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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Dear Chippewa Community,

Time flies when you're having fun! It's hard to believe, but we have already wrapped up the first quarter of this school year. As always, we are focusing on fun and engaging learning opportunities while simultaneously celebrating our staff and student achievements.

In other news, we recently inducted our latest class of athletes into our Hall of Fame, earned a grant to teach our students about drug use prevention, celebrated Addison Good's art award, and rolled out a new English Language Arts curriculum across various grade levels. Read about all of this and more throughout this newsletter.

Be sure to check out our website, like and follow us on social media, or listen to one of our latest Chipp Talks to stay up to date with all things Chippewa. Thank you for your continued support of our schools.

Go Chipps!

Todd Osborn
Superintendent

For example, I was honored to be part of the September Student of the Month recognition at Hazel Harvey Elementary. I love that our district is small enough that I have the chance to visit our classrooms and get to know our students. It is a highlight of my role.

I'm also proud to share that Chippewa Local Schools earned the highest possible rating on the Ohio State Report Card this year, reflecting the dedication of our staff and the hard work of our students.



**ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 5
 DON'T FORGET TO VOTE**

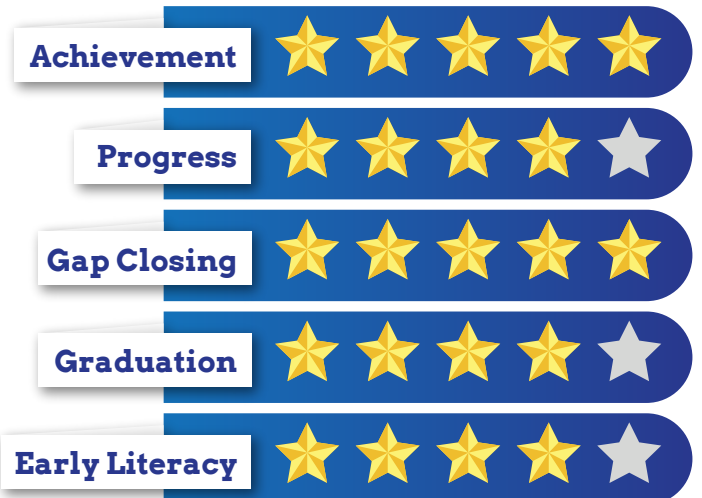
District Shines with 5-STAR STATE REPORT CARD Achievement



Each year, the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce releases State Report Cards. Districts are rated on a five-star scale with five being the highest. This is intended to show community members and business partners how well schools are doing at preparing students for their future.

For the 2023-2024 school year, Chippewa Local Schools went from 4.5 stars to 5, demonstrating that we are significantly exceeding state standards across all graded categories: Achievement (5 stars), Progress (4 stars), Gap Closing (5 stars), Graduation (4 stars) and Early Literacy (4 stars).

This is a testament to our staff and students' hard work, and our community's continued support!



Chippewa Local Schools Introduces "Chief Chipps" to Honor Student Leaders

Chippewa Local Schools is proud to introduce the "Chief Chipps" program, a new way to recognize students who demonstrate the core values of a good leader. Every couple weeks two students from the district will be selected for this honor.

When a student is named a Chief Chipp, they will receive a letter at school and come home to find their lawn decorated with Chippewa C's, showcasing their achievement to the community.

The first two Chief Chipps for the 2024-2025 school year are:

- Ellie Schafrath from Hazel Harvey Elementary
- Elena Moyer from Chippewa Jr./Sr. High

These students are setting a positive example for their peers, and we look forward to celebrating more Chief Chipps throughout the year.

Ellie Schafrath
 Hazel Harvey
 Elementary



Elena Moyer
 Chippewa Jr./Sr. High

From the Treasurer's Chair

District Refinances Bonds

I'm pleased to share some encouraging news about our district's ongoing commitment to being good stewards of taxpayer dollars. We are in the process

of refinancing a portion of the 2016 bonds that were originally issued to fund the construction of Chippewa Junior/Senior High School.

The county auditor is responsible for collecting the funds necessary to repay these bonds through property taxes. By refinancing at a lower interest rate, we can reduce the total amount owed on these bonds. In turn, this means the county auditor will collect less in property taxes to cover the payments, directly lowering the financial burden on our community.

If you have any questions about this refinancing or general finances at Chippewa Local Schools, please reach out to me at Ira.Hamman@chippewaschools.com or 330-658-6368.

Until next time,

Ira Hamman
Treasurer

Superintendent Receives Prestigious Award

Chippewa Local Schools is fortunate to have such strong leadership. Superintendent Todd Osborn was recently awarded the Superintendent Award of Excellence by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation. This award recognizes superintendents who exhibit exemplary leadership and a steadfast commitment to educational excellence.

The following initiatives contributed to Superintendent Osborn receiving the award:

Creation of roles like Curriculum Coordinator

Educational programs like Todd Talks

Introduction of the Needle Mover Award for outstanding staff members

Establishment of Chipp Time for enhanced professional development

A \$1,000 grant for the district is part of the award.



Celebrating Our Athletic Champions

Congratulations to our latest class of Hall of Fame inductees, who were recognized Sept. 13 before the football game. We are proud of your contributions to Chippewa athletics and the example you set for current and future student-athletes!

2024 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Morgan Smith
Softball (2004-2008)

Ashley Richardson
Volleyball and Basketball (2012-2016)

Eric Steiner
Football (1999-2003)

Katlyn Petit
Basketball (1999-2003)

Kenneth Pease
Coach (1979-2020)

Grant Helps Kids Learn About Drug Use Prevention

We are grateful for Officer Nate, who recently secured a Drug Use Prevention grant through the Ohio Attorney General. These funds will ensure our students receive important education regarding the effects of drugs on their bodies and will promote healthy choices.



Student Shines in the Arts

Congratulations to Addison Good for taking Best in Show 2D at the Wayne County Fair! Addie's acrylic painting titled "Candy Paint" won out of over 300 submissions from 10 county high schools.



Working with the assignment titled "Indulgence," students were tasked with creating a painting that represented overdoing it. Addie spent hours over several months creating this realistic artwork in her Advanced Painting class. Art teacher Mr. Strauss is extremely proud of her work, dedication to her craft and the leadership she displays.

ACROSS OUR SCHOOLS

Hazel Harvey Elementary Reading Under the Lights: Get Your Game On



Hazel Harvey held its first family engagement night of the year on Oct. 3. The event, Reading Under the Lights: Get Your Game On was held at the stadium and featured sport-themed literacy-focused games where students teamed up with high school athletes and volunteers for a fun and educational experience.

An energetic performance by the Chippewa Marching band wrapped up the night. Thank you to our PTO and Friends of the Library for your support!

Students of the Month

Our September Students of the Month had a special visit from Superintendent Osborn. He brought cupcakes to share with students while they excitedly shared stories about their families (including pets) and favorite subjects in school.



Each student received a CHIPPS T-shirt as part of the recognition. Students were also honored at the School Board meeting on Sept. 16. Congratulations to all of our outstanding students!

Chippewa Intermediate School Caught Being Kind

Shout out to our 71 students Caught Being Kind so far this year. Students are recognized for helping teachers, helping friends in class, inviting a new student to sit with them at lunch and volunteering to put chairs away.



New Curriculum Introduced



This year, a new English Language Arts curriculum that aligns with the Science of Reading was introduced to third graders. The first unit looks at how the environment affects us. They have also been focusing on new vocabulary using traditional tales, folktales, realistic fiction and informational texts.

Maps, Number Systems, Rocks, and More!

Fifth and sixth grade students have had a fantastic start to the school year. Fifth graders are using real-life mapping skills, studying the base-ten number system and discovering life science concepts.

Sixth grade students are learning about the different types of rocks, how they are formed, and the unique characteristics that guide identification and classification. They are also looking forward to having visitors from Wertz Geotechnical Engineering, Inc. to collaborate with on lessons!

Skittles Galore

Fourth graders at Chippewa Intermediate School used the scientific method to find out if Skittles have a dominant color. Surprisingly, the dominant color across the entire grade level was yellow!



Chippewa Jr./Sr. High School School Spirit is Soaring!



School spirit is soaring at the junior and high school this year thanks to our newly formed Spirit Committee! The committee, made up mostly of students, is responsible for planning pep rallies and other engaging activities. They are excited to bring fresh ideas such as filling milk jugs with pennies to use as noisemakers. Another exciting new initiative is the Spirit Points system, where classes compete by participating in spirit days, organizing events and supporting teams.

Teachers are also getting involved by encouraging students to create signs, paint their faces and decorate the school. These efforts are transforming Chippewa into a spirited school with a strong sense of community.