



SUCCESS

FALL 2023



QUARTERLY UPDATE FROM SHELBY CITY SCHOOLS

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Celebrating a Stellar Start to Year Full of Community Support, High Scores on Report Card

This marks my first year as superintendent of Shelby City Schools but what an incredible start I've had. This is thanks to you, our community! In the few short months I've been here, I've learned that there is something truly unique about Shelby. The support from our families and partners is unmatched and allows us to continue expanding the educational experience for our students. Read on to learn more about some of the new services being offered — from healthcare at school to before and after-school care — that showcase what can happen when we come together with a common purpose.



Michael Browning
Superintendent

So far this school year, I've had the privilege of:

- Meeting parents during Open Houses
- Walking into classrooms and witnessing great teaching and learning
- Enjoying a pep assembly at the high school
- Watching multiple sporting events
- Eating lunch with different classes
- Learning more about Shelby and its rich history and values
- Watching PK-8 students participate in a Fitness Challenge
- Witnessing Shelby High School students cheer on my kindergarten daughter as she performed a cheer for them at a football game

Speaking of coming together with a common goal, I'm proud of our latest School Report Card results. The Ohio Department of Education releases Report Cards each September to give stakeholders a look at progress in five key areas: Achievement, Progress, Gap Closing, Graduation, and Early Literacy. Shelby Schools received four out of five stars, indicating that we are exceeding state standards. School Report Cards are just one indicator of success but I want to thank our staff and students for your hard work and making this high rating possible.

I shared with someone recently who asked how things were going that I was having fun. The person said that's not the response they expected from a school superintendent. My philosophy, however, is that no matter how fast things seem to be moving, it's important to find time to have fun with students because they are why we are here. Thank you for being a community with which I can have fun. Go Whippets!

Michael Browning

Big Brother "Kicks" Off

The football Big Brother Program kicked off the first week of school. Big Brothers come over from the high school once a week to have lunch with their Little Brothers and Little Brothers are supporting their Big Brothers by making good luck bags. Thank you to our Athletic Boosters for furnishing T-shirts for Little Brothers to wear to the games. Little Brothers also get in free to all of the home football games this season. Go Whippets!



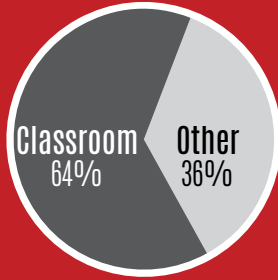


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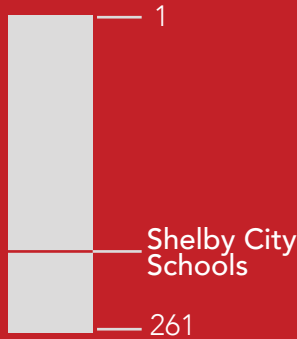
Beth Lykins, Treasurer

We strive to give our community a good return on its investment.

One way we do this is by directing 64% of our funding back into the classroom.



Compared with other districts of similar size, we rank 207 out of 261 (with 1 being the highest percent spent on classroom instruction).



We also come in below the state average on spending per pupil.

Shelby City Schools	\$11,494
State Average	\$11,896

Please feel free to contact me at 419-342-3647 or lykins.bethl@shelbyk12.org with questions.

**Data from the Ohio Department of Education School Report Cards*

District Hosting Community Breakfast

All members of the community are welcome to join us on Nov. 1 at 9 a.m. in the PK-8 building for a FREE community breakfast!

Students Earn National Recognition

Congratulations to Toby Randall and Kailyn Schwall, both seniors, who were recently awarded academic honors from the College Board national recognition programs. Both received the National Rural and Small Town Award, which celebrates students' hard work in high school and showcases their strong academic performance. To qualify for the award, students must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, a PSAT/NMQST score in the top 10% of all test takers in Ohio, and attend school in a small town or rural area.



YMCA Before

Shelby School District Board of Education Meeting, Friday, 6-8:30 p.m. Following the meeting, a calamity da

Parents Chow Down

Parents enjoyed breakfast with their students and had an opportunity for parents to connect with the school and share important information about daily class





K8 Fitness Challenge

Students in grades K-8 participated in a fitness challenge Sept. 19-21. The challenge included six stations: dance, relay races, tug of war, yoga, an obstacle course with inflatables, and an education station.

Beyond staying active and in shape, the challenge was also a fundraiser and will help support student activities, field trips, incentives, and other fun days for students throughout the school year. Thank you to Michael Millward and our Pioneer Career Technical Center students from the Exercise Lab for manning our stations.



At School, Shelby Schools Offering Before & After School Kids Club

Shelby Schools is excited to partner with the YMCA to begin offering a Before School Kids Club. Childcare will be available at the Shelby Education office for kids in grades K-5. Hours are Monday-3:30 a.m. and 3-6 p.m., and are also available on snow and early dismissals. Visit ymcanco.org/kids-club for rates and to enroll!

Open House With Students

Students in grades 3-5 Sept. 12-14. This was a valuable opportunity for the school community and a good platform for teachers to share classroom routines, activities and upcoming events.



Students Representing Shelby at Top Music Event



Matthew Bullock (bass 1) and Annie Mahek (soprano 2 alternate) have been selected to represent Shelby Schools at the Ohio Music Education Association's Professional Development conference in Columbus in February. Students from across the state were chosen to perform for music educators at the conference, the third-largest music conference in the country.

It's Flu Season! Get Your Flu Shot – At School

Fall marks the start of flu season. Flu vaccines are available at the Nationwide Children's School-Based Health Center at Shelby High School for students and their siblings, ages 0 to 21.

The flu vaccine is recommended for anyone ages 6 months and older. In addition to the flu vaccine, students and their siblings can get other needed immunizations and sick care at the School-Based Health Center.

Open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., the center offers the following services:

- Regular checkups (well visits)
- Shots (immunizations)
- Blood work
- Sports physicals
- Help when your child is sick
- Treatment for asthma or diabetes
- Help with work permit physicals
- Treatment for anxiety, depression and ADHD

Please note that the school-based health center is not meant to replace a student's existing pediatrician but to provide help to children who do not have a doctor. Consent from the student's parent/guardian is needed for a child to be seen. To schedule an appointment, call 567-307-6009.

Parents and guardians are always welcome to be at the visit, but it is not required. School-based health center staff will follow up with the parent/guardian after the visit to explain what took place and any needed follow up.

Stay tuned for information on the grand opening of the School-Based Health Center in its permanent space in November.

Learn more at NationwideChildrens.org/Care-Connection.



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Home + School = Recipe for Success

The Early Learning Center, which includes grades PreK-2, rolled out its first of many home and school connection events this year with a Parent Breakfast. Parents were invited to have breakfast in the classroom with their young learners.

Following breakfast, students left their parents with their teacher for a rundown on what to expect this year. Teachers took the opportunity to share with parents how their child will be learning and growing throughout the school year. Parents were brought up to speed on the Science of Reading and how this movement is impacting phonics and reading instruction for our youngest learners. The “Leader in Me” curriculum was also explained and detailed how students are learning the 7 habits of highly effective people as a part of their character and social development. The highlights of mathematical thinking were also shared at each grade level.

During the Preschool Parent Breakfast, there were some special visitors for a Touch a Truck event. Our local police and fire departments were on hand to share their vehicles with our students for a hands-on learning experience.

This was the first of many opportunities for home and school to come together because it takes a village to give our kids the best and Shelby Whippets are the best!