

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next Funding the Future meeting will be held WEDNESDAY, September 24th at 6:30 at West Elementary. Please plan to come! Kids are welcome! ☺

LEVY MESSAGE MEETINGS UPDATE:

On Monday, September 15th, we were pleased to have approximately 50 Midview staff, parents, and community members attended the Levy Message Meetings at West Elementary. For those of you who couldn't attend, there were two main items that have already worked for me so far, which may be helpful to you as well:

#1: Don't waste your time on the "No Voters". If you get caught up in a conversation with someone who is clearly against this issue no matter what, don't try to change their mind. Share the message of the levy campaign and MOVE ON. Our time is much better spent getting our YES votes to the polls on November 4th!

#2: Always stay on message. There are five key points we should all be communicating—points that have been proven to move voters (these points were developed through surveys conducted by Burges and Burges Strategists in the Spring.)

THE FIVE KEY POINTS:

1. The Midview Schools are a vital part of our community that provide an educated workforce and help our children compete nationally and globally.
2. The district has been fiscally responsible and has **cut more than one million dollars** over the past two years, and **Midview has the lowest instructional costs per pupil in the county**.
3. The district is facing difficult struggles financially that threaten to hurt the quality of education. Without new money, we will need to cut an additional one million dollars that will threaten our classrooms and hurt our community.
4. Issue 39 will avoid these difficult cuts and allow us to keep the programs, teachers, and technology our kids need to succeed.
5. We are asking for the minimum amount needed this November. The Midview Schools have made real progress and this issue keeps us from sliding backwards. Please VOTE FOR **ISSUE 39** on November 4th.

If you are asked a particularly tough question, say, about how schools are funded, don't put yourself in an impossible situation: simply direct the person to the Board Office. Howard or Floyd will take it from there! (Thank you, Howard and Floyd ☺)

VOTING:

Did you know that you can actually vote right now??? Any registered voter may vote early in person by going to your local county Board of Elections office after absentee ballots are available, usually 35 days before Election Day, and request, receive, and vote your absentee ballot at the office. The last day for in person absentee voting is the day before the election. Here's the address:

Lorain County Board of Elections
1985 North Ridge Rd., East
Lorain, OH 44055
Ph. 440 326-5900 or
Ph. 440 326-5901

WEBSITE: <http://www.midviewyes.org>

The Issue 39 committee is working hard to secure endorsements from the community. Please take a moment to fill out the endorsement form online at the Funding the Future's website: <http://www.midviewyes.org/endorsements.htm>

Pass the word along! The more people we get on the website submitting their endorsement, the better!

FUNDRAISING:

THANK YOU to Key Club, which held a bake sale fundraiser at MHS this week, raising more than \$100 for Funding the Future. Do we have great kids, or what? GREAT JOB STUDENTS!

We will have a full fundraising update available for the Wednesday Funding the Future meeting. Remember, our goal is to raise over \$50,000 for this campaign. If you have not yet done so, please make your donation today! Thank you for your help! It all adds up!

Donations can be made by sending a check, in any amount, to:
The Funding the Future Committee
Jane Spinney, Treasurer
1010 Vivian Drive
Grafton, OH 44044

PLEASE JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, September 27: WINE TASTING at RUBY'S 6:30-9:00

Gary Twining, wine aficionado who writes for the Chronicle Telegram, will be hosting a Wine Tasting Fundraiser for the Funding the Future Committee. The event will be held at Ruby's at 36709 Royalton Road (Rt. 82). The cost is \$30.00 per ticket and includes wine and food (the food has been generously donated by The Unicorn restaurant!). There will also be a silent auction for gift baskets donated by employees at each of the Midview Schools and several community businesses. For tickets, contact us at 440-343-8231 or email: support@midviewyes.org.

Thursday, October 2: Mine + 9 Event at MHS KUBUSKI GYM 3:30-8:00

Your participation in this kick-off event is CRUCIAL to the success of the Issue 39 campaign. For this grassroots movement, we will each select 9 (or more!) of our friends and neighbors to make sure they get to the polls on November 4th. It's an easy way to make a BIG DIFFERENCE for Midview's children. Come by any time between 3:30-8:00 to select your "nine"!

Saturday, October 4: HARVEST FESTIVAL 10:00-7:00

Visit the Funding the Future Committee at the GMBA Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 4th in downtown Grafton. The Funding the Future booth will be selling delicious chocolate chip cookies—fresh from the oven!—and passing out levy information to attendees. The Midview Board of Education will also be on hand to meet district residents, answer community questions, and support the GMBA in this community event!

Friday, October 24: TAILGATE PARTY 4:30-gametime

Join us before the North Ridgeville Football Game behind the high school for a Tail Gate Steak Fry! Adult admission is \$20 and includes a 20 oz. Strip Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Roll, and Drink. Child admission (12 years and under) is \$5 and includes a Hamburger, Chips, Drink, and a Cookie. Bring a canned food item to donate to the food drive and receive a free dessert! To reserve your spot, contact 440-343-8231 or email support@midviewyes.org. Go Middies!

Checks for all events should be made payable to: The Funding the Future Committee, Jane Spinney, Treasurer, 1010 Vivian Drive, Grafton, OH 44044

SIGNS:

The yard signs have been delivered, and our maintenance department has generously volunteered to assemble the yard signs outside of work hours. Thank you so much! What an effort! The signs committee will make them available at community events and will soon begin coordinating with every person who has volunteered to either put a sign in his or her yard, or help distribute them the first week of October. **PLEASE REMEMBER: levy yard signs can't legally go up until a month prior to the election.**

That's all for now folks...developments are happening every day, and we'll do our best to ensure you're up-to-date on the campaign's progress and how you can help. As always, if you have any questions, email us at info@midviewyes.org, or call me at home at 440-734-2355.

Until next time, be well, and GO MIDDIES!

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