

District Happenings

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

March 11th - End of the Third Quarter

March 18th - [Early Release Day](#)

March 15th - Primary Election

March 21st - 25th - Spring Break

60 SECONDS WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

Click [here](#) to view our most recent edition of 60-Seconds with the Superintendent. This week we highlight the work of our Education Foundation and provide an update on the upcoming Jockeys and Juleps event.

DISTRICT UPDATES

Strongsville Youth Commission and Whitney Elementary Team up for Penny War

The Strongsville Youth Commission in conjunction with Whitney Student Council recently conducted a Penny war. Students were encouraged to bring in spare change to raise money to purchase books for sick children and their siblings to help ease their burden during a long illness. In just one week, students at Whitney raised \$1,155.04. Congratulations to our Whitney students and to our Strongsville Youth Commission for all of their hard work!

Elementary to Middle School Transition

As we prepare to transition our 5th and 6th grade students who receive special education services to middle school, Strongsville City Schools will implement the following procedures to ensure successful and effective transitions.

- Intervention Specialists from the middle and elementary schools will meet to discuss the students in an effort to get to know the students on a personal and academic level.
- Strongsville City Schools will hold two informational meetings in March at the Strongsville Administrative Offices for parents of students receiving special education services. Topics presented at these meetings will be shared in writing to all parents of 5th and 6th grade students receiving special education services to allow parents not in attendance to receive the information.
 - Parent Meeting: Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.
 - Parent Meeting: Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Staff in attendance will include:

- Middle School Principal and Assistant Principals
- Director of Special Education
- Supervisors of Special Education for Elementary and Secondary
- Parent Mentor
- Middle School Counselors
- Intervention Specialists from the Middle and Elementary Schools

We look forward to this opportunity to meet parents, answer questions, and ease minds as students make this important transition.

Moody Mega Math Challenge

Jared Klypchak, Daniel Lemr, Erik Craig, and Nicholas Scoggins were part of the 41 students willing to take a challenging math test last week. In addition to this initial competition, these students competed in a 14-hour mathematical problem-solving marathon the next day. These four impressive seniors began at 7:00 a.m. and submitted their solution at 8:45 p.m. Strongsville is so proud of these students and their willingness to represent our district in this difficult problem-solving challenge.

Kindergarten Early Entrance Testing

Children turning five (5) years of age after September 30th, but on or before December 31st, 2016 must meet the requirements of the early entrance assessment to be permitted to attend kindergarten this fall. Testing will be held in April and May. Please register for the screening by calling 440-572-7015.

Strongsville Begins Demolition of Publications/Food Bank Building

The Middle School construction program continued forward, with the demolition of the publications/food bank building. Below are pictures from the demolition, another milestone in the overall project that is 80 percent complete and will open this August.



Check out Strongsville City Schools on Social Media

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ALUMNI UPDATES

Congratulations to Strongsville alumnus **Jeffrey Hajdin!** Hajdin, a 2010 graduate of Strongsville High School, graduated from Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he majored in Visual and Environmental Studies. Hajdin is currently living in Los Angeles and working in the film and television industry. Jeffrey also played on the baseball team during his four years at Harvard University. While at Strongsville, Jeffrey earned five letters in baseball and football. He played quarterback and safety in football and outfield in baseball. He was the senior captain of both programs. Jeffrey was a three-time Academic All-Northeast Ohio Conference pick, first team selection All-NOC as a senior and was also a first team All-Sun selection. He played on two conference championship teams and one

football title team. While at SHS he was a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish Club.

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!

Discover your Flavor Fundraiser

If you have never tried Indian Cuisine, now is your chance. Bhelwala Indian Street food offers fresh, healthy authentic Indian cuisine in a less intimidating, non-traditional way. You will be able to sample all of the items before you put them in your bowl, roll or salad. Bhelewala has agreed to donate 20% of all sales in support of the SHS Choral Boosters. Thursday March 10th from 11 am – 9pm. No advance tickets required just mention SHS or SHS Choral boosters and be treated to a truly a unique experience. Click [here](#) to view the event flyer.

Ohio Decoy Collectors and Carvers Association

The Ohio decoy collectors and carvers association, a non-profit volunteer organization, is hosting the 39th Annual Show and Sale, Saturday, March 12, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, and Sunday, March 13, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Holiday Inn, Strongsville. Open to the public, the two-day show brings together a unique blend of decoy collectors, competitive carvers, artists and vendors from throughout Ohio, the United States and Canada who love and appreciate hand-made, one-of-a-kind waterfowl and wildlife art. Adult admission is just \$5 for the weekend and includes a collector button designed by Matt Clayton. Children under 17 are free. For more information, call Robert Lund, ODCCA President at (419) 874-3671 or woodcountydecoy@msn.com. Click [here](#) to view the event press release.

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 kids 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.

March 2016 Strongsville Library Events

Please note the following March 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.

All branches of Cuyahoga County Public Library will be CLOSED Sunday, March 27, for the Easter holiday. Regular hours resume on Monday, March 28th at 9:00 a.m.

Year-Round Story Times!

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.

Boom Blox Family Game Night. Wednesday, March 9th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Grab, throw, and blast your way through an evening of gaming with the Wii game BOOM BLOX. This action-packed game involves destroying structures in competitive play. Fun for the whole family! Registration begins on Friday, February 26th at 9:00 a.m.

Hip to That Jazz Performance. Thursday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Come see Hip to That, a four piece jazz band, as they swing the socks off the library. Playing jazz standards, crossover charts, and even a few pop tunes, Hip to That is a diverse group that puts their own flavor into each song they do.

Healthy Eating: Good Morning, Strongsville Speaker Series. Wednesday, March 16th at 10:00 a.m.

Please join us for our bi-monthly Good Morning, Strongsville Speaker Series. Each month we bring a special speaker of interest to seniors and residents of Strongsville. Our March speaker will be Southwest General dietitian Amy Dunbar speaking on Healthy Eating for National Nutrition Month. Refreshments served.

Wednesday Evening Book Discussion. Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

New Members Welcome! Our next discussion will be on Wednesday, March 16th. This month we will be discussing *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova. Copies of the book will be available to pick-up at the circulation desk. Registration for this program is not needed. Just read the book and join us for an evening of great discussion!

Whooo's Ready for School? Kindergarten Readiness – Making Choices. Ages 4 – 5 with a Caregiver. Friday, March 18th 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 making choices and building decision making skills. Registration begins on Friday, March 4th at 9:00 a.m.

Just 4 U Student Friends Meeting. Ages 10 – 18. Saturday, March 19th 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.

Meet the Author: Dr. Lisa Damour. Tuesday, March 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Lisa Damour, is a Cleveland psychologist, author, teacher and consultant. She will be here to talk about her new book *Untangled: Guiding Teenage Girls Through the Seven Transitions into Adulthood*. Deemed "the new Bible of parenting books" by *Your Teen Magazine*, her latest book is a practical and engaging guide for parents of daughters. Dr. Damour draws on decades of experience and the latest research to reveal the seven distinct developmental transitions into adulthood and addresses the most common challenges of raising a healthy, happy young woman. Books will be available for purchase and signing courtesy of Mac's Backs - Books on Coventry.

Monday Afternoon Book Discussion. Meets the 4th Monday of each month at 2:30 p.m. New Members Welcome!

Our next discussion will be held on Monday, March 28th. This month we will be discussing *Neverhome* by Laird Hunt. Copies of the book will be available for check-out at the circulation desk. Join us for great conversation!

Create a Fractal: Math Meets Art. Grades 5 – 12. Monday, March 28th from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Create a beautiful fractal work of art using repetitive patterns and colors. Math meets art in this hands-on program.

