SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER COMING TO RULH

• The RULH School district in conjunction with non-profit partner PrimaryPlus of Maysville, Kentucky, have announced that a new school-based health center is in the works. Interact for Health, formerly The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati, is providing a $310,000 grant to support the school-based health center. It currently funds 34 school-based health centers that serve more than 25,000 students annually. Pictured are RULH Superintendent James Wilkins, PrimaryPlus CEO Jerry Ugrin and Interact for Health Senior Program Office Francie Wolgin.

PrimaryPlus will be providing a full-range of comprehensive primary care services to the new health center. PrimaryPlus operates seven health centers throughout the Ohio Valley region including one in Maysville.
“I began working on procuring a school-based health center for RULH School in the summer of 2017. It has been a long process, but we are very fortunate to collaborate with PrimaryPlus and Interact for Health on a new school-based health center for RULH Schools. The health center will provide medical care to our students, staff, teachers and community,” said Wilkins. Wilkins said that school-based health centers provide a convenient service that will effectively reduce absenteeism for all stakeholders in the school district. The health center will remove the healthcare barrier for RULH students and enable them to achieve academically, he said. “This will be a very positive addition to the village of Ripley and a great advantage for our school district,” said Wilkins.

The RULH school district will be providing two existing pre-school rooms in the Ripley Elementary School to create the health center that will serve students and faculty of the school district. The space also provides an outside entrance that will allow the entire community to utilize the health center’s services.

PrimaryPlus plans to staff the health center with an experienced family health nurse practitioner and nurse. Their medical team will also work closely with the school system’s school nurse to create a seamless workflow for those being seen within the health center. The school clinic will function much like any of PrimaryPlus’ other locations. They will accept most commercial insurances, most Medicaid plans, Medicare and offer their sliding fee program for those that are uninsured or under insured providing up to a 75 percent discount on care (based upon application approval).

Construction for the health center will begin as soon as plans have been finalized by the state. Once completed, parents or guardians will have to complete the necessary paperwork for their child to be seen in the health center. Information regarding that process will be provided at a later date.
The RULH BPA members competed in the BPA Region 13 Competition on January 18th at Batavia High School. Students had the opportunity to compete in Business Administration, Management Information Systems, Finance, Digital Communication & Design, Management, and Marketing & Communication. Clinton Bartley won 3rd Place in “Interview Skills” and the following group of students won 1st place in “Parliamentary Procedures”: Brittany Redden, Cody Germann, Keara Fulton, Kadence Madison, Kyndall Price, Rachel Shephard, Maci Haitz and Kamryn Price. The students will advance to the Ohio BPA State Competition on March 12th and 13th in Columbus, Ohio. If they win 1st in their event at the state competition, then they will advance to nationals in Washington DC during the week of May 6th-10th. Way to go Clinton and Kamryn!
• Students in Mrs. Mitchell’s English Language Arts class received Dilly Bars from Dairy Queen as a reward for achieving their AR goals for 2nd nine weeks. These 44 students had a point goal to reach, had to have an 85% or higher, and reach a required book level goal: that is quite an achievement on top of their daily assignments and homework!

• RULH seventh graders recently enjoyed their Accelerated Reading Reward Party. In recognition of achieving their 2nd nine weeks Accelerated Reader goals, 7th grade students were treated to pizza and fruit drinks! Congratulations RULH 7th graders!
On December 17th, Mrs. Gray’s 6th grade science class started an experiment to see how germs are spread throughout the school. They tested this by using bread to see where mold grows fastest. They used germs from washed hands, unwashed hands, hands cleaned with Germ-X, students phone covers, bread that was coughed on, and student chrome book keys. They also had a control piece of bread where gloves were used to remove it from the bread bag and put it in a sample bag. In all classes except one, the unwashed hands grew the most mold. The only bread that had no mold after 5 weeks was washed hands, germ-X, and of course the control bread.

The class learned several things with this experiment:
• Washing your hands helps stop the spread of germs.
• Unwashed hands spread the most germs.
• Touching others spread more germs than coughing on someone.
• Germ-X works if you cannot wash your hands often.
• RULH High School students are having a great time in Mr. Kevin Poe’s Forensics class! This week they practiced autopsy procedures by dissecting fetal pigs. Keep up the great work Blue Jays!

RULH High School Students are enjoying sharpening their forensic skills by dissecting a fetal pig!

• At RULH Middle School, Mrs. Gray’s sixth grade science class has been studying sedimentary rocks. The last week in December, the class made different colors of play-doh and then shared them so that each group ended with six colors of play-doh. The play-doh was then stored until last week and then the students used the play dough to make models of sedimentary rocks! Students then had to demonstrate their understanding of “The Law of Superposition” and the difference in rock layers after a fault occurred. Who said, “Rocks are not fun?”

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Communication & Collaboration

- Mrs. Jenny Brown, RULH Elementary Music Teacher, and the elementary students are very excited to obtain a newer piano for the music room. “Crayons to Computers” donated the piano. Mr. Don Hinkle, of Cincinnati, was the organizer and deliverer of the new donation. RULH greatly appreciates the donation from “Crayons to Computers”!

Nick Swanger (sub custodian), Mrs. Brown (Music Teacher) & Leslie Jones pose with the piano that was donated.

Technology

- A big shout out to Mr. Colin Flannery and the Middle School Technology class for designing and creating 3D Printed microphones for our JAY Robots! The Elementary Afterschool STEM Club and Technology classes look forward to using these props as they code the JAY robots to talk and sing! The STEM Club appreciates the collaborative effort!

Middle School students used the 3D printer to make microphones for the elementary Jays Robots!
**Athletics**

- Parents of youth baseball and softball players can register their children online at [www.rybsaoh.org](http://www.rybsaoh.org)! Parents can go to the site, create an account and completely register their children for softball and baseball from the comfort of their home or on their smart phone! **Sign-ups will be conducted in the RULH Elementary School Gym tomorrow morning (Saturday, January 25th) from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.**

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**RULH HOMECOMING**

**Saturday, January 25th:**

6:30 p.m. – Homecoming Ceremony (between JV/Varsity games versus St. Patrick)

9:30 – Midnight – Homecoming Dance
Blue Jay Pride Alert!

Congratulations to the Accelerated Reader Certification Students of the Week for Jan. 24!

AR Certifications: Front row (L to R) – Taylor Coyle, Daisy Jones. Middle row: (L to R) Jeremiah Harding, Timothy Cansler, Ayden Anderson. Top row: (L to R) – Sebastian Whaley, Braven Ellison

Congratulations to the “Go Green” Students of the Week for Jan. 24!

**RULH Staff Birthdays!**

- Deedra Arthur – HS Intervention Specialist (January 27th)
- Tina Horton – ES Teacher (January 28th)
- Kirsten Schweickart – ES Teacher (January 29th)
- Jessica Himes – ES Aide (January 29th)
- Betty Miller – Bus Driver (January 30th)
- Doug McKisson – HS Teacher (January 31st)

**RULH EVENTS for January 24th to February 25th**

**Saturday, January 25**
- Boys SHAC Tourney 1st Round JH
- Girls SHAC Tourney 1st Round JH
- 5:00pm
  - JV/V Boys Basketball vs St Pat
- 8:00pm
  - Homecoming Dance

**Sunday, January 26**
- 10:30am
  - Bowling @ Colerain Bowl-Bus 8:00 AM

**Monday, January 27**
- 6:00pm
  - V Girls Basketball Home vs. West Union

**Tuesday, January 28**
- 4:00pm
  - Bowling @ Community Lanes vs Eastern-Bus 3:10 PM
- 5:00pm
  - F/JV/V Boys Basketball @ Lynchburg-Clay-Bus 3:15

**Wednesday, January 29**
- 4:00pm
  - 8th Grade Boys Basketball Tourney
- 5:00pm
  - SHAC 2nd Round Tourney Games
- 6:00pm
  - V Girls Basketball @ Augusta

**Thursday, January 30**
- 6:00pm
  - V Girls Basketball @ Whiteoak

**Friday, January 31**
- 5:00pm
  - F/JV/V Boys Basketball @ Whiteoak-Bus 3:30
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2020 RULH
HOMECOMING COURT!

*Freshman Attendants:* Allye Rosselot & Blainton Rau

*Sophomore Attendants:* Rachel Shepherd & Daniel Patrick

*Junior Attendants:* Katie Dugan & Noah Gibson

*Senior Queen Candidates:* Madison Bradford, Lexie Dearing, Kailee Fisher, Morgan Jodrey, Brittany Royster

*Senior King Candidates:* Tristan Fisher, Peyton Grayson, Montrez McGill, Kobe Rigdon, Nigel Royal

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**Winter in Paris!**

**RULH HOMECOMING**

When: January 25, 2020  
Where: RULH High School  
Time: Following game to 12:00 a.m.

Ticket Sale: In Advance:  
Single: $10.00  
Couple: $20.00

Ticket Sale Night of Dance:  
Single: $12.00  
Couple: $25.00

Come see Mrs. Stricklett for your ticket/tickets!
January 22, 2020

Dear Parent or Guardian,

You have the right to know about the teaching qualifications of your child's classroom teacher in a school receiving Title I funds. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act or ESEA requires that any local school district receiving Title I funds must notify parents that they may ask about professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher.

These qualifications include:

1. Whether the teacher has met the Ohio teacher licensing criteria for grade level and subject area in which the teacher provides instruction.
2. Whether the teacher is under emergency or temporary status that waives the state licensing requirements.
3. The undergraduate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate degree or certification (such as National Board Certification) held by teacher and field of discipline of certification or degree.
4. Whether your child is provided services by instructional paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

According to the guidelines set forth by the state of Ohio, all teachers and paraprofessionals employed by Ripley Union Lewis Huntington School District meet the qualifications.

Kara Williams
Title I Coordinator
Title I

Title I is an educational program designed to intervene with children who need help with reading/math in their early years in school. Each participating school develops a partnership between parents and teachers to determine the educational goals and needs of the building, identify at risk students, implement the program and evaluate the results. The goal of the Title I Program at Ripley Union Lewis Huntington School District is to provide opportunities for all children to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to meet the state’s grade level performance standards and to be successful and enthusiastic learners. Currently, the buildings where Title I funds are utilized are the Elementary and Middle Schools. Title I funding is used for providing paraprofessionals to assist with student intervention, instructional materials, professional development, parent involvement and other resources that would not be available otherwise.

Parent Involvement Policy

It is the policy of Ripley Union Lewis Huntington School District to assure that parents be involved in the planning, design, and implementation of the Title I Program. Parent involvement is an important key to the success of the program. Many activities planned to involve and inform parents throughout the school year include; progress reports, parent teacher conferences, parent surveys, parent volunteer opportunities, open house, special programs and others.

Title I Qualification

Presently, Ripley Union Lewis Huntington Elementary and Middle School offer Title I reading/math to any student who scores below proficiency levels on various assessments. The student might participate in pull-out tutoring. Typically, students are pulled out of their classroom for 30 minutes of individual or small group tutoring. This tutoring time is in addition to their regular classroom reading/math instruction. Title I in-class instruction occurs when a Title I paraprofessional and classroom teacher work together to deliver instruction. The Title I paraprofessional focuses on providing extra aid and support to struggling students in the classroom.