



Community Update

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SUPERINTENDENT



Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great start to 2017.

December was a busy month in our buildings. In addition to their academic achievements, our students and staff participated in several charitable events throughout the communities.

I am pleased to announce that the Northern Career Institute, Willoughby campus, was awarded the Robert J. Conkling Award and was honored as a First Place—High School in the country. Awards such as this, and the recent Momentum Awards, can be attributed

to the tireless and collaborative efforts of Willoughby-Eastlake families, students and staff.

I would also like to welcome our newest students to the Northern Career Institute, Eastlake campus. The Class of 2018 adult nursing students will begin this week.

As always, I am proud to be a part of a district that offers so much to students and the community.

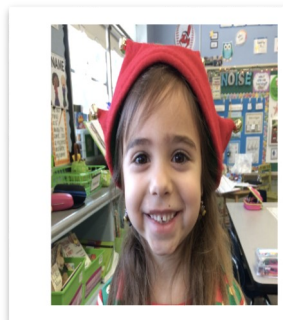
Steve Thompson



TEACHERS STAYING CONNECTED

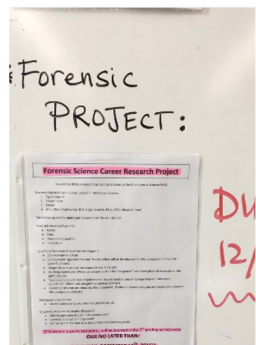
Social media has become too big to ignore and Willoughby-Eastlake staff members have embraced the ability to communicate and educate their students using resources such as Twitter.

As apps such as Twitter become a prominent presence in society, teachers, coaches and district administrators are integrating it into their communication about daily activities and schedules.



[@stittskids109](#) consistently shares great updates about her classroom!

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wait till the last minute! You should be turning in you



[@Science4Ertter](#) recently shared important classroom news on Twitter.

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W-E CONSTRUCTION - *IN THE NEWS*

During the next several months, the construction taking place in Willoughby-Eastlake will be featured in [Mimi Magazine](#), an online magazine created by Mimi Vanderhaven in 2003.

In the December 2016 edition of Mimi Magazine, the background to the 2015 bond issue was shared with readers as well as the rationale for construction decisions.



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Breaking Ground

The Willoughby-Eastlake School District is breaking ground on two new high schools and exciting new beginnings are in the works.

By Patricia Hager

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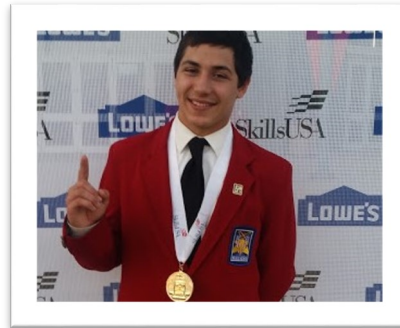
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In the months to come, each phase of construction will be covered, giving readers an opportunity to follow our new schools from the beginning.

If you would like to read the December story, BREAKING GROUND, it can be found here: [MIMI MAGAZINE, BREAKING GROUND.](#)

STAFF & STUDENT AWARDS...CONGRATULATIONS!

Longfellow Elementary was awarded \$10,000.00 in the Campbell's GRAND STAND for SCHOOLS. Thank you PTA President, Carolyn Radabaugh for entering Longfellow into the drawing!



Congratulations to Connor Roberts who was recognized for winning the gold medal at the National SkillsUSA Welding Competition.

AUTO COLLISION,

When the SWAT team arrived at NCI Willoughby, they had a lot to share with the students that are doing so much to help them.

Just before leaving for Winter Break, two officers from the local SWAT team came to NCI Willoughby to discuss their responsibilities as members of the team. The officers brought a retired ambulance that they hope to use for future hostage negotiations. The students will be working to transform the outdated and badly worn ambulance into a newly renovated vehicle to be used in South Euclid and Cleveland Heights.

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WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

RECENT EVENTS IN OUR SCHOOLS



Grant Elementary honored their students of the month during a PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports) "RESPECT" pizza party.

Royalview hosted DARE graduation for their fifth graders.



The School of Innovation welcomed ProBuilt Homes as a part of their professional speaker series.



Success Academy students had an opportunity to learn about the heroin epidemic in Lake County from Judge Lawson.



North High band and choir students entertained holiday shoppers at the Great Lakes Mall.



Willowick Middle students participated in a game of Bubble Ball Soccer as a PBIS reward!

Willoughby Middle students raised over \$800 for the McKinley Outreach Center during a student/staff volleyball game.



Miss Mihalek's Jefferson students became published authors!



The South High choir students performed their winter concert.



The Edison Eagles shared some great advice with Santa!



Several students from Eastlake Middle School participated and won awards in the Gallery One, Cold Nose, Warm Heart, Art Contest.



Longfellow students began reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in their One School, One Book, book club.

DISCOVERING OUR WEBSITE...



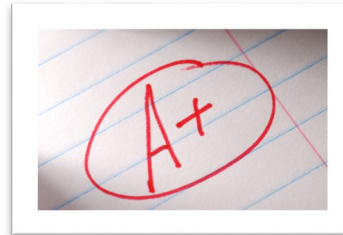
KINDERGARTEN AGE UPDATE

The Board of Education has approved an important policy change regarding the cutoff date for children entering kindergarten.

[Read more here >>>](#)

REPORT CARD DOWNLOADS

Report cards will be issued Tuesday, January 10. In order to obtain your child's report card you will need to access the district website. You can find instructions



[here >>>](#)

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017

Report Cards posted

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017

South High School Orientation for current 8th graders
Breakout sessions for upperclassmen regarding scheduling and college process

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017

North High School Orientation night for current 8th grade students

This is not an inclusive list of all events during the upcoming month. For a more complete list, please check our district calendar or follow us on Facebook. Facebook is now being updated to include weekly events.

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OUR MISSION:

IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Teach - Learn - Grow

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