

PANTHER PROUD

JANUARY 2012 ISSUE 03



MAYOR RECOGNIZES EHS STUDENTS

Teachers recently recommended 36 students who demonstrated outstanding character and work ethic or have shown significant improvements at Euclid High School. These recommended students had the distinct honor of attending the Mayor's Team Breakfast with Mayor Cervenik and their families at the high school. It is the 13th year Euclid's Mayor has taken the time to recognize these students by spending time over breakfast conversing and getting to know some of Euclid's finest students. Speakers at the

event included Assistant Superintendent John Schweitzer and Assistant Principal Steve Hardaway. Each unit principal presented the recognition awards (Grade 9 - Ed Klein, Grade 10-Tajuana Thomas, Grade 11-Anne Obradovich, Grade 12-Robin Hopkins). The school district takes great pride in recognizing these students. Not only do they demonstrate good character, work ethic and personal improvement, they act as an example of the excellent education that can be found at Euclid High School.

NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER KATHY DE'ANGELIS



This past November, Kathy DeAngelis was elected as the newest member of the Euclid Board of Education. Kathy has been a resident of the City of Euclid since 1984. She and her husband, Ezio have children that are Euclid High School Graduates, and has been very involved with the city and schools since the fall of 1990. Most recently Kathy was the treasurer of the high school PTA.

"I am very excited about being a member of the Euclid City Schools Board of Education and am looking forward to all the good things that are happening with Euclid City Schools," commented DeAngelis.



EUCLID SCHOOLS GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

This past holiday season Euclid City Schools worked to reach out and support members of the community in a myriad of ways. Efforts by all buildings contributed to a festive season for many families. Forest Park and Memorial Park Student Council together collected over 2,000 canned food items for the Euclid Hunger Center. A collaboration between the City of Euclid, Hilltop Senior Center, Olivet Baptist Church, the Kermavner family, the Collab staff, YMCA and Euclid High School garnered enough donations to provide over 100 youth with new clothing, 280 youth with new toys, and food baskets to 40 families.

A special dinner was hosted at the Euclid Culinary Bistro for nearly 30 families. Students in the Culinary Arts program prepared a delicious meal of turkeys with all of the traditional trimmings for all

of these families. Santa made an appearance and brought each child in attendance a package of small gifts as well as a Payless Shoe gift card, all made possible by donations from Euclid Hospital and district administrators. The Euclid High School Forté vocal ensemble set the mood by performing seasonal numbers for all in attendance.

Each of these activities demonstrate the caring nature of Euclid students and staff, and how the Euclid City Schools can serve as one of the cornerstones of the Euclid community.



DISTRICT FORCED INTO DIFFICULT CUTS

In November, the voters of Euclid defeated a 5.4 mill levy that would have protected important programs for students. In spite of millions in cuts and concessions from all employees, deep state cuts and failure of Issue 9 have forced the District to make an additional \$1.5 million in cuts.

One of the cuts is a reduction in busing to state minimums: no transportation for high school students, transportation for K-8 students who live two miles or more from their school. District cuts to state minimums have affected nearly 1500 students, while saving the district over \$500,000 annually.

Also slated for reductions are textbook purchases. By delaying textbook adoptions, the district will save nearly \$400,000 annually.

Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, student fees for participation in sports programs will be increased significantly from the current \$75/sport. District officials are in the process of estimating those increases.

Finally, \$500,000 in additional staff cuts will be made this spring.

These cuts are being made because the District cannot operate with a deficit, and revenues have been slashed in Columbus. Without additional revenues, cuts are the only way to balance our budget.

Euclid City Schools
651 East 222nd Street
Euclid, Ohio 44123
p 216.797.2900

Like Us on Facebook
facebook.com/EuclidSchools

Follow us on Twitter
@euclidschools

Subscribe on YouTube
youtube.com/EuclidEDtv

www.euclidschools.org

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Kathy De'Angelis
Angela Lisy
Kent Smith
Donna Sudar
Kay Van Ho

SUPERINTENDENT

Joffrey P. Jones, Ph.D.

TREASURER

Stephen A. Vasek

UPSON ELEMENTARY TUTOR PROGRAM

Approximately 30 kindergarten children at Upson Elementary School began working with tutors on January 10, 2012, to increase their reading skills. The tutoring is offered 30 minutes twice a week through Euclid's partnership with the Literacy Cooperative.

The STEP (Supporting Tutors Engaging Pupils) program is a volunteer based initiative developed by the Literacy Cooperative and community literacy partners. The approach is research-based, and the children are tested regularly to monitor their progress. The tutoring sessions will help students in the areas of fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, word knowledge, alphabetic principle and decoding skills, and writing. The tutors engage the children in conversation as they reread familiar books, read new books, and work on individual skills in each session.

This is a unique program for the children of Upson. It offers an opportunity to build strong foundations for them, as they begin their school lives. The time and talent shared by the tutors is a gift to the Euclid children.



3rd GRADE OAA READING TEST SCORES DISTRICT SEES IMPROVEMENT

In October, all students in the third grade took the Grade 3 Reading Achievement Assessment. This test measures the end-of-year academic standards and Euclid's results are more than promising. The average score increased five points from 387 to 392 and the number of students passing at proficient or above increased by 11%. Further, five of our six buildings achieved increases in the numbers of students passing.

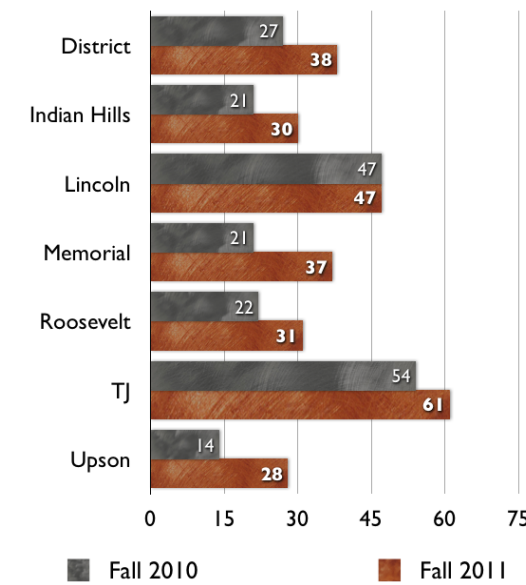
Each year third grade students have two opportunities to take the Grade 3 Reading Achievement Test. Only students scoring at the highest level (Advanced) will not be required to take the test a second time. The higher of the two scores will then be used in calculations for the school and district report cards.

Achievement in reading has been a focused target of the schools in recent years. These increases are truly a testament to the tireless work of our teachers, reading coaches and administrators over the past 18 months. The adoption of a new reading series and a focus on teacher collaboration to better student achievement is beginning to show up in our results.

When these third grade students have an opportunity to take Grade 3 Ohio Reading

Achievement Assessment again in May the district expects to see even greater increases.

3rd Grade OAA Reading Scores



HIGH SCHOOL READING MARATHON

This spring, Euclid High School students will have the opportunity to participate in a "Reading Marathon," designed to help them embrace both reading and fitness. For 26 straight school days, students will read for 30 minutes and walk one mile, thus simulating a marathon. Teachers and other school staff will work to monitor and encourage their progress.

Michelle McGarry, a science teacher at EHS and an accomplished marathon runner, developed the program. She explains, "Both exercise and reading are passions of mine. Too many times, our students start to lose their focus in the spring. This program will provide a support network to encourage our kids to engage in two great activities."

Students will have the opportunity to earn incentives as they complete portions of the marathon. Local businesses are sponsoring giveaways such as pedometers, t-shirts, nutritious meals, and other items which will encourage a lifestyle of fitness. Those looking to make donations to the event, can email Michelle McGarry at mmcgarry@euclid.k12.oh.us.



Construction at the Shoreview site, January 2012

ELEMENTARY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

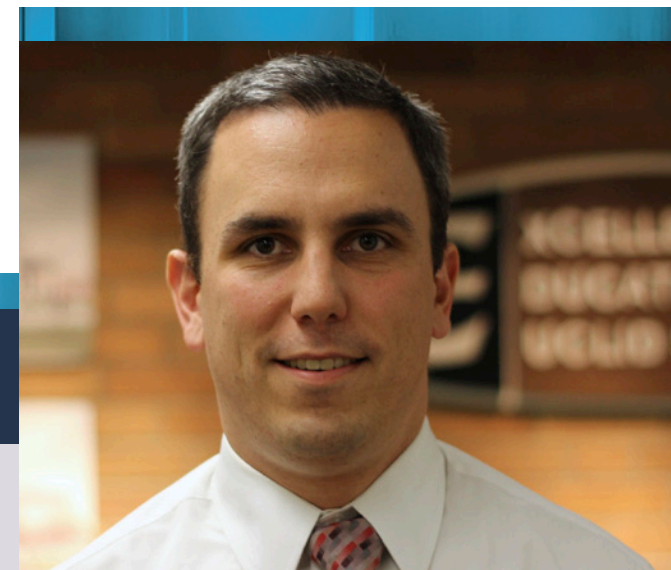
Progress on the four new elementary schools has benefited from the unseasonable weather in December and early January. Construction is now reaching a critical "dry-in" phase that will allow the work force at each site to make progress in inclement weather.

Questions about the new facilities? Contact Pat Higley at 216.797.2910.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

MR. ED KLEIN EUCLID HIGH

Recently Euclid High School Unit Principal Ed Klein was recognized as the Assistant Principal of the Year by the Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators. Mr. Klein will be recognized in Columbus in March for his collaborative leadership, and work with curriculum, instruction and assessment. The Ohio Assistant Principal of the Year was chosen by a panel of judges. Winners from each state are entered into the national contest and will be recognized in April at the convention sponsored by the National Association for Secondary School



Administrators in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Klein has worked for the Euclid Schools for 12 years. He started his career in Euclid as a high school English teacher. After five years of teaching, he became an administrator. He has served as both a small schools principal and assistant principal at Euclid High School. Euclid staff and students are fortunate to have Mr. Klein as part of the administrative team.

MORE ONLINE euclidschools.org

CALAMITY DAYS

Schools will be closed when the sustained windchill is colder than 15 degrees below zero. These are guidelines set by the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. Schools may also be closed when the superintendent of schools determines that the roads are unsafe for travel due to snow or ice accumulation.

In addition to school closings being posted on local news outlets, you may find out about school closure on the district's website (euclidschools.org), on the district's cable channels (Time Warner 22/AT&T U-verse 99) and by following us on Facebook & Twitter.

WINTER SAFETY TIPS

- Allow extra time to get to school if the weather is poor.
- Dress your child appropriately for the weather outside. Layers of clothing help to provide insulation and conserve body heat. Remember a warm head covering, gloves or mittens, and warm socks inside boots or heavy shoes.
- Wear bright clothing so the drivers can see you in the early morning and late evening.
- Stay on the sidewalks at all times and avoid walking in the road. Drivers need extra room to stop when there is snow and ice.

ELEMENTARY CHANGES BOARD ANNOUNCES NEW MAGNET SCHOOL & APPOINTS PRINCIPALS

At the December 12th Euclid Board of Education meeting, two major announcements were made regarding the new schools. First, Board members approved Chardon Hills Elementary as the district's magnet school. Student selection for Chardon Hills will continue to be a lottery. Students currently attending Thomas Jefferson Magnet School will receive automatic approval to attend Chardon Hills next year, and a group of students who live in the neighborhoods nearest Chardon Hills will also attend the school due to its larger capacity.

Principals were also announced at the December 12th Board meeting. Mrs. Linda Knight, currently principal at Upson will become the principal at Bluestone Elementary. Ms. Kathleen Keaveney, currently the principal at Roosevelt will become the principal at Arbor Elementary. Mrs. Mary Thomas, currently the principal at Lincoln will become the principal at Shoreview Elementary. Finally, Mrs. Christine Kryz, currently the principal at Thomas Jefferson Magnet School will become the first principal at the new magnet school, Chardon Hills.

The district is enthusiastic about the stellar leadership these individuals will bring to the new facilities ranking them among the finest places to learn in our area.

MORE ONLINE euclidschools.org