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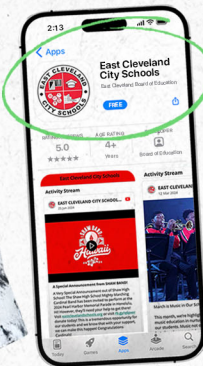
Prospect Academy

Emergence in early childhood education is the natural process by which young children develop skills, knowledge, and behaviors through interaction with their environment, peers, and educators. This concept is emphasized throughout our building by providing opportunities for our children to explore, experiment, and engage in activities that support their individual growth and learning at their own pace. Emergence in early childhood education also emphasizes respect for the child's voice and potential. It underscores the importance of dynamic, responsive, and intentional practices that honor each learner's unique journey.



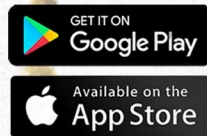
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Superintendent's Message

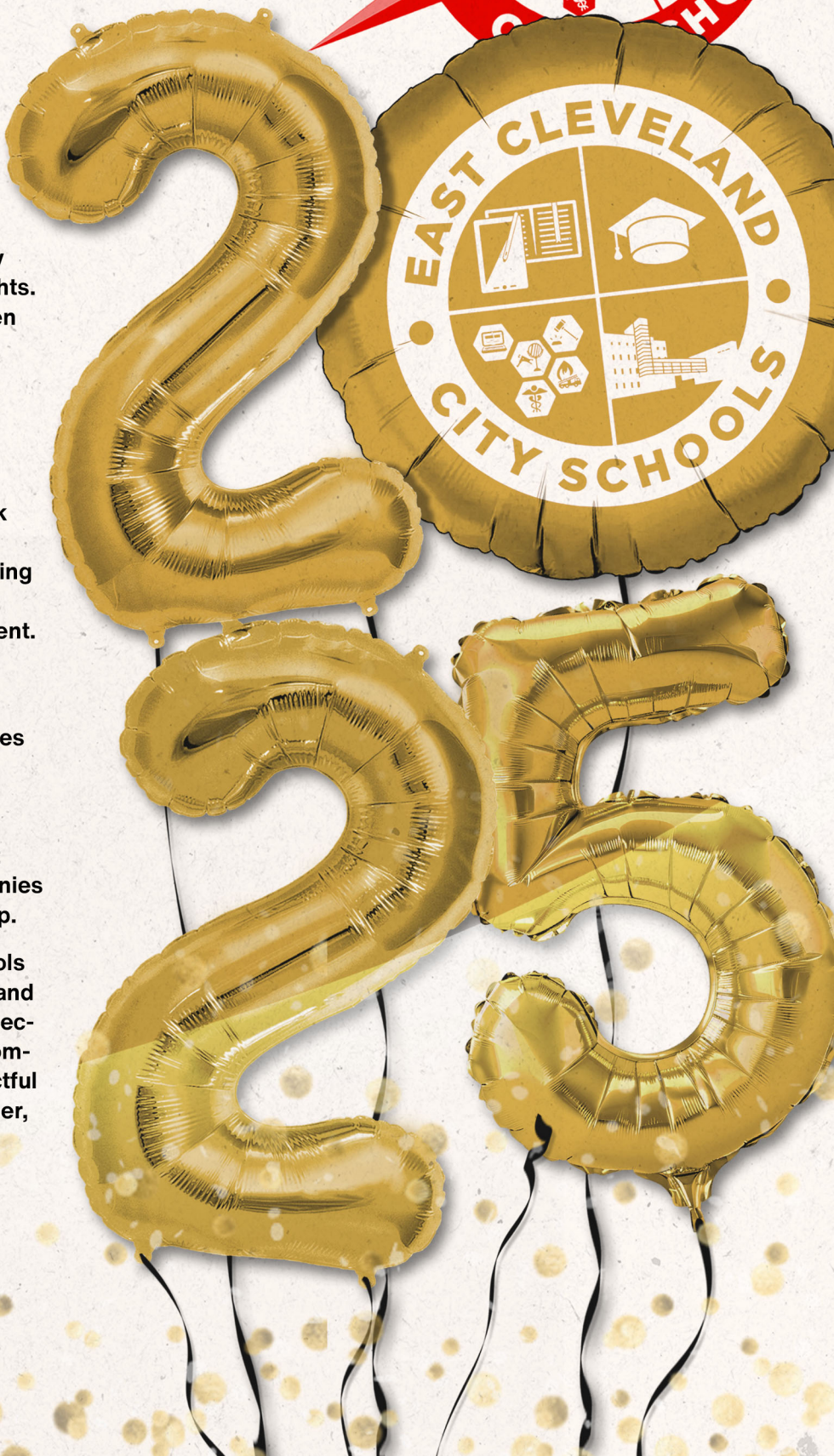
As we launch into 2025, East Cleveland City Schools is focused on driving academic success through strategic initiatives aligned with our Revitalization Plan and District Scorecards. This month, our efforts are centered on preparing students for the Ohio State Tests (OST), with schools implementing after-school tutoring, biweekly test simulations, and family engagement nights. These initiatives are supported by data-driven instruction tailored to strengthen literacy and numeracy skills while building student confidence.

Teacher evaluations are also a priority this month, with principals conducting formal observations to provide meaningful feedback and support professional growth. These evaluations reflect our commitment to fostering instructional excellence and aligning with district-wide goals for continuous improvement.

We're actively engaging families and the community to support student success. Parent workshops during January conferences will provide tools and strategies for at-home OST preparation, strengthening the critical partnership between schools and families. Additionally, schools are celebrating student achievements with quarterly awards ceremonies to recognize academic growth and leadership.

As we look ahead, East Cleveland City Schools remains dedicated to empowering students and meeting our goals for progress. With the collective efforts of educators, families, and the community, 2025 promises to be a year of impactful growth and success for our students. Together, we are East Cleveland strong!

Dr. Henry Pettiegrew II
Superintendent & CEO



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“Candyland Snowdown”

Superior School for the Performing Arts nurtures and encourages the emergence of our students as they discover their hidden talents academically and in the arts. In our 3rd year of existence, we have had the pleasure and honor of seeing students come in as shy, unsure, and eager third and fourth-grade students who have now blossomed into emerging teens and preteens. These changes were evident as we had our first collaborative middle school dance with **Kirk Middle School**, *Candyland Snowdown*.



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SCORE with Reading

The Cleveland Cavaliers partnered with East Cleveland City Schools to promote the importance of reading. This collaboration is the emergence of community support to inspire, motivate, encourage, and empower youth in the community to be proud of reading. The Cavalier Score program further highlights their commitment to literacy outreach programs aligned with the Science of Reading. **Caledonia Elementary School** sends a big thank you to the Cleveland Cavaliers, Ahmad Crump, and Sir C.C. for highlighting reading as a literacy focus.

GR 9-12

Emergence in Leadership!

This year marks an exciting new chapter for Shaw High School as our Career Technical Student Organization (CTSO) takes shape under a newly restructured framework. Emergence—the process of coming into being or becoming prominent—perfectly describes the energy and potential of these future leaders. During their first meeting, our CTSO officers already demonstrate the drive and vision that will guide their peers toward success in career and workforce development. Together, they’re paving the way for innovative opportunities, leadership growth, and professional excellence in Career and Technical Education (CTE).



GR 3-5

Mayfair NBA Math Hoopers

Santana Haywood, Brintin Williams, and Ai'vah Shorter have exemplified the concept of emergence, where diverse and complex challenges drive individual growth and development. These individuals have overcome challenges to emerge as successful, developed, and prepared for diverse future challenges. Through their participation in the NBA Math Hoops program, the students excelled in essential mathematical concepts, but also demonstrated leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. These skills have allowed them to emerge as classroom leaders and be regularly celebrated for successes at school. The NBA Math hoops program uses basketball to teach real-world applications of math.



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