

Tuesdays With Mr. Knoll May 19, 2020

We trust that this information has helped you stay up-to-date as this school year comes to a close. This will be our final publication for the 2019-2020 school year.

- **Congratulations** to **Beth Schick**, third grade at Lexington Elementary, on her nomination as a Malone University Teacher of the Month in the Canton Repository for May. Great Job Mrs. Schick!
- **Congratulations** to **Kylie Shackle**, counselor at the middle school, on her nomination as a Malone University Teacher of the Month in the Canton Repository for May. Awesome Job Mrs. Shackle!
- **Congratulations** to **Heather Hall**, first grade at Lexington Elementary, on her nomination as a Malone University Teacher of the Month in the Canton Repository for May. Well done Ms. Hall!
- **Congratulations** to **Ava Theiss**, a seventh grader, on her nomination as a United Way Kid of Character in the Canton Repository for May. Awesome Job Ava!
- **Congratulations** to **Peyton Caserta**, a seventh grader, on his nomination as a United Way Kid of Character in the Canton Repository for May. Great Job Peyton!
- Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Virtual District Science Fair through The University of Mount Union, all receiving excellent ratings: Noah Bixler - Sugar Rocket Efficiency; Claire Gerber - Airfoils and Lift; and Alison Landon-Watershed Testing. Alison Landon also won the following monetary awards: Akron Section of the American Chemical Society; NE Section Ohio Water Environment Association; and Ohio Soybean Council Foundation. Great job Dukes!

• <u>COVID 19 UPDATE</u>. We realize the stress that remote learning puts on our families and caregivers during this already difficult time. We will continue to work diligently to provide an abundance of resources over the summer months. Our counselors can be contacted for assistance as well.

Mrs. Kitty Mort - Elementary Counselor - k_mort@marlingtonlocal.org

Mrs. Siobhan Davis - Elementary Counselor - s_davis@marlingtonlocal.org

Mrs. Kylie Shackle - Middle School Counselor - k_shackle@marlingtonlocal.org

Mrs. Meredith Joyce - High School Counselor - m_joyce@marlingtonlocal.org

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Finally, as we prepare to finish off the school year with remote learning and keep a focus on mental health, I have included a helpful article on ways to "Strengthen Our Health and Social Connections." It is attached to this email.

 CHANGES to Grab and Go Meals: The Marlington Local School District continues to travel into the community to deliver breakfast and lunch to children during this remote-learning time period. We will supply two breakfast and two lunch meals on Monday and Wednesday, and on Friday, we will provide one breakfast and one lunch for each child requested. THIS PROCESS WILL CONTINUE THROUGH FRIDAY, MAY 28th. (No meals will be delivered on Memorial Day, Monday May 25th)

Starting on Monday, June 8th, our Summer Meals Program will begin. We will be distributing food at the following sites from 11:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Participants will receive 5 days of food at each site.

Monday - Lexington Elementary front parking lot Tuesday - Marlboro Elementary front parking lot Wednesday - Washington Elementary front parking lot Thursday - Nantucket Circle Site Friday - Middle School - front of school

• Attention all parents of upcoming kindergarten students. We encourage you to complete the on-line registration process for your child at https://www.marlingtonlocal.org/NewStudentRegistration.aspx so we can begin to properly prepare for our upcoming Kindergarten classes. If you have any questions please email us at 1_packey@marlingtonlocal.org.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support during the 2019-2020 school year. It has been a challenging year, but we have celebrated many successes for both our students and staff. Truly we have been *#strongertogether!*

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Joe Knoll, Superintendent #strongertogether

For more information, visit <u>www.marlingtonlocal.org</u>.



Ways to Use this Physical Distancing Time to Strengthen Our Health and Social Connections

Enjoy Time to Practice Common Sense Use of Television, Movies and Digital Media

Limit and monitor your family's exposure to news media Stay informed with brief and accurate updates: <u>CDC.gov/coronavirus/2019Updates</u> Family Common Sense Media Guide: <u>https://www.commonsensemedia.org/</u> *Discontinue use of electronic devices at least 1 hour before bedtime for improved sleep *Remove electronic devices from the bedrooms of your children/teens at night

Enjoy the Health Benefits of Outdoor Play and Exercise

Follow <u>CDC</u> and <u>Ohio</u> guidelines for physical distancing, surface exposure, and handwashing StarkParks <u>parkfinder</u> Neighborhood parks <u>Best Playgrounds across Northeast Ohio</u> Free Bike Rentals <u>BikeSmart Expands with More Bikes, New Locations, and New Features</u>

Enjoy Time to Explore Different Forms of Exercise from the Comfort of Your Own Home

Explore a large variety of exercise options available free on-line or just jam to favorite tunes, sing out loud, and DANCE because no one is watching!!

<u>YMCA-360: On Demand Videos</u> <u>Kid Yoga Videos</u> Youtube: Kids Workout Video

Enjoy Time for Family Conversations and Games

Host virtual gatherings with <u>Free Zoom Videoconferencing Access</u> <u>StarkMHAR</u> made the <u>Conversation Cards</u> created by North Canton Hoover High School JA students for family conversations around the dinner table or anytime of the day *Enjoy time playing with your children and making fun family memories. Play and Laughter is still the best medicine.* <u>Simple Activities for Children to Limit Screen Time</u> <u>Ready Rosie videos modeling family fun activities</u>

Enjoy Time for Spring Cleaning and Cleaning Out Your Closets

Give your children opportunities to contribute and serve by helping you spring clean Great time to donate any items that you do not need but can be valuable to others *Eliminating clutter can improve focus, decrease stress and improve sleep* <u>How To Declutter Every Room In Your House To Reduce Anxiety And Stress</u>

Enjoy Time to Create and Enjoy Healthier Family Meals and Snacks

Great time to start preparing your gardens and get your kids involved in learning gardening skills Time to try new, fun, and healthier recipes that your children can help you prepare <u>Budget Friendly Healthy Recipes</u> <u>Free Digital Cooking Classes for Kids</u>

Enjoy Time to Foster Your Creativity and Innovation

Significant artistic, musical, and literary masterpieces and amazing innovations transpire in times of solitude. Use this gift of time and solitude to use your gifts and talents to create and innovate! Learn to Draw Favorite Disney Characters Creative Cloud Access Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems! Kennedy Center

Enjoy Time to Spread More Kindness

Spreading kindness is proven to reduce stress, anxiety, depression, loneliness and more Challenge your children to come up with ways to spread kindness without spreading germs Check in with neighbors, share your contact information, offer to grocery shop for them <u>Kindness Ideas</u>

<u>Channel Kindness</u> - Inspiring kindness, one story at a time <u>10 Days Of Live, Online Choose Love Lessons For Parents And Children</u>

Enjoy Time for Reading and Listening to Books

Stark County Library has great on-line access options: <u>Download it from the Online Library</u> <u>NCantonlibrary.com</u> <u>Time for Kids Digital Library Free</u> <u>Free Audible Stories for Kids</u>

Enjoy *Time* for Virtual Field Trips and Tours of Some Amazing Places

<u>Virtual Tours of National Parks</u> <u>Discovery Education Virtual Field Trips</u> <u>Virtual museum resources</u> <u>Virtual field trips around the world</u> <u>Adventuresinfamilyhood.com/20-virtual-field-trips-to-take-with-your-kids</u> <u>Explore Local Museums, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and Cincinnati Zoo</u> <u>TomTod Ideas Daily Adventure</u> <u>Virtual Marine Biology Camp</u>

Enjoy Time to Breathe, Be Still, and Learn New Strategies to Decrease Stress

<u>Care for Your Coronavirus Anxiety</u> <u>Free Online Mindfulness Class for Kids</u> <u>Calming Anxiety</u> <u>Yogaed.com/toolkit-3-tools-to-manage-anxiety</u> <u>Healthline's Top Rated Anxiety Apps of 2019</u>

Take Time to Help Your Children Talk About their Fears and Stress

Talking to Kids About the CoronavirusTaking Care of Your Family During CoronavirusTalking to Your Children About Tragedies and News EventsTalking to Your Children During Times of CrisisMister Rogers Episodes About Fear and Talking About Your FeelingsReady Rosie Videos modeling ways to talk to young children about feelings

No Better Time than the Present to Quit Smoking and Strengthen Your Lungs

Ohio's Tobacco Quit Line 1-800-Quit-Now (1-800-784-8669): <u>Quit Smoking and Tobacco Use</u> Information for parents about vaping: <u>Catch My Breath Parent Information</u> and <u>Be Vape Free</u> Apps that Might be Helpful: <u>Healthline's Quit Smoking Apps of 2019</u> <u>Prevention Action Alliance Tips for Raising Children Who are Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug-Free</u>

Take Care of You and Your Family's Mental Health or Addiction Treatment Needs! Mental Health & Coping During COVID-19

Mental Health and Addiction organizations are expanding their telehealth options Stay tuned with the <u>StarkMHAR</u> website and social media posts for updated information Connect 24/7 to the <u>Stark County Mobile Response Team</u> at 330-452-6000 Connect 24/7 to the <u>Crisis Text Line</u> at 741741 (Text "4hope") Share this website with your Teens and Young Adults <u>Hey I'm Here</u> Find additional resources at: <u>OhioMHAS Mental Health Resource Information</u> Keep up with support for addiction recovery with <u>On-Line AA Recovery Groups</u>

And Always Look for Helpers - Lots of Resources Available

School Districts are distributing food to students (check your school district for details) <u>Ohio's School Distribution Sites During Coronavirus School Closures</u> <u>Stark County Hunger Task Force</u> sites have increased hours and access <u>Techcred.ohio.gov</u> on-line training that employers need in today's tech-infused economy <u>Ohio Unemployment Benefits</u> offers their application process on-line or by phone <u>Comcast</u> and <u>Spectrum</u> are providing internet access assistance to support distance learning <u>OhioMeansJobs</u> will keep you updated on the job opportunities <u>Beacon Charitable Pharmacy</u> serving uninsured and underinsured with low to moderate income Reach out to <u>2-1-1</u> for updated resource information