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***I had the opportunity this week to talk with Orchard Park 5th grader, Nava Detamore, for my "On The Move With Mindy" video about her invention, Safe Steps. Nava is the state champion winner of the Edison Award, the top award presented to a student at the State Invention Convention competition. Watch for our video Monday to learn more about this impressive student and her invention!***

## **School and Community Info and Events of Interest**

***Use links below to access info***

**FHS Theatre Department Dayton Live Fundraiser**  
***Purchase your tickets to Victoria Theatre Association shows and support FHS Theatre!***

**KTC Quail Tennis Club**  
***New Team Tennis program for Grades K-5***

**Kettering Health's CLIMB Program**  
***Children's Lives Include Moments of Bravery helps children, ages 5-12, cope with a loved one's cancer diagnosis***

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER**

### ***Firebird Families and Staff:***

The Ohio Department of Education released the 2021-2022 Report Cards yesterday, and I am pleased and proud to announce that the Kettering City School District's results are amazing! I asked our assistant superintendent of Teaching & Learning, Dan Von Handorf, to comment on the results, as his department certainly has a leadership role in curriculum and instruction across the district.

"We could not be more proud of the growth our students made this past year. It has been a challenging couple of years. Through this challenge, our students, parents, teachers, support staff and administrators continued to work together, and the effectiveness of this teamwork is evidenced in our Report Card results," said Von Handorf.

"Prudent use of our ESSER funds has certainly contributed to this amazing growth. With these funds, we were able to offer learning pods for students during the pandemic to keep students engaged in learning. A team of teachers developed exemplar Google classrooms that served as models for our grade-level teachers during virtual learning and post-pandemic. We extended the school day for students after the pandemic to provide support and close the gap and we are also providing additional mental health supports for all students. We also changed building schedules to allow ongoing research-based intervention and enrichment during the school day, and we built in time for teachers to collaborate and share best practices. All of these factors played a part in the high marks the district earned on the 2021-2022 Local Report Card."

The five components of the State Report Card include *Achievement* (how well students performed on the state tests), *Progress* (the growth all students are making, based on past performances), *Gap Closing* (how well our schools

are doing closing the achievement gap between students based on income, race, ethnicity or disability), *Graduation Rate* and *K-3 Literacy*. For the first time this year, the Local Report Cards include “Star Ratings” instead of letter grades. A 5-star rating means the district/school “significantly exceeds state standards” on that particular indicator, and a 4-star rating means the district/school “exceeds state standards” on the indicator. There’s no need to define what a 3-, 2- or 1-star rating means, because **KCS had 5-star ratings in Progress and Gap Closing, and 4-star ratings in Achievement, Early Literacy and Graduation Rate, meaning we exceeded or significantly exceeded state standards in all of the Report Card components!**



I join Mr. Von Handorf in congratulating everyone on this amazing accomplishment! Dan, myself, and Kevin Wright, our supervisor of Special Education Services had some fun yesterday working with Interactive Media instructor, Laura Hutchens, to make a video to congratulate our staff, students and families on a stellar 2021-2022 Report Card. [You can view the video here.](#) By the way, I even got these guys to help clean up after we made our celebratory video!

Have a great weekend!

**Mindy McCarty-Stewart, Superintendent**

## **The Kettering Schools are Hiring!**

**Substitute Paraprofessional positions are available in:**

- **Special Education**
- **Classroom Aides**
- **Preschool special Education**
- **School Aides**

- **Lunch/Recess Aides**
- **Clerical**
- **MMLC Aides**
- **Reading Aides**
- **Study Hall Monitors**

### **Interested?**

Contact **Courtney Hampton**,  
Sub Assignment Specialist, at  
**937-499-1427** or at  
[courtney.hampton@ketteringschools.org](mailto:courtney.hampton@ketteringschools.org)

## **Middle School Girls and Boys Basketball Coaches**

The Middle School Athletic Department is seeking applicants for Girls and Boys Basketball coaching positions. Interested parties should contact Tony Foust at [tony.foust@ketteringschools.org](mailto:tony.foust@ketteringschools.org).

## **Bus Drivers**

Immediate openings are available! Stop by the **Transportation Office, 2640 Wilmington Pike**, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. for open interviews. Drivers are guaranteed 22.5 hours per week and the pay range is \$18.44 to \$23.77 per hour.