



# Superintendent's Report

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## CGHS Student Publishes her First Book!

Sophomore Ellie Keehn recently published her first book, *The Waves Keep Crashing*. This process took a little over a year to complete, but what makes this feat even more impressive is Ellie was able to write this book while being involved in numerous school activities along with a challenging course load at school.

Ellie was able to navigate through the writing/editing process with the mentorship of former CGHS teacher, Beth Huffman. Beth, a master teaching in her own right, was a tremendous help to Ellie over the course of this process. Below is an email I recently received from Beth regarding Ellie's accomplishment:

*I'm hoping that you will be able to share with readers the remarkable achievement by Ellie Keehn, who has written a book that I had the pleasure of editing. For over a year, we spent countless hours preparing her manuscript for publication. This wording on the back cover of *The Waves Keep Crashing* poignantly captures the heart of her story: Swimming was everything to Emmi. Because of it, she made friends, became a winner, saved lives, stood out, discovered love, and found pure happiness. But after that day, she never wanted to swim again.*

*In addition to being captivated by Ellie's ability to tell a story so vividly at such a young age, I was struck by her unwavering work ethic. The bar of expectations was high; she could have given up and quit many times. Instead, she persevered and was driven even more to excel. The end result is a wonderful book that is a reflection of her gifted writing skills, her incredibly supportive family, and her elementary, middle school and high school teachers who nurtured Ellie's passions for reading and writing.*

To learn more about this author and how to purchase a copy of her book, please go to her website: [Ellie.Keehns.com](http://Ellie.Keehns.com)

Congratulations, Ellie, for the phenomenal achievement! Make sure you go to [Ellie.Keehns.com](http://Ellie.Keehns.com) to learn more about *The Waves Keep Crashing*.

## Bulldogs of the Month Named at CG Elementary

Congratulations to the following students for being named Bulldogs of the Month!

Kindergarten: Carlos Mata, Gracie Bryan, Kenzie Weisenburger, Laylah Roeder

First Grade: Mileena Wannemacher, Lincoln Morman, Makinley Thieme

Second Grade: Annabelle Horstman, Bricyn Prater, Wynn Schroeder

Third Grade: Ava Schultz, Brooks Forrest, Landon Squillante

Fourth Grade: Braylee Kozlowski, Jenna Longbrake, Aleah Schafer, Josh Horstman

Fifth Grade: Daisy Thompson, Emma Tussing, Michael Newbury

Sixth Grade: Lydia Schumacher, Trenton Wynkoop, Abby Greve

Teacher: Jennifer Wilson

Congratulations, students and Mrs. Wilson, for being such excellent examples for others to follow in the building!

## Elementary Fundraiser until October 15

Last week, K-6 students watched a video to kick-off their annual fundraiser for the Partners in Education (PIE) sale. This sale has been very successful in the past, with our students selling over \$25,000 in products in past years. I want to thank our community members for their generosity in purchasing items, as the profit from this sale is the only fundraiser that PIE conducts all year. The sale runs through Thursday, October 15. Thank you again for all your support!

## Athletic Website up and Running

If you have not done so already, go to [www.cgbulldogs.com](http://www.cgbulldogs.com) for the latest information on Bulldog Athletics. Mr. Schafer's sophomore marketing class is responsible for the latest updates and will soon be writing articles for events covered. Keep up the great work, students!

## **Bulldog Football Team Achieves a NWC Three-Peat!**

Last Friday evening, the Columbus Grove Bulldog football team won an exciting and hard fought victory of the Allen East Mustangs in the NWC championship game, 27-24. After a rather sluggish first half, the Bulldogs managed to pull ahead of the Mustangs late in the third quarter, 20-10. The Mustangs then put together two long touchdown drives in the fourth quarter to pull ahead of the Bulldogs, 24-20, with just 1:40 left on the clock. After an excellent kickoff return from Gabe Clement, the Bulldog offense methodically drove the field and quarterback Blake Reynolds hit wide receiver Jacksen Schroeder in the end zone with just 27 seconds left for the go-ahead score! The Bulldog defense shut down the Mustangs in the final 27 seconds and the Bulldogs won the 2020 NWC Championship outright! Congratulations to the players and coaches on a perfect 6-0 regular season!

The Bulldogs now enter the state football playoff season. With their perfect record, the Bulldogs have a bye this weekend, meaning their next game will be on Saturday, October 17, at 7:00 p.m. at Clymer Stadium. The Bulldogs will host the winner of the Ottawa Hills/Cardinal Stritch game that will be played this weekend.

Unfortunately, ticket allotments are still set at the 15% of stadium capacity, meaning no additional tickets will be available. Furthermore, since all games in the postseason are OHSAA coordinated events, the following procedures must be followed in order for players, cheerleaders, and band members to purchase tickets:

- All ticketing will be done digitally through HomeTown Ticketing (HTT) and the OHSAA.
- All sectional and district tickets are \$8.00 (fees included).
- Given the Governor's orders limiting capacity, this will be our best approach to manage crowd sizes and ensure that family/loved ones have the opportunity to attend events.
- HTT will be sending customized codes to school Athletic Administrators for each event your school is participating in, and as winning teams/individuals advance.
- The AD will need to share these codes with parents/guardians of those participants and for coaches' families.
- Those that are provided a code will go to [www.ohsaa.org/tickets](http://www.ohsaa.org/tickets) - find their event, input the code and purchase tickets for the event
- The allotment of tickets will be determined on the back end by HTT and the OHSAA given capacity restrictions and the number of participants/teams for events

More information regarding tickets for October 17 football game will be shared with players, cheerleaders, and band members next week.

## **Did You Know?**

With their victory last Friday against Allen East, the Bulldog football team earned back-to-back-to-back NWC Championships. This is the second NWC 3-peat in our football team's history. Can you name the other three-year consecutive span when the Bulldogs won the Northwest Conference? Answer will be in next week's Superintendent Update.

## **Junior High Student Council Members Elected**

Congratulations to the following junior high students who were elected to the Junior High Student Council for the 2020-21 school year:

7th Graders: Laney Auchmuty, Gavin Barraza, Braylon Best, Addy Butcher, Devin Geckle, Michael King, Lauren Martz, Nicole Nesby, Kendal Palte, Katie Schumacher, and Jacob Williams

8th Graders: Bryce Bonifas, Ella Dotson, Cade Garmatter, Karsyn Garmatter, Sara Henige, Kyle Hopkins, Alyssa Koch, Grant Moening, Riley Sautter, Gavin Schroeder, and Levi Schroeder

## **Reminder: FREE Lunches for ALL Students!**

On August 31, the USDA passed a waiver that would allow schools to use funding from the federal government and the USDA to feed ALL students FREE. This allows school districts to offer meals to ALL students at NO CHARGE this fall to minimize the challenges of meal service during the pandemic.

What does this mean for your child/ren? ALL students are now eating in our cafeteria FREE until further notice. We also offer breakfast, which your child/ren can receive FREE. This program will be offered until funds from the USDA run out. When this happens, we will let families know. We hope all of our families are able to take advantage of this opportunity!

## **Upcoming Events:**

### **Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

Boys JH Football @ Crestview – 5:00 p.m.

Girls JV & Varsity Volleyball vs. Delphos Jefferson – 5:30 p.m.

### **Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

No Events Scheduled

### **Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

Cross Country @ Fostoria – 9:00 a.m.

Girls JV & Varsity Volleyball vs. Pandora Gilboa – 10:00 a.m.

Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Ottoville – 11:00 a.m.

### **Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

Girls JV & Varsity Volleyball vs. Kalida – 5:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

Girls JV & Varsity Volleyball @ Allen East - 5:30 p.m.