

Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools

Community *Update*

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March 2017

A Message from your Superintendent



Our students have moved into the second semester of the 2016 - 2017 school year and Spring is almost upon us.

The Northern Career Institute, Eastlake campus celebrated the graduation of the 2017 January class of Licensed Practical Nursing students. We wish them well as they prepare for their National Council Licensure Exams.

Also during the past month, The Breda Loncar School for Success, located at NCI Willoughby, was dedicated. Mrs. Loncar gave many years of service to students, devoting her time and energy to the success of **all** students. Because of the innovative ideas put into place by Breda, hundreds of students that may not have done so otherwise, earned a diploma. We are indebted to Mrs. Loncar for her creativity and perseverance to ensure that all students have an opportunity for success. Her legacy will live on through the students impacted by The Breda Loncar School for Success.

In the months to come, our senior class will continue to finalize their graduation and post-graduation plans. It is an exciting time for them as they prepare for their future. Whether our graduates seek to continue their education or enter the work force, we are working as a district to prepare them for the next phase of their lives.

I hope that you enjoy this month's Community Update.

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

Steve Thompson



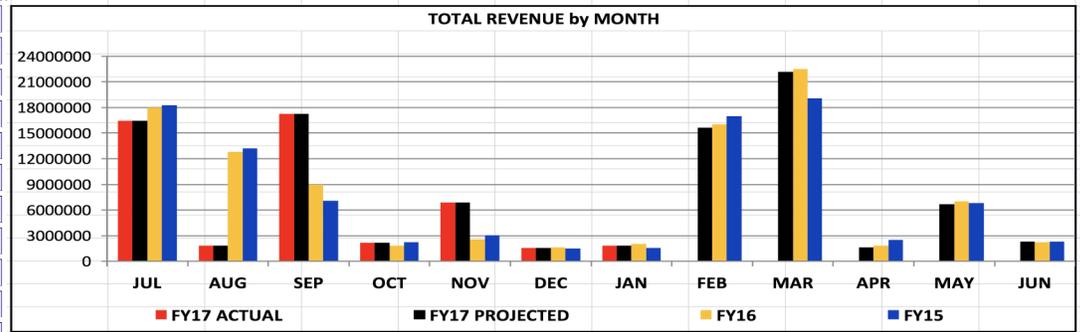
Students at Edison Elementary participated in a recycling project this month.



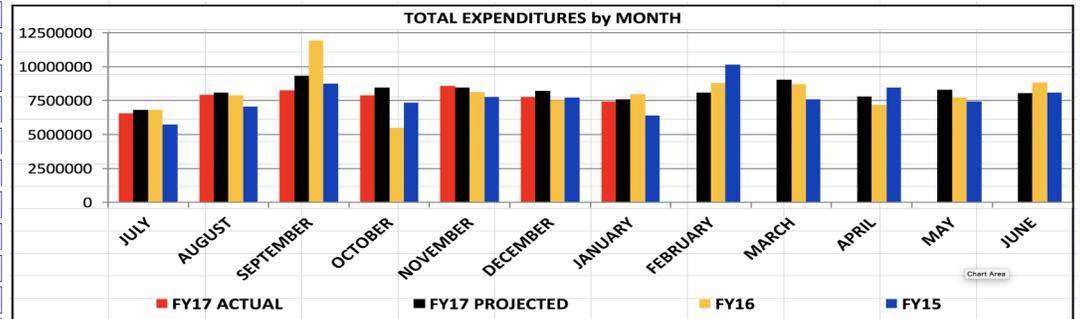
Thank you Mrs. Loncar for your many years of dedication to Willoughby- Eastlake students.

A Message from your Treasurer

These graphs reflect information about district expenses, revenue and cash balances.

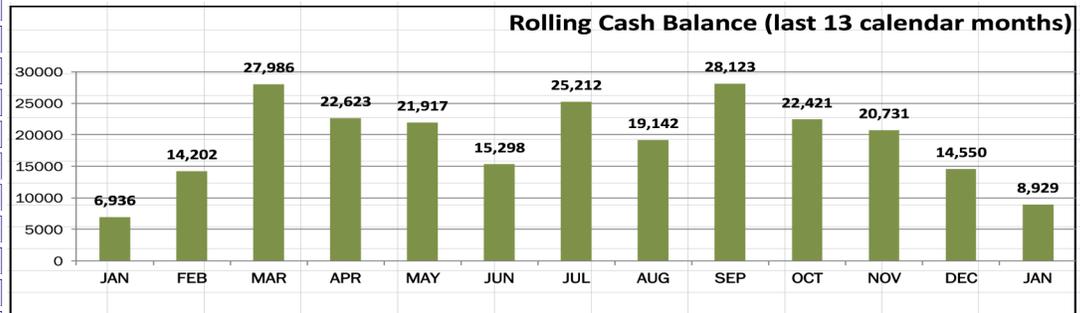


Revenues collected matched projected budgetary expectations.

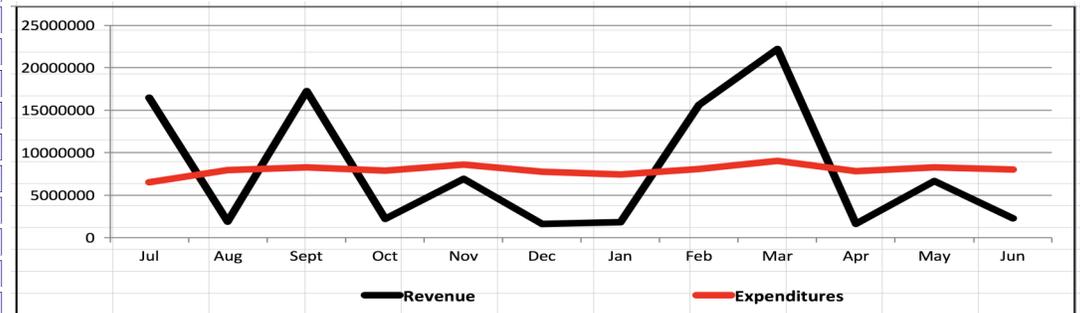


The district was able to save \$700,000 since the beginning of the fiscal year.

Success Academy students engaging in hands on learning with Lake Metroparks.



The spikes seen in this graph reflect the months in which the district receives property tax revenue.



Through prudent financial management, the district is able to maintain consistent spending practices and consistent cash reserves.

PROJECT UPDATES

North High School Exterior



North High School Interior



Longfellow Elementary Exterior



The Willoughby-Eastlake construction projects scheduled for the summer of 2017 are on time and on budget.

During the month of February, the district completed the process of collaborating to identify and select a construction manager at risk (CMR), chosen from

multiple applicants.

“We are pleased to have completed the selection of our CMR. The use of a CMR gives the district added protection with respect to contracts, keeps costs lower due to economies of scale and enhances the ability to select local contractors,” stated Steve Thompson, Superintendent, Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools. “This partnership will allow our district to provide superior facilities for our students and the community while adhering to the constraints of the projects. Our new schools, in combination with our dedicated staff, will allow Willoughby-Eastlake to remain at the forefront of education.”

Beginning this summer, renovations will commence at six schools. All necessary exterior door and window repairs and replacements will be addressed at Royalview Elementary, Willowick Middle School, Eastlake Middle School, Thomas Jefferson, Edison Elementary and Grant Elementary. In addition to these improvements, there will be significant upgrades to the ingress and egress at Royalview Elementary and Willowick Middle School. At these schools there will also be improvements in the bus lanes in an effort to improve the flow of traffic and enhance student safety. The final improvements being completed this spring will be modifications to the stadiums at North and South which will ensure superior experiences to our student athletes and improved safety to visitors, and expand opportunities for community programs and youth leagues.

Ground breaking on the three new schools, North, South and Longfellow will take place in May of 2017.

South High School Exterior



IMAGINE 2019



Imagine a classroom with no technology, students sitting in straight rows, and slates and chalk. Now imagine your child's W-E classroom: modern technology, collaborative learning, relevant curriculum and delivery models focused on real-world problems. Willoughby-Eastlake realizes that the world has changed and in order to prepare graduates for those changes, education must also change.

Today's graduates are required to state rudimentary facts and also need to be prepared to solve highly complex problems that require teamwork, problem solving, research gathering, analysis and time management, while using high tech tools. Willoughby-Eastlake understands that it is our obligation to address the needs of the whole student, ensure great teaching for all students, provide learning opportunities for adults, and maximize community assets through the development of purposeful partnerships.

We are excited to **Reimagine19** and invite you to **Reimagine** with us. We have a strategic and laser focus on providing educational opportunities in **modern facilities** with **real world learning**, meaningful and relevant **pathways** and state-of-the-art **technology**.

Join us, we have the capacity to change.

Reimagine19

Providing Superior Learning Experiences

Meeting the Needs of Graduates



W-E Invite all Willoughby - Eastlake families to

Reimagine19

Wednesday, April 12th
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
North High School Commons

Learn more about the district's direction and where we will be in 2019
Real World Learning • Educational Pathways • Rethinking • Modern Facilities • Technology
W-E have the capacity for change.

Longfellow Elementary • Thomas Jefferson Elementary • Royalview Elementary
Eastlake Middle • Willowick Middle • North High

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Tuesday, April 11th
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
South High School Cafeteria

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Grant Elementary • Edison Elementary • Willoughby Middle • Smith High



Willoughby - Eastlake staff members met to experience **Reimagine19** firsthand.

Lincoln Parish Schools visit W-E

When the district administrators from Lincoln Parish Schools located in Ruston, Louisiana were in search of a school district that was implementing problem-based learning while using a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) curriculum, they were told to visit Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools.

Lincoln Parish is currently in the process of building additional learning space to be designed so that they will be able to integrate partnerships, collaborative learning, and problem-based learning while utilizing a STEM curriculum.

While visiting the district, the team from Lincoln Parish toured the School of Innovation, Northern Career Academy, Eastlake and Northern Career Academy, Willoughby. The team, headed by Superintendent Mike Milstead, stated "Our visit to the Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools was extremely valuable for our being able to visualize some of our plans. Seeing a true project-based learning model related to your STEM practices convinced us that we are on the right track. School administrators and students were very accommodating in making us feel welcomed. When our district history is written for our present group of administrators, it will have to include the inspiration we received from visiting your school district."



Food Truck Wars:

Real World Learning Taken to a New Level

South's creative cooking classes recently accepted a challenge to try their hand at the "food truck trend." Sixty six students were asked to identify a recipe they believed would easily be prepared, could make twenty-five to thirty servings and appeal to the masses. The students were required to select a recipe that would cost the consumer less than \$1.00 and could be made within 45 minutes. Each group calculated the cost of the food and selected their selling price. The students were then asked to create a grocery list, a company name, a piggy bank that would resemble their food truck and a menu.

The day of the event students hurried to make their food and sell it. Every student was given \$10.00 of play money to purchase their competitors' food. The group that made the most profit was determined to be the winner. Honorable mentions were given to best tasting food, best menu and best food truck. All decisions were made by the students.

To conclude the event, the students evaluated their performance and shared with the class their strengths as well as what they would do differently next time. Congratulations to the winners!

The profit winners included: Winning by \$.12, BLT (Angela Grk, Michael Church, Will Trombley, Stephan Fishleigh-Lett) \$31.62-profit

Best Food Truck: Jurassic Pastries (Isaac Aidja, Emily Moberg, Alli Baldauf and Sam O'Loughlin)

Best Menu and Best Tasting Food: Edible Delights (Isabella Luciano, Maja Hutchinson, Ashley Gravic and Meghan Liddy)



Across the District



Eastlake Middle hosted a Valentine's Day Dance.



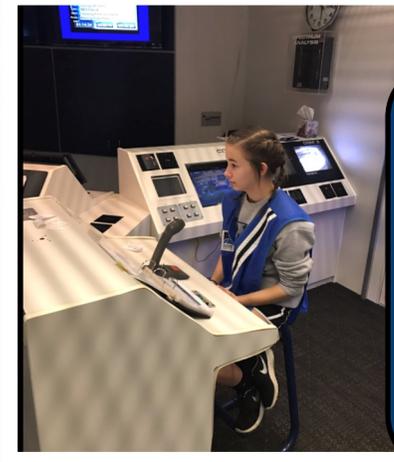
Grant and TJ both hosted Father/Daughter Dances.



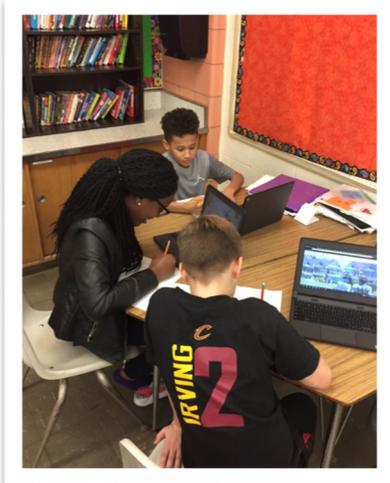
Longfellow students finished their One School, One Book reading adventure.



Royalview students studied Newton's Law.



Willoughby Middle Students traveled to Wheeling Jesuit.



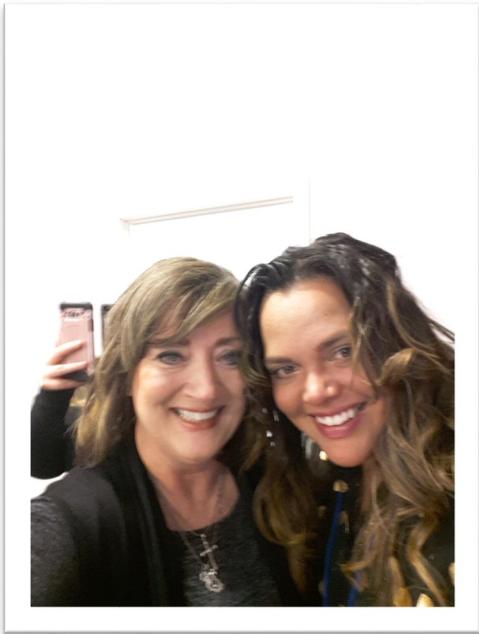
Willowick Middle students hosted Career Day.

Smiles all Around

When the staff at North High School learned that a student in their building was in need of help, several of them came to assist.

During the school year, the staff at North High became aware of one of the students in the building that was in need of extensive dental work. The student's family did not have dental insurance and the family would not be able to afford the work without assistance.

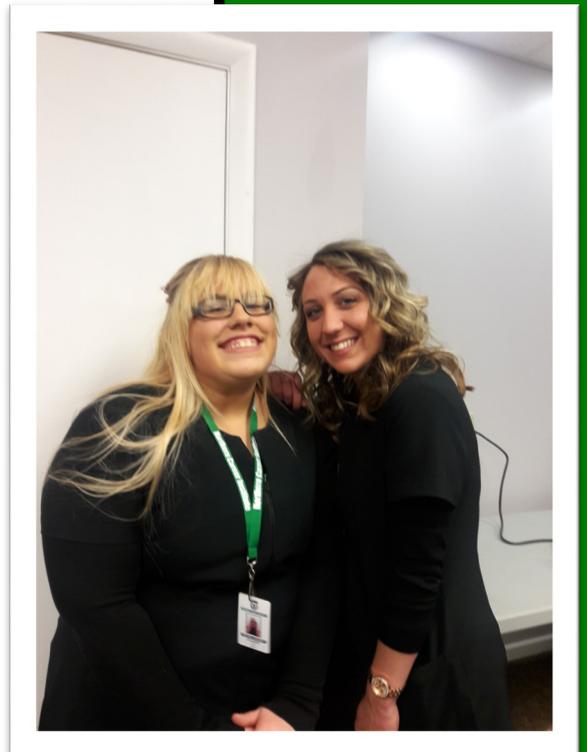
Thanks to the kindness and generosity of Macy Family Dentistry in Mentor, the student was able to obtain the necessary treatments and will have a beautiful smile just in time for graduation.



A Night to Shine

A Night to Shine is sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation and this year the students in the Cosmetology program at the Northern Career Academy in Willoughby played an integral part in the celebration.

Eight of the juniors from the program volunteered to assist the young ladies attending the event. The juniors styled hair, assisted with make up and stayed to assist with the events of the evening.



Important Updates



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

[Read more here >>>](#)

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OUR MISSION

IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

March 10, 2017

End of Third Quarter

April 5, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
NCI Willoughby

March 17, 2017

North High Jazz Festival held at
Lakeland Community College

March 24 through March 31

Spring Break

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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