



Tuesdays with Mr. Knoll

April 17, 2018

We trust that this information will help you stay up-to-date on what is happening here at Marlinton. If you would like to submit a student or staff achievement, please e-mail the information to my assistant at: l_packey@marlingtonlocal.org.

- **Congratulations to Brianna Hoopes** who recently committed to continuing her academic and basketball career at the University of Mount Union. She plans to study pre-veterinary medicine and biology. Best wishes Brianna!
- **Congratulations to Nate Allenbaugh** on his selection as The Alliance Review Male Athlete of the Week for baseball. Awesome Job Nate!
- **Congratulations to Mr. Curt Hamilton**, high school teacher and high school wrestling coach on his induction into the Stark County Wrestling Hall of Fame. Awesome Job Curt!!
- **Congratulations to Doug Sanor**, 7th grade at the middle school, on his nomination as a United Way of Greater Stark County “Kids of Character” which was recently featured in The Canton Repository. Great Job Doug!
- **Congratulations to Abi Hartzler**, 6th grade at the middle school, on her nomination as a United Way of Greater Stark County “Kids of Character” which was recently featured in The Canton Repository. Great Job Abi!
- **WOW.** what an awesome weekend of performances for our high school production of “Footloose”. A shout out to Mr. Al-hadid and all of our staff members that assisted in the production of the musical and “hat’s off” to our extremely talented cast and crew. It was a memorable performance! I truly enjoyed my cameo appearance ... you all made this superintendent and our community extremely proud. Another great example of Positively Marlinton!!
- **Last Call for Canned Goods** - Marlinton Local Schools is once again joining the **Hunger: The Bus Stops Here food drive campaign with the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank and Stark County ESC member districts**. Please deposit food donations at your school office through April 26th. Thanks for your support and help us “FILL A BUS”!

- The Marlinton Local School District will be taking part in the Northeast Ohio Youth Health Survey being conducted by the Stark County Health Department and the Ohio Department of Health, with assistance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This anonymous survey will ask about the health and behaviors of 7th through 12th grade students. The survey is voluntary. Findings of the survey will help public health and school officials advance and develop important programs to support students. We have mailed an informational letter and opt-out form to all parents today. Please be on the lookout for this letter in your mailbox. If you would like to opt your child out of the survey, please sign and return the opt-out letter by Friday, April 20, 2018. Thank you. A copy of these documents is attached.

Joe Knoll, Superintendent

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OPT-OUT LETTER

Our school is taking part in the Northeast Ohio Youth Health Survey. This anonymous, evidence-based survey is being conducted by the Stark County Health Department and Ohio Department of Health, with technical assistance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The survey is based on prior research and is designed to help understand students' mental health. The survey will ask about the health behaviors of 7th through 12th grade students. The survey is anonymous and includes questions about life experiences, social media, injuries, mental health, suicide, substance use, and friendships.

Students will be asked to fill out a survey that takes about 20 minutes to complete.

The findings from this survey will help public health and school officials advance and develop important programs to support students. As a result, this survey might benefit your child and other children in the future. Doing this online survey will cause little or no risk to your child. The only potential risk is that some students might find certain questions to be sensitive.

The survey has been designed to protect your child's privacy; the survey is completely anonymous. Students will not put their names on the survey. Individual responses will not be shared with teachers or school administrators. We would like all students to take part in the survey, but the survey is voluntary. No action will be taken against the school, you, or your child, if your child does not take part. Students can skip any questions that they do not wish to answer. In addition, students may stop participating in the survey at any time without penalty. If you would like to see the survey, a copy is available in your child's school office.

Please read the section below and check the box **only if you do not** want your child to take part in the survey. If you check the box "no," sign the form and return it to the school by **APRIL 20, 2018**. Please see the other side of this form for more facts about the survey. Thank you.

Child's name: _____ Grade: _____

I have read this form and know what the survey is about.

NO, my child may **not** take part in this survey.

Parent or guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____

This form only needs to be signed and returned if you do NOT want your child to participate.

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SURVEY FACT SHEET

Q. Why is the Northeast Ohio Youth Health Survey being done?

A. Suicide is an important issue facing communities across the country. In the past 10 years, rates of young people visiting the emergency department for suicide concerns have risen more than 50% across the country. To better understand how to prevent suicide in our community, the Stark County Health Department, Ohio Department of Health and representatives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) created the Northeast Ohio Youth Health Survey to learn about mental health among Northeast Ohio's youth. Survey results will guide suicide prevention initiatives and programs to improve mental health among youth in Stark County and surrounding counties.

Q. Are sensitive questions asked?

A. Yes. Some questions might be considered sensitive. The only way to determine if adolescents are experiencing mental health challenges is to ask questions about these behaviors. Past life experiences, alcohol and other drug use also might be considered sensitive topics. Questions are presented in a straightforward and sensitive manner in recognition of these topics.

Q. Will student names be used or linked to the surveys?

A. No. The survey has been designed to protect your child's privacy. Specially trained staff and teachers will administer the survey in each school. Students do not put their name on the survey. Teachers and school administrators do not have access to survey data. Survey responses will only be reviewed by public health professionals.

Q. How was my child selected to be in the survey?

A. All students at schools affiliated with the Stark County Educational Service Center in grades 7-12 are being asked to participate in the survey.

Q. How long does it take to fill out the survey? Does the survey include a physical test?

A. One class period is needed to fill out the survey. The survey does not include a physical test or exam.

Q. Can I see the questions my child will be asked?

A. Yes, a copy of the survey is available at your child's school office.

Q. What resources will be available for students after taking the survey?

A. Mental health counselors will be available at the school on the day of the survey. All students participating in the survey will be given a list of mental health resources.

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