



# Superintendent's Report

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## **Chamber Hosting Polar Express Family Night Tomorrow Night**

Tomorrow evening in the elementary gym, the Columbus Grove Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a family night with the showing of *Polar Express*. Wear your favorite pajamas and bring a donation for Bless a Bulldog. Everyone must have a ticket to enter, please visit Pizza 101 or Columbus Grove Family Dentistry to pick up your tickets. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the movie will begin on the big screen at 7:00 p.m. Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase. Many thanks to our Columbus Grove Chamber of Commerce for hosting this event for the community!

## **Leo Club begins next Project**

The Leo Club members will be coloring dinner placemats for the Dayton VA Medical Center during the week of December 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>. These placemats will include notes of encouragement and well wishes to our veterans. Thank you, Leo Club members, for continuing your fine service projects in helping others!

Earlier this month, over 50 Leo Club members raked leaves for homes in the community. Leo Club Advisor Kim Birnesser is doing an excellent job creating various service opportunities for our high school students. We look forward to seeing what lies ahead for this group!

## **CG Boys' Cross Country Team Reaches Elite Milestone**

An impressive milestone was reached a couple weeks ago at the Tiffin Regional Cross Country meet. The CG Boys' Cross Country program recorded their 5,000<sup>th</sup> win since records were first kept starting back in 1969. Congratulations to this program for this wonderful accomplishment! Also, kudos goes to the longtime coaches who started and continued this incredibly strong program at CG: Jerry Stechschulte, Jerry Bunn, and Terry Schnipke.

## **Holiday Concerts Scheduled at CG**

Mark your calendars for two very entertaining evenings as we usher in the holiday season. On Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., the chorus concert will feature the musical talents of our junior high choir, show choir, and high school chorus. The following Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Mr. Matt Blymyer will lead our respective bands in their holiday concerts. Be sure join us for these very enjoyable performances full of lively holiday music and songs!

## **Winter Sports Season Up and Running**

Believe it or not, the winter sports season kicked off this past Tuesday with our girls' high school basketball team taking on the Shawnee Indians. They play next at Bath at 1 p.m. this Saturday. The wrestling squad begins their season this Saturday at the Cory Rawson Duals at 10 a.m. Tomorrow evening, our high school boys' basketball team open their regular season at Wayne Trace and then they will host Jackson Center at home on Saturday evening.

Come out and root on your hometown Bulldogs! The athletes and coaches greatly appreciate your support! A collection of all sports schedules can be found on the district website at <http://cg.noacsc.org/>.

### **Bond Millage Rate Lowered Again**

At this month's Board of Education meeting held on November 19, the Columbus Grove Board of Education again lowered the bond debt service millage rate from 3.50 mills to 3.00 mills. This marks the fifth time in eight years the bond debt service has been reduced, saving the tax payers money. The original millage as passed was 7.57 mills. We are glad to have this millage reduced by over 4.5 mills since its inception in 2010.

### **Alumni Brick Paver Orders Available**

Looking for a great gift for the hard-to-buy-for individual this Christmas? Columbus Grove community members and alumni may purchase a personalized brick to be placed in this area to honor individuals or significant events in Columbus Grove Local Schools' storied history. Bricks are on sale for \$50 for a 4" by 8" brick. For an order form, please check out the Columbus Website at <http://cg.noacsc.org/> or you may pick up an order form at the school offices as well. These bricks make a perfect gift to commemorate a CG alumnus, faculty member, student accomplishment, or historical event in our district's history. In addition, a decorative postcard will be sent to recipients, notifying them of the brick purchased in their honor. If you have further questions, please contact the superintendent's office at 659-2639. Think about purchasing a brick for a gift this holiday season! All proceeds go to the CG Alumni Association's future project initiatives.

### **Substitute Bus Drivers Wanted**

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 School, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 659-2639 for further information.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

#### **Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

Girls JH Basketball vs. Bath – 5:00 pm

#### **Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

Boys JV & Varsity Basketball @ Wayne Trace Schools – 6:00 pm

Family Night - Polar Express Movie – Columbus Grove Elementary Gym  
– Doors open 6:00 pm

#### **Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

Boys JH Wrestling @ Wayne Trace Invitational – 9:00 am

Boys Varsity Wrestling @ Cory Rawson – 10:00 am

Girls JV & Varsity Basketball @ Bath HS – 1:00 pm

Boys JV & Varsity Basketball vs. Jackson Center HS – 6:00 pm

#### **Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

Girls JV & Varsity Basketball @ Continental HS – 6:00 pm