From the Superintendent

Our Attitudes
Charles Swindoll
American Author

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life.

Attitude, to me is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do.

It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home.

The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day.

We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable.

The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude.

I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.

And so it is with you... we are in charge of our attitudes.

WOEA Day – No School for Students

There will be NO SCHOOL for Miami East students on Friday, October 18th, due to WOE (Western Ohio Education Association) Day. This is an in-service day for teachers in the area.
2019 MEHS Homecoming Court

Pictured Left to Right:
Queen Candidates: Angelique Lemaster, Nicole Hood, Meredith McDowell, Sylvia Mitchell, Gabrielle Hawkins, and Paige Blauvelt.

King Candidates: Hunter Gross, Ty Fetters, Graham Clawson, Aaron Lawrence, James Rowley, not pictured Neil Pohl.

2019 MEHS Homecoming Court
Juniors: Bridget Paton & Erin Hamby    Sophomores: Jenna Leblanc & Lexi Stevens
Freshmen: Emma Bowman & Lindi Snodgrass
What is that building on the corner?

How many times have you and visitors driven by the building on the corner of State Route 589 and Troy Urbana and wondered what that building was? This building was the one-room Blaker School.

The Blaker School officially closed its doors as a one-room school house in 1918. Twenty students attended Blaker that final year. Blaker School was one of eight one-room school houses in the early 1900’s.

In 1918 Freda Ford drove her horse and buggy from Loy Pike to the school each day to teach students in grades 1-8. Arriving before the students she would start the Coal stove and prepare for the day’s lessons. “Miss Ford” taught reading, penmanship, math, geography, history, spelling, grammar, health, and music. Excited to be a teacher at Miami East, she earned $50 per month. (Information from the Piqua Daily Call, September 8, 1973)

Thanks to the Maxson Family!

The Maxson Family recently raffled a hog. The family and their daughters raised over $3,500.00, which they donated to the Walker Family!!! Tony Walters from Bethel was the winner. Thanks Again, Maxson Family!
CAN YOU DIG IT?

Congratulations to Gabrielle Hawkins and Sophie Jacomet!! Both Gabrielle and Sophie recorded their 1,000 Career Digs this season!
**Five-Year Renewal of Permanent Improvement Levy**

Like homeowners with unforeseeable emergencies such as automobile repairs or heating malfunctions, the Miami East Local School District prides itself in maintaining buildings and upgrading equipment both expected and unexpected.

On November 5th The Miami East Local School District Board of Education has placed a permanent improvement renewal levy request on the ballot for maintenance and capital improvements projects. **The levy is to renew the current levy and is not a new or additional tax.**

Funds from this zero tax increase renewal levy are earmarked for projects such as upkeep of boilers, floors, plumbing, computer purchases, security equipment, bus purchases, and parking lot resurfaces. Like any property owner, dollars are needed to maintain facilities and the permanent improvement fund is the district’s set-aside reserve for maintenance expenses.

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**Miami East Youth Wrestling Registration**

- Wednesday, October 9th  6:00-7:30 p.m.  Board of Education Cafe
- Wednesday, October 16th  6:00-7:30 p.m.  Board of Education Cafe
- Saturday, October 19th  9:00-11:00 a.m.  Board of Education Cafe

Registration will be held in Board of Education Cafe. Parents must bring a copy of their child's birth certificate for the board to have on file.

A parent meeting will be held on October 30th in the elementary cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.

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**Note from your Miami East Education Foundation. . .**

**Did you know** . . . you can help fund special learning projects and scholarships for Miami East students through your donation to United Way? Just write MIAMI EAST EDUCATION FOUNDATION on the “Other Agency” line on your donation card. Include the following address: c/o Troy Foundation, 216 W. Franklin Street, Troy 45373. (A big thank-you to those who did this last year!)
**Habitat Heroes in 1st Grade**

This year the Miami East Elementary is participating in the Habitat Heroes Program sponsored by the Miami County Park District. The students are enjoying, learning and participating in many wonderful activities and taking a field trip to learn about the importance of our pollinators.

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**Veterans Day Breakfast**

It is with great pleasure to invite Veterans and Active Military Personnel that reside in the Miami East School District or graduated from Miami East Schools to the Miami East Veterans Day Breakfast. Spouses are always welcome to attend. The breakfast will take place on Friday, November 8th at 8:30am in the MEHS cafeteria. Please help spread the word so that Miami East can recognize those who deserve the honor.

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**Mobile Blood Drive Schedule**

**Fletcher United Methodist Church**

Monday, November 04, 2019

03:00 pm - 07:00 pm

Fletcher United Methodist Church

205 South Walnut Street
Coffee Bar
Fletcher, OH 45326
Lady Viking Golfers Qualify for Districts!
The Lady Vikings secured their spot in this year’s district with a second place finish with 397, and making their third trip in a row to the District Golf Tournament!

Paige Lawson 84
Kearsten Kirby 94
Erin Baker 109
Katie Pottorf 109
Olivia Patton 126

Men’s Viking Golfers Qualify for Districts!
District Qualifiers Miami East Boys Golf with a 370

The Miami East softball coaches and players will once again be holding **free hitting and pitching clinics** this winter. The clinics will be held on Sundays starting in November and run through February. These clinics are open to any Miami East female student in grades 3-6. If you are interested in your daughter participating in the clinic, please contact Coach Brian Kadel at bkadel@miamieast.k12.oh.us to get more information.
District Soils Contest Held

Members of the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter competed in the District 5 Soils Judging Contest in Montgomery County at the Sycamore State Park.

The Urban Soils team consisted of Rylee Puthoff, Emma Sutherly, Isaac Beal, Dustin Winner, and Ethan Paulus. The team placed 8 out of 24 teams. Rylee Puthoff was the highest placing individual from Miami East placing 9 out of 147 individuals.

The Rural Soils team consisted of Samuel Sutherly, Ethan Fine, Keira Kirby, Jillian Niswonger, Katelynn Dill, Luke Brunke, and Keyara Davis. Samuel Sutherly was the high individual from Miami East placing 16 out 199 contestants.

The contest consisted of evaluating three soils pit for slope, erosion, drainage, depth, and soil texture and structure. Also, the contestants took a written test and answered questions from the soil survey.

Previously, the teams had competed at the Miami County Soils Career Development Event coordinated by the Miami Soil and Water Conservation District. Participants included on the Urban Team Emma Sutherly, Caleb Hostetter, Braden Zekas, Rylee Puthoff, Isaac Beal, and Trenton Maxson. On the Rural Team were Luke Brunke, Keira Kirby, Keyara Davis, Alivia Wade, Jillian Niswonger, Trevor Karnehm, Ethan Fine, and Samuel Sutherly.
**Tournament News**

The #11 girls varsity soccer team will open sectional tournament play on Monday, October 14, when they host Botkins, and the #10 boys varsity soccer team will host Greenview on Tuesday, October 15. Both games will kick off at 7:00 p.m.

The #1 seeded Viking volleyball team will open tournament play on Wednesday, October 16 when the play Carlisle. The game will be at Brookville High School and will start at 5:00

**MEASP Painting Fundraiser**

The Miami East Association of Support Professionals would like to thank our community members for coming out to our recent painting fundraiser with Carlotta Art. Through this fundraiser opportunity we were able to raise $140 dollars towards a scholarship that will be awarded to a Miami East graduating senior. To be eligible for the scholarship, seniors must apply and their application undergoes a review process and up to two recipients are selected. Last year the association was able to award two scholarships at $350 each. It is our hope to be able to do that again this year.

If you have any questions or are interested in attending a painting fundraiser in March please contact me at rwoodward@miamieast.k12.oh.us.

Thank you,
Renee Woodward
October FFA Member of the Month

The October 2019 Miami East-MVCTC FFA Member of the Month is Katelynn Dill. She is the daughter of Trish Dill and Gary Dill. She is a freshman and first year member of the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter.

Katelynn attended the State Greenhand Conference, competed at the Urban Soils Career Development Event, and assisted with the FFA’s Cruise-In for Suicide Prevention and Princess For A Day to benefit the March of Dimes. Additionally, she is a member of the meats judging team.

Every month of the school year the Miami East-MVCTC FFA will select a student to be the FFA Member of the Month. The officer team will nominate one member that has been actively involved in the FFA chapter, school and community activities. If selected, the member will be recognized at the monthly FFA meeting, have their picture displayed in the Miami East Ag Room, and will receive a special accolade in celebration of their accomplishment.

Pollinator Garden

Our students have been working hard to create a pollinator garden on the north side of the building. It is an extension of our existing prairie supported by a grant from the Miami County Parks Department. Check it out when you get a chance
Miami East High School
Veterans Day Breakfast

Who: Veterans and Active Military Personnel that Reside in the Miami East School District or Graduated from Miami East Schools. Spouse/Significant others are welcome.

What: Veterans Day Breakfast

When: Friday, November 8th at 8:30am

Where: Miami East High School Cafeteria. Please park in the back of the new high school building and enter through door #12.

Please RSVP to the Miami East High School Office @ 335-7070 Ext. 3001 by Monday, November 2nd

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Good, better, best. Never let it rest. 'Til your good is better and your better is best.

St. Jerome
Corn Contest Proves Big Ears Means Big Yields

Recently, members from the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter were challenged to participate in the annual Chapter Corn Contest. The rules of the contest were to bring in one ear of corn and earn a prize. Overall winners were presented an FFA T-shirt from the FFA Chapter.

A winner is chosen based on the predicted yield of the corn. The grand prize winner was determined by the highest yield estimate, based on plant population per acre. Agriculture Education students in classes took time in class to figure the predicted yield of corn ears as part of their continuing education of agronomy.

The overall winner was Paige Pence. Her corn was predicted to yield 339.2 bushels to the acre with a 35,500 seed population per acre. Her corn was a DeKalb product. Second place went to Emma Sutherly who presented an ear of corn that is predicted to produce 332.4 bushels per acre with a 34,000 seed population per acre. Hers was an AgriGold product. Third place went to Samuel Sutherly with an ear of corn predicted to yield 309.8 bushels to the acre with a 34,000 seed population per acre. His was an AgriGold product. Fourth place went to Adam Bensman with a yield of 302.4 bushels to the acre and the variety of Ebberts. Kearsten Kirby placed fifth with a predicted yield of 302.2 with an AgriGold product. Sixth place went to Keira Kirby with a yield of 302.2 with an AgriGold product.

Participants included Adam Bensman, Ethan Fine, Kearsten Kirby, Keira Kirby, Matthew Osting, Paige Pence, Emma Sutherly, Samuel Sutherly, Spencer Triplett, and Lauren Wright.

Bus Drivers Needed
Looking for a job that coincides with your son/daughter's school schedule?? Do you want to be a Bus Driver? Fill out an application today in the Miami East Board Office. We always need conscientious and safe minded drivers.
Safe Sitter's Safe@Home Class at YWCA Piqua

YWCA trained Safe Sitter Instructors will instruct a Safe@Home Class for students in grades 4-6 on Thursday, October 24, from 5-6:30 pm.

The goal of the program is to help students learn to practice safe habits, how to handle common household emergencies and how to address illness or injury. This class is a spin-off of our Safe Sitter babysitting program and is geared for youth that are home for a period of time by themselves after school or at other times.

Class size is limited so register early. Class fee is $15 and membership is not required. For more information or to sign up, stop at the YWCA Piqua at 418 N. Wayne Street or call 773-6626.

National School Bus Safety Week  October 21 - 25, 2019

"My School Bus, The Safest Form of Student Transportation!" The theme of the 2019 National School Bus Safety Week is a unique reminder to motorists and students about the dangers that exist outside the school bus.

Transporting agencies are encouraged to download and distribute the resources posted to this page not only during National School Bus Safety Week, but throughout the school year.
Parent Notifications
Ohio House Bill 487 (ORC 3313.536) requires schools to inform students and parents/guardians of how you would be notified in an emergency situation. In the event Miami East Local Schools were to suffer/encounter some type of an emergency or crisis situation during the school day, such as a terroristic attack, natural, or unnatural disaster, school administration will communicate information to parents/guardians as soon as practical in light of the circumstances.

The school’s first priority in any incident would be to ensure the safety of students and staff. Once the situation is at a manageable point, school administration would communicate to parents in the following priority:

1. "One Call Now" phone messaging
2. Text (Based on OneCall Now Text Sign-up)
3. Social Media (Twitter, Miami East School website)
4. News Media
5. Direct school to parent phone calls (Emergency Medical Authorization forms-IF NECESSARY)

In the event of an emergency, students would be released to parents/guardians in a controlled, accountable fashion. Parents would be notified of where and when to meet your students so as to avoid bottlenecks and make for a quicker and safer reunification process. If you have questions, feel free to contact your building principal or the Central Office.

Fletcher Park got a fresh new look with painted lines, nets and some Viking bling. Great job to our boys basketball program for the awesome display of THE VIKING WAY.

Holding a Class Reunion??
If you are holding a class reunion please pass along information to our Superintendent and he will post information for your fellow graduates. You can send the information to Dr. Rappold at trappold@miamieast.k12.oh.us
FFA Members Attend State FFA Greenhand Conference

On Saturday, September 21, 13 Miami East-MVCTC FFA first-year members attended the 2019 State Greenhand Conference hosted by the Versailles FFA Chapter. The theme was “First Down and Life To Go,” and the conference offered workshops for the first-year agricultural education students to learn about opportunities in the FFA, setting goals, developing communication skills, and working in teams. Additionally, attendees rotated through various Career Development Events that FFA members can get involved in during their FFA membership.

The keynote speaker was Ty Eschenbaum from South Dakota and he shared his message about his personal fight with childhood cancer. Additional presenters for the conference included sessions by Ohio’s National FFA Officer Candidate Coleson McCoy, State FFA President Holly McClay, State FFA Vice President Bethany Starlin, State FFA Secretary Noah Smith, State FFA Sentinel Justin Beckner, State FFA Vice President-at-Large Chyann Kendel, State FFA Vice President-at-Large Wyatt Kissell, and State FFA Vice President-at-Large Alec Ogg. The participants enjoyed the opportunity to meet FFA members from across the state of Ohio and learn more about FFA. Almost 400 members were in attendance.

In the canned food drive competition, Miami East placed first. This is the fourth year ME FFA members have placed in the canned food drive.

FFA Sponsors Safety Poster Contest

CASSTOWN, OH - The Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter recently sponsored a farm safety poster contest at Miami East Elementary. The competition was coordinated by the Safety Committee and its members, Erin Baker, Anna Broerman, Carter Gilbert, Justin Hawkins, and Meadow Powers.

Students in the second grade were given poster board and had to create a farm safety promotion poster. FFA members evaluated the pictures and awarded first place to each homeroom. The results are as follows:

Mrs. Patty Gentis – Teaghan Rich
Mrs. Ashley Demmitt – Dylan Howell
Mrs. Amanda Riley – Oliver Magalnick
Mrs. Tammy Mumford – Hayden North

Each student participating received a gift from the FFA Chapter, including candy and a pencil. The first place poster in each homeroom was also awarded special prize. Congratulations to the winners!
Respectfully submitted by Emma Sutherly, Chapter Reporter.

Photo caption: Members of the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Safety Committee presented awards to Miami East second graders for their class winning Farm Safety Posters. Members of the Miami East-MVCTC FFA were (L to R) Carter Gilbert, Emma Sutherly, Ethin Bendickson, and Lauren Wright. Awards winners included (L to R) Olivier Magalnick, Dylan Howell, Teaghan Rich, and Hayden North.
Facts about the Permanent Improvement Renewal Levy

✓ The renewal levy does NOT increase taxes.

✓ The renewal levy is for permanent improvement expenditures such as instructional technology computer equipment, school buses, and building and grounds repair.

✓ The renewal levy is NOT for operational expenditures such as salaries and benefits.

✓ The renewal levy generates approximately $150,000, annually, for district permanent improvement.

✓ In 2010, the district replaced and reduced the 3.5 mill permanent improvement levy to a .8 mill permanent improvement levy saving the taxpayers annually.

October 2019

“OPERATION COVER-UP” 2019 – 29th year

The Miami County Sheriff’s Office along with Sunset Cleaners will once again be collecting coats and distributing them to children in Miami County.

We are asking for your assistance again in collecting coats. Bring your coats to school or you can drop them off at the Sunset Cleaners in Troy, Piqua, West Milton or the Miami County Sheriff’s Office. Final day for coat drop off to Sunset Cleaners will be October 25, 2019.

Distribution will be at the Miami County Fairgrounds Shop and Crop Building on Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 9:00 am - 11 am. Parents can pick up coats for children on this day and the Sheriff’s Office asks no questions during the distribution.

If you need any additional information or have any questions please feel free to contact the Miami County Sheriff’s Office, between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday thru Friday - (937)440-6085 or email adminassist@miamicountyso.com. THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN “OPERATION COVER-UP”.
FFA Holding Annual Fruit Sales

The Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter is now holding their annual Fruit Fundraiser. The Miami East FFA will be selling Washington Red Delicious Apples, Washington Golden Delicious Apples, Ohio Red Delicious Apples, Ohio Golden Delicious Apples, Ohio Fuji Apples, Navel Oranges, Clementines, Pears, Pineapples, Pink Grapefruit, Mixed Fruit, and Peanuts. The fruit is sold in full and half boxes.

Miami East-MVCTC FFA is also offering a variety of cheeses, including Colby, Swiss, Marble, Pepper Jack, and Horseradish, ring-bologna, large and small fruit gift baskets, and BBQ sauces. Additionally, FFA is offering Jack Link’s Beef Steaks in Original or Teriyaki flavors.

Miami East-MVCTC FFA chapter will be selling from now through November 8th. Delivery will be the first full week in December. If you want to buy fruit there will be FFA members travelling throughout the community. If an FFA member doesn’t contact you, feel free to call Miami East High School, at 335-7070 ext. 3212. Thanks for your support.
Interested in Bi-Weekly E-News?

If you are interested in receiving the bi-weekly email newsletter on current district happenings from our Superintendent, Dr. Rappold, send him your email address by typing "Mailing List" in the memo box @ trappold@miamieast.k12.oh.us.

Know of an event, activity, or an accomplishment that has not been included in the newsletter? Be sure to pass it along to Dr. Rappold to include in the newsletter and web site.

Miami East Web Site @ www.miamieast.k12.oh.us Please visit our district’s web site for updated information and events on campus. We have included updated calendars, lunch prices, test scores, and pictures.

Follow Miami East on Twitter

To stay updated on upcoming events and great things happening at our school, follow us @

@MiamiEastJH
@MiamiEastEL
@MiamiEastHS

Miami East Upcoming Events

October

8 MEHS Marching Band Bradford Parade
MEHS Financial Aid Night 6:00 p.m.
Camp Wilson Chaperone Meeting

9 Powder Puff/Clash of Classes @ 7:00 p.m.
1st Grade to Charleston Falls

11 Homecoming Game
FFA Fruit Sales Begins

12 Homecoming Dance
FFA State Soils CDE

14-16 Camp Willson
17  District Safety Drill  
   2nd Grade to the Columbus Zoo  
   End of the First Grading Period

18  NO SCHOOL – Teacher In-Service

23  Junior High Parent Teacher Conferences

28  FFA Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
    MEHS Conference Night/Manufacturing Night—3-6:30pm

30  National FFA Convention- Indianapolis

31  National FFA Convention - Indianapolis

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November

1   National FFA Convention- Indianapolis

2   National FFA Convention- Indianapolis

6   MEHS Marching Band Concert and Banquet  
    FFA District Job Interview, CDE

8   Veterans' Day Breakfast (8:30 a.m. in MEHS café’)

13  FFA District Food Science

15  CTC Trip 8th graders

18-26 FFA Canned Food Drive for Fletcher Pantry

25  FFA Greenhand Degree Ceremony 7:00 p.m.

27-29 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break

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December

3   FFA Fruit Arrives

4   Two-Hour Delay Teacher In-Service  
    FFA District CDE

7   Elementary Christmas Bazaar (Auditeria and Elementary Gym)  
    FFA State Food Science and Job Interview CDE

20  Last Day before Break

Christmas Break December 23-January 3

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FFA Mtg Fantastic Fan Theme with Chili Cook-Off, 7pm |

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Strawberry Sales to benefit Minnesota Leadership Trip begin |
| 5    | Two-Hour Delay Teacher In-Service  
FFA County Public Speaking CDE |
| 7    | FFA Chapter Officer Applications Due  
FFA District Tractor Trouble Shooting CDE |
| 8    | OSU Buckeye Meats Invitational |
| 11   | District Ag Sales CDE, Preble Shawnee HS, 4pm |
| 12   | District Public Speaking CDE, St. Marys HS, 4pm |
| 14   | Vikingfest 2020 Set-up in K-8 |
| 15   | Vikingfest 2020  
VikingFest SAE marketing opportunity |
| 17   | NO SCHOOL Presidents’ Day |
| 18-21| MEHS celebrates National FFA Week |
| 24   | FFA Meeting Farmer Night Theme (dress like a farmer), 7pm |

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28  State Spring CDEs (horse and livestock), Ohio Expo Center
31  State Grain Merch. Finals, Wilmington College, 4pm

April
5    Parent-Member Banquet, 6:30 in gymnasium with FFA
8-13 NO SCHOOL Spring Break
15-17 MEHS New York City Trip
19   FFA Alumni Quarter Auction Fundraiser, 2pm
24   MEHS Relay For Life for American Cancer Society
25   FFA State Meats and Ag Issues Forum CDEs at OSU
30   FFA State Agriscience Fair
     State FFA Convention

May
1    State FFA Convention
8    Ag Day at Miami County Fairgrounds
9    5K-9 to benefit Miami County Animal Shelter, 9am
13   Tire Recycling Day with Soil & Water at fairgrounds
21   8th Grade Promotion Ceremony
22   Students’ Last Day
25   NO SCHOOL Memorial Day
26   Teacher Work Day

June
1-5  FFA Camp