



# Superintendent's Report

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## Leo Club Again Organizing Leaf Raking Project

The Columbus Grove High School Leo Club is again organizing a leaf raking service project FREE of charge to help our senior citizens as well as those who need assistance raking leaves. Leaves will be raked on Sunday, November 11. If interested, contact the school office at 659-2156 or Mrs. Birnesser @ [cg\\_birnesser@cg.noacsc.org](mailto:cg_birnesser@cg.noacsc.org) and provide your name, address, and phone number. Please contact the school by Friday, November 9.

## Thank You CG Fire, Police, and Village Personnel!

Along with the successes of our teams comes a long tradition of the volunteer fire department leading them back into town after their hard earned accomplishments. Many thanks go to our fire and police departments for being "on call" for these events, as well as our village workers who have extra clean-up duty after the celebration is over in the town square, particularly on a couple of rainy days like we had last weekend. We are grateful to have village employees and volunteer fire fighters who give up their time and resources to support and celebrate the accomplishments of our young people. Thank you very much for all that you do for our community and students!

## Bulldogs LEAD Begins Second Quarter

Bulldogs LEAD is a school wide campaign about Leadership, Encouraging Others, Achieving Goals, and Doing the Right Thing. K through 12 students will be nominated each quarter by their teachers for demonstrating these character traits. This quarter we will focus on Empathy and Kindness - Encouraging Others. The first quarter theme this year was "Lead by Example." Congratulations to first quarter nominees, Rylee Sybert, Karsyn Garmatter, Annabelle Horstman, and teacher Beth Fruchey.

## HSB Students Tour Whirlpool in Ottawa

Recently, the freshmen Principles of Business class was invited to tour the Ottawa Whirlpool factory in celebration of National Manufacturing Day. Whirlpool is a leading manufacturer of appliances and the largest manufacturer of freezers and trash compactors. Three out of four homes have Whirlpool products and the local Ottawa plant employs over 450 people. Whirlpool demonstrated a wide variety of career paths using cutting edge technology. One of the most beneficial facts the students learned on the tour was the tuition reimbursement match that employees can earn after working for one year. This helps communicate the fact that there are ways in which students can graduate college debt free. Thanks Whirlpool for giving these business students the opportunity to take a closer look at the future of manufacturing.

## Cross Country Teams Make History!

Congrats to our cross country teams who both qualified for the state meet in Hebron this Saturday! The girls' team qualified to the State meet for the third consecutive season when they finished 6th as a team last Saturday. With this finish, they also set the new school record for the most wins in a season with 167! Your state qualifiers are:

Alyssa Ellerbrock who finished 11th in 19:34  
Erin Downing was 24th in 20:05  
Leandra Price was 38th 20:41  
Morgan Deffenbaugh was 104th in 21:59  
Emily Schumacher was 130th in a personal record (PR) time of 22:28  
Zoe Stechschulte was 134th in 22:34  
Hannah Schroeder was 154th in a PR time of 23:21

The boys' cross country team qualified for the state cross country meet as well, with a 4th place finish last Saturday. Junior Johnny Schmiedebusch knocked 30 seconds off his previous PR and was the regional runner-up individually with a 16:21. Carson Closson ran his PR at the muddy Tiffin course as he finished 36th for the Dogs in 17:16. He was followed by Jordan Bellman's 39th place finish in 17:17. Caleb Stechschulte ran a solid race and finished 52nd in 17:27. Breece Pingle ran an 18:02 and rounded out the scoring. Tanner Smith came so close to the 17's with his 18:05 on the "wet mud" covered course and Tayden Pingle ran a very respectable 18:46.

This is the first time in school history that both the girls' and the boys' teams qualified for state in the same year! The boys' race will be at 11:00 a.m. and the girls' race begins at 1:30 p.m. Good luck, teams!

## Football Team Clinches Playoff Spot and Share of NWC Title!

The CG football team had a lot on the line last Friday night, including a share of the NWC title and a home playoff game. The Bulldogs went over to Bluffton for their final regular season game and took care of business quickly, taking a 35-0 lead at halftime and then finishing off the Pirates with a 42-13 victory, earning a share of the NWC title! This is the football team's first NWC title since 2005.

The Bulldogs will host a home playoff game tomorrow evening at Clymer Stadium against Carey. Game time is 7:00 p.m. We will provide shuttle service from the handicap parking area to Clymer Stadium like we do at all home games. Come out and support the Bulldogs as they extend their excellent season!

### Child Development Class Learns About Parenthood

Mrs. Fought's Child Development class is learning about the important role a parent has in the physical care, nurturing, and guidance of children. Recently, students carried a five-pound flour baby to every class and event for a week and kept a parenting log. In situations where they could not take their baby, they had to find a babysitter and pay them for their time babysitting. The students took pictures of various activities they did with their baby and then made a PowerPoint presentation to share with the class. The week ended with a one-week birthday party for the babies.

The focus of the activity is to develop an awareness of the responsibilities and demands of parenthood. Topics included pregnancy and the stages of development of a fetus, the physical, financial, emotional, and social changes that occur to a couple, and the importance of parents being good role models. Thanks Mrs. Fought for helping these students better understand the time commitment, energy, and responsibility that it takes to care for a child while avoiding neglect.

### CG High Students Attend Makerfest

On Friday, October 19th, Mrs. Losh brought 36 seniors to Lima Civic Center to participate in MakerFest. MakerFest is an event that celebrated the finest employers, job seekers, future workforce, high schools, career tech schools, and college partners in the Midwest!

All students selected a breakout session, brain games, and attended the job fair. Before the day of the event, senior selected brain games and teams to complete. Some brain games included Paper Airplane Contest, Build-a-Tower, First Robotics, Tinker Toy Challenge, Video Game Design Contest, Bike Balance Showdown, Network Assembly Challenge, Minecraft Coding Competition, Cake Crazy, Engineering in a Box, Pallet Furniture Assembly, STEM Trivia Quiz, Math Madness Competition, Operation Game, and Business Simulation Challenge. NEW for 2018 was Escape Room, MindBall Hockey, and 2018 MakerFest T-shirt Design Contest.

All students attend the job fair that contained 100+ employers. Student had a chance to win a remote-control drone with an onboard camera by completing "MakerFest Career Opportunity Bingo". Students picked employers to fill in the Bingo card for what employers are looking for when hiring, and then students had to get their Bingo cards signed. MakerFest was a great experience for our seniors to help them continue exploring the career opportunities that are available in the Allen county region.

Lastly, congratulations to the following students: Isaiah Deluna, Cody Johnson, and Dane Selby for placing 3rd in the Business Simulation Challenge, Caleb Langhals and Haley Radabaugh for each winning the \$500 Career Credit, and Danielle Bam for winning a remote-control drone.

### Did You Know:

Congratulations first quarter Honor Roll recipients! Below are the percentages of students by grade level who archived the Honor Roll for the first quarter.

Grade 5	58%
Grade 6	34%
Grade 7	53%
Grade 8	56%
Grade 9	72%
Grade 10	68%
Grade 11	71%
Grade 12	72%
Jr. High	50%
High School	71%

### Upcoming Dates:

#### Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Boys Varsity Football vs. Carey HS - 7:00 pm

#### Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Boys Cross Country @ Hebron (State Meet) - 11:00 am

Girls Cross Country @ Hebron (State Meet) – 1:30 pm