



Superintendent's Report

Submitted by Nick Verhoff

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Longtime CG Teacher Retiring at end of the Year

At the April Board of Education meeting, the Board accepted the letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from 7th Grade English Language Arts teacher Jill Glass. Jill has served the district for over 30 years and has been an outstanding teacher for our district. Her students regularly make significant academic progress on multiple assessment measures each year. In addition to her teaching duties, Jill has also served as the district's yearbook advisor for many years. The Columbus Grove High School yearbook is one of the best in the region due to Jill's leadership and organization in this area. Jill's positive impact on our district's students over the years has been tremendous and she will be greatly missed.

While Jill is retiring from Columbus Grove Local Schools, she and her husband Brent have exciting plans for a business venture in our community beginning this fall. We wish Jill and Brent all the best in this new endeavor and thank her again for her many years of services to our district!

Spring Music Concerts Held

Over the last week, both the spring band and choral concerts were held. On Wednesday, April 17, Mr. Blymyer and Mr. Black hosted the 5-12 band program in the high school gym. It is amazing to see the growth our students make musically from beginners in fifth grade to the talented group of high school students that we witnessed. Last night, Mrs. Verhoff led the choral department in their annual spring concert. Like always, this concert did not disappoint! We greatly appreciate the large turnout for both of these concerts as the students greatly appreciate the support of our community. Kudos to Mrs. Verhoff, Mr. Blymyer, and Mr. Black for their efforts to make our music program so strong at CG!

CG Gift Card Winners Announced

The winners of the CG Athletic Boosters Gift Card Giveaway, which benefits the CG Softball Program, were recently drawn. Winners of the gift cards are:

- Rowdy Rooster- Alex Diehl
- Dairy Whip- Deanna Ricker
- Rainbow Party Shop- Tammy Schroeder
- Alt's Gas Station- Kent Alstaetter
- Axe Handle- Matt Suever
- Pizza 101- Danielle Auchmuty
- Fast Trax- Vicki Klickman
- Tabler's Drive Thru- Judy Newland
- Griller's- Dorothy Mershman
- Beads by Beth- Doug King
- Indian Trail- Sharon Peck
- Carl's Hardware- Deb Barto
- Town and Country Flowers- Maggie Hoorman
- The Pizzeria- Ann Renner
- Subway- Toby Renner
- Dollar General- Stephanie Larcom

These names are listed on the district website as well. The CG Softball Program would like to thank all that purchased tickets this year. We appreciate your continued support!

Need Mulch for your Landscaping?

The Football team will be selling mulch this year. Mulch will be provided and delivered by Indian Trail. You are able to choose between Brown Mulch and Black Mulch. It is sold by the yard (Approximately 1 bulk scoop) with the option of spreading it yourself or having the football team spread it for you. Contact a football player or Coach Schafer (659-2156 or cg_schafer@cg.noacsc.org) for more information. Thank you for your support!

Attendance Law Reminder

You may have heard more information in the news regarding a new state law that requires school districts to contact homes within the first 120 minutes of the school day for all students who are absent. In the March 14 Superintendent Update, I provided an overview of our district's daily attendance procedures. Deb Barto (K-6) and Jan Harper (7-12) handle the district attendance processes on a daily basis for our district. Both Deb and Jan have always made it a practice to contact home each morning for all students who are absent from school, so this law will not change our current attendance collection/verification practices.

How can parents help with this process? Please make sure you call the office as soon as possible when you know you will have a child out of school for any reason. The elementary number is 659-2631 and the 7-12 office number is 659-4307. Please note that the office does not accept emails or text notifications to the office from parents for student absences. The district wants to verify every absence via a phone call for the safety of all our students. Many thanks go to Deb and Jan for the excellent handling of our district's attendance procedures. If you have any questions or concerns with the district's attendance policy, please contact Mr. Verhoff at 659-4301.

Last Day of 2018-19 School Year Determined

This year's inclement weather created a situation where the district needed to make up a number of school days, due to the higher than usual number of school closings. Make-up days this school year were February 18 and March 18, with an additional day that will be made up on Friday, May 24. The Board of Education and administration has made the decision to make up these three days as scheduled but will not schedule any further make-up days for students after Memorial Day this school year.

Commencement exercises will be on Sunday, May 26 at 2 p.m. District personnel will report for a professional development day on Tuesday, May 28 and the teacher work day will be on Wednesday, May 29. Please contact Mr. Verhoff at 659-4301 if you have any questions regarding the school calendar.

Girls' Basketball Salt Fundraiser Underway

The Columbus Grove Girls' Basketball Team is having its seventh annual Salt Fundraiser. They will be accepting orders through Friday, May 10th. They are selling yellow 40 lb. bags of salt for \$6.50 and green (w/iron out) 40 lb. bags of salt for \$7.50 (minimum order of 5 bags). This price will include delivery to your home and placed in your designated area (garage, basement, utility room, etc.). **Orders must be turned in by Friday, May 10th along with your payment for the full amount of your order. Deliveries will take place on Friday, 6/21. If there are a large number of orders placed, a second delivery date of Saturday, June 22 may be scheduled.** The purpose of the fundraiser is to raise funds for the team camps our girls will be attending this summer. **Your financial support is truly appreciated and the girls thank you for the opportunity to serve you.** Orders may be turned into the High School Office or a Girls' Basketball Player. Order forms can be found on the district's website (<http://cg.noacsc.org/>). If you have any questions, please contact Coach Brian Schroeder at 419-202-0016 or cg_bschroeder@cg.noacsc.org. Thanks again for your support!

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, April 25th

JH Track @ Spencerville – Bearcat Relays – 4:30 pm
Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Delphos Jefferson – 5:00 pm
Boys JV Baseball @ Miller City – 5:00 pm
Boys JH Baseball vs. Allen East – 5:00 pm
Girls Varsity Softball vs. Delphos Jefferson – 5:00 pm
Girls JH Softball @ Wapakoneta – 5:00 pm

Friday, April 26th

Boys JH Baseball @ Ottawa Glandorf- Deiters Park – 5:00 pm
Girls JV Softball vs. Patrick Henry – 5:00 pm

Saturday, April 27th

Varsity Track @ Liberty Benton – 8:00 am
Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Lima Senior – 11:00 am
Girls Varsity Softball vs. Ottawa Glandorf – 11:00 am
Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Lima Senior – 1:00 pm
Girls Varsity Softball vs. Ottawa Glandorf – 1:00 pm

Monday, April 29th

Boys Varsity Baseball @ Allen East – 5:00 pm
Girls Varsity Softball @ Allen East – 5:00 pm

Tuesday, April 30th

Varsity Track - Grove Quad – 4:30 pm
Girls JH Softball @ Crestview – 5:00 pm
Boys JV Baseball vs. LCC – 5:00 pm
Boys Varsity Baseball @ Continental – 5:00 pm
Girls Varsity Softball @ Continental – 5:00 pm

Wednesday, May 1st

JH Track – PCL Meet – 4:30 pm
Girls JH Softball @ LCC – 5:00 pm