



South Euclid
Lyndhurst Schools



A publication designed to build community pride and awareness in the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



Linda N. Reid
Superintendent of Schools

Dear SEL Schools Community,

As the midpoint of the 2018-2019 school year has come and passed, everyone in the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools has refocused their dedication on making our students future ready. This edition of the Arc Pride newsletter shares a wide variety of learning opportunities in which the students of our District have participated. The community is encouraged to not only read this publication but to use it as a catalyst to become more involved in the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools. Attend an event or activity after visiting

the SEL Schools revamped website. Encourage others to join our Key Communicators email outreach so that everyone can view the exciting updates constantly taking place. Students of all ages and grade levels are succeeding and achieving, and this publication is just one showcase where you can learn more.

Arc Achievements, Building Achievements... and More!

One commitment that emanates from the SEL Schools' Strategic Plan is to continue enhancing and developing the ways in which our schools communicate with important stakeholders. Since the rebranding of the District has been completed, the community has requested even more effective communications from the buildings. To answer this call from the community, each building has developed several new forms of communications. First, each building now has an "Arc Achievements" flyer of their respective accomplishments posted on their exclusive webpage. Interested in the achievements of Memorial Junior High School in the last year? Simply visit their website. Curious about the many student and staff accolades at Greenvue Upper Elementary? Once again, visit their webpage. Each building has their own list of achievements and you need to know about them, so please take advantage of this compilation of information. In addition, SEL Schools building Principals have remained devoted to sharing timely information with parents on a weekly basis. To enhance this form of communication, be on the lookout for rebranded emails from our Principals, who will share significant updates and tidbits of information. A longer-version newsletter format will also be distributed as the second semester unfolds as well, with individual building information. The Building Arc Achievements and new and enhanced versions of e-communications is just another way the SEL Schools is hoping to keep the community informed with timely, relevant and encouraging information about the District.

District Leaders Dedicated to the Destination School Community

Finally, please remember that my door is always open to the community for questions, comments and concerns. I thank the Board of Education for their continued support regarding what is needed to keep the SEL Schools on course to be **The Destination School Community**. These individuals serve as liaisons with the community, help to set the strategic direction for the District and are dedicated to the necessary public oversight of our fine academic institution. Please contact any of us at any time.

Go ARCS!
Linda N. Reid
Superintendent of Schools



Memorial Junior High students receive certificates for their Patriot's Pen essay contest from V.F.W. Post 7536 for elaborating on their value and respect for our nation's veterans and patriotism.



Elementary students at Sunview raise money for those in need with its Pennies for Patients campaign. Read more inside on Page 3!

➤ Brush Seniors Achieve High Academic Honors

Two Brush seniors were notified last fall of their significant academic milestones and the SEL Schools would like to congratulate each of them in this newsletter. **Senior Rebecca Rossi recently achieved a perfect score on the ACT standardized college exam**, scoring 36 out of 36 total points. The exceptional accomplishment is a testament to her strong dedication to academic achievement. Rebecca cites math and science as her favorite content areas and plans on majoring in Veterinary Medicine in college. A volunteer at the Cleveland Animal Protective League (APL), Rebecca has a passion for working with animals and plans to open a veterinary clinic after completing her medical training. In addition to excelling in the classroom, Rebecca serves as President of Key Club, Vice-President of National Honor Society, and is also a member of the Environmental Club, Academic Team and Student Congress. **Julia Kiefer, also a senior at Brush High School, was named a Commended Student for the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program.** This ranks Julia among 34,000

students nationwide who have achieved such a high level of academic success, having placed in the top 50,000 scorers out of the 1.6 million who participate in the SAT/Preliminary National Merit Qualifying Test. Julia has been a standout at Brush High School for many years, having participated in many activities while demonstrating her academic achievement. Such notable activities have included the marching band, Science Olympiad, the Environmental Club and her participation in the Young Scientist Foundation Summer Internship program at Case Western Reserve University two years ago. On behalf of the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools, congratulations to Rebecca Rossi and Julia Kiefer on their respective, outstanding academic accomplishments.



Charles F. Brush Senior Rebecca Rossi scored a perfect 36 out of 36 on her ACT exams. Outstanding! She intends to study Veterinarian Science in college.



Julia Kiefer earned "Commended Status" for the 2019 National Merit Scholarship program, placing her among the top 34,000 students in the entire country.

➤ Brush Junior Launches Lip Gloss Company



Brush High School Junior Santasia Turner has started her own business, "Glitty," that was recently spotlighted on Channel 19 News with Ramona Robinson.

Brush High School is the proud home of a young entrepreneur, as junior Santasia Turner recently launched a lip gloss company, Glitty Cosmetics, with the help of her friends and business partners, Cleveland Heights High School freshmen Logan Wallace and Nia Farrow. The three friends found inspiration after an expensive trip to the mall caused their parents to musingly suggest that they should launch their own lip-gloss company. After performing market research and developing a business plan, the three students visited a manufacturing warehouse in New York City, securing it as a supplier for their various lip gloss colors and finishes. The young entrepreneurs handle branding and marketing for their online business and hope to offer full-scale cosmetics, skincare and fragrance brands in the future. The upstart business has already received media attention, as all three girls were interviewed by Cleveland 19 News anchor Romona Robinson. Glitty Cosmetics was also recently featured at a public launch party at Marcus Thomas, a noteworthy advertising firm in Beachwood on Saturday, December 8th. The SEL Schools are extremely proud of Santasia and wish her continued success in her future endeavors!

➤ Hard Working Greenview Student Breaks School Record, Earns Limo Ride to Remember

The South Euclid Lyndhurst School is continually on the lookout for methods by which it can incentivize the positive behavior that each and every student in our District has the potential to display on a daily basis. Such was the case recently at Greenview Upper Elementary School, when 5th grade student **Olivia Fox**, enjoyed a limousine ride and lunch, courtesy of the SEL PTA Council and Magic Gives Back. Olivia was the top seller of tickets for the Magic Gives Back event, selling an amazing total of 60 passes to the Las Vegas-style magic and entertainment program. By selling this many tickets Olivia became the top selling student of all time for this opportunity, which serves as a fundraiser for the school as well. For accomplishing such a monumental sale total, she and a friend and one teacher were treated to the limo ride and lunch at Shake Shack at Pinecrest. Congratulations to Olivia Fox for demonstrating the "above-and-beyond" capabilities in helping to sell tickets to an event that benefits Greenview Upper Elementary.



Hardworking Greenview Student, Olivia Fox, exceeded expectations for a recent fundraising campaign and earned a limo ride and lunch, courtesy of the SEL PTA Council.

➤ Adrian Elementary Takes on Bucket-Filling Challenge



Adrian staff and students use the Bucket-Challenge to promote kindness, respect and appreciation for all people. Let's do the best we can!

Students at Adrian Elementary School participated in a fun and informative assembly to kick-off the school-wide Bucket Filling program earlier this school year. The innovative program seeks to encourage students to be 'bucket fillers' by taking positive actions towards fellow peers such as words of encouragement, appreciation, kindness and respect. Students who are "caught doing the right thing" will receive a ticket to fill their individual "bucket" and become eligible to be recognized as the Bucket Filler of the Week and receive other great prizes. Teachers can also grant students a Bucket Filling Referral to receive a fun reward from Principal Ken Lasky. To help generate excitement for the Bucket Filling Program, School Counselor Lisa Artino, teacher Sylvia Marshall and Principal Ken Lasky kicked-off the assembly by wearing creative costumes and delivering high-fives to students and staff around the packed gym. Principal Lasky then read aloud from the children's book, *How Full is Your Bucket? For Kids*, which tells the story of a young boy who learns about "bucket filling" through everyday life experiences. Students then watched a video featuring their fellow peers demonstrating examples of "bucket filling" actions. Several Adrian teachers and staff members were also recognized for demonstrating positive actions and support on behalf of students. At the conclusion of the assembly, Adrian students and staff left energized with a commitment to be a "bucket filler" and demonstrate 'Arc Pride' every day!

➤ Lamont Judge of Memorial Junior High Named Cleveland Cavaliers Head of the Class for December

Lamont Judge of the Memorial Junior High School staff was recently named "Head of the Class," by the Cleveland Cavaliers organization in a surprise ceremony in the building's gymnasium. While instructing his famed Destination Dance Team, a spirited group of Memorial student dancers, the Cleveland Cavaliers' community outreach team led by game time emcee Ahmad Crump and mascot Moon Dog, surprised Mr. Judge with this recognition. The Head of the Class award honors leaders in the community who make a difference in the lives of their students, a trait which Mr. Judge certainly demonstrates. His students respect him very much. Along with winning the Head of the Class award, Mr. Judge was given two tickets to a home Cavaliers game and was announced before the entire crowd at half court. In addition, Mr. Judge was given a \$500 donation to use toward a school or organization enhancement of some type. Lamont Judge serves as head of security for Memorial Junior High Schools, oversees the Destination Dance Team and is the advisor for MAC ambassadors. On behalf of the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools, congratulations to Mr. Lamont Judge for his leadership, mentorship of his students and for a job well-done in becoming the December winner of the Cavaliers' Head of the Class award.



LaMont Judge and students from Memorial Junior High as he wins Head of the Class Award from Cleveland Cavaliers.

➤ Legacy Village Grant Funds Improvements to Preschool Playground at Rowland



Elementary students from Rowland will have access to a new outdoor playground courtesy of the Legacy Foundation when the weather breaks this spring! Thanks Legacy Foundation!

Preschool students in the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools now have access to new playground equipment thanks to a recent grant awarded to the District by The Legacy Village Lyndhurst Community Fund! The SEL Preschool is located at Rowland Elementary and serves students of all ability levels, including those with special needs. During the equipment selection process, the District took steps to ensure that students with special needs would have increased access to playground equipment that supports the development of important motor skills. The SEL Schools would like to thank The Legacy Village Lyndhurst Community Fund for making the Preschool playground a better place for students to grow, develop and learn! Thanks for your support!

Be sure to visit www.sel.k12.oh.us for a complete list of District updates.



➤ Greenview 6th Graders Meet Memorial Staff and Students

The transition to a new school building can be a challenging experience for students. As a result, Greenview Upper Elementary recently coordinated a visit between 6th graders and Memorial staff and students to help begin the transition process. Memorial Principal Dominick Kaple, Assistant Principal Deb Cegelka and Counselor Kris Durkin shared and discussed the many academic, co-curricular and athletic opportunities offered at Memorial. 6th graders also had the opportunity to interact with 8th grade students and learn more about the overall student experience. Thank you to the students and staff at Memorial Junior High for providing our 6th graders an engaging and informative start to the transition process!



Mr. Kaple and Mrs. Cegelka recently visited with students from Greenview to help prepare with the transition of 6th graders to their new building next year.

➤ Sunview Students Exceed Expectations During Pennies for Patients Campaign



Congratulations to Sunview students for their involvement with this past season's Pennies for Patients campaign.

Giving back to the community and helping those in need is an important area of emphasis at Sunview Elementary. The school is involved in several building-wide fundraisers each year, including Pennies for Patients, which supports the efforts of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to help individuals, including children, in the fight against cancer. This year marks the 5th year in a row that Sunview has supported the Pennies for Patients Campaign, which lasted from Monday, December 3rd through Monday, December 17th. In 2017, Sunview students and staff raised over \$1,000 in donations! Monetary support could be made online, as well as in classroom and individual collection boxes. Students received individual prizes based on the amount of donations collected. If building-wide fundraising totals met or exceeded \$750, the classroom with the highest amount of money raised received a delicious lunch catered by Olive Garden. Congratulations to everyone involved!



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SEL SPOTLIGHT

CHET MASON, SEL SCHOOLS' DISTRICT RESOURCE COORDINATOR

The SEL Schools is fortunate to have Chet Mason serving in the role of District Resource Coordinator, and although many in the community may know him as the Head Coach of our successful boys basketball program, his daily operations are making a meaningful impact in the lives of students. In his capacity as District Resource Coordinator, Mr. Mason's responsibilities are multi-fold, and include supporting the Director of Pupil Services and the Director of Special Education to collaborate with building and district administrators in the implementation of Conscious Discipline, an internal initiative to promote positive student behavior as well as the student Code of Conduct. Throughout his weekly interactions with students, he provides follow up monitoring to students with Expulsion Hearings and maintains documentation as directed.

In doing so, Mr. Mason attempts to become a positive influence in the lives of the students with whom he interacts, demonstrating a level of mentorship and compassion that he hopes to imbue in them. Over the four years that he has served the SEL Schools, he has developed a series of small groups and met with them on a regular basis to discuss leadership, communication and making wise choices. This has involved special guest speakers from the private sector, financial literacy and professional sporting ranks. Mr. Mason has maintained these student groups over the years at each of the SEL Schools' buildings with membership of each coming from the recommendation of the building principal or various teachers. In fact, Mr. Mason will be sharing a special guest speaker from The Phe'be Foundation, who are experts in Financial Literacy, with parents and the entire community in the month of March. Stay tuned for more specific information and details in the near future.



Chet Mason, the District's Resource Coordinator, is making a positive impact in the lives of SEL students.

Mr. Mason also helps the SEL Schools by enhancing stakeholder awareness and engagement with intentional conversations about the challenges facing schools, parents, and families in diverse learning communities through our work with contracted providers and other partners. He regularly meets with the business leaders, the District's faith-based partners and has attended Kiwanis meetings as well, to further the relationship we have in our community. Ultimately, as a member on the Pupil Services team, Mr. Mason is called upon to support the continuum of service model/multi-disciplinary team approach to ensure collaboration and communication with all Pupil Services staff to ensure meaningful engagement and support to students, parents and staff. He works cooperatively with the Supervisor of Attendance & Residency to provide monitoring for identified (Excessive Absences) student and tries to understand the most pressing challenges confronting students in our District.

Mr. Mason also works closely with the implementation of activities and projects for students in Grades 3-12 MAC Ambassadors to reflect mentoring, achievement and community at all schools. He plays an active role in activities and projects to promote positive transition and retention of students and parents to the district's buildings at the various transition points students experience between buildings. Finally, Mr. Mason helps with activities and projects of the student groups organized to achieve progress on the action steps in Destination 2023, Goal #2 Communications, relevant to K-12 school spirit and community outreach with a focus on athletic events and the promotion of academic achievement.

Mr. Mason, his wife and six children live in the SEL Schools community and he has an extensive background, earning his degree from Miami University, prior to playing 12 years of professional basketball here and abroad. He was recently inducted into Miami's Athletic Hall of Fame, in addition to being in his alma mater's Hall of Fame at South High School and being named Mr. Basketball in the State of Ohio his senior year of high school. He believes his role as District Resource Coordinator is helping to make a positive and meaningful impact in the lives of students and appreciates this responsibility very much. Congratulations goes out to Mr. Chet Mason, for being this edition's District Spotlight.