



Message from the Superintendent Diane Mankins

Year of Great Opportunities and Great Value

Dear Marysville Schools Residents:



The 2014-15 school year is officially over and was one of our best years yet. We have a lot to celebrate in many areas, from the arts and athletics, to academics and

extracurriculars. Many of our students and staff members have proven to be leaders throughout the school year, winning awards, titles and scholarships. I am so proud of all of them!

The school year was off to a great start with the opening of the Marysville Early College High School (MECHS). The district hosted a community open house in March, where more than 400 residents got to see for themselves how Marysville Schools are providing a competitive edge when it comes to the education of our students. The school is making big plans for next year with more than 150 additional students already enrolled.

Looking to the future...

Starting next year, Marysville Schools has a plan that will provide more time and individualized educational opportunities for students from the moment they enter our school system. Marysville Schools will provide all day, every day kindergarten to all students starting next school year. Since parents and guardians will no longer be paying tuition as they have in the past, the school district will be absorbing the costs. Residents have entrusted us to direct resources where they will have the most impact on our students and our plan to implement all day, every day kindergarten will do just that.

Beyond elementary and as our students enter the middle years of their education, they will get to experience additional opportunities in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) through Project Lead the Way. Students will be able to experience inquiry-based curriculum focused on real world experiences and the skills they need for today's world.

Enjoy the summer as we are already looking forward to the start of even more amazing things happening during the 2015-16 school year. ■



2015 State Track & Field Monarchs

Congratulations go out to the following MHS student-athletes for qualifying to the 2015 T&F State Championships! Top row: David Haake, Jake Hiltcher, Tyler Branton, Jesse Ramirez, and Alec Sandusky. Bottom row: Jacob Henley, Luke Couchman, and Jarret Braun. These Monarchs are shown at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium on the OSU campus. These boys qualified in the 4x200m Relay, the 4x100m Relay, and the 1600m Run, all of which have broken and set new school records in these events at MHS. Congrats on a fantastic job gentlemen!

Over 400 residents attended the open house and helped us celebrate a great first year for the Marysville Early College High School in March.



Congratulations to the 380 graduates of the MHS class of 2015!



Marysville Schools Partner with Otterbein University

Marysville Schools are excited to announce two new partnerships with Otterbein University, one that will offer students college credit while still in high school and another that provides adults an opportunity to enhance their education as well.

Students attending the Early College High School will be able to apply college credit directly to undergraduate majors at Otterbein so that students have the option of graduating in as few as three years.

“We want our students to get a jump start on college and a career and know that the Otterbein program will help students’ and families’ budgets,” said Marysville Superintendent Diane Mankins. “These partnerships between higher education and the K-12 system are one of the many ways we can make education more affordable and accessible. Otterbein is an excellent partner for our district.”

Beginning with the fall of 2015, Otterbein

will offer a four-course Organizational Leadership Certificate, taught entirely in the evening for adult learners at the Otterbein-Marysville Innovation Center at Marysville Early College High School.

The Organizational Leadership Certificate is a comprehensive professional development certificate for the aspiring executive, project manager, high-potential supervisor, entrepreneur or individual who wants to identify, learn and apply the fundamentals of organizational leadership. This knowledge can be used immediately for enhanced career satisfaction and advancement as well as for personal and professional growth.

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In addition to the Leadership Certificate, four communication courses will be offered, incorporating in-class and online study. These credit-bearing classes will be offered in the evening and may count toward additional leadership degrees.

Local resident, Lavonna See, serves as the admission counselor and can be reached at lsee@otterbein.edu or (614) 572-3593 to answer questions or schedule appointments.

Classes will begin August 24, 2015, for the fall semester; January 12, 2016, for the spring semester; and May 17, 2016, for the summer semester. Get more details and apply at www.otterbein.edu/marysvilleclasses.

To request information about degrees available to adult and transfer students, contact the Office of Adult, Transfer and Graduate Admissions at 614-823-1356 or www.otterbein.edu/adultandtransfer. ■



Marysville Students Achieving with District Technology Plan

This past year, all students and teachers in the Marysville Schools experienced unprecedented access to technology to enhance learning in the classroom. More technology integration will revolutionize the way our students and teachers communicate, providing more personalized learning for all students.

Marysville’s technology planning impacts every classroom and is noticeable to parents and students. Not only is it helping students

learn, but more technology makes our operations more efficient and saves tax dollars as well. Here are the highlights:

- Staff and students began integrating Google Docs this year and have created over one hundred thousand items. Students and teachers work together in real time in order to complete schoolwork – whether in class or at home and staff members can

collaborate and access professional development to enhance the classroom experience for students.

- Staff and students have widely embraced our district online learning management system, Schoology, which gives students one safe place to go to find homework, class discussions, and assessments. Over forty thousand discussion posts have been made and over seventy thousand assignments and assessments have been submitted just this year.
- We are continuing to work on our 1:1 program for 10th graders next year. We will be offering every 10th grader a Chromebook.
- We are providing in-depth Google Drive, SchoolNet, and Schoology professional development for staff in June. With this training, teachers can more easily share what they are doing in the classroom, so that they can quickly collaborate and integrate best practices in their teaching.
- The district is moving to web-based email this summer for a significant cost savings and easier access for staff.

Technology is essential to everyday life and the more opportunities our students have to use it, the more prepared they will be for today’s world. ■

Financial Forecast Healthy but Not Without Risk

By Todd Johnson, Marysville Schools CFO



Recently, Marysville Schools updated an important and public document known as the five-year financial forecast. While this is a financial planning tool that is required by the state, we view this as an opportunity to take a hard look at the kind of value we provide to residents and to see if we are meeting our goal of being fiscally responsible.

I'm proud to say that our financial outlook is healthy and stable. Even more important is that at the same time we are providing excellent programs and services to our students.

Anyone who has ever balanced a checkbook before knows what a relief this kind of an outlook can be. Much of this stability is attributed to the community's ongoing support and we thank you for your continued confidence in our schools. The improving economy and an increase in new businesses locating in Marysville has provided an increase in revenue on a local level. The 2013 state budget finally provided increases in state funding support for the school district after many years of cuts or flat line revenues. We are also very grateful for the support of our residents for the passage of the 6.56 mill levy in November of 2013, which maintains a steady funding source for our schools beginning in 2015 through 2019.

On the expenditure side, our spending remains in line with our revenues. In fact, because of our focus on conservative budgeting, our school district has established a healthy cash balance that places our schools on a solid financial footing. We are going to meet our promise not to come back for another levy before 2016, and I'm confident we will exceed that timeline. However, how many years we can exceed that date will be heavily dependent upon actions and decisions that we cannot control, such as the state budget and tangible personal property tax (TPP) reimbursement.

As we have been reporting for years now, Marysville is one of the school districts hit hardest by the loss of this local business tax. We are keeping a close eye on the TPP issue and are working with a coalition of school districts across Ohio to advocate to maintain this important revenue source for our schools. We will keep you updated on how the final state budget impacts our schools. ■

Marysville Schools Recognized for Excellent Financial Accountability

The Auditor of State's office presented Marysville Schools with the Auditor of State Award for a clean audit report.

The Auditor of State Award is presented to local governments and school districts upon the completion of a clean financial audit. A clean audit means an agency's financial audit did not contain findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, single audit findings, or any questioned costs. ■



The Show Choir competed at the FAME Show Choir National Finals against 18 top show choirs from all over the nation at the historic Genesee Theater in Waukegan, Illinois. The group qualified for the national competition when they came in 3rd place at the FAME Orlando qualifying event in March. In addition, Jeremy Alfera received the 2015 Best Arranger Award and Junior Sammy Williams was also honored when she was presented with the Best Female Stage Presence Award. ■





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CONGRATULATIONS ON ANOTHER GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!



All 2015-16 kindergarten students will attend all day, every day. Please call the school board office at 937-578-6100 to sign up for a kindergarten registration appointment. More information can be found at www.marysville.k12.oh.us

MARYSVILLE SCHOOLS

Summer 2015

Marysville Exempted Village Schools



Honda Making Investments to Train Workers for High Skill Jobs

This spring, Honda announced that it will make a \$1 million investment in programs to address a projected skills gap among local workers in the manufacturing field, and the Marysville ECHS will play an important role in this initiative.

According to a study by Deloitte, 3.4 million manufacturing jobs will be needed nationally in the next decade. However 60 percent of these jobs are expected to go unfilled due to a lack of skills and interest. Honda and Marysville

Schools are working together to address this challenge and the car manufacturer is heavily investing in developing career paths for students interested in manufacturing. Honda is helping the MECHS with program development, layout space and an instructor, which is all targeted toward helping students attain good careers after graduation. We are excited about this partnership and the many opportunities it will provide to our students and community! ■

