hamilton, as well as the Head AAU Director/Coach. Under his mentorship, hundreds of student-athletes have developed important values such as sacrifice, patience, focus, effort, discipline, respect, and commitment—values that Coach Nelson believes are essential for success both on and off the court.

Currently, Coach Nelson serves as the Owner/Head Player Development Coach for JD House Of Hoopers, a program committed to player and character development for passionate student-athletes in basketball. Coach Jerome Nelson is supported by his wife, Deanna Owens-Nelson, and their four children—Jaida (8), Jade (4), Tanner (17), and Jaylen (16).

"We are thrilled to have Coach Jerome Nelson join our team at Mt. Healthy City Schools," said Athletic Director Terell Davis. "His extensive experience, dedication, and commitment to student-athlete development align perfectly with our values and vision for our basketball program. We believe Coach Nelson will have a positive impact on our students both on and off the court, and we look forward to a successful season ahead."



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EMPOWERING DREAMS: MT. HEALTHY STUDENTS' JOURNEY TO WASHINGTON D.C.



Shoutout to our amazing Mt. Healthy students!

Our college-bound 9-12th graders had an incredible opportunity to visit Washington D.C. with Cincinnati State Upward Bound for their annual college tour! We couldn't be prouder of how well they represented our school and community during their visit to the White House! Way to go!

Check out this photo from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, looking out over the reflecting pool.

Parents and students, if you're interested in joining Cincinnati State Upward Bound next year and attending future college tours, don't miss out on this life-changing opportunity! This program is open to college-bound students from 9th to 12th grade, who will be the first in their family to attend college.

Huge thanks to Academic Specialist Allyson Knue for capturing these unforgettable moments! Let's continue empowering our students to achieve their dreams!

OPEN COURTS FOR VOLLEYBALL FROM MONDAY-THURSDAY 3:15-5:15 UNTIL AUGUST 10TH FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING.





Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students access learning opportunities and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job. Families can also advocate for resources to help students learn if they cannot attend in-person.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make school attendance a priority

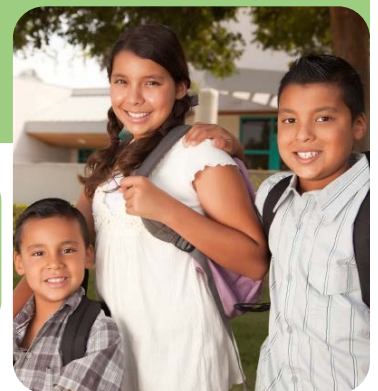
- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your teen maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.
- Keep your student healthy, and if you are concerned about Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your teens must stay home because they are sick or in quarantine, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes, and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your teens are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor your teen's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your teen to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Notice and support your students if they are showing signs of anxiety.

Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties.
- Check on your teen's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up.
- Seek help from school staff, other parents or community agencies if you need support.



INSPIRING STUDENTS ON AND OFF THE COURT

Ciara Miller's journey in education and coaching is deeply rooted in her experience as a student at Mt. Healthy City Schools. Her formative years in the district shaped her path and fueled her passion to become an educator and coach who makes a difference. During her time as a student, Ciara was inspired by her teachers, who created a positive and nurturing environment that made her love school. Their strong relationships and camaraderie inspired her to pursue a teaching career. Additionally, her love for volleyball and the support she received from her coaches during her middle and high school years further fueled her desire to guide and motivate young athletes.

As a teacher and coach, Ciara is driven by her students and players. Their growth and success are her ultimate motivations. She sets high expectations and works with them to achieve their goals, believing that every choice they make now will impact their future. By emphasizing the importance of foundational skills and the interconnectedness of knowledge, Ciara instills in her students a sense of purpose and the belief that they can achieve their dreams.

Memorable moments for Ciara come from watching her students and players grow, witnessing them conquer challenges and attain their goals. Being part of their journey and knowing that she has played a role in their growth is immensely rewarding. What Ciara finds most rewarding about being an educator and coach in the Mt. Healthy community is the opportunity to build lasting relationships with her students and their families. As an alumna of Mt. Healthy, she deeply understands the community's values and the power of collective impact.

Balancing her responsibilities as a teacher and coach requires organization and proactive time management. Ciara encourages her players to prioritize their studies and use their time wisely, ensuring they have a healthy balance between academics and athletics. In both the classroom and on the field, Ciara fosters a positive learning environment. She believes that mistakes are proof of effort and encourages her students and players to try their best and support one another. By creating a safe space for learning, she helps students embrace new experiences and develop their character.

Guided by the #WORTHY initiative, Ciara's teaching and coaching approach is rooted in values and characteristics that acknowledge and celebrate the uniqueness of each student and player. She strives to cultivate their wonder, ownership, resilience, tenacity, honor, and sense of self-worth. Beyond academics and athletics, Ciara contributes to the overall growth and development of her students by emphasizing good character. Kindness, empathy, compassion, and other essential traits are nurtured to help students become respectful members of society.

Looking ahead, Ciara's aspirations and goals include continuous personal and professional growth. She is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction with a focus on Multicultural Education at Miami University. Her dedication to learning and becoming the best teacher possible underscores her commitment to the students of Mt. Healthy City Schools.

Ciara Miller exemplifies what it means to be a Homegrown Hero. Her unwavering dedication, passion for teaching and coaching, and commitment to the growth and success of her students have made a profound impact in the Mt. Healthy community. Her journey is a testament to the transformative power of education and the lasting influence of exceptional educators.



MT. HEALTHY IS HIRING!

Job Opportunities at Mt. Healthy City Schools! Join our dedicated team and make a difference in students' lives! There are more position available, use the QR code for most updated list.

North Elementary:

5th Grade ELA/Social Studies Teacher

5th Grade Math/Science Teacher

6th Grade Math/Science Teacher

South Elementary:

Spanish Teacher - Mt. Healthy City Schools is searching for a skilled Spanish Teacher to join South Elementary. If you're fluent in Spanish and have a passion for teaching, this could be your dream role. Share your knowledge and ignite students' interest in a global language. Apply today!

High School:

Math Teacher - Attention math experts! Mt. Healthy City Schools is looking for a qualified Math Teacher to join our high school faculty. If you have a deep understanding of mathematics and a talent for engaging students in this subject, we want to hear from you. Help students unlock their potential in the world of numbers. Apply now!

Visit our website to learn more about these positions and apply today using the QR code below.



ELC PRINCIPAL JAYNE SAYERS-GOEDDE: LEADING WITH DEDICATION AND COMPASSION

At the heart of the Mt. Healthy Early Learning Center (ELC) stands a passionate leader, Jayne Sayers-Goedde, who becomes the principal this year. She has devoted her life to shaping the future of young minds. Her journey in education has been filled with determination, compassion, and a relentless drive to create a nurturing and inclusive learning environment for all students.

Jayne's educational path began with a strong foundation in her small rural community outside of Dayton before moving to the Cincinnati area. As a dedicated mother of three sons, she volunteered and worked at their elementary school, where her passion for education ignited. Determined to make a lasting impact, Jayne pursued a career in teaching, becoming a preschool intervention specialist in the Northwest Local School District.

Her relentless pursuit of educational excellence led her to acquire a Master's in Education as an Intervention Specialist and earned her reading endorsement and educational leadership certification. Her dedication was recognized when she received the esteemed Distinguished Educator Award, a testament to her commitment to her students and the field of education.

In 2022, Jayne joined the Mt. Healthy School District as the Dean of Students at the ELC. In this role, she embraced her passion for early childhood literacy and became an advocate for creating an enriching learning environment. Her leadership style encourages open communication and collaboration among staff, recognizing the valuable contributions of each team member.

She strongly believes in fostering a strong connection between the school and its surroundings, engaging the local community and families through family events and volunteer opportunities. Jayne's vision as the Principal of the ELC is clear: she aims to ignite a love for learning in her students, recognizing that academic success begins with a strong foundation. By involving everyone, from teachers to families and community members, Jayne is building a collaborative learning community that sets the stage for lifelong learning and growth.

In the hallways of the ELC, Jayne Sayers-Goedde stands as an inspiration to her students, and a driving force behind a nurturing educational journey for the young minds in her care. With her dedication and compassionate leadership, Jayne is a beacon of hope, ensuring that the future generation is well-equipped to conquer any challenges that lie ahead.



CELEBRATING THE EXCEPTIONAL LEADERS OF MT. HEALTHY SCHOOL DISTRICT!

We'd like to show our appreciation to ten remarkable student leaders from Mt. Healthy's GEAR UP program! Recently, they had the incredible opportunity to participate in the prestigious Ohio Youth Leadership Summit held at Bowling Green State University.

The summit united over 90 talented individuals from GEAR UP sites across Ohio, aiming to empower them with essential leadership skills, promote collaboration, and offer a taste of college life.

As you might have guessed, our Mt. Healthy students stood out amongst their peers! Their passion for learning, dedication to leadership, and representation of our school garnered praise from staff at other GEAR UP sites and state officials from the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

We couldn't be prouder of these students and the positive impact they bring to our Mt. Healthy community. They exemplify the true spirit of what it means to be "WORTHY" of the opportunities that come their way.

A special shout-out to the GEAR UP grant and advisor, Morgan Gerber, for making this life-changing experience possible for our students!





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Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-Covid-19 related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness or quarantine, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



CHRONIC ABSENCE
18 or more days



WARNING SIGNS
10 to 17 days



SATISFACTORY
9 or fewer absences

Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

BRINGING ENERGY & EXCITEMENT TO SOUTH ELEMENTARY'S MUSIC PROGRAM!



Meet David Kauffman

Introducing David Kauffman, our incredible music educator at South Elementary! His passion for music has inspired countless students, and we couldn't be more grateful to have him! David's passion for music began in 4th grade when he started playing the saxophone. Since then, he's been on a mission to create a powerful impact on young minds through the wonders of music!

David never stops improving and adding to his teaching toolbox! He's completed Orff training and is part of the Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association, constantly discovering new ways to enhance our music education!

David's class lessons are engaging as he makes learning music a playful and enjoyable experience for our students. Starting with fun folk songs that teach the basics, he then infuses popular music from different genres, making it relatable and exciting for our kids!

Thanks to David's dedication, the South Sonic Society continues to grow and enjoy success as a fun and educational before-school group! They've had concerts, including the famous "Selfies with Santa" where they joined with the Cedarville University Jazz Band, creating memories for everyone!

David has started a tradition that brings parents closer to the student music programs! At the end of each concert, families join students to play a song together, participating in the joyous moments their kids experience in music class.

We asked Mr. Kauffman about any memories that he could share. One remarkable moment stands out for David – when his South Sonic Society flawlessly transposed a song during a concert! Their talent and knowledge were on full display, leaving everyone impressed.

David's dream is to equip every student with enough musical knowledge to succeed in any musical endeavor! He envisions the students of South becoming renowned musicians throughout Cincinnati!

Join us in celebrating our music maestro, David Kauffman!



MT. HEALTHY HIGH SCHOOL



SCHEDULE

STUDENT DROP OFF (DOORS OPEN): 7:05AM

STUDENT START (TARDY BELL): 7:10AM

STUDENT DISMISSAL: 2:30PM

MT. HEALTHY JUNIOR HIGH



SCHEDULE

STUDENT DROP OFF (DOORS OPEN): 7:05AM

STUDENT START (TARDY BELL): 7:10AM

STUDENT DISMISSAL: 2:30PM

MT. HEALTHY SOUTH ELEMENTARY

SCHEDULE

STUDENT DROP OFF (DOORS OPEN): 8:30AM

STUDENT START (TARDY BELL): 8:45AM

STUDENT DISMISSAL: 3:45PM

MT. HEALTHY NORTH ELEMENTARY

SCHEDULE

STUDENT DROP OFF (DOORS OPEN): 8:30AM

STUDENT START (TARDY BELL): 8:45AM

STUDENT DISMISSAL: 3:45PM

MT. HEALTHY EARLY LEARNING CENTER

SCHEDULE

STUDENT DROP OFF (DOORS OPEN): 7:50AM

STUDENT START (TARDY BELL): 8:05AM

STUDENT DISMISSAL: 3:10PM

MT. HEALTHY PRESCHOOL

ELC AM SCHEDULE

STUDENT DROP OFF (DOORS OPEN): 7:50AM

STUDENT START (TARDY BELL): 8:05AM

STUDENT DISMISSAL: 11:05AM

MT. HEALTHY PM PRESCHOOL



ELC PM SCHEDULE

STUDENT DROP OFF (DOORS OPEN): 12:15PM

STUDENT START (TARDY BELL): 12:20PM

STUDENT DISMISSAL: 3:20PM