October 29, 2021

Dear Midview Staff and Families,

I want to first thank everyone who came out to Trunk or Treat last night! It was an amazing turnout from staff, students, community members, and of course parents! What a great night of weather we had, but it was much more impressive to see the number of people that came out, dressed up, and handed out candy to our students. Midview is a special place and it's events like this that really showcase who we are!

I also want to bring attention to the fact that I was able to walk Senator Nathan Manning and Representative Gayle Manning around our district today. It's important for our district to show our legislators the great things our students are doing daily and walks like this provide a glimpse into what the Midview educational experience looks like. They were both very impressed with our staff, students, and programming and what makes me the happiest is that we didn't put on a show. I walked them through lunchrooms, classrooms, and hallways because as they help craft educational policy and law, they need to know what the faces they impact look like. They are an amazing family of educators and they have helped us greatly and I hope our tour today solidifies what they are fighting for.

Days like this remind me of what Midview was like before the Covid-19 pandemic. I had the opportunity to attend the pep rally at the HS, led by Mrs. Fisher and Mr. Siftar, walk our state legislators around with our HS and MS admin team, and I read to Mrs. Manning's class at North today and watch a couple presentations. For our new staff members and families, this is Midivew. For our returning families and staff, it's slowly getting back to what we know as Midivew.

I cannot thank you all enough for working to make this year as normal as possible for our students. The excitement is returning and while I know everyone is tired, being here and creating a fun, nurturing, and challenging environment for our students is why we all got into education in the first place!

Below are a few updates to review.

Youth Football Championship:

Congratulations to the Midview Rookie Tackle Team (4th and 5th grade students at West and East) for making the championships this weekend! We are very proud of their effort and undefeated regular season. **They will be playing their championship game on Saturday, October 30th at 3:30 pm.** The game will take place at Ross Field at Adelsberg Stadium. Please come support our future!

Compass Committee:

The Compass Committee's next Marco's Pizza Night will be held on Tuesday, November 9 for 1st grade. Please make sure to mention a first grade teacher when ordering.

Each building will have one class earn a pizza party based on the most donations in that building. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you as always for your support!

The Compass Committee has also worked with National Honor Society (NHS) student volunteers to prepare envelopes for the monetary fundraising campaign to support the Our Lady Queen of Peace Backpack Program. Fundraising will occur Nov 1-30.

The Compass Committee is requesting that teachers collect any returned donations and forward them to Kim Kauffman at East and/or Leslie Rowe at North.

HS College and Career Fair:

On Thursday, November 4, 2021, Midview High School will be hosting a College and Career Fair in the K-gym during school hours. The fair will be an excellent opportunity for students to speak with college representatives about their programs and scholarship information. We will also have agency and career representatives to discuss their professions and transition into the workforce. In addition, we will have multiple branches of the military here to discuss their programs and post-secondary opportunities. There truly will be something for all students. A list of agencies, colleges, and organizations of those who will be attending is listed below.

Colleges & Universities: Alabama University, Ashland University, Baldwin Wallace, Bowling Green State University, Bryant & Stratton College, Capital University, Cuyahoga Community College, Eastern Michigan, Geneva College, Lorain County Community College, Malone University, Miami University, Ohio Northern University, Ohio State University, OSU Mansfield, Slippery Rock, Tiffin University, University of Akron, University of Mount Union, Walsh University, Youngstown State University, Ohio Dominican University, Xavier University, Thiel College, University of Findlay

Other agencies: The Painters & Allied Trades, Property Management Rep, Licensed Insurance Agent, Licensed Real-Estate Agent, Cleveland Builds, Cement Masons' Local 404, Lorain County JVS Adult Career Center, Elyria Law Director's Office

Military Branches: US Air Force, US Army, US Coast Guard

ACT Crash Course for HS Students:

Please do not forget that the Grafton-Midview Library has also been an amazing partner for our schools. In response to a need for our students and families to have more options for ACT prep, the Library has partnered with Dr. Srinath Sampath from Prep Accelerator to offer a free online class for our Midview HS students.

The free, online course will be held on Friday, November 12th from 4:30 pm - 9:30 pm.

You must register at **ACT Crash Course Registration Link** starting onWednesday, October 20, 2021 at 8:00 am.

Parents are invited to join in and please remember to have a calculator, pens/pencils, and a notebook handy.

ACT Crash Course at Grafton-Midview Library

Positive Covid Cases & Updated Covid-19 District Dashboard:

We were recently notified that one (1) HS non-instructional staff member and eight (8) students at West recently tested positive for COVID-19. Just to be clear, not all eight students were identified today. There were a handful of cases we were trying to confirm prior to notification, but we have finally confirmed the results and information with the families and have contacted all close contacts. Sorry for the delay at West.

Our totals by building, as of today are:

HS: 8, MS: 2, East: 6, West: 8, and North 0:

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.

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Take care,

Bruce

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