

From the Nurses

Attention parents! Below are a few nursing team areas that need to be addressed at the start of this school year:

⇒ If your student is in kindergarten, 7th or 12th grade they are required to be compliant with the State mandated immunization schedule. The requirements are as follows:

- Kindergarten 5- Dtap, 4-Polio, 3-Hepatitis B, 2-MMR and 2-Varicella
- 7th Grade Tdap and MCV4
- 12th Grade 2 doses of MCV4 prior to entry with the guidelines as follows: 2 doses if the first dose was administered prior to their 16th birthday or 1 dose if administered after the 16th birthday to enter their senior year

**Students attending TV Digital Academy or a Career Center need to follow the immunization guidelines as well.*

⇒ Complete all of the online health forms so the district will have the most current information for your child. The nurses strive to provide the optimal care for the students while they are in the school setting. They are unable to dispense over-the-counter medications if the forms are not completed.

⇒ Per school policy, requirements that must be met if your child requires medication in the school setting:

- ✓ paperwork from the prescribing physician
- ✓ the medication is in the pharmacy bottle
- ✓ controlled medication needs to be brought into the clinic by a parent/guardian

Here's to a happy healthy new school year!

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal law, requires that Teays Valley Schools, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's educational records. However, Teays Valley may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the district to the contrary in accordance with district procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the district to include this type of information from your child's educational records in certain school publications. Examples include: a playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production, the annual yearbook, honor roll or other recognition lists, graduation programs, sports activity sheets, such as football showing weight and height of team members, military/college recruiters and the district website, social media pages and newsletters.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy, if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks.

If you do not want Teays Valley Schools to disclose directory information from your child's educational records without your prior written consent, you must notify your building principal in writing as soon as possible.

-If you have questions about "The Talk at Teays" or if you would like to submit information for the next edition, contact Julie DeLisio, Director of Communications, at 740.983.5048 or at jdelisio@tvsd.us.

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The Talk at Teays

Teays Valley Staff and Students are "All In"

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year. We opened this year with more than 4,100 students and we are still growing. The steady growth of the district has caused us to add more programs and staff to meet the needs of our students. The goal of the district is to graduate students that are prepared to face the world with knowledge, skills and a positive mindset. These make up the "Profile of a Teays Valley Graduate," which is the aim or target of all Teays Valley staff.

The district continues to increase the emphasis of technology. This year is the start of our "one to one" technology program. Over the next three years all students in grades 6 through 12 will have their own device to use at school and at home. Elementary classrooms will be equipped with devices for all students. Wireless access points have been increased and servers have been changed or updated to aide in the network traffic flow. The district has also placed a high priority in training staff to utilize technology throughout instruction. Teaching staff have experienced increased professional development opportunities to strengthen their knowledge of technology as a teaching tool.

Not only is academic excellence a goal at Teays Valley, but a positive culture for all our staff and students is paramount. The district has added counselors, nurses, health aides and mental health services for our students and families. We have also emphasized the importance of establishing positive relationships among staff and students. Students learn better in a culture that is welcoming, accepting and nourishing. We want students to know that they are in a safe place and can expect help if asked. This positive school culture is extended as community projects throughout the district. Our students are encouraged to build the same positive relationships with those in our community.

This year we will focus on being "ALL" in. ALL stands for AIM, LIVE and LEAVE. Our staff is committed to aiming at the right target, living according to our priorities and principles, and leaving a positive mark on our students and the world. Our desire is that we will be a "different" type of school that stands out among all the others.

I look forward to another great year at Teays Valley. I'm excited about what we have done so far and I am optimistic that we are committed to being "ALL in" on providing excellent instruction and a safe and nurturing culture for our kids.

This year I hope you will be able to attend one or more of the many school sponsored activities. This district is deeply committed to this community and we welcome you to visit our facilities and interact with our students and staff. We are very proud to be VIKINGS and we hope you share the same pride for our schools and students.

Robin Halley, *Superintendent*

Continuous Improvement Plan 2018-2019

Teays Valley's Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) is updated yearly based on input from staff, parents and community members. The complete 2018-2019 CIP can be found under the District tab of the Teays Valley website. The goals and action steps in the CIP serve as a guide for decision making and provide a clear pathway for continuous improvement.

One of the action steps for this school year is to improve the way we support the social, emotional and mental health of our students. To work toward meeting this goal, teachers and support staff will be participating in professional development focused on supporting students who have experienced trauma or are dealing with anxiety, depression or mental health issues. This will take place on October 16, so there will be no school for all students that day.

Important Dates

September

- 24 Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 25 Parent/Teacher Conferences @ Elementaries
- 26 Parent/Teacher Conferences @ Middle Schools & TVHS College Night, 6:30-8 p.m.
- 28 Homecoming Football Game, 7 p.m.

October

- 2 Parent/Teacher Conferences @ HS
- 3 Parent/Teacher Conferences @ Elementaries
- 4 Parent/Teacher Conferences @ Middle Schools
- 15 End of 1st 9 Weeks
- 16 No School
- 17 No School
- 18 No School
- 19 No School
- 22 Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

November

- 16 Early Dismissal Day

Board of Education

Charlie Morrison, *Pres.*

Kevin Archer, *V.P.*

Jimmy Gloyd

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William McGowan

Donation Requests

A number of the TV schools have ongoing collections to raise money for the school/organizations or to donate to a specific cause. Please review the list below and consider helping their collections. All items can be mailed to the school or dropped off in the office.

Box Tops for Education—Ashville, Scioto, S Bloomfield, East

Egg Cartons—TVHS

Plastic Lids/Caps—Scioto, TVHS

Coke Rewards—Scioto

Markers (old to recycle) - Ashville, Scioto

Pop Tabs—S Bloomfield, Walnut, East

Staff Members recognized for Service in Education



Each year, the Pickaway County Educational Service Center awards teachers with a Golden Apple in recognition of 30 years of service in education. Teays Valley High School principal John Keel, Teays Valley High School intervention specialist Jamie Kinzer and Teays Valley West Middle School physical education/health teacher Gary Tipton were honored for their service during the opening staff meeting.

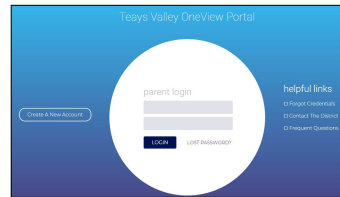
"It is always a highlight of the opening meeting for me to see these veteran staff members be recognized for their many years of service in education," Superintendent Robin Halley said. "This year's theme for the district is 'All In.' These three staff members exemplify the "all in" attitude that I am encouraging all of our staff and students to display this school year. Thank you to all of them for their continued dedication to their students and the district."

Parent Online Portals

The TV district utilizes a number of online portals. These portals offer various tools for parents, including a place to fill out digital forms, access their child's grades and pay school fees. While it is our hope that parents will find these tools to be helpful, we know it can be difficult to keep track. The information below is a snapshot of each portal and who to contact if you have issues or a question:

OneView

- ⇒ New online portal where parents can fill out all of their students' forms, such as emergency medical forms, transportation forms, technology forms, free & reduced lunch forms, etc.
- ⇒ TV is going paperless with our forms, so parents must create an account at <https://teaysvalley.esvportal.com/>. You will use this link to make changes to the forms as well.
- ⇒ Parents will no longer have to fill out duplicate forms for all of their children. Their children can be linked, then the forms can be shared among all of the children. They will not have to fill out the forms again next school year either. They will simply update any information that has changed and resubmit.
- ⇒ If you have a question, contact your child's secretary at 740.983.5000.



Schoology

- ⇒ Schoology is an online learning management system that provides students and families with anytime, anywhere access to grades, curricular materials and information on upcoming assignments and events.
- ⇒ Students can see assignments, courses, grades and communication from teachers from all of their classes in one location.
- ⇒ It provides parents access to all courses, groups and school updates, so they can use it to stay informed about their student by simply logging in to the system on a computer or through the app, which is available for Smart devices.
- ⇒ More information and the login link can be found at www.tvsd.us/Schoology.aspx.
- ⇒ If you have a question, contact Beth Keplar at 740.983.5010.



PaySchools Central

- ⇒ Parents go to this site to pay school fees, athletics fees, cafeteria fees and Chromebook insurance (grades 6-9).
- ⇒ Web link - www.payschoolscentral.com.
- ⇒ An app is available for Smart devices.
- ⇒ If you have a question, contact PaySchools Central directly at 1-800-669-0792.



FinalForms

- ⇒ Parents use this site to complete athletics forms for grades 7-12.
- ⇒ Web link - <https://teaysvalley-oh.finalforms.com/>
- ⇒ If you have a question, contact the athletic director at your child's school at 740.983.5000.



Teays Valley Rolls Out 1:1 Technology Plan

The Teays Valley district is moving toward becoming 1:1 with technology, which means ultimately every student will have access to a Chromebook. This school year every student in grades six through nine received a Chromebook, which is theirs to use during the school day and at home. Protective cases were also provided for each device by the Teays Valley Educational Foundation.

"Over the last 10 years we have been steadily adding technology to our classrooms. This plan is a part of our expectation of our TV graduates that they would be proficient with technological tools," he said. "We must graduate students that have the skills to be successful in the workplace. The computer has replaced the pencil and pen and is the tool that our students must have to be successful. We would never deny students the essential tools."

Prior to receiving their Chromebooks, the students participated in three days of digital citizenship courses, which focused on usage, care and responsibility, with the overarching theme of how to remain safe and secure in a digital world.

"The goal of our district is to equip students with the knowledge, mindset and skills to be an active and productive citizen. Used properly, our Chromebooks will be a tool to help students meet the goals outlined in our Profile of a Graduate," Teays Valley West Middle School principal Mike Kauffeld said.

Although students in grades six through nine are the only students who were issued Chromebooks that they can keep, this will allow the other grade levels to have more access to the Chromebook carts and computer labs, which will increase all students' exposure to technology.

"Students have had to share computers in recent years. Carts of Chromebooks have been available, but there were never enough for all. This created a problem in classrooms and limited teachers in their instruction because they had to plan around availability. Now students and teachers will not be limited in moving forward," Halley said.

If an issue arises with a Chromebook, the district will make every effort to fix them in house. Because of this, the technology department will rely on the help of students at each building who will run a help desk. Students will be trained on Chromebook repair, make tutorial videos for teachers and troubleshoot Chromebook issues.

"I am excited about this additional opportunity that students will have to learn skills to fix issues with the Chromebooks. Not only will they get hands on experience, but they will help us to get the Chromebooks back into the students' hands more quickly," Halley said.

"The world has made the transition to technology, but schools have struggled to keep pace. Each student having a Chromebook not only provides them with real world tools, it allows them to become educated about digital citizenship in a somewhat controlled environment," Kauffeld said.

"There has been a lot of work go into this project. Our administrators, directors and teachers have worked hard to bring this about. They worked together to research the best way to roll this out and looked to other districts for advice on what is working well for them and how they overcame challenges that come along with it too," Halley said. "Also, thank you to the Teays Valley Educational Foundation for all their past and recent support in moving technology forward in our district. Their classroom grants have greatly helped us increase the amount of technology that is available to our students."

Students at East are pictured preparing the Chromebook cases for distribution with the devices.

Walnut Recycling Project adds to Playground



Thanks to a project organized by the Walnut 3rd grade students last year, the Walnut playground got some upgrades this school year with the addition of a picnic table and buddy bench. The students encouraged their classmates to bring in plastic caps last year, which were then recycled and turned into a table and bench that the students can now enjoy.

The students collected, sorted and weighed 1,800 pounds of plastic caps last year. In addition, they planned a fundraiser through which they sold school supplies with kindness messages attached that students and parents purchased to be delivered to other students and loved ones at Walnut. This summer, a group took the caps and money to Green Tree Plastics in Evansville, Indiana, where they picked up a picnic table with benches attached, as well as a buddy bench.

This project correlated with one of the students' standards, which teaches them that some of the earth's resources are limited. They learned about recycling, reducing and reusing in order to save the earth's resources.

"The students are always very interested in this topic and so we wanted to put our learning into action with a project. We talked about what we needed for our school that we could have made with our recycled caps," 3rd grade teacher Alison Hanger said. "The students chose the picnic table to add to the playground. They wanted a place to sit and talk with friends or a place they could color and draw outside during recess. When we took the caps to Green Tree Plastics we ended up having enough to also purchase a bench. The bench is outside by the playground and is used for a place where kids can relax and enjoy being with their friends."

