



## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



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Superintendent of Schools

### Superintendent's Report

Students and staff at the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools have put their talents to work in the past few months, and this edition of the Arc Pride newsletter seeks to inform the community of some of those accomplishments. From the youngest students in the district, to those who are college-bound, SEL Schools' finest representatives are the students who have put their creative talents and leadership or communications skills to work. Throughout this newsletter, readers will find shining examples of

staff members and student groups or organizations who have gone above-and-beyond the routine call of duty in their daily school lives. The entire SEL Community should be very proud.

Some of those accomplishments in the last three months include:

- Brush art students shared their creativity at the Beachwood Arts Council's 22nd Annual Juried Regional High School Student Art Show
- The Brush High School Academic Challenge team finished in 1st place at the WRC Conference Academic Challenge Competition
- The Brush Robotics team won the Think Award and finished very strongly at the Kent Qualifying tournament, furthering a string of successful seasons for this program
- A Brush High School senior recently took 1st place in the Ohio Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship competition, which is part of the Excel TECC program
- A Brush High School student was selected, in the last few weeks, as a finalist in the 2017 Stop the Hate® Youth Speak Out Essay contest, distinguishing this student from more than 3,200 other essays submitted from a 12-county region in Northeast Ohio
- Charles F. Brush High School was honored with being 1 of 3 schools selected in Ohio to be awarded the OIAAA/OHSAA "Award of Excellence." This award, a collaboration between the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) and the Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (OIAAA), recognizes schools that provide exemplary support and promotion of education-based athletic programming within their school and community

- Thirteen members from Charles F. Brush High School Mock Trial team traveled to the Cuyahoga County Courthouse earlier in the year, to participate in unscripted simulated trials written by attorneys and argued both sides of the case in a real courtroom, helping several students to earn some of the highest individual honors in the competition
- The Brush High School Academic Decathlon team competed in the Regional Competition earlier this year, and swept first place honors across the Novice Division
- Sunview Elementary School was Fox-8 News' "Cool School" for the week of March 23, 2017!

Congratulations to all of the students and staff members who have made these accomplishments possible. In addition, the families of each of our students are to be commended as well. This combination of student, staff member and family support is critical to ensuring success for our children's academic and co-curricular endeavors. Be sure to read more inside!

Go Arcs!  
Sincerely,

Linda N. Reid  
Superintendent of Schools



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## Board Report

The SEL Schools Board of Education congratulates the entire student body of the district for remaining focused and determined throughout the spring test-taking season. The community should be sure to read through this newsletter, other publications in the community and view the district website to learn about all of the accomplishments that have been achieved by our school family. Some of those include the artwork created by senior Kiara Maclin and junior Sun'shynne Moon McGhee, which will be on display at the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition in Columbus. In addition, congratulations to Brush senior Raja Freeman, for her victory in the One Mic Open Poetry and Wordplay competition. She will be going on to represent Northeast Ohio in San Francisco. Tionna Cisco is a finalist in the local Stop the Hate competition and Charlie Cole recently received a 1st place designation at the Construction & Trades competition. This, in addition to the impressive spring musical Footloose, has made for an exciting and successful last few months. Congratulations to all of these students, and others as well, in the district for your accomplishments.

The Board of Education has been busy as well over the last few weeks, reviewing the Strategic Plan for the district in collaboration with the Central Office team. The Board appreciates all of the hard work that has been completed by the administrators, staff and other team members of the SEL Schools to implement the plan. The plan has certainly moved the district forward, and has laid an important foundation for future success. The Board has also finalized the sale of the Bolton property. As the community knows, obtaining the full asking price for this property means that the district can address some needed facility projects without having to take money from the general fund and reduce needed resources for education and learning experiences. The

SEL Schools have gone another year without a levy, stretching our last five years through sound fiscal management.

The Board, along with the entire community, was deeply saddened by the sudden loss of Brush student Alec Kornet. Alec was such a well-respected, genuinely nice kid who was quick with a smile or a laugh. It has been an honor to see how this community has come together in the face of this tragedy to support Alec's family as well as the Brush community. The students' support of each other during this time has been uplifting to watch. They have displayed such grace and empathy for each other. May we all continue to learn and grow from this experience. #4Alec #foreverinourhearts.

As the district moves toward the final weeks of the year, the Board asks parents to keep their children on-task and focused. The Board appreciates your efforts to support the educational needs of your students by being involved, attending activities when and where possible, making sure they are prepared and well-rested and on-time for school. Spring is an exciting time as the weather improves, but be sure to finish the school year strong. The Board believes in each of you. Finally, on behalf of the entire Board of Education, thank you for your continued passion, commitment and willingness to try new things on behalf of our students. The Board recognizes that there is a lot of pressure being placed upon the educational community from external sources beyond our control. We appreciate you continuing to focus on the work at hand - providing our students with the opportunity to learn and grow as individuals.

The SEL Schools Board of Education

## SEL Student Snapshots!

### Rowland Elementary School Teams Up with South Euclid Children's Library for Interactive Session

Rowland Elementary School was host to representatives from the South Euclid Children's Library earlier this month, where three pre-school classes participated in a Sensory Story Time. Specifically, students in Mr. Jason, Mrs. Moughan and Miss Theresa's preschool classes enjoyed the highly interactive learning session. Special presenters and guests to elementary classrooms always have the tendency to enliven the learning environment and such was the case with Miss Mary and Miss Eboni, who helped advance the coursework of these preschoolers with their story about the Very Hungry Caterpillar. They also brought bubbles for the students to have some fun with. The students are currently learning about plant and butterfly life cycles, as well as the changes associated with the spring weather and so this lesson was very fitting for the class. Rowland Elementary Schools would like to thank the South Euclid Children's Library for their willingness to extend this learning opportunity to the students.



Representatives from South Euclid Library attended a recent class at Rowland Elementary School to help promote a lesson and enjoy fun activities.



Congratulations to senior Kiara Maclin and junior Sun'shynne Moon McGhee for their artwork that will be on display at the Governor's Youth Art Exhibition in Columbus.



## ► Sunview Elementary School is a FOX-8 News Cool School! *SEL Student Success!*

Airing during the March 30, 2017 broadcast of the Fox-8 News morning program, Sunview Elementary School was featured as the "Cool School of the Week." A cameraman spent an entire morning at Sunview Elementary School in advance of the broadcast, getting to know the building, the students and Principal Arika Taylor a little bit better. Included in the Cool School report were feature highlights of students showing off their technology skills with Chromebooks, their musical and instrument-playing talents and also how intuitive they can all be during a science lesson about gravity in the STEM lab. Afterwards, an assembly was filmed and featured the beginning of the Jump Rope for Heart fundraising initiative. Two special Sunview Elementary students, Matilda Averre and Jaxon Gregory II, were even invited to the studio to participate in the morning program's Coffee Quiz. In all, the broadcast showcased Sunview Elementary School in a very positive light, and the entire community should be proud.



**Sunview Elementary School was the Winner of the Fox-8 Cool School Honor, and students were interviewed on-camera as Principal Arika Taylor looked on.**

## ► Third Quarter PBIS Event Features Staff vs. Students Basketball Game



**Positive Behavior is rewarded throughout the district at events such as the one here at Memorial Junior High, where student leaders play the staff in a friendly competition**

Students at Memorial Junior High were recently rewarded for meeting the PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System) goals with an opportunity to cheer on fellow students as they played staff members in a fun and light-hearted basketball game in the Main Gym earlier this spring. The PBIS program is designed to model and reinforce positive behavior by setting quarterly goals and rewarding those students who meet the goal's requirements. All students who met the behavior incentives for the third quarter participated in the PBIS event. This month's PBIS theme was "Accountability is Key," which focuses on the importance of taking responsibility for one's actions and following through to be a positive example for others around you. The PBIS event featured a DJ to liven up the event as well as a raffle where students could win gift cards, hats, jackets, lunch boxes and CAVS gear donated by Proforma and other local businesses. The basketball game was filled with excitement and energy as students and teachers went head-to-head on the court. Mr. Morris Ervin served as the in-game announcer, while Brush High School Varsity Boys Basketball coach Chet Mason had the opportunity to get involved and rally behind the students as their head coach. What a great opportunity for all Memorial staff and students to be a part of! Stay tuned for future updates on PBIS events at Memorial.

## ► More Brush High School Student Successes!

In addition to the previously mentioned successes from the students and staff at Brush High School, a number of other accolades have been earned in the last few weeks as well. Those include our very own students earning high recognition for themselves, and also the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools. Brush High School senior, Raja Freeman, recently won the championship in a competitive open microphone contest, called the "One Mic Open" amongst a field of 13 participants. Delivering what was called by the local media as a 'gritty narrative and wordplay' before an audience of more than 100 people, Raja earned herself entrance into the Brave New Voices national competition held in San Francisco, as one of five representatives from Cleveland. Raja persevered through three full rounds of presenting original slam poetry, with her final round performance earning thunderous applause from the audience. The SEL Schools would like to congratulate Raja Freeman on this championship performance and extend its best wishes to her as she competes in the National Competition.



**The Mock Trial Team at Brush High School has made award-winning strides this school year.**



**Raja Freeman will be representing the SEL Schools as well as Northeast Ohio in the national open mic competition in San Francisco.**



**The Brush High School Robotics Team**

## **SEL SPOTLIGHT** > SUE FOLEY, ART INSTRUCTOR IN THE SEL SCHOOLS

Students throughout the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools, who have walked through the halls of Greenview Upper Elementary School, are certain to have experienced the passionate, unique and fun-filled instruction of veteran art teacher, Sue Foley. With an approach to teaching all her own, Mrs. Foley passes along her knowledge and creativity to her students with the hope that one day they might share her intense love for the subject of art. Mrs. Sue Foley is this edition's district spotlight, since she truly embodies what it means to elevate the instruction of art, crafts, drawing and design for her students. Her classroom, from an arts perspective, is a 'destination' classroom for this skill set.

A recent visit to the South Euclid Senior Center revealed Mrs. Foley's creativity and passion to pass on her ability to cultivate lifelong artists of all ages. With an opportunity to engage senior citizens in an art project, she traveled from Greenview to the community center along with a handful of very respectful and enthused sixth graders. Her intention was that these students could take their arts skills on the road, as they joined senior citizens for an interactive and intergenerational afternoon of crafts. Two activities followed with a handful of senior citizens, including the stenciling of pillow cases and painting of ceramic bowls. Senior citizens took instruction from Mrs. Foley and the students, in a collaborative session just following their lunch. Senior citizens stenciled and painted with a variety of colors and creativity. Superintendent Linda N. Reid and Greenview Principal Mrs. Kelly Murphy also participated in the activities. When Mrs. Foley is asked to perform a simple task for students, she does so with delight and a



**Sue Foley has spent an entire career instructing students on the value of art, infusing her passion and dedication to students of ALL ages!**

determination to convey the importance of art. Simple crafts and exercises that allow individuals to experience the creation of art for themselves.

The South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools values Mrs. Sue Foley, as it does the entire teaching staff. Her efforts to go above and beyond, and her work inside and outside the classroom, have earned Mrs. Foley the honor of being this edition's District Spotlight!