



Tuesdays With Mr. Knoll

September 11, 2018

I would like to welcome you to the first edition of “*Tuesdays With Mr. Knoll*” for the 2018-2019 school year. Beginning today, and every other Tuesday, we will be e-mailing this publication as an effort to update our community on student and staff achievements, as well as upcoming district events. We trust that this information will help you stay up-to-date on what is happening here at Marlinton. We encourage you to submit student and/or staff achievements please e-mail the information to my assistant at:

l_packey@marlingtonlocal.org.

- The 2018-2019 school year is off to a great start and there are many exciting things happening throughout the district!! We are excited about the ideas and programs we have for this year that incorporate our theme for the year throughout the district – ***“Don’t forget to connect . . . Every Duke Counts!”*** This district-wide motto focuses on encouraging involvement among staff and students and making connections. We are also really excited about our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math) program being incorporated in all of the elementary buildings.
- With the warm start to our school year, we wanted to thank all of our community and staff members who provided water and fans and a big thank-you to Wal-Mart for helping us with 900 popsicles for our elementary students the first couple of days.
- **Thank you** to our elementary PTO Organizations for their work in organizing and planning our recent Community Day. Thank you to our many staff members, who along with our administration team and PTO members volunteered their time to promote and ensure that this event was a success. **It was great!** We still have community day t-shirts available for purchase for \$10.00 at any of our buildings. Also, a big thank you to all of our generous community sponsors, **Warner Eye Care, Lisa Trummer @ Tanner Real Estate, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Pauli Electric, Marlboro Manufacturing, Canton Floors, Davidson Well Drilling, Dehoff’s Flowers, Hagan Heating & Plumbing, Hartville Plumbing & Associates, Powers Oil Company, Rankin Lawn Care, Burden Electric, Ralph Betz & Son’s Excavating Co., Inc., Sol Harris/Day Architecture, Leask Construction LLC, Strouble Water Hauling & Trucking, Kevin & Sarah Butler, Cope Farm Equipment, and Ron Smith.**
- **Electronic Forms.** We are now in year five of electronic forms. Forms included in the on-line process are: Emergency Medical Authorizations and Free and Reduced Lunch Forms. **Please visit our website at www.marlingtonlocal.org where you will find instructions and a Quick Start Guide and complete these forms as soon as possible if you have not already done so.** If you need further assistance, please contact building secretaries regarding Emergency Medical Authorizations and miscellaneous questions. Call our Food Services Director, Rojean Cole, at 330-821-4017 for information concerning Free & Reduce Lunch Applications.
- **Immunizations!** Ohio State Law requires all children to be properly immunized against childhood diseases in order for them to attend school. **Without proper documentation of all required immunizations, your child will be excluded from attending school and extra-curricular activities beginning Monday October 1st, 2018 until written proof of these immunizations is received in the school office.** All school absences from this exclusion are unexcused and will be counted as such. Please submit written documentation from your physician/provider or a copy of your child’s immunization record to the school office.

- If you have received a letter from the nurse about missing immunizations, please turn in an updated shot record including those immunizations.
- If your child is entering **7th grade**, a Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) and Meningococcal (A, C, Y, W-135) are required in addition to the shot record the school already has on file.
- If your child is entering **12th grade**, a Meningococcal (A, C, Y, W-135) is required after the age of 16 years old in addition to the shot record the school already has on file.

For your convenience, the Stark County Health Department will be holding an immunization clinic at Marlinton Middle School this Thursday, September 13th, 2018 from 3:30-5:30pm. At this clinic our nurses will have all pediatric vaccines available. **This clinic is by appointment only!** The Stark County Health Department accepts most insurance's and all of the Medicaid HMO's. To make an appointment please call the Stark County Health Department at 330-493-9914. At the time of your appointment, you will need to bring a copy of your child's current shot record, your insurance card and a parent/guardian must be present if your child is not 18 years of age or older.

If you are choosing not to vaccinate your child with one of these required vaccinations please leave a message at the school or e-mail the school nurse at a_devore@marlingtonlocal.org to get an exemption paper. Please know that by signing the exemption form your child does not have to get the vaccine, however if an outbreak occurs in Stark County your child may be excluded from school and it will count as an unexcused absence. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and have a great summer!

- The Marlinton Local Board of Education approved an updated 2018-2019 school calendar to include the addition of two professional days on Wednesday, November 21, 2018 and Thursday, April 18, 2019. These days are for staff members only as they participate in professional development opportunities. An updated calendar is available on our district website.
- If your child needs health insurance, Guarantee Trust Life has student health insurance plans available. Please visit any of our buildings websites for more information.
- **Congratulations** to our staff members who made application and received grants from the Marlinton Education Innovation Fund for the upcoming year. They are **Cindy Bowser, Denise Wood & Amy Rovnak, Jessica Schrock, Katie Sanderson & Janelle Hart, Shawn Dillon, Danielle Heather & Liz Asher, Teresa Phillips and Tierney Bratten**. Great Job!
- Would you like one million sheets of paper for our school? We would too! Stark Federal Credit Union is one again this year giving us the opportunity to win 1,000,000 sheets of paper to start our school year off right. Last year the middle school won this competition and the paper was shared throughout the district. So this year we are again asking for your help and starting September 17th, 2018, teachers, students, and parents alike can join together and vote for **MARLINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL** to win 1,000,000 sheets. (When the Dukes win again we will share the paper with all buildings.) Voting is online at <https://www.onemillionsheets.com>. Join us!
- We would like to say **CONGRATULATIONS** to all of our students who participated in both the Stark County Fair and the Randolph Fair! Please forward us information concerning individual results - we would love to recognize those students in our next issue of Tuesday's.
- **Congratulations** to **Mrs. Colleen Mathes**, our building secretary at Lexington Elementary. Mrs. Mathes was chosen as September's Difference Maker for the The Alliance Review "Make the Grade" publication and was also recognized as a nominee for the Canton Repository Difference Maker sponsored by Synchrony Financial! So proud to call Mrs. Mathes a Duke!

- **Congratulations to Natalie Rice**, a 6th grader who has competed with her dog Ralph in dog shows over the spring and summer. In competition at the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America National Specialty dog show in Pakmyra, Pennsylvania she was awarded Reserve Best Junior Handler and at the Ohio State Fair she and Ralph placed 7th in You and Your Dog and 5th in Skillathon. Great Job Natalie!
- **Congratulations to Claire Rice**, a 4th grader at Marlboro who also competed with her dog at the Ohio State Fair and received 11th in Showmanship, 13th in You and Your Dog, and 7th in Skillathon. Awesome Job Claire!
- **September 11th Recognition.** As we reflect on the 17th anniversary of 9/11, this is a great opportunity for us to thank our local first responders for their service to our community. At last Friday's football game we had the privilege of honoring those members that serve on the Marlboro, Lexington, Washington Township Fire Department , Marlboro Police Department and the Stark County Sheriff's Department. Thank you for your service to the Marlinton community.

Hope you all have a great school year!

Joe Knoll, Superintendent

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