



# Superintendent's Report

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## Site Evacuation Safety Drill Conducted

Yesterday, the entire student body and staff evacuated the school grounds for a school emergency drill. The drill went very smoothly overall, as nearly 1,000 individuals were evacuated off our school grounds to a place of cover in a fast and efficient manner. Special thanks to the Columbus Grove Police Department and Chief Sean Hiler for their assistance with this drill.

## Fifth Grader Reagan Bryan Initiates Excellent Recycling Project

As part of her efforts to earn her Bronze Award in Girl Scouts, fifth grader Reagan Bryan has coordinated a creative recycling project that will be of great benefit as we conclude the school year. Reagan recently told Mr. Calvelage, "I am a Girl Scout and am working on my Bronze Award. It is an award for girls who work on a project that makes the world a better place. I learned that crayons take about 100 years to breakdown. I was hoping that I could collect crayons at the end of the school year to donate to a crayon collection program. There is also a marker collection program. They recycle markers and crayons." Reagan has put together boxes for every elementary classroom and she will collect leftover crayons and markers at the end of the school year. Great work, Reagan, on creating such a worthwhile project for the elementary!

## OSU Extension Office Visits First Graders

Beth Scheckelhoff with the OSU Extension Office in Putnam County visited each first grade classroom recently and talked about the needs of plants and animals. She discussed with students that plants and animals have many of the same needs in order to survive. She also stated that not all plants and animals can survive in Ohio. Beth brought a few "friends" along to show the classes. One was a beetle that played dead when it felt threatened. Another was a tarantula. At the end of the visit, students were able to make their own greenhouses by putting damp cotton balls into a baggy with 2 seeds. Students could pick from sunflower, squash, cucumber, pea, or bean seeds. The greenhouses are hanging in the classrooms. Many seeds have already started to germinate! Thank you, first grade team, for arranging OSU Extension's visit to your classrooms.

## Mock Wedding Held

Mrs. Ann Fought's Family Living class conducted a Mock Wedding on May 2nd. Pastor Ken Pollitz of New Creation Church performed the ceremony as Peyton Fenbert and Bryce King exchanged vows. The 19 Family Living students spent many hours organizing and planning for this event. They prepared the food, decorated the FACS classroom, and participated in the wedding. The reception was held in the FACS classroom with over 45 guests attending. This project is a real learning experience in planning, budgeting, and being aware of all the aspects of planning a wedding.

### **Author Tricia Springstubb Visits CG Elementary**

Tricia Springstubb was born in New York City and currently resides in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. She loves the saying by E.B Write "All I hope to say in book, all that I ever hope to say, is that I love the world". She started writing her first book when she was 20 years old. After several rejections, she published her first book and from there it has blossomed to 9 total books. Ms. Springstubb spent a day at CG Elementary last week sharing how she comes up with ideas for her books, along with how she uses the writing process to make her books become a reality.

Thanks to our P.I.E. organization for sponsoring this fun and engaging activity that encourages children to read and enjoy reading.

### **French II Classes go on Scavenger Hunt**

The French II classes recently completed a Paris Scavenger Hunt, highlighting the use of directions in French while learning about 10 Paris monuments and other places of interest in Paris, France. The hallways of CGHS became famous French Parisian Streets that the students had to navigate following directions written in French. Once they located the location, they found a QR code to scan that had information about a particular place. Pictures were provided and questions were to be answered to learn more about French Culture. Thank you, Mrs. Schortgen, for creating a fun and engaging learning activity for your French students!

### **Brick Orders Being Collected for CG Alumni Paver**

Looking for a unique and timeless gift for a 2019 CG graduate? Over 350 bricks have now been purchased for the CG Alumni Paver Walk. Bricks are on sale for just \$50 for a 4" by 8" brick. These bricks will make a perfect gift to commemorate a CG alumnus, faculty member, student accomplishment, or historical event in our district's history! To order, just go to our website at <http://cg.noacsc.org/>, or you can get a hard copy of an order form at any of our district offices.

### **Substitute Bus Drivers Wanted for the 2019-2020 School Year**

Columbus Grove Local Schools is accepting applications for substitute bus drivers. This position has the potential of becoming a full-time bus driver in the future, if the applicant is interested. Substitute bus drivers are contacted to drive extracurricular and field trips and occasionally drive a regular morning or afternoon route. Certification requires the completion of attending a pre-service class, a written and driving test, CDL license, a medical physical exam, drug test, BMV check of driving record, and a background check. Cost for training will be fully reimbursed by the district for any individuals who serve as a substitute bus driver for Columbus Grove Local Schools. If you are interested in becoming a bus driver for Columbus Grove Schools, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 659-2639 for further information.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

#### **Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

Varsity Track @ Findlay HS – Districts – 4:00 pm  
Boys Varsity Baseball vs. (TBA) Sectional Finals – 5:00 pm

#### **Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Senior Exams/Last Day

#### **Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

Boys Varsity Baseball @ Ada HS – 11:00 am  
Varsity Track @ Findlay HS – Districts – 11:30 am

#### **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

Baccalaureate – CG Christian Church – 3:00 pm

#### **Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards @ 6:30 pm – Elementary Gym

#### **Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Senior Recognition Night @ 7:00 pm