

STRONGSVILLE CITY SCHOOLS DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sat., April 23 (12pm-3pm) Community Walkthrough at Drake Elementary, Center Middle School, & Albion Middle School
- Tues., April 26 ([see schedule](#)) Early Release Day
- Sat., April 30 (9am-12pm) Strongsville City Schools Job Fair at Strongsville High School (Media Ctr.)
- Mon., May 9 (7pm-9pm) Strongsville Board of Education Work Session (Administration Bldg.)

60 SECONDS WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

This week's episode features a recent "food fight" by our elementary school students, in cooperation with Strongsville Rotary Club, to benefit the Strongsville Food Bank . Click [here](#) to view this episode.

DISTRICT UPDATES

SHS Assistant Principal Receives Baldwin Wallace University 2016 Outstanding Educator Award

In recognition of significant contributions to the field of education, **Brian Tumino**, Strongsville High School Assistant Principal, joined six other honorees in receiving one of BW's 2016 Outstanding Educator Awards. The awards, sponsored by the BW Alumni Association and the School of Education, were presented at a Celebration of Outstanding Educators on Sunday, April 17. Mr. Tumino graduated from Baldwin Wallace with his Bachelor of Arts degree in history and minors in political science, education, and sociology in 1992. He earned his Master of Arts in Education degree from BW in 2002, specializing in administration. He has been working in Strongsville City Schools since 1995. Congratulations Mr. Tumino on this well-deserved honor!

Albion Middle School - Wigs for Kids Fundraiser

Albion Middle School's "Trailblazers" team is currently selling raffle tickets to their students for a chance to cut 7th grade Social Studies teacher, **Mrs. Beahn's** hair for a donation to Wigs for Kids. All of the money raised will also be donated to Wigs for Kids. [Wigs for Kids](#) is a local organization that provides hairpieces to children who experience hair loss due to medical reasons including: chemotherapy, radiation therapy, Alopecia, Trichotillomania, burns and more. It costs approximately \$1,800 to complete a hair replacement and Albion's Trailblazers staff and students hope to help offset some of those costs with this fundraiser. The winner will be drawn on May 19th as part of Albion's end of the school year activities.

Strongsville City Schools Special Education Department

The Special Education Department in the Strongsville City Schools is a proactive group of highly qualified and driven educators that are dedicated to serve students with disabilities with passion and hard work. They provide professional development and innovative training to all levels of staff to ensure outstanding service to our students. They have high expectations at every level and work continuously to improve instructional practices, leadership, and collaborative partnerships with parents and families. Click [here](#) for this month's Special Education monthly newsletter.

SHS Social Studies Teacher Presidential Experience

Earlier this month, Strongsville High School Social Studies teacher **Tobey Cook** met with colleagues from across the country at the Reagan Library in Simi Valley, CA. Mr. Cook applied for and was accepted for this weekend program, supported by the Ashbrook Center at Ashland University. His experience included testing of a new simulation that the Library is in the process of developing, delivering an "inaugural address," and re-connecting with a former student, Jessica (Evans) Morey - SHS Class of '99, who now teaches in Gainesville, FL. Congratulations on this great professional development experience!



Drake Heartbeats Performance

Don't miss the final performance of the Drake Jump Rope Club on Saturday, April 23 at Strongsville High School. The group will showcase their talents, combining with the Heartbeats Jump Rope Team, at 7:00pm in the SHS Main Gym. This free event will be a fantastic display of jump rope skill and power routines, including group routines that will be performed by the Heartbeats at a national competition this summer.

Summer School Registration

Summer school registration for middle school and high school grades 7-12 is now available on-line. Click [here](#) for more information on this program. Summer school for elementary grades 1-3 is by invitation only. Elementary students who qualify for summer school will receive an invitation soon with additional information.

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#SCStrongTogether***



Upcoming Events

Jockeys & Juleps Kentucky Derby Party, presented by the Strongsville Education Foundation

Celebrate the Kentucky Derby and help support the Strongsville Education Foundation at their “Jockeys & Juleps” Night at the Races Fundraiser on Saturday, May 7 beginning at 5:30pm at the Strongsville Recreation Center. The event includes an opportunity to watch this historic horse race, followed by a night of fun including food and drink, silent auctions, a “Best Hat” competition and prizes! Tickets, as well as event sponsorship opportunities still remain. Click [here](#) for additional details.

The Strongsville Education Foundation promotes and supports outstanding achievement for all students served by Strongsville City Schools by raising and disbursing grants for innovative projects and student scholarships.

Strongsville Athletic Boosters Golf Outing

The third annual Strongsville Athletic Boosters Golf Outing tees off on Friday, June 17th at 1:00pm at Mallard Creek Golf Club. The outing includes 18 holes of golf, skills contests (Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin), lunch and dinner, and plenty of prizes. Enjoy a day on the golf course - and help support Strongsville’s Athletic Program. Click [here](#) for registration information.

Job Fair

Strongsville City Schools is holding a Job Fair at the end of the month to fill substitute positions including bus drivers, cafeteria workers, school monitors, special education aides, custodians, and teachers. The Job fair will be held on Saturday, April 30 from 9:00am–12:00pm in the Strongsville High School Media Center.

ALUMNI UPDATES

We are proud of **Evan Bluemel** (SHS Class of 2014). Evan is a member of the Ohio State gymnastics team that recently won the 2016 Big Ten Men’s Gymnastics Championship. Evan has had a successful career as a student-athlete at Ohio State. Some of his personal highlights include a season-best of 13.650 on pommel horse at the NCAA Qualifier Meet as a freshman. As a sophomore, he finished 15th on pommel horse at the Big Ten Championships.

Evan’s academic achievements are equally impressive: 2016 Academic All-Big Ten selection, 2015 CGA All-America Scholar-Athlete and two-time Ohio State Scholar-Athlete. Evan wants to pursue a career in marketing after graduation.



SHS graduate Evan Bluemel (center)
celebrating Ohio State's Big Ten Men's Gymnastics Championship
with two of his teammates
(photo credit: Joe Bluemel)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

American Cancer Society Relay For Life

Strongsville will host its Relay for Life event on Saturday, May 14th and Sunday, May 15th at **Albion Middle School**. The event officially begins with a Survivor Luncheon at 11:30 am and Opening Ceremonies at 1:00 pm. The Relay continues throughout the day and night until 8:00 am on May 15. This is a family friendly event with great activities and entertainment, including a kids area, cartoon characters, bands, dance troops, food and fun! All money raised goes toward local research and programs for cancer patients. For more information, click [here](#).

NASA Glenn Research Center Open House

In celebration of its 75th anniversary, NASA's Glenn Research Center is having a free open house at its Lewis Field campus on Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22 from 10am-6pm each day. See NASA planes up close, step inside wind tunnels, meet astronauts, and talk to NASA scientists and engineers working on the nation's space exploration and aeronautics programs. The event also includes hands-on activities for kids, interactive exhibits, and make-and-take crafts. Visit www.nasa.gov/glenn75 for more information.

Strongsville Homecoming Festival

The 74th Annual Strongsville Homecoming Festival will take place July 13-16, 2016. The 43rd annual parade is Wednesday, July 13. Fireworks will be on Saturday, July 16. Live entertainment takes place each night. Enjoy rides, games, food, and fun for the entire family at the annual Homecoming Festival in July.

Strongsville Library (May Events)

Please note the following upcoming May events at the Strongsville Library. Registration is required for most events. Please call 440.238.5530 for more information and to register. All events sponsored by our Friends of Strongsville Branch Library. Visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org for more library event information.

Year-Round Story Times!

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Cuyahoga County Public Library offers story time sessions year-round for children Birth to Age

Our current story time sessions are on break for the month of May. They will start up again in June. Please call the library for more information about our upcoming Summer story time sessions.

Organic Gardening. Monday, May 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

If you are ready to start growing your own organically grown produce join Jeff Muhlbach, from Muhlbach Design, and find out all the basics to get your garden started.

Young at Heart. Tuesday, May 3rd from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

A book club for adults who love Children's and Teen books. Meets the first Tuesday evening of every month. Please register in person to pick up a copy of the book. Our next discussion will be on the book [Gone Crazy in Alabama](#) by Rita Williams-Garcia.

Toy Mania! Wednesday, May 11th from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Join us for a fun-filled look at toys of the past. Steve Presser, owner of Big Fun Toy Stores in Cleveland and Columbus, will discuss the history of toys through the ages and the different fads, styles, and changes in toys through the 21st century. He will bring some toys from the past for a fun evening of reminiscing. There will be a question and answer period after the program. Big Fun was voted 1 of the 20 coolest stores in America. All ages welcome!

Just 4 U Student Friends Meeting. Ages 10 – 18. Sat., May 14th 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.

Parkfit Mall Walkers Wellness Talk: Healthy Lifestyle. Tuesday, May 17th at 10:00 a.m.

Join us the third Tuesday of each month for this special wellness talk sponsored by Southwest Hospital. Our speaker this month will be Wendy Zullo, from Southwest Lifeworks talking about living a healthy lifestyle.

The ParkFit Mall Walkers Club is a combined effort of Southwest General and SouthPark Mall in Strongsville. The Club provides an opportunity for community residents to improve their health by walking for exercise in a safe, interesting and climate-controlled facility. Walk at the mall first, then come over to the Library for this informative wellness talk!

Fiber in Your Diet: Good Morning, Strongsville Speaker Series

Wednesday, May 18th 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 May speaker will be Judy Steffes from Southwest General speaking on the Importance of Fiber in your Diet. Refreshments served.

Wednesday Evening Book Discussion. 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm

New Members Welcome! Our next discussion will be on **Wednesday, May 18th**. This month we will be discussing *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo. 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!

Monday Afternoon Book Discussion. 4th Monday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

New Members Welcome! Our next discussion will be held on **Monday, May 23rd**. This month we will be discussing *West of Sunset* by Stuart O'Nan. Copies of the book will be available for check-out at the circulation desk. Join us for great conversation!

Create a Rube Goldberg Contraption. Ages 11 - 18.

Wednesday, May 25th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Ever played the game, *Mousetrap*? Mousetrap is a type of Rube Goldberg machine. Your challenge is to use everyday materials to create your own kooky Rube Goldberg machine. Teens will work in teams and compete for prizes!

***All branches of Cuyahoga County Public Library will be CLOSED in honor of Memorial Day from Saturday, May 28 through Monday, May 30. Regular hours resume Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Save the Date - Get in the Game! Our **2016 Summer Reading Program begins Saturday, June 4th and runs until Friday, August 6th. Register online, read, volunteer, and complete activities all summer long to win some great prizes! For more details, visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org