

FROM THE NURSES



Keeping our students and staff healthy is our top priority. To assist with that, everyone is asked to monitor their symptoms and do daily well checks to prevent the spread of all illnesses. This includes taking their temperature before leaving for school. Unfortunately, the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 are very similar to symptoms of other health concerns, such as seasonal allergies, upset stomachs, the common cold and the flu. This is very challenging as we enter allergy and flu season.

If your student is feeling ill or has a temperature greater than 100.0, please keep him/her home. If the symptoms do not subside within 24 hours you may want to contact your physician for further medical advice. Students who have signs or symptoms of illness will be sent home for the safety of the school community. The school nurses are closely monitoring students who have signs and symptoms. It can be challenging to determine the actual cause of the symptoms due to the similarities among allergies, common cold, upset stomach, flu or COVID-19. Please be patient and understand the decisions made are in the best interest of the school. The district is following guidelines implemented by the Ohio Department of Health to keep our students safe while at school.

Let's continue to work together to keep all of our staff and students safe and healthy!

TV Fieldhouse to Open Soon for Students and Community Members

Anyone who visits Teays Valley High School or drives by the school has watched the fieldhouse take shape throughout the past year. As our athletics teams and marching band travel around the state to compete, Viking Nation has seen impressive facilities on numerous campuses. Now Teays Valley can be proud of this new fieldhouse, which will be utilized by not only TV students, but community members as well. An open house date will be announced soon where members of the community will have the chance to tour the new facility and learn about all that it has to offer.



Fieldhouse details:

Size: 40,000 sq ft & 2 levels

Includes: 3 basketball courts, a suspended running track, locker rooms, visitors' bathrooms for football games, a field elevator to the second floor, batting cages, space for expansion

Uses: It will be used for student extracurricular activities and athletic practices.

Who can use it: In addition to extracurricular and athletic practices, members of the community and outside organization will have the opportunity to utilize it. A schedule will be developed to facilitate community use.

"This has been an ongoing project for almost three years. I am so grateful for the community support in building the fieldhouse and turf field," superintendent Robin Halley said. "Teays Valley has some of the best facilities in central Ohio. I believe our students and community will benefit from this for many years to come."

~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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NEWS FROM THE TEAYS VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



IMPORTANT DATES

October

- 12** Parent/Teacher Conferences @ Elementaries
- 13** Unity Day - Wear Orange
- 14** Parent/Teacher Conferences @ HS & MS
- 15** End of 1st 9 Weeks
- 18** Fall Break - No School Oct 18-22
(Teacher Work Day - Oct 18)
- 25** Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 28** Parent/Teacher Conferences @ Elementaries

November

- 15** Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 24** Thanksgiving Break - No School Nov 24-26

December

- 13** Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 17** End of 2nd 9 Weeks
- 20** Winter Break - No School Dec 20-Jan 4

January

- 3** No School
- 4** No School - Teacher Work Day
- 5** Classes Resume

A Fond Farewell...



I was hired as a fifth grade teacher at Scioto Elementary School in 1992. I remember getting the call from then superintendent Ron Thornton asking me if I still wanted a job. It was probably one of the happiest days of my life. I had already been a substitute teacher in many of the county schools and I knew the place I wanted to be was Teays Valley. It was a dream come true.

I wish I had started a journal of my educator journey. There are so many memories and so many that have escaped me. There are memories of triumphs and success. There are also some solemn memories where tragedy has struck or wrong paths have been chosen. There has certainly been a lot of laughter along the way and most of it has been me laughing at myself.

As I leave the role of superintendent at the end of this month, I am so aware of how richly blessed my life has been and still is. I am grateful to the board of education for believing in me and supporting me as the district leader. I am thankful for the team of principals and directors that have been my sounding boards and the people on the front lines working with staff and students. I love our students and I am very proud of them as I have had the privilege to watch them grow and move on to greater things.

Working here has afforded me the opportunity to work with some of the best people in the world. I look back and I see the faces of teachers, custodians, secretaries, bus drivers, cooks and aides that I have worked with and that I call my friends. School is about educating our students, but it is also a place where we become family. Teays Valley is my family!

Teays Valley has a bright future. We are blessed with an outstanding board of education and strong leadership for the district. Our teachers are some of the best and demonstrate care and compassion for our students. Over the last few years the district has made each of the buildings safer and upgrades have been made to many of our facilities. The new football field and fieldhouse will provide great opportunities for all of our students and the community. I'm optimistic that the district will continue to flourish and achieve at the highest levels.

I want to thank the entire Viking community for your support and encouragement over the last 30 years. You have stood behind our students and staff and you have stepped up when the district needed your assistance. Being a school superintendent is a challenging job with lots of responsibilities. For me, it has been an opportunity of a lifetime and I've enjoyed (almost) every minute of it. It has been a great journey and I thank you for traveling with me.

Robin Halley, *Superintendent*

Board of Education

Kevin Archer, *President*

Bill McGowan, *Vice President*

Roxanne Davis, Karen Karshner

& Charles D. Morrison, *Board*

Members

Educational Aides Needed at TV Schools

If you'd like to make a positive difference in the life of a child, consider becoming an educational aide. Educational aides play a pivotal role in all of the TV Schools. The district is looking for aides at various buildings. If you are interested in learning more about the role of an educational aide, the Pickaway County Educational Service Center will be offering an information session and training on Friday, October 15, at 8:15 a.m. This will include an information session, training for the paraprofessional assessment and the opportunity to take the assessment that day, if interested.

Information about becoming an educational aide:

- * The schedule aligns with the school calendar
- * A college degree is not required
- * Prior experience in education is not required
- * Individuals with at least 2 years of college (or equivalent) are not required to take the assessment

If you have questions about becoming an aide or would like more information about the session at the Pickaway County ESC, contact Becky Hilgenberg at 740.983.5017 or bhilgenberg@tvsd.us.

TV Staff Members honored with Teacher of Excellence and ALL In Awards



The district is always looking for ways to recognize staff members for their hard work and dedication to their profession and the students. In an effort to honor those who go above and beyond, the district's Teaching and Learning Council created the Educator of Excellence and ALL In Awards. Parents, staff members, community members, students and alumni were encouraged to nominate staff members for these awards. A number of nominations were submitted for many deserving staff members.

On the nomination form for the Teays Valley ALL In Award it stated, the TV ALL In Award recognizes employees who go far beyond the call of duty, doing more than others expect. It comes from setting and maintaining high standards of work, paying attention to the smallest detail and going the extra mile. The recipients of the 2021 ALL In Award included nurses Michelle Chafin, Theresa Miller and Terri Richards (pictured to the left).

On the nomination form for the Educator of Excellence Award it stated, the TV Educator of Excellence Award is an award that recognizes the top educators in the school district. The nominee should be recognized as a top educator in Teays Valley. When nominating, consider the nominee's instructional methods, community involvement, embodiment of the Teays Valley Guiding Principles, ability to make a difference, dedication to the teaching profession and rapport with students, parents and peers. The recipients of this year's Educator of Excellence Award included Walnut 2nd grade teacher Ashley Cradlebaugh, TVHS intervention specialist Jamie Kinzer and TVHS science teacher Judy Walley (pictured to the right).

"Our opening staff meeting is always a celebration of the new school year and a time to honor new and veteran staff members. Surprising these staff members with their award is always a highlight of the morning," superintendent Robin Halley said. "It is wonderful to recognize our staff members for continually going above and beyond every day and making a positive difference in the lives of our students and the Viking community."

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. In addition, if you do not want your child's photo shared, you must make note of that through your child's OneView forms. This can be found in the Student Demographic & Emergency Authorization forms section in OneView under the Parent/Student Agreements section.

If you have any questions about this policy, contact your child's principal.

Safe School Helpline implemented at TV School District

The district has partnered with the Safe School Helpline to give students, parents, staff members and community members a place to reach out to report information they may not feel comfortable sharing with a staff member. The helpline can be used to report threats of violence, depression and illegal activity that could harm students in one of our schools. All reports are private, confidential and anonymous.

The district understands that students may overhear information they may not feel comfortable sharing. This service provides students and parents the opportunity to report this information anonymously.

For more information about this helpline, go to <https://bit.ly/3o01Pj6>. To submit a concern, go to:

Website - www.safeschoolhelpline.com

Text - 614-426-0240, then type TIPS

Call - 800-4-1-VOICE ext. 359 (800-418-6423 ext. 359)

"All students should feel safe while in the Teays Valley schools and our hope is this service is another way to help make sure that is taking place," assistant superintendent Kyle Wolfe said.

Resources for Parents & Students

We know it can be difficult to keep up with all of the information and procedures. See the list below for information and resources to help you navigate through this school year:

⇒ Text Alerts

We have added a texting option as a way to communicate with parents. If you would like to receive text messages from the district, text YES to 87569. Your number must be listed in your child's OneView account in order to receive these messages.

⇒ Schoology

While Schoology is used by students to access assignments, it is also an informative tool parents can use to access their students' grades, track their progress and receive information from the school. For more information about it and video tutorials about how to create and navigate your account, go to <https://www.tvsd.us/Schoology.aspx>.

⇒ School Fees

All school fees can be paid online at <https://www.payschoolscentral.com/>. It is important to note that while meals are free for all students this year, parents/guardians must still complete the free/reduced lunch form in order to qualify for free or reduced fees. That form can be found at <https://www.tvsd.us/Forms.aspx>

⇒ Free Meals for ALL Students

ALL TV students are eligible to receive breakfast and lunch at no charge due to a change in policy by the USDA, which will be in effect all of the 2021-2022 school year. Menus can be found at <https://www.tvsd.us/FoodServices.aspx>. Due a shortage in food supplies from our vendors, menus are subject to change.

⇒ Chromebook Insurance

All students in grades 6-12 received a Chromebook to use at school and at home. The option to purchase insurance was listed when parents/guardians submitted the students' OneView forms. If you chose to purchase Chromebook insurance, the fee was due on September 10. If it has not yet been paid, the student's Chromebook is not covered by insurance. It is not too late to purchase insurance though. The Chromebook will be inspected when the fee has been paid.

⇒ Coronavirus Data Dashboard

In an effort to update parents/guardians about current positive COVID-19 cases within the Teays Valley schools, a link has been added to the TV home page with information about current positive cases. Due to HIPPA laws, we are limited as to what can be shared. However, we understand that parents need to be kept informed about positive cases within their child's school. Go to this link for a live spreadsheet of any positive cases within the district - <https://bit.ly/3hyNjxs>. Any updates to requirements related to COVID-19 will also be posted here.