



October 8, 2021

Dear Midview Staff and Families,

As we enter the halfway point of the first quarter of the school year, I remain encouraged and excited with what I am seeing across the district. Our staff members are all working very hard to ensure our students have safe and clean travel and learning environments, nutritional meals, along with social-emotional support and strong instruction. If there are any questions or additional support needed for your child or children, please reach out to your building principal. Our principals have some great resources available to share with families and we want to make sure that we are attentive to your needs.

Please review the following updates and reach out with any questions.

**Safety Update from the Ohio School Safety Center:**

As many of you are already aware, a lot of our students spend a lot of their time watching Tik Tok videos. For those of you that are less familiar, TikTok is an extremely popular social media app designed for watching and creating videos. The Ohio School Safety Center (OSSC) has learned of new social media challenges that impact Ohio schools and, specifically, staff and educators.

As with most social media challenges, these activities have escalated to monthly challenges, which involve varying degrees of inappropriate behavior. I felt it was appropriate to share with staff and family so we can work together to protect and educate our students on making informed and productive decisions.

**Here are the monthly challenges that are being advertised on Tik Tok:**

**September:** Mess up a toilet/vandalize restroom

**February:** Mess up school signs

**October:** Smack a staff member on the rear end

**March:** Make a mess in school courtyards

**November:** Kiss your friend's girlfriend/boyfriend

**April:** Grab some eggs

**December:** Deck the halls and show your "b\*\*\*\*\*"

**May:** Ditch Day

**January:** Jab a breast

**June:** Flip off the front office

This type of behavior will have consequences and may include our school resource officer as many of these behaviors are against the law. Please have a discussion with your children to ensure they are not engaging in this kind of behavior. We understand the pressure social media and friends may put on these challenges so we are asking for your support and assistance in promoting positive behaviors and decision making for our students.

**Ohio School Board Association (OSBA) Statement on the National School Board Association's (NSBA) letter to President Biden**

Last Wednesday, the President and Interim Executive Director of National School Boards Association (NSBA) sent a letter to President Joe Biden that included examples of harassment, intimidation, and threats of violence against school board members, teachers, and workers in our nation's public schools – including examples involving OSBA's members. The letter characterized these acts as the potential equivalent to "a form of domestic terrorism" and further called for the assistance of federal law enforcement.

***On behalf of the Midview Board of Education, I just want to thank our parents and community.*** Our Board meetings this year have been respectful and even when there have been differing opinions, presenters have been articulate and thoughtful when sharing their thoughts. I have come to expect and am very thankful for our community for understanding that our Board members, administrators, and staff members work very hard to make decisions that will positively impact students daily and I





truly appreciate the positive relationships that have made our Midview community what it is. Our Board remains committed to hearing from our public so that their input can be used in the district decision-making process.

### **Positive Covid Cases & Updated Covid-19 District Dashboard:**

We were recently notified that one (1) North student and one (1) East instructional staff member have recently tested positive for COVID-19. We have confirmed the results and information with the families and have contacted all close contacts. Our totals by building, as of today are:

**HS: 7, MS: 3, East: 2, West: 5, and North: 2**

***Stay home if you have any symptoms at all and wear a mask as much as possible.***

I've also updated our weekly and year-to-date numbers on the Midview Covid Dashboard.

### **MIDVIEW.COVID.New.Dashboard.22**

### **Ohio Lottery:**

The Ohio Lottery has asked us to share that, "...the COVID-19 vaccination is a key to keeping Ohio's students in the classroom, and that's why the Ohio Department of Health has launched Ohio Vax-2-School.

Ohioans between the ages of 12 and 25 who have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccination have the chance to win one of 150 \$10,000 scholarships and one of five \$100,000 scholarships to an Ohio college or university for career or technical education.

The entry period is open now. To learn more about this initiative or to submit an entry, visit [ohiofax2school.com](https://ohiofax2school.com) or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH."

### **Great Apple Crunch:**

Join in the Great Apple Crunch on October 14!! Midview will be participating in this wonderful Crunch event. Students who receive lunch will receive an apple at the same time. Students that pack can bring an apple from home so all students can crunch at the same time. We will be added to the OHIO count of people throughout the state who Crunched an apple on October 14!

Apples are from Quarry Hill Orchard- Local orchard we are using. Family-owned fruit farm near the shores of Lake Erie in northeastern Ohio.

#WeAreMidview

Take care,

***Bruce***

Dr. Willingham  
Superintendent

