

STRONGSVILLE CITY SCHOOLS DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

March 21st - 25th - Spring Break

60 SECONDS WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

This week we are at Kinsner Elementary School to feature the many enrichment programs that Kinsner and our school district offer to students outside of the school day. Click [here](#) to view this episode.

DISTRICT UPDATES

Southwest General Partnership Pushes "Excellence with Athletics" Campaign Over \$1 Million Mark

Strongsville City Schools announced another gift in the ongoing "Excellence in Athletics" campaign. Al Matyas, Vice President of Southwest General was present at last night's Board meeting to present a \$75,000 donation to the campaign. In addition, the District also extended its agreement with Southwest to provide athletic training services over the next ten (10) years at a rate that would generate \$212,104 of savings to the district, which will also be utilized to support the "Excellence in Athletics" campaign. Southwest has and continues to be committed to our City and District. The District is very thankful for their ongoing support and dedication to our students and community.

Construction Newsletter

Please click [here](#) to view our March edition of the Strongsville City Schools Construction News. The newsletter contains updates pertaining to the Strongsville High School and Strongsville Middle School renovation and construction projects.

Strongsville Elementary Schools More Than Double Fundraising Goal for Jump Rope for Heart

Strongsville elementary schools set a goal of \$15,000 for this year's Jump Rope For Heart, benefitting the American Heart Association. The district elementary schools more than doubled that goal by raising \$30,565 for the important cause. Jump Rope For Heart is a core program of the American Heart Association's Youth Market division, whose mission is to build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

This was the first year that all Strongsville City Schools elementary Physical Education teachers held a Jump Rope For Heart event during the same week. The totals raised are as follows:

- Kinsner, led by Mrs. Hagerich and Miss Love, \$10,164
- Surrarrer, led by Mr. Sopata, \$5,924
- Drake, led by Mr. Hoffland, \$5,152
- Whitney, led by Mr. Weir, \$3,808
- Chapman, led by Mr. Lewandowski, \$3,120
- Muraski, led by Mrs. Alexander, \$3,100

Nearly 2,500 elementary students participated in the fundraiser in some fashion. The results show the students' and their family's commitment to the American Heart Association mission.

"We are so grateful for the generosity and leadership exhibited by the students, families, and faculty of the Strongsville elementary schools! We are so fortunate to have their support in helping lead the fight against the number one killer of all Americans, heart disease. Together, we are building a culture of health and saving lives, and for that, we thank you," said Valerie Hillow Gates, Senior Vice President of the American Heart Association.

"Each and every one of our students and staff should be proud of their efforts, whether it was through donations, jumping rope, turning ropes, or manning the obstacle course. It was definitely a team effort," said Strongsville elementary physical education teachers, Mrs. Hagerich, Miss Love, Mr. Hoffland, Mr. Lewandowski, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Sopata, and Mr. Weir.

Schools who participate in Jump Rope For Heart are able to access the American Heart Association's free curriculum materials, lesson plans, bulletin board kits, content for parent newsletters, and more. Schools also have the opportunity to earn gift certificates toward the purchase of equipment for physical education classes or playgrounds. Jump Rope for Heart events take place at nearly 39,000 schools across America. To find out more, check out www.heart.org/jump.



Check out Strongsville City Schools on Social Media

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ALUMNI UPDATES

Congratulations to Strongsville alumnus and USA Olympian **Kyle Prandi**. Kyle is an American diver and Olympian from Strongsville, Ohio. He represented the USA in the 2004 Summer Olympics, earning 29th place in men's 10-meter diving platform with 346.53 points, and placing 8th in men's 10-meter synchronized platform with diving partner Mike Ruiz. Prandi holds the American record for the highest recorded score on a single dive (104.76 on a 207B at the 2002 World Cup Trials). Kyle has a gold medal in Platform Synchro from the 2004 Speedo American Cup, a gold medal in the 10m Platform from the 2002 World Cup Trials, and a gold medal in Platform Synchro from the 1998 Cinergy/PSI National Diving Championships. Kyle attended Miami University in Coral Gables, Florida and majored in Psychology.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Have a community event to share? Email spetrie@scsmustangs.org and we will try to include the event in a future edition of the Strongsville Schools Happenings!

4th Annual Minute Men Run

Sign up for the 4th annual minute men run on Sunday, April 10th, 2016 at Progressive Field. The event will benefit the Beds for Kids at the Cleveland Furniture Bank. The kid's dash is for ages 10 and under. Single and Home Run Events are \$25 for pre-registration and \$30 on race day. Sign up by clicking [here](#). Click [here](#) to view the event flyer. Online registration will close on Friday, April 8th at 9:00 a.m. All mailed pre-registered entries must be received by Wednesday, April 6th. Please make checks payable to: Hermes Sports & Events.

Jump Rope Community Show

The Heartbeats Jump Rope Team and the Drake Jump Rope Club presents the Community Show on April 23, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Strongsville High School Gym. Admission is free! Click [here](#) to view the event flyer.

APRIL STRONGSVILLE LIBRARY EVENTS

Please note the following **April 2016** events at the **Strongsville Branch Library**. Registration is required for most events. Please call (440) 238-5530 to register or for more information. All events sponsored by our Friends of Strongsville Branch Library. Customers may also visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org to register and to see more library event information.

Year-Round Storytimes!

Cuyahoga County Public Library offers story time sessions year-round for children Birth to Age 5. Our current story time sessions are in full swing. Please call the library for more information about our story time sessions.

Native Plants: Rugged Easy-Care Survivors. Tuesday, April 12th from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us for this special presentation by the Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County. Native plants possess certain traits that make them uniquely adapted to our local conditions. These plants have evolved over a long period of time in response to the climate, soil, rainfall, drought, and frost conditions of our area. In addition, native plants can match cultivated plants in beauty while often surpassing non-natives in ruggedness and resistance to insects and disease.

Just 4 U Student Friends Meeting. Ages 10 – 18. Saturday, April 16th from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Join the Just 4 U Student Friends and volunteer at the library! We meet once a month on Saturday at 2 pm to help with special library projects or community projects. We have a lot of fun, so join us! Please stop by the library for an application form.

Teen Poetry Night. Grades 6 – 12. Monday, April 18th from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us for a coffeehouse poetry night. We will share poetry, write some impromptu poems, and enjoy beverages and refreshments. Win a door prize!

Strongsville: The Early Years. Tuesday, April 19th from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Carol Williams, Strongsville Historical Society member, will share the highlights of Strongsville's first 100 years as part of Strongsville's bicentennial birthday celebration. Come hear about the beginnings of Strongsville including neighborhoods, people, and businesses. A short Strongsville Historical Society meeting will precede the presentation.

Whooo's Ready for School? Kindergarten Readiness – Writing. Ages 4 – 5 with a Caregiver. Friday, April 29th from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Help your preschooler make the transition into their first year of school. Explore hands-on activity stations as we explore building writing skills. **Registration begins on Friday, April 15th at 9:00 a.m.**