



Communicating With Our Community

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PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP LOCAL SCHOOLS

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

New District Name Under Consideration

The Painesville Township Board of Education is revisiting a name change for the school district. This name change is being considered with thorough discussions as well as several opportunities for residents to share their views and opinions.

The current name is the Painesville Township Local School District. The name being discussed and considered by the Board of Education is the **Riverside Community Local School District**.

Meaningful discussions have already taken place about the District name change. These discussions have resulted in the surfacing of several primary reasons for this possible change:

- A name such as the **Riverside Community Local School District** will provide a sense of encompassing identity for the District which educates students from Concord Township, Grand River Village, Leroy Township, Painesville Township, and portions of Painesville City and Chardon Township.
- The name **Riverside Community Local School District** will create a greater sense of community for all residents, as Riverside High School serves as a primary meeting place and the building of identity for the District.
- The name **Riverside Community Local School District** will alleviate confusion by the Ohio Department of Education, federal

education officials, and educational service providers.

- The identifying name, **Riverside Community Local School District**, will serve to minimize confusion in the media and in informational publications for District residents and new residents.

Community input on the District name change is vitally important. The Board of Education will welcome input on the District name change at their scheduled business meetings which are held in the Conference Room at Riverside High School starting at 7:00 pm. Board members will also be available at every Open House throughout the District. (See **page 3** for complete schedule.)

Following community input and further discussions, a final decision concerning the renaming of the school district will take place.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

What Do You Think?

Let your voice be heard. Go to **page 8** of this issue of the *Pipeline* and give us your thoughts on the potential name change of the District along with other issues regarding our schools. Your response is greatly appreciated and we thank you for your continued support of our students and our schools.

Welcome Back!

First day of school for grades 1-12 . . .
Wed., August 23

First day of school for kindergarten . . .
Wed., August 30

Our MISSION is . . . to provide each student with a challenging educational program in a supportive learning environment which will result in maximum intellectual, physical and emotional growth.

“State of the Schools” Planned

In a continuing effort to create open and thorough lines of communication between the Painesville Township Local School District and members of the community, the Board of Education along with the administrative team are planning two “State of the Schools” meetings. These informational meetings will provide an opportunity for dialogue about our school system and its educational programs. The Board of Education and District administrators hope you will consider attending the “State of the Schools” meetings and learning more about *your* schools.

“State of the Schools I”

Thursday, October 12, 2006 • 7:00-9:00 pm
Riverside High School Lecture Room

Topics (tentative): The National Conference for Community and Justice Anti-Bullying and Diversity Awareness Education (NCCJ), Internet Predators and Drug Awareness, Strategic Planning, Curriculum, Achievement Testing, Lake/Geauga Educational Assistance Foundation (LEAF), Post Secondary Education Options, High School Scheduling

“State of the Schools II”

Thursday, March 29, 2007 • 7:00-9:00 pm
Riverside High School Lecture Room

Topics (tentative): Buildings, Grounds, Operations, School Safety, Facilities, District Enrollment, Transportation, School Nutrition Services, Latchkey, School Funding, Property Taxes vs. Income Tax

DISTRICT

Once Again We’re . . . EXCELLENT!



For the fourth time in five years, the Painesville Township Schools has earned an EXCELLENT report card rating from the Ohio Department of Education for the 2005-2006 school year.

All school districts in Ohio are judged on 25 standards. To meet the standards, a district must have a passage rate of at least 75% on state tests, an

attendance rate of at least 93%, and a graduation rate of at least 90%.

To view our District report card, or to view one of our building report cards, please visit <http://www.ode.state.oh.us/> or call (440) 352-0668.

COMMUNITY

Annual Senior Citizen Appreciation Nights

“Thank you Painesville Township Local School District resident senior citizens!”

That is the message shared by the Painesville Township Board of Education, the Riverside Drama Department, and the Foods and Nutrition classes who are planning to host their annual Fall and Spring Senior Citizen Appreciation Nights.

Once again resident senior citizens will be welcomed by the District twice during the school year for dinner and a show pre-

sented by the Riverside Drama Department.

The Fall Senior Citizen Appreciation Night will be Thursday, November 16, 2006 with dinner at 4:00 p.m. and the Drama Club’s performance of *The Importance of Being Earnest* at 5:15 p.m. Complimentary tickets will be available in each of the Painesville Township School offices or the Board of Education Office beginning October 30, 2006. As in the past, tickets will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The Spring Senior Citizen Appreciation Night will be Thursday, March 22, 2007 with dinner at 4:00 p.m. and the Drama Club’s performance of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* at 5:15 p.m. Complimentary tickets for the Spring Appreciation Night will again be available in Painesville Township School offices or the Board of Education Office beginning March 5, 2007 and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Painesville Township District Calendar

August	23	Wednesday	First day of school, classes begin for Grades 1-12
August	28	Monday	Kindergarten Orientations and Conferences for AM Classes
August	29	Tuesday	Kindergarten Orientations and Conferences for PM Classes
August	30	Wednesday	First day of school for Kindergarten
September	4	Monday	Labor Day – no school
September	6	Wednesday	First day of school for Pre-school
September	13	Wednesday	Students attend A.M. ONLY, Teacher In-service in P.M. – no classes
October	12	Thursday	“State of the Schools I” – 7:00-9:00 pm, RHS Lecture Room
October	13	Friday	Fall Break, no school – NEOEA Day
October	25	Wednesday	<i>End of First Attendance Period</i>
November	22	Wednesday	Thanksgiving Vacation begins (through Nov. 24) – no school
November	27	Monday	School re-opens Monday, November 27, 2006
December	18	Monday	Winter Vacation begins (through Jan. 2, 2007) – no school
January	3	Wednesday	School re-opens Wednesday, January 3, 2007
January	15	Monday	Martin Luther King Day – no school
January	18	Thursday	<i>End of Second Attendance Period</i>
January	19	Friday	Teachers’ Report Day, no classes – 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
January	22	Monday	Second Semester begins
February	19	Monday	Presidents’ Day – no school
February	26	Monday	In-service and Parent/Teacher Conferences – no classes
March	23	Friday	<i>End of Third Attendance Period</i>
March	29	Thursday	“State of the Schools II” – 7:00-9:00 pm, RHS Lecture Room
April	6	Friday	Spring Vacation begins (through April 13) – no school
April	16	Monday	School re-opens Monday, April 16, 2007
May	28	Monday	Memorial Day – no school
May	30	Wednesday	Last day for seniors
June	3	Sunday	Commencement
June	6	Wednesday	<i>End of Fourth Attendance Period.</i> Last day for students
June	7	Thursday	Reports Day – no classes – last day for teachers

■ Attendance and Grading Periods for 2006-07

	<u>Period START</u>	<u>Interim</u>	<u>Period END</u>
First Period	Wed., August 23	Wed., September 20	Wed., October 25
Second Period	Thurs., October, 26	Tues., November 21	Thurs., January 18
Third Period	Mon., January 22	Fri., February 16	Fri., March 23
Fourth Period	Tues., March 27	Fri., April 27	Wed., June 6

■ Parent-Teacher Conferences for 2006-07

<u>School</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
ALL Elementary Schools	Wed., November 8	4:00 – 8:00 pm
RHS/JRW Campus	Thurs., November 9	4:00 – 8:00 pm
LaMuth Middle School	Thurs., November 9	4:00 – 8:00 pm
RHS/JRW Campus	Tues., November 14	4:00 – 8:00 pm
LaMuth Middle School	Wed., November 15	4:00 – 8:00 pm
ALL Elementary Schools	Thurs., November 16	4:00 – 8:00 pm
ALL Buildings	Mon., February 26, 2007	5:30 – 8:00 pm

Open House Schedule

Leroy Elementary

Thurs., September 7 • 7:00 pm

Hadden Elementary

Wed., September 13 • 7:00 pm

Madison Ave. Elementary

Wed., September 13 • 7:00 pm

Buckeye Elementary

Thurs., September 14 • 7:00 pm

LaMuth Middle School (6th Grade)

Mon., September 18 • 6:45 pm

Hale Road Elementary

Tues., September 19 • 7:00 pm

Melridge Elementary

Wed., September 20 • 7:00 pm

Riverside Campus

Thurs., September 21 • 7:00 pm

LaMuth Middle School (7th Grade)

Mon., September 25 • 6:45 pm

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

District Name Change

Share your ideas with members of the Board of Education who will be available to talk with you at every Open House (see above) as well as at the following Board meetings which are held in the Conference Room (Room 101) at Riverside High School:

Tues., Aug. 29 • 7:00 pm

Tues., Sept. 12 • 7:00 pm

Tues., Sept. 26 • 7:00 pm

NOTE: Hazardous weather and/or other unforeseen contingencies may force an alteration of this calendar in order to comply with State law. In the event weather or other calamities require additional days of student attendance those days will be added commencing Thursday, June 7, 2007.

Welcome New Teachers and Staff



Chuck Schlick
Riverside Campus
Assistant Principal



Roy Levy
Riverside Campus
Special Education



Kristen Mueller
Riverside Campus
Science



Jennifer Grake
Riverside Campus
Family Consumer Science



Justin Tisdale
Riverside Campus
Social Studies

Sara Ross
Riverside Campus
Science

Matt Dagan
Riverside Campus
Special Education

Barb Dolan
Riverside Campus
Special Education

Katherine Kiffer
Riverside Campus
Special Education



Tina Kolencik
Riverside Campus
Science



Jeremy Ishmael
Riverside Campus
Social Studies



Ellen D'Amore
LaMuth Middle
Math/Science

Chris Basich
LaMuth Middle
Social Studies

Tisha Mochan
LaMuth Middle
Special Education



Erin Clayton
LaMuth Middle
Language Arts/Social Studies



Katherine Fioritto
LaMuth Middle
Special Education



Shawna Krych
LaMuth Middle
Language Arts/Social Studies



Adrienne Bickerstaff
Hadden Elementary
Special Education



Julia Coughlin
Hale Road Elementary
First Grade



Jennifer Gehring
Hale Road Elementary
Special Education



Noralee Starr
Melridge Elementary
Fifth Grade



Kim Walczak
Melridge Elementary
Fifth Grade



Lucia Knowles
Buckeye (a.m.)/Melridge (p.m.)
Kindergarten



Maria Prayner
Preschool



Vickie Loncar
Elementary Literature/
Science Coordinator

Volunteer Opportunities

Do you have a special talent or ability or just enjoy working with students?

If so, we are always looking for dedicated individuals to enhance our educational environment.

If you are interested in volunteering within the Painesville Township Local Schools, please call the Board of Education Office at (440) 352-0668 ext. 100.



Carol Molnar
LaMuth Middle
Tutor

Kristen Morrison
Madison Ave. Elementary
Tutor

Nicole Cicconetti
Hadden Elementary
Tutor

Jamie Field
LaMuth Middle
Tutor

Fall Sports Season Underway

Prior to being allowed to participate in an athletic activity, all student-athletes must have on file with the athletic director a current sports physical signed and dated by your physician.

The physical form is valid for one year from the date of the physical. If not currently on file, student-athletes must present their coach with a completed physical form prior to being allowed to practice/condition.



FALL SPORTS PASSES for parents and guardians went on sale August 14. You may purchase your pass from the athletic director or in room 106A at Riverside.

We all look forward to a great season of fall sports and activities on the Riverside Campus. Please join us in supporting our students.

ATTENTION PARENTS . . .

Students With Disabilities

The Painesville Township Local Schools wish to identify, locate, and evaluate all children (birth through age twenty-one) within the District with disabilities. The term “disability” includes such conditions as hearing impairments, visual impairments, specific learning disabilities, behavior disabilities, developmental disabilities, speech and language disabilities, orthopedic and other health disabilities caused by such conditions as epilepsy or cardiac illness and other severe or multiple disabilities.

Although many school-age, disabled children are identified

and currently being served by the Painesville Township Schools, pre-school children (ages 3-5) with disabilities may be unidentified because parents may not be aware that programs and services are now available through the public schools.

Community members can help us with this important effort. If you know of a child in the Painesville Township School District with a disability who is not presently attending school or receiving services from another agency, please contact Diann Phillips, Director of Pupil Services, at the Central Administration Office, (440) 352-0668.

DISTRICT

Permanent Improvements

Calendar year 2006 marks the final year of the current Permanent Improvement Levy.

Funds from the current levy are paying for several projects that were undertaken this summer. These projects have included replacing the heating systems at JRW Junior High School and in the Melridge Elementary gymnasium. Additional purchases included textbooks and instructional materials, school buses, and lockers at LaMuth Middle School to accommodate increased student enrollment.

The District’s Permanent Improvement Levy was approved for renewal on May 2, 2006. The District will start collecting funds from this renewal in 2007. Future expenditures will include technology, school buses and repairs and renovations to District buildings.

Annual Notices Available

The required Annual Notices of the Painesville Township Local Schools are posted in each building. They are also available upon request at the Board of Education Office, 585 Riverside Drive, Painesville, Ohio 44077, as well as on the District website at www.townshipschools.com by clicking on the “Annual Notices” icon.

Wellness Policy

Part of the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 states that all school districts in the country who participate in the National School Lunch Program must have a local Wellness Policy in place by the first day of the 2006 school year. This law was passed to ensure that schools do their part in helping fight the childhood obesity and overweight issue that is a concern nationwide.

The Wellness Policy incorporates four areas: Nutrition Education, Physical Education and Activity, Nutrition Guidelines for Foods Available During the School Day, and Other School-Based Activities Designed to Promote Student Wellness. To this end, a Wellness Team was assembled this past year and met to establish the Painesville Township Local Schools' policy and guidelines. By law, the team consisted of individuals who represented students, parents, school nutrition services, administration, the Board of Education and the community.

In anticipation of this policy, over the past three years, the School Nutrition Services Department (SNS) has already revamped much of the food and beverage offerings. First, deep fryers were removed from the

WHAT is it? WHY do we have it?

secondary schools. (The elementary schools never had fryers.) Also, candy and high-fat, salty snacks were removed from the vending machines and *à la carte* lines. Nutritional standards were then set for the *à la carte* food and beverages offered. The only beverages sold by the SNS Department are milk, water, 100% juice and sports drinks.

In the elementary schools, students are permitted to purchase only one *à la carte* snack item per day. More whole grains are offered and cereals must not contain any more than 30% of their weight from sugar. Menus posted at the schools are color coded with green, yellow and red foods indicating the frequency in which the foods should be eaten. The District will continue to revisit the nutritional offerings for breakfast and lunch.

Soda pop is no longer available in the vending machines at the RHS/JRW campus. Instead, more offerings of water, 100% juices, milk, and sports drinks are in the machines, making our school district one of the only in Northeast Ohio not to have pop available to students in the

school buildings.

For the upcoming year, classroom parents will be asked to provide at least one suggested healthy food and beverage at the three District-wide school parties that are held. The Latchkey Department will also be realigning their snack offerings to mirror the offerings of the SNS Department's nutritional guidelines. Last year Latchkey switched from offering whole milk to low fat milk. The District's nurse plans to provide articles to be published in the school newsletters sent home in an effort to provide education on physical activity, health and nutrition. Physical activity at school and, more importantly, at home will be encouraged as well as healthy, life long habits.

PROUD FACT!

The Painesville Township Local School District is one of the only districts in Northeast Ohio NOT to have soda pop available to students.

To view the complete Wellness Policy, visit our website at www.townshipschools.com. You may also email Kelly Minnick, Director of School Nutrition Services, at pa_minnick@lgca.org, or call 440-352-0668, ext. 161.

The Painesville Township Excellence for Education Foundation



"Evening of Elegance" ^{11th Annual}

For tickets, call Ralph DiMatteo at 357-7923

To donate items for the auction, financial support or more info, call Shawn Biese at 350-0660.

Dinner ~ Dancing ~ Auctions
Renaissance Quail Hollow Resort
Sat., Nov. 11, 2006 ~ 6:00 pm

Proceeds benefit District students through teacher grants, educational programs and scholarships supported by the PTEEF.

**PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP
LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
DIRECTORY**

Central Administration Office

Dr. Michael Shoaf, Superintendent
Mr. Michael Vaccariello, Treasurer
585 Riverside Drive, Painesville, Ohio 44077
440-352-0668

Riverside Campus

Mr. David Toth, Principal
585 Riverside Drive, Painesville, Ohio 44077
440-352-3341 (Riverside)
440-352-3345 (J.R.W.)

Henry F. LaMuth Middle School

Mr. Eric Kujala, Principal
6700 Auburn Road, Painesville, Ohio 44077
440-354-4394

Buckeye Elementary

Mrs. Nancy Lann, Principal
175 Buckeye Road, Painesville, Ohio 44077
440-352-2191

Clyde C. Hadden Elementary

Mr. Timothy St. Clair, Principal
1800 Mentor Avenue, Painesville, Ohio 44077
440-354-4414

Hale Road Elementary

Mr. Jack Miley, Principal
56 Hale Road, Painesville, Ohio 44077
440-352-2300

Leroy Elementary

Mrs. Claudia Rolf, Principal
13613 P'ville-Warren Rd., Painesville, Ohio 44077
440-254-4543

Madison Avenue Elementary

Ms. Michelle Walker, Principal
845 Madison Avenue, Painesville, Ohio 44077
440-357-6171

Melridge Elementary

Ms. Jennifer Norman, Principal
6689 Melridge Drive, Painesville, Ohio 44077
440-352-3854

LEGISLATORS

The following elected officials serve the residents of the Painesville Township Local School District:

Ohio Senate 18th District

Senator Timothy Grendell
Room 034, Ground Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215
614-644-7718

Ohio House of Rep. 63rd District

Representative Timothy Cassell
77 S. High Street 10th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215-6111
614-644-6074
614-644-9494 (fax)

State Board of Education

State Board District 5
Robin C. Hovis
P.O. Box 287
Millersburg, Ohio 44654
330-674-5000 (voice)
330-674-5002 (fax)

COMMUNITY SURVEY

What Do You Think?

Your response is greatly appreciated and will help guide the future of our schools. Please circle if you Strongly Agree or Strongly Disagree or fall somewhere in between for each question.

	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Partly Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
1. I am satisfied with the educational services of the District.	SA	A	PA	D	SD
2. I am satisfied with the fiscal management of the District by the Board of Education and administration.	SA	A	PA	D	SD
3. I support renaming the school district to the Riverside Community Local School District.	SA	A	PA	D	SD
4. I am satisfied with District communications such as the Pipeline newsletter, local cable access channel, and the District/school websites.	SA	A	PA	D	SD
5. I feel the District's facilities and equipment are adequate.	SA	A	PA	D	SD
6. Please rank in order how you would alleviate District overcrowding (1 first choice, 2 second choice, 3 third choice, 4 fourth choice)					
_____ No building or modular unit purchases – allow class sizes to increase to over 25 students					
_____ Purchase modular units to alleviate overcrowding					
_____ Build additions to existing schools to alleviate overcrowding					
_____ Build a new building to alleviate crowding					
Please share additional ideas to alleviate over crowding: _____					

(Attach an additional sheet if necessary.)

MAIL To: Painesville Township Local School District
585 Riverside Drive, Painesville, Ohio 44077
or FAX To: 440-639-1959
For your convenience, this survey is also available online at www.townshipschools.com

The Painesville Township Local School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex or handicap in educational programs, activities or employment practices as required by Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Reasonable technical assistance to facilitate participation in the application process will be made available upon request.



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