Fall Sports Wrap Up

Football
The High School football team finished its regular season with a 7-3 record and was ranked seventh in the region. The team qualified for the playoffs for the second season in a row. The offense was led by Freshman quarterback Dawson King (1504 yards passing, 24 touchdowns), Senior running back Marquise Lane (725 yards rushing, 8 touchdowns), and Senior receiver Corey Brown (568 yards receiving, 9 touchdowns). The defense was led by Juniors Jay’von Simmons (41 tackles), Daeshawn Grove (45 tackles), and Delonte Hall (38 tackles). The team outlook for 2020 looks strong as the team will be returning a loaded offensive/defensive line, lead- ing defensive tackle leaders, and a strong running and receiving core. They look to improve on their record as the league welcomes Shaker Heights and Garfield Heights in the 2020 season.

Volleyball
The Volleyball team finished with a 20-4 record and repeated as LEL champions. The team won 20 games for only the sixth time in school history and were ranked fourth in their sectional tournament. Head Coach Rocco Covelli’s team were led by seniors Tee Greene, Shariah Bell, destiny Jones, and Kamari Finley. Three new additions made a major impact in the team’s success, Freshman Destiny Goes, Sophomore Kayla Martin, and Junior Taniya Braxton. The 7th and 8th grade teams also won the league championships lead by Coaches Weigand and Palombo. The Mustangs have now won 13 League Championships in their history.

Cross Country
The Boy’s and Girl’s Cross Country Teams had their hard work pay off as shown by their success at the LEL Conference Meet. The Boy’s Team won the LEL Championship, lead by Junior Nevels is ranked number 11th on Maples’ all time best list with a time of 17:28. The Girl’s Team placed 2nd in the LEL Conference Meet lead by Junior is 12th in 17:28. The Girl’s Team placed 2nd in the LEL Conference Meet lead by Junior.
Project Ready—Career Pathways Partnership Provides Internship Opportunities

The partnership between Urban League of Greater Cleveland and Maple Heights City School District has afforded the ECAC students with internship opportunities. Project Ready is a program that helps youth with professional career development. Weekly, students participate in activities that build leadership skills. Currently, the students are learning how to market themselves as a brand and work together as a team to accomplish common goals. This is a year-long program that will allow students to shadow a person in a career field that they are interested in pursuing. Additionally, students are given the opportunity to participate in college and career field trips.

Huntington Bank Presents Reality Day to Students

Huntington Bank visited the Education & Career Advancement Center (ECAC). Ms. Roshanda Smith and her team taught our students about budgeting and using credit wisely. The students loved the opportunity to interact with the Huntington Bank team and learn about the realities they will encounter after graduation. The students were given a fictitious occupation, salary and household size; students then had to budget out expenses such as car payment, rent/mortgage, childcare, food, entertainment etc. They calculated all expenses and cut costs where applicable. This activity was a great chance for the students to experience what they will encounter as adults.

Teacher Academy Receives Grant Awarded $48,000

The Heights Career Tech Teacher Academy, housed at Maple Heights High School, was recently awarded the Human Capital Strategies in Ohio Grant through the Ohio Department of Education in the amount of $48,000. Teacher Academy instructor Rick Wakefield, together with partners from Cleveland State University, will use this money to provide innovative programs that introduce high school students to careers in education. The Teacher Academy received the $25,000 Strengthening Ohio’s Teacher Pipeline through Partnership Grant last year. This grant was used to revitalize the Teacher Academy learning space and to create collaboration and recruitment activities together with Cleveland State.

Cleveland Cavaliers Team with Milkovich Middle School Promote Daily Attendance

This fall, the Cleveland Cavaliers and Milkovich Middle School teamed up to promote daily attendance, as well as decreasing tardiness to school. During the month of September, scholars and their families worked together in an effort to arrive at school on time, including creating new morning routines, improving transportation methods for their children, and supporting our efforts to improve attendance. Our staff encouraged our scholars by setting up an interactive display reminding scholars of the benefits of attending school, being on time, and promoting positive habits in the classroom. Teacher, Ms. Samantha Ventura noticed a significant improvement, "Once the incentive was announced to scholars, they were noticeably excited and worked together to get to school."

One scholar said he was motivated by the opportunity to see the Cleveland Cavaliers play the Boston Celtics on October 18th, because he had "never been to an NBA game before." Teachers were eager to sign up to be chaperones after we learned over 150 scholars qualified. Mr. Jason Greene jumped at the chance, saying "I was so excited to see how the incentive really motivated our scholars to get to school. I wanted to be a part of this experience."

Through the generous donation of tickets from the Cleveland Cavaliers, all scholars who qualified by having perfect attendance and no tardies for the entire month of September were able to attend the game. Scholars also received Cleveland Cavaliers t-shirts.

Books for Treats Provided Students Brain Candy

Abraham Lincoln School held a Books for Treats program that provided the students with books for Halloween. The Books for Treats program is designed to "Feed Students Minds" by supplying them with "Brain Candy" in the form of books. The students arrived at school dressed in their favorite costumes and had an opportunity to decorate a treat bag to be used to hold their books. The students then walked around the school building visiting various tables and were able to Trick-or-Treat for self-selected books. The huge selection of books was donated in collaboration with the Cleveland Kids Book Bank. The partnership with the Cleveland Kids Book Bank allows Lincoln to place books in the hands of students throughout the school year. Once the students were finished selecting their books they finished the evening off with doughnuts and apple juice and also received a special treat bag to take home.

After-School Tutoring Program Focuses on Supports for 3rd Graders

An after school tutoring program for third graders has started at John F. Kennedy. The focus of the program is to provide extra support to help students become more successful in the classroom, and includes Math and Reading skills. The goal is to provide students with extra support in these subjects and improve their test scores. Reading and Math stations are set up and focus on fluency, vocabulary, games based on the standard, individualized assistance, and independent reading. Additionally, there is extra practice in areas of need for the students in need. Staff members incorporate and use manipulatives, visual aides, and technology to provide hands-on learning for students as much as possible to aide the students in different types of learning. For additional information about the program, please contact 216.438.6010.

Spooky Science Night Obama School’s Annual Family Event

Another successful Spooky Science Night with a great turnout! The Barack Obama families were involved in some slimy, sticky, gooey and disgusting activities! Everyone had a chance to make some Neon Color Slime, Lava Lamps, UV Bead Bracelets and experiment with Skittle Candies. If you were brave enough you could race Mealworms or venture into the Glow in the Dark Room! Teachers, staff, parents and students all had a great time. This is a wonderful tradition here at Barack Obama School and the families all had a great time. We cannot wait until next year’s activities!